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*PIG OUT at Union UCC's*  
**BACKYARD BBQ BASH**

*Saturday, September 14, 2019*

**TIMEWHY?S** (5:30-8:30)

Music sponsored by Heintzelman Funeral Home

Lorah's Pig Roast and Chicken Dinners plus our own  
delicious sides and desserts (starts at 3:30)

Free Admission



**Harvest Home Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** See Page 2

This year's Harvest Home is dedicated in memory of Rev. Thomas Thomas, our Senior Pastor for 30 years. He loved to garden and he was passionate about fighting hunger.

**Here's the challenge:** In Pastor Tom's memory, bring in double your usual food donations. We are collecting produce and nonperishable food for the food bank. In addition to a basket of apples, bring in a basket of potatoes. In addition to a can of peas, bring in a jar of peanut butter. Thanks to God for the harvest, thanks to God for Pastor Tom.

**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.

If you donate a basket (or gift  
certificate) by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, you get  
an extra sheet of tickets FREE.

Baskets or gift certificates must  
be at least a \$10 value or more.  
New items only.

Anyone interested in helping,  
please contact Veronica Fabian  
610-573-0112.

**SUNDAY FUNDAY**

**September 29<sup>th</sup>**

Guest musician Steven Courtney at 8am and 10:30am worship.

Coffee Hour at 9am and 11:30am:

Hot dogs, hamburgers, popcorn, cotton candy, beverages and more.

Games and facepainting after 10:30 worship.

**FUNDAY SUNDAY**



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## HARVEST HOME SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

**Harvest Home** is a time to celebrate God's bounty, a time to be thankful for local farmers, and those around the country and world. A time to be grateful for the sun and the rain, and the hard work provided by many to feed us and nourish us, our bodies and our souls. A time to share our bounty with others in the local community and to spread God's love.

Please bring:

- fruits, vegetables, or produce for our display for the sanctuary. All home gardeners or produce shoppers, please drop off fresh produce for the display during Harvest Home set up time on Saturday September 21 from 4 pm to 5:30 pm, or drop off on stage in Memorial Hall at your convenience.
- fill a bag of groceries to donate to local families. The wheelbarrow for canned goods and groceries will be available for donations starting Sunday, September 15, in the church lobby.

All produce and groceries items will be distributed to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank. Join us in giving thanks to God for the bounty of the earth and the prosperity we have enjoyed for over 260 years.

For more information, contact Gloria Ringer at 610-502-0340.

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## MISSION COMMITTEE THANK YOU'S:

### PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Thank you for your generous \$500 contribution to our congregation during this difficult time recovering from the recent fire to our church. Your gift will enable us to build a new church and continue spreading the Gospel Of Jesus Christ. We are so grateful of the help and comfort we have received from many churches in the Lehigh Valley, friends and family. Our God is a good God.



### SIXTH STREET SHELTER

Thank you for your generous donation of \$1,146 to the Sixth Street Shelter. We sincerely appreciate the partnership of friends like you as we help families improve their stability, self-sufficiency, resilience, and quality of life. We have been serving families with children who are experiencing homelessness for over 30 years. Last year we sheltered 100 families, consisting of 344 people, 219 whom were children.

Thank you for your gift, you are an important part of our work, and in the lives of our families we serve.

### GIRL SCOUTS OF GREATER NEW YORK

Thank you so much for your gift of \$867 in support of Troop 6000, our special program serving girls and women living in New York City's homeless shelter system.

We are currently serving nearly 700 girls and women in 17 shelter sites throughout all five boroughs. Each week members of our troop earn badges on topics like STEM, the environment, financial literacy, and more. Girl Scouting offers community, security, and opportunities to learn, grow, and have fun.

Thank you again for supporting our leadership development programs - created by girls, especially for girls - like Troop 6000.

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## OPERATION PROJECT FOOD BANK

Volunteers are always welcome to help at the Northern Lehigh Food Bank all year long. Opportunities to volunteer to help distribute food are available on the first three Thursdays of each month from 3:45 - 7 pm, the last Saturday of the month from 9 am to 12 noon, and the second and fourth Monday from 12:30 - 3 pm.

Stocking of shelves, sorting of food from Second Harvest and local churches and other organizations take place every Tuesday from 9 - 12 noon, and every Sunday from 2:30 - 5 pm. Union UCC has many regular volunteers currently serving at the Northern Lehigh Food Bank in Emerald, directly across the street from the Washington Township Municipal Building. But more are needed, if you would like to participate, check in with Phil and Julie Wehr or Wilbur and Linda Romig.

## FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE

End of Summer Greetings to all. This past summer there were many projects happening around the church property. First off, new landscaping was installed in the front of the church and Memorial Hall, and is a major improvement to our front entrances. The plants will bloom, grow and mature as time progresses.

The second major project was the installation of new carpeting in the main sanctuary, which included moving all of the pews, adding a layer of plywood to the floor, placement of the new carpet, and re-installing all of the pews. Thanks to the skilled crews, this project went very smooth and the task performed in a timely manner, as planned. The sanctuary looks great !!

Vacation Bible School children and helpers filled the whole property for a full week in June, what an exciting, spirit filled week. At the end of July, our church hosted three families from Family Promise for a full week. The hospitality of our church members who are involved with this church wide mission project are to be commended. They are providing meals, friendship, and a place to sleep to local families as they plan for a better future.

Our facility caretaker Ori Handwerk has been busy cleaning the floors and providing a new coat of wax on the floors in most of the rooms and hallways, and Maria Beltz has continued to clean the sanctuary and bathrooms on a regular basis. Thank you both for keeping our property clean and fresh.

Our church grove has been enjoyed by many this summer. Recent events include VBS week, Messy Church, Youth Group Hangouts, Girl Scout Summer Camp, outdoor worships, the Lion's Festival, Blues Nite Out, our church picnic, many church member family gatherings, and the upcoming Backyard BBQ Bash.

Union UCC is blessed, come out and enjoy our grove and our church. Peace to all. Phil Wehr

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## AUGUST 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 new ministries
- Approval of funds from FOLG to support financial mailings
- Approval of funds from the Memorial Fund for a chair for the new workstation in the office
- Approval of Pastors' vacations:
  - Pastor Kayli - September 11-13, and November 21-28
  - Pastor Kris - August 26-September 9
- Approval for Barbara Carinci to stay on as Interim Financial Manager through October
- Approval of Financial Manager Review Committee members

## **FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE— OUR NEXT HOSTING IS OCTOBER 27 THROUGH NOVEMBER 3**

From July 28 through August 4, Union UCC hosted three families through our collaboration with Family Promise of Lehigh Valley. With a three-month old infant and a two-year-old toddler, as well as a trio of elementary-aged kids, our volunteers were forced into “active duty!” It was a pleasure being immersed into the energy and imagination from the group of guests. Our volunteer cooks provided fantastic meals, which fed all 9 guests and any volunteer helpers that socialized with the families during the mealtime and evening hours. Our overnight volunteers helped get the families settled for the evening and were entrusted with keeping a quiet and safe environment in which the families slept, as well as made sure they were on their way in the mornings, with lunches packed and breakfast in hand. During this week, a few overnight volunteers expertly dealt with a plumbing issue that provided a little more excitement to an otherwise uneventful evening.

As we continue to provide loving hospitality as Jesus calls us all to do, we invite any members from the congregation to volunteer with us. Children are welcomed and encouraged to join parents with hosting our guests. We have an engaged group that coordinates all aspects of hosting these families, and a dedicated group of volunteers that makes each week a success; but we still need additional volunteers to keep this wonderful outreach strong and viable. Contact Susan Smith for volunteering opportunities or more information at [susancarrington@hotmail.com](mailto:susancarrington@hotmail.com) or (610)366-7284.



Our 2019 meal packing event is less than two months away! We are starting to receive donations which you can view through the link on our FB page or website. ([www.fmnc-lv.com](http://www.fmnc-lv.com)) Anyone that would like to contribute via check should include our event number in the memo section to ensure it goes to our event. This year's event number is **1910-124MI**.

Please consider taking part in one of the packing sessions 10/11-10/13, registration will begin in September. On average each volunteer will pack \$40 worth of meals. Anyone that can raise \$40 over the next two months will greatly help us reach our fund raising goal of just over \$22,000. Feel free to contact me with any questions. Eliot Lightner 610-844-8327, [Eliot5779@gmail.com](mailto:Eliot5779@gmail.com)



# Youth Group News



## September 22, 2019 12pm - 2pm Advisory Lunch/Hang-in

Join us for an afternoon of food, fun, fellowship, and planning for the year ahead!

Everyone is welcome to this event!

Let Pastor Kayli know if you plan on attending!

### Sleep-Out For Homelessness

September 28-September 29

@ New Creation, Easton

Youth grades 7th-12th can join us for an overnight adventure of learning about/experiencing what homelessness is with youth from churches in our conference.

We will meet at Union at 5pm, arriving at New Creation for the event starting at 6pm. We will come back the next morning for worship.

Participants are asked to raise \$25 to be donated to Third Street Alliance, Easton!

Please sign up with Pastor Kayli and get the forms by September 8, 2019



2020 **NATIONAL  
YOUTH EVENT**

Its time to start thinking about National Youth Event!!!

July 22-25, 2020

Purdue University

More Info coming...

Youth/Young Adults age 12-22

### Starting September 15...

There is a place for everyone on Sunday mornings from  
9:15am-10:15am

\*The Munch Bunch [6th&7th grade] 2nd floor, room 203

\*Confirmation [8th grade] Youth Room 15, basement

\*The Breakfast Club [9th-12th] Room 4, basement



Contact: Kathy Bonsell

Phone: 610-767-6961

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

SUNDAY  
SCHOOL  
KICKOFF



## SUNDAY SCHOOL—Join us on Sept. 15th during the Education Hour (9:15-10:15)

Parents of all age levels are asked to bring their children to FELLOWSHIP HALL at 9:15 for an overview of the year.

Classroom assignments:

**Preschool /Kindergarten– Room 100**

**1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - Room 7**

**3<sup>rd</sup> , 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Fellowship Hall**

**6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade (The Munch Bunch) – office on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor**

## Children's Church

**September 22nd** – Children's Church opens it's doors during the 10:30 worship service. Three year olds through sixth grade join us after Children's Time in the sanctuary. 1st-6th Grade move to Room 7 for a large group lesson, songs and prayer and then we work on activities for the lesson. Preschoolers and Kindergarteners meet and stay in room 100. Parents meet their children at their classrooms after the worship service. Grade levels are combined to support the "Safe Child" policy and to ensure a sufficient number of volunteers for our program.

**Preschool/Kindergarten – Room 100**

**1st –6th Grade – Room 7**

We will use the **WHIRL** curriculum. This curriculum is lectionary and includes videos and leaflets. PARENTS: There are many great ideas in the leaflets to explore during the week. Our Preschool/K classroom will use 'Lil K, a "Blue's Clues" for Sunday School video program.



**We still could use a few volunteers to help us with this year's Children's Church.** No experience is necessary. Safe child clearances needed. Join us one Sunday a month! It's only 6-8 Sundays a year! Contact Kathy Bonsell ([dired@unionucc.org](mailto:dired@unionucc.org)).

**DON'T MISS!**



**SEPT. 29th**

FUN, food, FUN, games,  
FUN, facepainting, FUN,  
music, and FUN surprises!

A huge thanks to our Safe Church Co-ordinator, **BARB KORASTINSKY**. Barb has been taking care of our safe church procedures and record-keeping for the past five years. We thank her for bringing her valuable skills to this important safety measure.



We would also like to thank and welcome our new Safe Church Coordinator, **AMY MCCOY**. Amy will be handling all child abuse and criminal clearances, required for all staff and volunteers.

**Trunk  
or  
Treat**



We are currently looking for families, clubs, committees, etc. to bring a decorated car (and candy for 200) to this year's TRUNK OR TREAT on Sat., Oct. 19th, 3:00-5:00pm. Cars should arrive between 1:30-2:30. Contact Kathy at [dired@unionucc.org](mailto:dired@unionucc.org) to sign up.





## WHERE SCHOOL MEMORIES BEGIN AND ALL ARE WELCOME!

As I was reflecting the other day about how fast the summer went by (way too fast for me), I started thinking about how summers seem endless during childhood. With all of the sights, smells, and sounds that belong to summer alone, each day brings a new adventure and seems to last forever. Then school starts and summer comes to an abrupt end. Parents, have patience with your little ones who loved going to school every day in May, but now do not want to get out of bed or resist leaving you behind. For them, the last school year was a lifetime ago, not the blink of an eye that we experience as adults. Routines will be re-established, and the separation anxiety will fade once more as the children get to know their new teachers and make new friends. In the meantime, we still have a few short weeks of summer break left- enjoy every moment.

Due to increased demand, we are in the process of hiring new staff members to open additional classrooms where needed. This allows us to accept new students even after the school year begins. If you have a child, or know of someone who does, and are looking for a preschool program, it is not too late to register.

Check us out on Facebook and Instagram—**Neffs UCC Preschool**

Website— [www.neffsuccpreschool.org](http://www.neffsuccpreschool.org)



## 7/7/19 AND 7/21/19 BAPTISM PHOTOS TAKEN BY KEVIN RICHTER



Cole Phillip Segner— pictured with  
Beth and Eric Segner



Liam Allen Michael Body-pictured with  
Amanda Ruth and Christopher Body



Lilien Rose Burdickova-pictured with  
Kate Burdickova and Timothy Burdick

## FROM PASTOR KAYLI:

June 21-25, 2019 marked the 32nd General Synod of the United Church of Christ with the theme to "Shine: let your light shine before others". I had the honor of being voted as a delegate to attend this gathering of our denomination. I can honestly say that I had no idea what I was truly getting myself into, because this was the first time in my life I have ever attended. I'll admit that the days were long, the sleep was limited, and some of the conversations were difficult...but it was worth every minute of my time. Being able to be a part of this gathering was truly eye opening to how the larger denomination works. I heard great preachers, met some amazing people from across the country, and worshipped in ways very different from my own experience. We as a synod worked hard to take stands on resolutions presented, made sure people had a place to raise their voices, and ultimately came together to embrace each other as children of God working in this world. General Synod is an experience I will never forget, and I am blessed that you all supported me in taking this adventure. In two years I will again be a delegate in Kansas City, and I can not wait to see what adventure lies ahead of me there!



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

PLEASE SEE THE  
SIGN UP SHEET ON  
THE DOOR



## Mum Sponsors

Harvest Home will be celebrated on **Sunday, September 22, 2019**. Bring your canned goods, produce, cut flowers, cornstalks, herbs, etc. to Memorial Hall, from 4-5pm on Saturday, September 21, 2019.

*Food collected will be given to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.*

**We will be sponsoring the purchase of Mum's for display.** Place an order by filling out the form below and putting it in the offering plate or see one of the Mission / Harvest Home committee members after the service. Make checks payable to Union UCC. **Deadline to sponsor is SEPTEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**I would like to sponsor # \_\_\_\_\_ potted Mum(s) for a HOMEBOUND MEMBER**

**I would like to sponsor # \_\_\_\_\_ potted Mum(s) for DISPLAY  
(you may pick up your mums after the Sept. 23 10:30am service)**

**I will pick up my mums following the service Yes / No**

Giver (envelope) Number \_\_\_\_\_ **Total # of Mums** \_\_\_\_\_ **x \$ 5 per Mum = Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ *If sponsoring for display:*

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_





**ALEXANDRA BOYLE AND SHELLY GEIGER ARE OUR CATCH THE SPIRIT RECIPIENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019. THEY WILL BE RECOGNIZED AT THE 10:30 SERVICE ON SEPTEMBER 8TH**

**ALEXANDRA BOYLE**

Alex was baptized, confirmed, and married in our church. My parents and both sets of grandparents also have a long history at Union UCC. I grew up going to Children's Church, Vacation Bible School, and Youth Group events.

My husband, Chris, and I were married at Union UCC in July 2013. We welcomed our son, Connor, in July 2018. Connor was baptized in our church in November 2018 and we look forward to bringing him up through the church's children's and youth programs.

I have been employed by the Parkland School District since 2011. I am currently a fifth grade teacher at Kratzer Elementary. Some of my hobbies include reading, walking, and gardening. My husband and I enjoy providing Connor with new experiences on the weekends.

I teach the preschool/kindergarten Children's Church group. My mom has been doing this for many years. It has been a wonderful experience being able to co-teach with her over the years. We both have also taught the preschool group at VBS.

Chris, Connor and I participate in Spiritually Fit and enjoy walking as a church group each week. I enjoy baking for various church functions and had fun helping at the Country Sale.

I have had countless opportunities to connect and support members of our community. Chris and I experienced a huge outpouring of love and kindness after the birth of our son and it inspires us to pay it forward. I know that no matter what God has in store for my family, the congregation will be right beside us, and we will be there to support each of you on your journey.

In my youth, my favorite memory was going to different churches and religious centers as part of the confirmation program. I loved being given the opportunity to learn about other cultures, religions, and perspectives and I think, in part, that inspired me to travel abroad.

As an adult, I really enjoy the guest speakers and talented singers/musicians in our regular worships. The outdoor services will always be a favorite of mine and I enjoy spending time with the congregation at the church picnic and Spiritually Fit.

**SHELLY GEIGER**

As a child I remember doing prayers at night with my mother, and our family attending Union UCC on holidays and special occasions. My brothers and I were baptized, confirmed and married at Union UCC. My husband Michael and I have been married for the past 34 years. We both were baptized, confirmed and eventually we were then married in Union UCC by Rev. Thomas. Michael and I have been blessed with two children Alexandra and Ryan. We also have a one year- old grandson named Connor who was recently baptized at Union UCC. We had a long family history with this church as my dad's parents were members. When I walk on the cemetery I can see generations of the Rex family resting in our beautiful cemetery.

I have been a volunteer for the Northern Lehigh Food Bank for the past 5 years and enjoy that experience very much. I enjoy getting together with family and friends, spending time at the lake or the beach and doing craft projects. Additionally, I have had the opportunity to help with Children's Church, Vacation Bible School, Confirmation class, funeral luncheon host, Country Sale book sale, volunteering at the food bank and I participate in Spiritually Fit.

I have been especially blessed with meeting a great group of people in our Spiritually Fit group. We come together to exercise and walk in the cemetery together two days a week and get to talk about a variety of different things.

A very special time for our family was to have Rev. Thomas perform our daughter's wedding just like he had married Mike and I many years before, when he first became the pastor at Union UCC. Generations of family history with our church is my favorite memory.

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Sunday, September 1, 2019**

**Labor Sunday**

**8:00am Heritage Service**

**10:30am Horizon Service**

**Scripture:** Thessalonians 5: 12-25

**Message:** Let Us Sing A Beautiful Song

Rev. Kayli Freeman

**Lay Readers:** Sue Steinmann;

Tami Wassum

**Greeters:** Jim and Leanna Lane, Naomi and George DeNardo

**Sound:** Ian Henninger

**Sunday, September 8, 2019**

**8:00am Heritage Service**

**10:30am Horizon Service**

**Scripture:** Luke 14:25-33

**Message:** Give It All Away!

Rev. Kayli Freeman

**Lay Readers:** Whitney Kern;

Doug Kuntz

**Greeters:** Doug and Angie Kuntz,

SueAnn Hregician

**Sound:** Doug Albert

**Sunday, September 15, 2019**

**Baptism Sunday/ Education Hour**

**Resumes for All Ages**

**8:00am Heritage Service**

**10:30am Horizon Service**

**Preacher:** Blake Hoppes Shares the Message Through Music

**Lay Readers:** Lucille Kuhns;

Elena Steidinger

**Greeters:** Karen Wonderly,

Al Stubmann, Vicki Mayk

**Sound:** Pat Sorg

**Sunday, September 22, 2019**

**Harvest Home Sunday**

**8:00am Heritage Service**

**10:30am Horizon Service**

**Scripture:** Matthew 25: 31-46

**Message:** Celebrating the Ministry of Family Promise

Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuels and our Family Promise Steering Committee and Volunteers

**Lay Readers:** Michael Roth;

Carrington Smith

**Greeters:** Ron Snyder and Ruth Ensley

**Sound:** Karl Klinger

**Sunday, September 29, 2019**

**New Members Received**

**Guest Musician**

**8:00am Heritage Service**

**10:30am Horizon Worship**

**Lay Readers:** Rose Snyder;

Janice Metzger

**Greeters:** Connie and Ralph Gioielli,

Dennis and Deb DeFrain

**Sound:** Mike Baer



Educators admire the delivery... Parents love the message... Kids adore the music and fun spirit!

Steven Courtney is a performing songwriter who has received several awards for his music. We welcome him back for the 4th time!

[www.stevencourtney.com](http://www.stevencourtney.com)

Thank you to the Funds of Lasting Gifts for the financial support to make Steven's appearance possible today.

## FUTURE DATES:

**October 6** Worldwide Communion

**November 3** All Saints Sunday, remembering our loved ones who have passed this year.

**November 10** Veterans and Active Service Members Honored

**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: September 24, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.

RSVP with your interest to

[PastorKris@unionucc.org](mailto:PastorKris@unionucc.org)

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

**Friday Morning Adult Class with Pastor Kris** 9:30 am-11am Room 5 (Basement) September 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 18.

### **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)

September 15, 22 with Rev. Patience

September 29, October 6, 13, 20 with Pastor Kris

**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 **September 15 and 22**. 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, September 29th**. 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 dates are **September 15 and November 3**. 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)

### **Update on Pastor Kris from Pastor Kris**

During the week of July 8<sup>th</sup> I was admitted to the hospital to receive a new medicine and have a second cardioversion to treat my Atrial Fibrillation (AFib). So far, my heart has returned to its regular rhythm. Thank you for your care and support.



**Sharon Biery's** last day as our Financial Manager was on July 30<sup>th</sup>. **Barbara Carinci**, our former Church Administrator, is serving as Interim Financial Manager. The Consistory and Church and Ministry Committee are working on a schedule for our next steps and we will keep you informed. Barbara can be reached at [financialmanager@unionucc.org](mailto:financialmanager@unionucc.org) for financial questions and matters.



*For those wise in years  
and young at heart*

Our next gathering will be  
**October 1st**  
**(No September Meeting)**

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.

## *Tales from the Road*

Rev. Dr. Patience D. Stevenson, Minister of Visitation

Did You Know?

Richard W. Gemmel was born on July 17, 1941. Richard was baptized and confirmed at Union UCC. Richard's confirmation class was the 200<sup>th</sup> class of confirmands at Union UCC!

Richard graduated from Parkland High School in 1959. He went on to earn a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from Temple University. He also was Co-Captain of the soccer team at Temple University.

Richard worked as a Chemical Engineer for RCA Victor, in Camden, NJ, in the RCA Victor's Space and Defense Division for 10 years. Richard's proudest achievements involved his work on the Apollo 11 Space Mission. Richard assisted in the development of the circuitry for the Apollo 11, lunar landing and first lunar walk. Richard also approved all the circuitry that was used in both the televisions and television cameras which made it possible to watch the astronauts as they positioned the American flag on the lunar surface.

Richard was often sent to RCA's Studio A and B in Nashville, TN, to troubleshoot any problems that arose in the recording of music. He also worked on the circuitry of RCA's Spectra 70 computers.

Richard returned to the Lehigh Valley, and along with his partners, Joseph J. Hartmann and Lila M. Gemmel, opened and ran the former Balliettsville Inn for 26 years. Richard retired in 1997. Dr. Gemmel also was an Antique Dealer from 1970 – 2000.

Please feel free to write to Richard at:

Cedarbrook  
724 Delaware Ave  
Fountain Hill, PA 18015



Put some of the many plastic bags you have from the store into the trunk of your car. Then, wherever you find yourself each day, use a bag to pick up 10-15 pieces of trash. You can do this in a park, as you wait for an appointment, in a shopping plaza parking lot, or along the curb in front of a store that you need to visit.

This small task doesn't seem like much, and you might not feel like you are even making the tiniest of dents in the world's trash problem, but you will, in fact, be doing your small part each day. And just imagine if everyone who is able to do so picked up just 15 pieces of trash each day! That would definitely make a big difference! -John Snyder-Samuelson

Green Team meeting— September 15th at 11:45am in Youth Room with Rev. Patience. Contact her if interested or with ideas [vispastor@unionucc.org](mailto:vispastor@unionucc.org)

CELEBRATING



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Dorothy Reph

4540 W. Mountain View Drive  
Walnutport, PA 18088-9449





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

**Bruce Merkel**, who passed on August 2, 2019.

**Donald Rex**, who passed on August 5, 2019.

**Joyce D. (Roth) Kuntz**, who passed on June 19, 2019. Memorial Fund donations in her name were made by: Sueann Hregician, Harold Zanders, Philip & Julie Wehr, Darlene Keritz, Donald Kuntz, Richard Gogle, Carol Grubb, Ronald & Carol Pope, Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Gates, Carolyn George, Ann Marie Scott, Lawrence & Stephanie Carbonell



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.



**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

#### 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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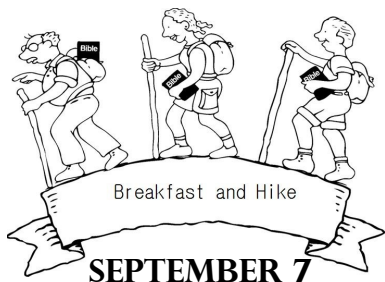
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Kitchen	ext. 30



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Family and friends are invited!

We will meet at 8am at Schnecksville Diner.

Hike will be at Trexler Game Preserve ending around 1pm.

Questions and RSVPs to **Ed Norman** [hagarnn@hotmail.com](mailto:hagarnn@hotmail.com)  
and **Kerry Snyder** [ksnyd82@gmail.com](mailto:ksnyd82@gmail.com)



## 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\*



### UPCOMING MENS 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!



### CHAT N CHEW CHURCH NIGHT

Thursday, September 19

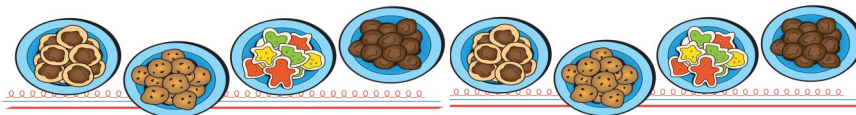
7-8:30pm

Family and friends are invited for snacks, games, and time  
to relax and feed your spirit.

Free, nothing to bring!

RSVP to Pastor Kris by 9/15

- **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**



### 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. **Sharon Hader** [haders08@hotmail.com](mailto:haders08@hotmail.com)

# Financial & Attendance Reports

Date	Worship Service		Children's Church	Education Hour	Total
	8AM	10:30AM			
July 7	60	125	N/A	N/A	185
July 14	N/A	133	N/A	N/A	133
July 21	N/A	100	N/A	N/A	100
July 28	60	116	N/A	N/A	176

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE**  
July 2018: 886 July 2019: 594

Fiscal Year	Operating Fund	Designated Funds	Grand Total All Funds
7-1-2018	\$9,644	\$26,874	\$36,518
Income	\$486,601	\$61,853	\$548,454
Expenses	\$486,601	\$66,718	\$553,319
6-30-19	\$9,644	\$22,009	31,653

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 September:

Sep 8 – Fellowship Committee  
Sep 15 – Church and Ministry  
Sep 22 - Consistory  
Sep 29 – Fellowship, Christian Ed, Grill Guys,  
Welcoming Committee

## 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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 Labor Sunday</b> 8am Heritage Service 9:15am Holy Grounds 10:30 Horizon Service 11:30am Holy Grounds	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:30pm adult bible study 7pm AI Anon	<b>4</b> 9am Busy Bees Quilters 10am KnitWits	<b>5</b> 7:00pm CE Committee	<b>6</b> 9:30am Adult Bible Study	<b>7</b>
<b>8 Education Hour Resumes</b> 8am Heritage Service 9:15am Holy Grounds 10:30 Horizon Service 11:30am Holy Grounds	<b>9</b> 6:30pm Fellowship Meeting	<b>10</b> 6:30pm adult bible study 7pm AI Anon	<b>11</b> 9am Busy Bees Quilters 10am KnitWits	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:30am Adult Bible Study	<b>14</b> 3:30pm BBQ Bash
<b>15 Baptism Sunday</b> 8am Heritage Service 9:15am Holy Grounds 10:30 Horizon Service 11:30am Holy Grounds	<b>16</b> 6:45pm Consistory Meeting	<b>17</b> 6:30pm adult bible study 7pm AI Anon 7pm 4H	<b>18</b> 9am Busy Bees Quilters 10am KnitWits 7pm Union Board Meeting	<b>19</b> 10:00am Preschool Board 5:00pm Chat N Chew	<b>20</b> 9:30am Adult Bible Study	<b>21</b>
<b>22 Harvest Home Sunday</b> 8am Heritage Service 9:15am Holy Grounds 10:30 Horizon Service 12:00pm Youth Group Hang-in	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 8am Newsletter Crew 6:30pm Prayer and Meditation 6:30pm adult bible study 7pm AI Anon 7pm 4H	<b>25</b> 9am Busy Bees Quilters 10am KnitWits	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9:30am Adult Bible Study 6:00pm Interrupted Silence Rehearsal	<b>28</b> 12:00pm Interrupted Silence Rehearsal
<b>29 Church Family Worship</b> 8am Heritage Service 9:15am Holy Grounds 10:30 Horizon Service 11:30am Holy Grounds 3:00pm Interrupted Silence Concert	<b>30</b>				