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		<b>1</b> 10am Golden Times 6:30pm Adult bible study 6:30pm Prayer and Meditation 7pm AI Anon 7pm 4H	<b>2</b> 9am Busy Bees Quilters 10am KnitWits 5:30pm Basket Social	<b>3</b> 9:30am Bible Journaling 7pm Chime Choir 7pm Christian Ed	<b>4</b> 9:30am Adult Bible Study	<b>5</b> 8am Consistory Retreat
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### Basket Social

**Wed. Oct. 2**

Doors open at 5:30 pm,  
drawing at 7 p.m.  
\$5 for a sheet of 25 tickets OR 5  
sheets for \$20.



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**Packing Session 10/11-10/13**

Meals were shipped to the Bahamas in the wake of the historic storm. This means that meals are needed more than ever. Our meal packing event happening at the perfect time. It is less than a month away and we have raised half the funds required. Please continue to spread the word so we can reach individuals and businesses that may want to get involved.

You can find the link to register or donate at [www.FMSC-LV.com](http://www.FMSC-LV.com) or through Feed My Starving Children of the Lehigh Valley on Facebook. Please put event #1910-124MI on any checks made out to FMSC. Feel free to contact me with any questions. Eliot Lightner 610-844-8327, Eliot5779@gmail.com



The CROP Walk will be held on **Sunday, October 13, 2019**, and the walk will begin with registration at 1:00 p.m.at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church (Off and

Walnut Streets) in the west end of Allentown. See page 4 for more information.



**Saturday, October 19th,  
3:00 to 5:00 pm.**

See page 6 for more information.

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BLUES NITE OUT

Mother Nature provided two beautiful summer evenings to the sixteenth annual Blues Nite Out, which in turn brought out record crowds to Neffs Church Grove to enjoy music, food, and fellowship. Two fun nights for members and the community, sponsored by Union United Church of Christ.

Jake Kaligis and his band made a return this year on Friday night to a large crowd of followers who steadily flowed into the grove as the music began. Jake and his band mates have always enjoyed being a part of Blues Nite Out.

Saturday's event started off with a return performance by Bev Conklin and her BC Combo Band. Winner of multiple Lehigh Valley Music awards over the past years, Bev and her band treated the crowd to many popular songs. Look for Bev to sing in our church on Dec 1 at both services.

The grove was packed surrounding the stage and pavilion as Sarah Ayers and harmonica player James Supra and their Band started their main set. Sarah, James and the band played two excellent sets to a capacity crowd in the grove. Sarah comments "I am blessed to have been the first singer to be part of Blues Nite Out, and to return each year and to see all of the changes this church has made to this grove, what a wonderful place for us to perform. This is our favorite family gig of the year, we love coming to Blues Nite Out and Neffs Church Grove".

Special thanks to all Blues Nite Out helpers (over 70 members), bakers, chefs, ice cream dip-pers, raffle ticket sellers and music lovers who help to make this community event a success, and blessings for the beautiful weather. Proceeds support Union UCC's general fund, the Northern Lehigh Food Bank, the grove project, Trunk or Treat and more.

OPERATION PROJECT FOOD BANK

Every November, Union UCC is responsible to provide volunteers to help distribute food at the Northern Lehigh Food Bank in Emerald. Ten to twelve volunteers are needed on Thursday November 7, 14, and 21 from 3:34 pm - 7:15 pm and on Saturday November 23 from 8:30 am - 12:00 noon. Please consider providing time to help others, call Phil Wehr 610-767-3657 or Wilbur Romig 610-841-6586. The food bank is located on Center Street in Emerald, directly across from the Washington Township Municipal building.

The NL food bank provides food relief to over 250 families in the local area. Director Dale Bryfogle manages the huge task of overseeing the daily operations of the food bank, along with many volunteers from the community, over twelve participating local churches, and other service organizations.

She is always looking for more regular helpers to organize, stock shelves, distribute food and other duties. Volunteer opportunities are available on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Please contact Phil or Wilbur for more information.

Financial & Attendance Reports

Date	Worship Service		Children's Church	Education Hour	Total
	8AM	10:30AM			
Aug. 4	83	153	N/A	N/A	236
Aug. 11	46	148	N/A	N/A	194
Aug. 18	65	102	N/A	N/A	167
Aug. 25	72	106	N/A	N/A	178

TOTAL ATTENDANCE  
August 2018: 801 August 2019: 775

Fiscal Year	Operating Fund	Designated Funds	Grand Total All Funds
7-1-2019	\$9,644	\$22,507	\$32,151
Income	\$49,652	\$13,458	\$63,110
Expenses	\$39,855	\$13,247	\$53,102
6-30-19	\$19,441	\$22,718	\$42,159

Designated Funds category includes offerings for NIN, Mother's Day, OGHS, Country Sale, Family Promise

HOLY GROUNDS  
COFFEE HOUR  
EVERY SUNDAY  
9:15-10:15 &  
11:30-12:00



Stop by for a snack or drink on Sundays after 8am and 10:30 Worship services and in between the services in Memorial Hall (on the same level as the sanctuary).

These are our hosts for October:

- Oct. 6- No Committee
- Oct. 13- Feed My Starving Children Mission Committee
- Oct. 20- Worship Committee
- Oct. 27-Christian Education

Church Member Business Directory

We know that many of you like to support local businesses or our members if you have the chance. Here is our recent list:  
<http://www.unionucc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/BusinessDirectory2018-1.pdf>

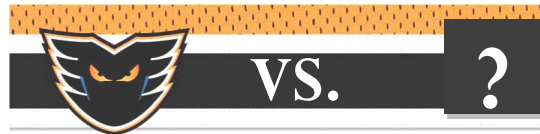
We will share this list on our Facebook page and with new members. Let us know if you or your business would like to be added. This is another way to support each other through our work and life together.

*Note: The church is not endorsing any of these businesses, we are merely making the information available to you. These are for paid services and businesses.*

SUPPORT GOD'S MINISTRY AND MISSION AT UNION UCC WITH YOUR DONATIONS.

- TEXT TO GIVE:** Send a text to 610-857-7023 with the amount you would like to contribute. Include the \$ sign. You'll be sent a text with directions to register.
- ELECTRONIC GIVING:** You can designate an automatic weekly, semi-monthly or monthly donation to be transferred electronically. Fill out the form at <http://www.unionucc.org/egive.pdf> and return it to the church office.
- AMAZON SMILE :** Donate to Union UCC while you shop at Amazon by signing up at <https://smile.amazon.com> Set Union United Church of Christ as your charity and 0.5% of your purchases will be donated to the church. Search charities by zip code 18065.
- OFFERING ENVELOPES in person or by mail** Packets are given to members in December for the new year. Place your envelope in the offering plate on Sundays, use the envelopes in the rack in your seat at church for the offering plate or mail your offering by postal mail.





### UNION UCC NIGHT WITH THE PHANTOMS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11TH

7:05PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF TICKETS: \_\_\_X \$21.50= \_\_\_\_\_  
SUBMIT ORDERS BY 12/1

ORDERS can be dropped at the church office or in the offering plate but MUST be in an envelope marked Phantoms Tickets.

**TO ORDER TICKETS OR FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT STEVE KAREHA.**

717-514-8881 [s.kareha@gmail.com](mailto:s.kareha@gmail.com)

Open to all friends and family.  
Presented by Union UCC Men's group.  
\*Make checks payable to Stephen Kareha\*

## MEN'S



## GROUP

- **Feed My Starving Children: October 11-13.** Eliot Lightner will need help with set up on Friday and clean up on Sunday as well as volunteers at each packing session during the event. Email Eliot if you can help at [eliot5779@gmail.com](mailto:eliot5779@gmail.com)
- **Food Bank Help:** Saturday, November 23. Please email Phil Wehr at [pjwehr@aol.com](mailto:pjwehr@aol.com)
- **Spaghetti Dinner and Fundraiser:** Saturday, March 21. Chefs Randy and Randy are at it again!



- **Feed My Starving Children: October 11-13.** Eliot Lightner [eliot5779@gmail.com](mailto:eliot5779@gmail.com)
- **Breakfast and Retreat Day: Saturday, December 14.** 8:30am-12:30pm (at church) Pastor Kris, Carrie Beleno, and Liz Normann (\$15)
- **Chat N Chew N Church Night: Wednesday, January 29.** 7-8:30 pm.



**Save the Date!**  
**Women's Retreat**  
**April 17-29, 2020**

Trout Lake Retreats, Stroudsburg Cost: \$135  
Payment plans and financial assistance available.  
Checks to Union UCC, Memo Line – Women's Retreat Friends and Family members are welcome too. Leader and more Info: Pastor Kris

## Watercolor Painting Class

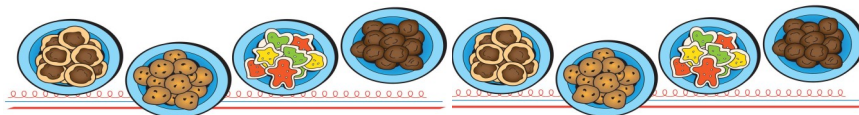
Wed, Nov 13 and 20, Dec 4, 11, and 18

7-9pm Youth Room (Basement)

Taught by Linda LaDue of Parkland High School Art Department.

\$60 cash. Supply list will be provided.

Please contact [Dixiegross@gmail.com](mailto:Dixiegross@gmail.com) or [pastorkris@unionucc.org](mailto:pastorkris@unionucc.org). Financial Assistance available.



### PROJECT OF GIVING- COOKIES FOR OUR VISITATION LIST

Please bake 3-4 dozen cookies. The cookies will be distributed to our members when the Helping Hearts deliver Poinsettias. Bring your cookies to church on 12/1 and put them in the basement/kitchen area. On Monday, December 2nd, at 10am we will be assembling the cookies onto plates. We are looking for someone to coordinate this effort. See Pastor Kris if you can help.

## FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE



The calendar states that fall is here, and Union UCC continues to be an active, vibrant spot in the Neffs Community. Our property welcomes people everyday of the week to "Catch the Spirit" and "Spread God's Love to the World".

The Neffs UCC Preschool is back in session bringing life and energy to the basement class rooms. Sunday School, Children's Church, adult choir, children's choir, and chime choir are all back in full swing. Bible Study classes are back, Golden Times and Confirmation Class will be starting soon, along with the spiritually fit group. Yes, Union UCC is one busy place.

Add in regular activities by the quilting and knitting group, the boy scouts, girl scouts, 4-H club and more. We will be welcoming guests from Family Promise for seven nights starting October 27. Trunk or Treat is coming soon, along with the Feed my Starving Children packing event, another blood drive for Miller-Keystone Blood Center, and more.

Yes, Union UCC is one busy place, yet there is room for you to come, experience, and participate on Sunday's or any day of the week. Let's fill up the balcony and the whole property with your spirit and spread God's love to the world.

## SEPTEMBER 2019 CONSISTORY ACTIONS

These notes reflect items that needed action and approval by Consistory. Standing and routine items are reported by Committees and Staff throughout the newsletter. A complete copy of the Consistory minutes can be found in the church office.



- Approval of funds from FOLG to support the following requests consistent with last year's giving:
  - o support of OCWM - our church's wider mission
  - o support of NLF - Northern Lehigh Foodbank
  - o support of Family Promise
  - o support of FMSC - Feed My Starving Children
- Approval of disbursement of funds from FOLG Thomas Family Fund to support:
  - o Church World Service - Crop Walk
  - o Cool Effect Inc. - Cookstoves for Kids
  - o Penn Northeast Conference - Amigos de Guatemala
- Approval of funds from the FOLG to support a National Youth Event next summer



**Allentown CROP Walk for Hunger**

All members and friends of the congregation are invited to participate in the annual Allentown Area CROP Walk for Hunger. Organized by the Lehigh County Conference of Churches and Church World Service, the CROP Walk provides a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together to take an important stand against hunger.

The CROP Walk will be held on **Sunday, October 13, 2019**, and the walk will begin with registration at 1:00 p.m. at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church (Ott and Walnut Streets) in the west end of Allentown. The walk will be a ten-kilometer walk through the streets of downtown Allentown. There will also be a one-mile walk for those who need or prefer a shorter distance.

The children of Union U.C.C. will once again be participating in their own "Sneaker Stroll" (to benefit the CROP Walk) during the Children's Church and Sunday School on October 13<sup>th</sup>. The children will walk, rain or shine, on this day. They will be outside in the cemetery if it is nice and inside if it is rainy.

Sponsor sheets for the CROP Walk will be available in the church office in September or on a display table in Memorial Hall. Please contact Kathy Bonsell (610-767-6961) if you have questions about the "Sneaker Stroll" or John Snyder-Samuelson (484-809-3815) if you want more information about the CROP Walk.

Thank you for your generosity, prayers and support. Countless people will have good food to eat and clean water to drink because of your kindness!!

**Pet Supply Fundraiser**

**Please help confirmation student, Naomi Henninger, collect pet supplies for her Girl Scout Silver Award project.**

**Please bring in clumping cat litter, kitten/cat food (Purina-One dry, or canned pate) and Purina-One dog/puppy food donations and place them in the box, on the stage, in Memorial Hall by October 31st. All donations will be taken to the Sanctuary at Haafsville. Thank you for helping!**



**Save the date for our  
Fall Blood Drive:**

**Sunday, November 17,  
2019.**

Sign up at [www.giveapint.org](http://www.giveapint.org) or call Susan Smith at (610) 366-7284 to schedule an appointment. The Miller-Keystone Blood Center will hold the even in Memorial Hall from 8am to 1pm. Please consider making a life-saving blood donation!



**Our blessing and prayers go to the friends and families of those who have passed.**

**Ronald Frantz**, who passed on August 30, 2019. Memorial Fund donations in his name were made by: Daniel & Debra Topp, Aaron and Joan Miller, Pamela James, Ted and Susan Lindemoyer, Wayne Labaty, Nancy and Dennis Dietz, Lloyd and Ardith Kuhns, John and Doris Drabic, Accu-Bond Corporation, Cliff and Carol James.

**Keith Baer**, who passed on August 31, 2019.

**Clara Hoster**, who passed on September 6, 2019.



**Congratulations and blessings!**

**Lora Schenkel and Jeffrey Frey** were married on September 14th.  
**Kate Dreisbach and Edward Bush** were married on September 21st.



Tom & Linda Anderson, Madeline & Dick Bingell, Teresa Dalrymple, Larry Frantz, Phyllis Hamm, Bonnie Herzog, Judy Hoffman, Marjorie Hoffman, Eleanor & Ron Kleckner, Linda Migliori, Jill Schlosser, Linda & Wilbur Romig, John Romig, Al Stubbman, Dan Topp, Dave DiPaolantonio, the entire Tech committee (Ed Normann, Ronnie and Jeff Herbine)

We welcome newsletter assembly helpers on the last Tuesday of the month at 9am in the Youth Room.

**QUILTERS, KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS**

If you'd like to learn or share your gifts while visiting with others join us on Wednesdays. The quilters (The Busy Bees) start at 9am and work until about noon. The knitters and crocheters (The Knit Wits) start at 10am and work until about noon. Each group works on projects that support the church's ministry with quilt raffles and lap robes and baptism blankets for our members. Come for the whole time or as long as your schedule allows.

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Music Office	ext. 26
Kitchen	ext. 30



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For those wise in years  
and young at heart

Our next gathering will be  
**October 1st**

Includes soup, lunch and  
a program:  
**Parkland High  
School Strolling Strings**

Bring a dessert to share—  
we could use a few sugar  
free desserts too!

Donation item:  
Toiletries: soap,  
toothpaste, deodorant,  
shampoo

An informal sharing of  
Holy Communion is  
offered at the end of our  
time for those who are  
interested.

CELEBRATING



10/10

Dorothy George  
Eastern Comfort Assisted Living  
206 Diamond Street  
Slatington, PA 18080-1589

10/10

Marion Snyder  
4323 Route 309  
Schnecksville, PA 18078-9330

10/23

Hilda Nagel  
Fellowship Villa, Room 305B  
3020 Fellowship Drive  
Whitehall, PA 18052

# Tales from the Road

Rev. Dr. Patience D. Stevenson, Minister of Visitation  
Did You Know?

Ruth (Schneck) Purner was born at home in South Whitehall Township. She grew up on what was then Main Street in South Whitehall Township (now Huckleberry Road) with her brother and sister. Ruth graduated from the first class of Parkland High School (the building that is now the middle school.) In May, 1959 Rev. Urffer officiated at the wedding of Ruth Schneck and Earl Purner at Union UCC. They have one daughter, Melissa, and one granddaughter, Katherine.

Ruth worked at the Lehigh County Courthouse for 20 years, serving as Deputy Clerk of Courts during part of that time. Following retirement from the courthouse Ruth cared for many young children in her home while raising her own daughter, Melissa.

Ruth was raised at the Union Church in Neffs. Not uncommon at the time, Ruth's father belonged to the Lutheran congregation and her mother belonged to the Reformed congregation. Ruth was baptized by a Lutheran pastor, Rev. E.S. Kidd, confirmed and married by Rev. Urffer, a Reformed pastor. Ruth has maintained her membership at Union UCC for the entirety of her adult life. Ruth served on the Consistory, Fellowship Committee, and the first Pictorial Directory committee in 1978. She also assisted in collating and folding bulletins for 35 years!



Unintended consequences of pesticides and herbicides include killing beneficial insects, pollinators and their host plants. To help rejuvenate Monarch butterfly populations, plant milkweed, the only food for their caterpillars. Plant in a sunny spot where you don't mind it spreading or can contain it. Nearby flowers like purple coneflower, butterfly bush, zinnias and others attract & feed the butterflies that will lay eggs on the milkweed. A caterpillar feeds about 2 weeks then forms a chrysalis on a neighboring plant. In about 2 more weeks, a butterfly emerges. Every September/October, the year's last generation of Monarchs migrates to Mexico to hibernate all winter then journeys back north to produce the 1st generation of the next year. Last fall, we found over a dozen chrysalises in our garden. If you want free milkweed seeds or plants, let me know.

# Youth News and Fun



**Annual Basket Social**  
**Wednesday October 2, 2019**  
**7pm**

We need youth helpers for the evening. If you can help please let Pastor Kayli know, or show up that night!

**October 11-13**

## Feed My Starving Children Meal Packing Event

Time slots available for sign up! Join in this great event to help end hunger around the world. Each volunteer packs about \$40 worth of food during this event. As a challenge, try raising \$40 for your time slot (per person) to help reach the financial goal! For more information see

Eliot Lightner



July 22-25, 2020

Ages 12-22

\$500 (split between participant, YG, Church)

Join youth from around the country for weekend of fun, fellowship, faith and exploration

**\$50 Deposit/commitment due December 1**

**See Pastor Kayli for more Info**

**October 20, 2019**

**12pm-2pm**

## Youth Group Hang Out Afternoon

Come join us as we relax and get away from all the hustle and bustle of life. We'll enjoy lunch and games. All youth grades 6th-12th welcome

## Trunk or Treat!!!

**Saturday October 19, 2019**

**3pm-5pm**

(arrive 1:30 to decorate)

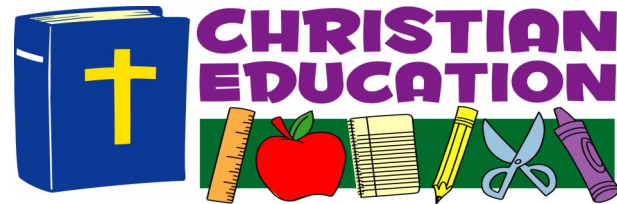
Join with Pastor Kayli to decorate her car and hand out candy in this fun and safe place for all! Show our church spirit to those in the community.

Sign up to let Pastor Kayli know you'll be there!

**Happy Halloween**



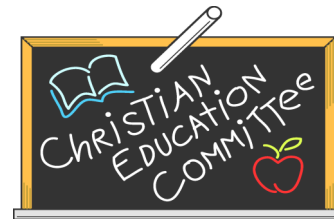




Contact: Kathy Bonsell  
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Email: [dired@unionucc.org](mailto:dired@unionucc.org)

### We would like to invite YOU to be a part of your Christian Education Committee!

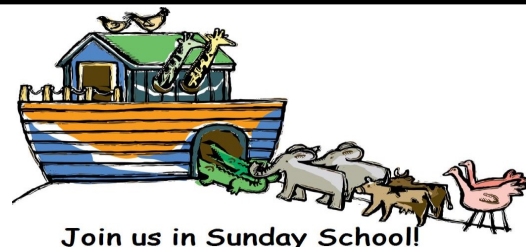
~ We meet the first Thursday of every month in Room 5 at 7pm. ~ We organize Messy Church events. ~ Our committee sends birthday cards and a \$20 Target birthday gift to children at Bethany Home in Womelsdorf, PA. ~ We send birthday cards to our children on their first through fourth birthdays. ~ We organize Trunk or Treat. ~ We make hoagies. ~ We organize Reverse Advent Baskets and Holiday Hope Chests. ~ We oversee faith formation for our children and adults. ~ We oversee our Safe Church Policy. **Consider joining us! We need you!**



**Union UCC and Union Evangelical Lutheran would like to invite all children to our eighth TRUNK-OR-TREAT on Saturday, October 19th, 3:00 to 5:00 pm.**

**We will be in both our grove parking lot and the Lutheran lot with a short cemetery walk in between.**

Wear your costume and pick up treats at each participating decorated vehicle. Both churches will also have food for our hungry trunk-or-treaters. Hope you can join us at this fun and safe event! **We are still looking for families, groups and/or organizations to decorate vehicles and hand out candy. There will be a cash prize for the best decorated car. If your family, committee, friends, community group, etc., are interested, please email Kathy at [dired@unionucc.org](mailto:dired@unionucc.org).**



**Join us in Sunday School!**

Our Sunday School has started another year of fun and learning. We have a wonderful team excited to share their faith with your children every Sunday during the Education Hour (9:15-10:15). **Start anytime!**

**Thank you to our 3rd/4th/5th graders for making gifts for our Homebound members.**



JOIN US FOR BIBLE JOURNALING  
OCT. 3 AND OCT. 17 IN ROOM 5, 9:30-11  
Bring a Journal Bible. We have art supplies!



You are invited to our **Messy Church Workshop**  
Wednesday, NOVEMBER 6th  
5:30-6:45

The night's theme will be **OUR BIG COMFY CHURCH**  
Crafts and Activities/ Dinner/ Worship

### **OCTOBER** Children's Church Calendar

Oct. 6 2 Timothy 1:1-14 (**communion in Room 5**)  
Oct. 13 **Sneaker Stroll (mission)** Luke 17:11-19  
Oct. 20 Luke 18:1-8  
Oct. 27 Luke 18:9-14

### **SNEAKER STROLL (our version of the CROP WALK)**

October 13th during Sunday School  
AND Children's Church. Wear your  
sneakers or crocs and bring your  
donation envelope!



### ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

**Friday Morning Adult Class with Pastor Kris** 9:30 am-11am Room 5 (Basement) October 4, 11, 18.  
Watch for additional dates for guest speakers and field trips to various faith communities.

### **Holy Envy Finding God in the Faith of Others By Barbara Brown Taylor**

"In her college class on world religions, Barbara introduces her students to other religious traditions and accompanies them on field trips to a variety of venues of worship. Both she and her students ponder and debate how the knowledge and insights they have gained raise important questions about belief, and explore how different practices relate to their own faith. Inspired by these intellectual and spiritual discussions, Barbara turns once again to the Bible for guidance, to see what secrets lay buried there.

Throughout *Holy Envy*, Barbara weaves together stories from her classroom with reflections on how her own spiritual journey has been challenged and renewed by connecting with people of other traditions--and by meeting God in her communion with them.

At the heart of her odyssey is her trust in God and knowledge that God is always with her. Barbara contends that it is the Lord who pushes her beyond her comfortable boundaries and calls for her to "disown" her version of the divine--a change that ultimately deepens her relationship with both the world and with God."

**We will be scheduling visits to other places of worship as well as guest speakers.**

**Sunday Morning Adult Class with Pastor Kris, Rev. Patience and Lay Leaders** 9:15-10:15am Room 5 (Basement) October 6, 13, 20 with Pastor Kris *No Class October 27*

**Holy Envy Finding God in the Faith of Others By Barbara Brown Taylor** (see description for Friday class)

**Dual Member Status Approved by Consistory** Dual membership is available to people who wish to join our church but who want to also maintain membership at another church. Dual members will have the same rights and duties as a member. According to our Constitution members are required to commune and donate yearly. We look forward to continuing to welcome new members into the Christian journey with our faith family here at Union UCC.

**New Member Sessions** Pastor Kris and our church leaders invite you to gatherings on **November 3 and 10**. We meet during the 9:15 hour in the Memory Room (Room 200) on the second floor. This is a time to get to know each other and ask questions. You will be welcomed as members in worship on **Sunday, November 17th**. Attendance is not required to join. For more info: Pastor Kris [PastorKris@unionucc.org](mailto:PastorKris@unionucc.org)

**Baptism** We offer baptisms during worship at the 10:30 service every other month. Upcoming date is **November 3 and January 12**. There is a pre-baptism session for families typically held after church the Sunday before the baptism.

**Weddings** To schedule your pre-marriage sessions and wedding at our church or a venue with one of the pastors, please see be in contact with one of the pastors. There is information on our website, forms to complete are downloadable. More information on the site: <http://www.unionucc.org/resources> for New Member, Baptism, and Wedding forms.

To sign up: Call the church office at 610-767-6961 or email Marissa Haney at [administrator@unionucc.org](mailto:administrator@unionucc.org)

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Sunday, October 6, 2019**  
**Worldwide Communion**  
**8:00am Heritage Service**  
**10:30am Horizon Service**  
**Scripture:** Luke 17:5-10  
**Message:** Mustard Seed Faith  
Rev. Kayli Freeman  
**Lay Readers:** Suzanne Schneider;  
Tami Wassum  
**Greeters:** Carol and Ronnie Pope, Greg  
and Johanna Zellner  
**Sound:** Doug Albert

**Sunday, October 13, 2019**  
**CROP Walk/ Sneaker Stroll**  
**8:00am Heritage Service**  
**10:30am Horizon Service**  
**Scripture:** 2 Timothy 2: 8-15  
**Message:** Missionaries of Action  
Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelsan  
**Lay Readers:** Sandra Craig;  
Dana Gaumer  
**Greeters:** Marcey Kroll, Karl and  
Cathy Schmidt  
**Sound:** Ian Henninger

**Sunday, October 20, 2019**  
**Healing Service (Pray with a Pastor)**  
**8:00am Heritage Service**  
**10:30am Horizon Service**  
**Scripture:** Luke 18: 1-8  
**Message:** Persistent Faith  
Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelsan  
**Lay Readers:** Sue Steinmann;  
Dan Topp  
**Greeters:** Jim and Edie Fella,  
John and Debbie Romig  
**Sound:** Drew Panner

**Sunday, October 27, 2019**  
**10:30 Sunday Morning Alive**  
**8:00am Heritage Service**  
**10:30am Horizon Service**  
**Scripture:** 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18  
**Message:** I Can't Christian Today  
Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelsan  
**Lay Readers:** Carol Pope; Susan Smith  
**Greeters:** Eric Minnich, Nancy Jones  
**Sound:** Drew Panner; Karl Klinger

**FUTURE DATES:**

**November 3rd- All Saints Sunday.** We will remember and give thanks for those church members who have passed away this year since November 1st, 2018 and those for whom our pastors presided over funerals. A flower will be placed on the altar for family members to receive.

**November 10th- Veterans and Active Service Members Honored**  
Veterans Day Recognition will be at both worship services. We have kept the names that have been submitted through the years and will recognize that list during worship. We will have special music and brass in your honor. **If you have never given us your information, please do so by November 3rd. Include your Rank/Title and Name, Branch of the Military, Current Status and any special honors you'd like included.** You can place this information in the offering plate or email Tricia at [officeassistant@unionucc.org](mailto:officeassistant@unionucc.org). Please help us collect the names of all our members who are currently serving in the military, as well as, those who are inactive, retired, and veterans.

**Sunday Morning Alive** leads worship on Sundays at 10:30 for about six Sundays throughout the year. We have a worship team that includes a group of singers, guitar players, keyboards and drums. We play traditional and favorite hymns as well as Contemporary and alternative worship music.  
**October 20 at 10:30 Worship**



## Prayer and Meditation Gatherings

Are you stressed? How do you catch your breath? Would you like to add more prayer and meditation to your life? Pastor Kris and Carrie Beleno will lead a time to learn about and practice prayer and meditation.

Meet us in the Memory Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor on Tuesdays  
6:30-7pm. We will start and end promptly.

Dates: October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.

RSVP with your interest to  
[PastorKris@unionucc.org](mailto:PastorKris@unionucc.org)



## WHERE SCHOOL MEMORIES BEGIN AND ALL ARE WELCOME!

The Preschool is once again up and running, as students fill the classrooms with the joy of learning. This time of year always brings the excitement of new supplies, new learning themes, and endless possibilities of the fun to come. This year also brings a new member to our staff; we would like to welcome Pamela DeNardo as a Teacher Assistant for our 4 year-old classes. Pamela was a teacher here at the preschool a few years back, and we are thrilled that she has returned. The focus of our lessons in September is all about our students: themselves, their families, their school, and their communities. Feel free to check out the Preschool hallways as we add graphs of our favorite animals, favorite foods and other themed artwork.

We are selling the new combined **SaveAround/KidStuff Coupon Books** as a fundraiser for our school; the cost is \$25! Save at Weis, Becky's Drive In, Sweet & Sassy, plus many more local and nationwide locations. The book also comes with an app to access discounts nationwide. Email us at [preschool@unionucc.org](mailto:preschool@unionucc.org) to order any edition.

If you have a child or know of one who would enjoy learning in our fun and caring environment, registration information can be found on our website or by calling the Preschool directly.

Curriculum aligned with Pennsylvania Early Learning Standards  
Whole child focused: academic, social and emotional

Check us out on Facebook and Instagram—**Neffs UCC Preschool**  
or on our website— [www.unionucc.org/preschool](http://www.unionucc.org/preschool)



**FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE— OUR NEXT HOSTING IS**  
**OCTOBER27 THROUGH NOVEMBER 3**



## 9/15/19 BAPTISM PHOTOS TAKEN BY KEVIN RICHTER



Abigail Mae Kern pictured with Whitney and Andrew Kern and brother Nathaniel



MaryJo Viola Neff pictured with Megan and Waynard Neff and siblings



Luella Nel Swartz pictured with Lauren and Nicholas Swartz



Vivian Josephine Cronrath pictured with Alexis Gambler and Bret Cronrath

## NEW MEMBERS



George Borman



Alison, Janet, and Andrew Dyszel



Julie Sodl



## AMY AND TODD MCCOY ARE OUR CATCH THE SPIRIT RECIPIENTS FOR OCTOBER 2019. THEY WILL BE RECOGNIZED ON OCTOBER 13TH.

We're very honored to have been nominated and to receive the catch the spirit award.

We have 3 children: Brody is 19, Connor is 16 and Tori is 14. Our current hobbies include running our children to sports practices, games and extra-curricular activities with little time for much else.

We have been involved with Cub Pack 57 and Boy Scout Troop 57, here in Neffs, for the past 13 years each holding various leadership positions. Connor received his Eagle rank this past March and we celebrated his achievement with a ceremony, here at the church, in June.

We really enjoy being a part of Union UCC church. We love all of the youth programs that the kids can be a part of such as Your Group, the confirmation program, VBS and all of the other fun activities that are offered here that they can participate in.

We try to volunteer and help with as many church activities as our busy schedule allows. I (Amy) currently coordinate meals for members of the church that may need help. Tori and Amy enjoy baking, so we bake for the various events. We have helped with the BBQ Bash, the spaghetti dinner, we donate at the blood drives, and Connor and Amy help with the VBS program for the week.

We have found so much joy being a part of Union UCC. From our first visit we have felt so welcomed here. We look forward to making many more great memories here.

WE ARE LOOKING  
FOR ADULT AND  
YOUTH HELPERS  
FOR THE NURSERY  
DURING OUR  
10:30 WORSHIP  
SERVICE.

PLEASE SEE THE  
SIGN UP SHEET ON  
THE DOOR

## Christmas POP UP Shop

Sunday, Dec. 15th  
(between the two services and after  
the 10:30 service)

Need some last  
minute presents? We will  
have commemoratives,  
cookbooks, notecards,  
treasures from our Busy  
Bee Quilters, and more!

