

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



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

**VETERANS DAY RECOGNITION** will be at both worship services on **November 10<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

**FALL Blood DRIVE**

**Sunday, November 17**

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!

**A Wonder-Full Life Worship Series In November – Looking at Money and Meaning**

In the classic film, "It's a Wonderful Life," a crisis of money creates vastly diverse reactions from several characters that can hold up a mirror to our own relationships with money. In this four week series, we will look squarely in the face of our money issues in compassionate ways that can offer more depth of meaning, healing, and wholeness and a whole new outlook on what constitutes a wonderful life.

November 3 - Looking Back - Scripture: Matthew 22:15-22

November 10 - Looking In - Scripture: Matthew 6: 19-24

November 17 - Looking Out - Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:17-19

November 24 - Looking with Gratitude - Scripture: Acts 4: 32-35

**See page 8 for this year's Faith Commitment Card. Think and pray about your Wonder-full Life with God and Union UCC. Please return it to the church in worship on any Sunday in November or December or by mail or email by January 5, 2020 when we will bless all of our offerings for the mission and ministry of God's church.**

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## CHRISTMAS MISSION OFFERINGS

This year the Christmas Mission Offerings will be divided to Valley Youth House and Habitat for Humanity. Please support these two mission organizations by using the Christmas Mission Offering envelope in your envelope packet, or blank envelope marked - Christmas Mission. Thank you, the Mission Committee.

### Valley Youth House

Starting in the Lehigh Valley in 1973 as a single shelter, Valley Youth House ensured that vulnerable, abused and homeless young people in the community had access to shelter and counseling. They were more than just a roof and beds, they were committed to building a solid foundation for every individual who came through their doors.

The same dedication drives Valley Youth House today, as they have grown to over 250 residential sites throughout Pennsylvania. For over forty years, their mission to improve the lives of young people in the community remains the same.

### Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh Valley

The Habitat mission is to offer families in need a hand up, not a hand out. They strive to walk along side them as they realize the dream of home ownership. Each family contributes 250 hours of sweat equity to help build their home and the homes of their neighbors.

Stable, affordable housing is critical to education, health, and economic success to families and the community. Habitat's unique home ownership program allows hardworking, low income families to build and buy a home, working "hands on" building their home and side by side with volunteer members of the community. Over 120 homes have been built in the Lehigh Valley since 1989.

## OCTOBER 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 Marilyn Peters estate gift to mission committee by the Financial Leadership Team
- Approval of funds from FOLG to the Bahamas relief by Financial Leadership Team
- Approval of funds from FOLG for Memorial Hall and rear classrooms projects.
- Approval from Church and Ministry to fund the Hannah Snyder Samuelson's ministry psychological evaluation.



Church and Ministry and Consistory approved **Barbara Carinci as our next Financial Manager.** This position combines the Financial Manager and Payroll Manager positions and is about 15-20 hours a week. Barbara will be in the office one day a week, other hours will be done at home. She can be contacted at [financialmanager@unionucc.org](mailto:financialmanager@unionucc.org)  
Welcome (Back), Barbara!

## FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Happy fall season to all, a time of changing leaves, a time of less daytime hours, and a time to give thanks. Happy Thanksgiving is in order to all, with blessings to God for all we have.

Another year has almost passed, with another year of many major improvements to the church property, and lots of minor repairs and regular maintenance performed as needed to many building areas around the property. From painting and rugs, to new air conditioning systems, to new landscaping and lighting, to fixing a light fixture or unclogging a pipe line, everything adds up to make our church property shine and inviting.

We are blessed with many member donors who support special building projects, and we are blessed with The Funds of Lasting Gifts endowment fund which supports many large and small building projects and minor repairs and maintenance around the property. We are blessed with a supportive congregation through general giving which supports the basic monthly and yearly needs for the operation of the church property. We are blessed with many local contractors in many and varied trades who take pride in their work as they work to make repairs and improvements to the property.

Together, Union UCC is blessed to have a wonderful place to call home, a place to worship, a place to serve God, a place to love, and a place to share God's love. Give Thanks.

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## FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE

Thanks to your financial support of the Mission and Outreach envelope in your envelope packets, the following donations were able to be made to these local mission agencies.

- \$250 - Parkland C.A.R.E.S. Food Pantry
- \$250 - Zion Church Jubilee Breakfast Ministry
- \$250 - Third Street Alliance, Easton - Sleep out for Homelessness

Donations of \$753 were received during the Neighbors in Need collection.  
Donations of \$1,500 in gift cards were received during the Christmas in July collection to support graduated families from Family Promise.

Thank you members of Union UCC for your generous support of our mission ministries.

### THOMAS FAMILY FUND

This year's available income for expenditures from The Thomas Family Fund in Union UCC's Funds of Lasting Gifts endowment fund have been distributed to the following mission agencies, as per the fund guidelines, in memory of Owen Thomas, Rev. Tom Thomas, and in honor of the Thomas Family.

- \$500 - Allentown Crop Walk (Church World Services)
- \$500 - Amigos De Guatemala Water Project - PNEC
- \$500 - Cook Stoves for Kids - to help feed school children in Malawi

Local families and families around the world will benefit from these donations from the Thomas Family Fund.

## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

On Oct 11, 12, & 13, Union UCC hosted a mobile packing event for Feed My Starving Children, organized and planned by church member Eliot Lightner. There were six packing shifts during the three day event. Close to 500 volunteers were busy packing meals in Memorial Hall, or helping with set up or clean up, with some volunteers working multiple shifts.

By the end of the last shift on Sunday, the volunteers had filled, weighed and sealed 16,848 plastic bags with rice, soy, dried vegetables, and vitamin mix. The bags then filled 468 boxes, which

made 13 full pallets of finished product. Each plastic bag of finished product makes for 6 meals, which translates to a grand total of 101,066 meals packed during the three day event, meeting the goal.

Thank you to Eliot and the four person packing crew from FMSC for leading the volunteers. Thank you to all of the volunteer members and financial donors from Union UCC, family and friends of members, and other churches and groups from the Lehigh Valley. Together, everyone worked hard to provide nutritious meals, hope and love to children and families

around the world. Blessings to all.

*A note From Feed My Starving Children after the event:*

*Thank you SO much for all your hard work ! You packed enough food to feed 276 kids one meal a day for a year. Eliot, you've got a special thing going here. Keep up the amazing work ! We are lucky to partner with you. I am thankful I was fortunate enough to be here this weekend.*

*God Bless ! Dan Knor - Feed My Starving Children packing leader.*

## ALLENTOWN CROP WALK

On Sunday Oct 13, John Snyder-Samuelson, Teresa Dalrymple, Dion Henninger, Steve Kareha and his two daughters represented Union UCC by walking in the annual Crop Walk. A beautiful fall day provided an opportunity for 248 walkers from 24 Lehigh Valley congregations to walk and raise money for Church World Service and Lehigh Conference of Churches, who in turn help to feed the hungry in the local area and around the world.

Our walkers raised \$710 in donations, our children participated in the sneaker stroll on Sunday morning raising \$231, and a \$500 donation was provided from the Thomas Family Fund, bringing Union UCC's total donation to \$1,441. The current total from all 248 walkers in the 2019 Crop Walk is \$27,811.

Thanks to all for your great support of the annual Crop Walk.

## BASKET SOCIAL

October 2nd was the Fellowship Committee's annual basket social. We raised \$4,454.71. We had 214 prizes which consisted of baskets and gift certificates. We will be donating to the General Fund, Family Promise, Feed My Starving Children, and others to be determined. Thank you to everyone that donated their time to help out with the event. A special thanks to those that donated a basket or gift certificate. We could not have done this without all of your help. It was a great night of food, fun, and fellowship. Please mark your calendar for next years basket social which will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 2020.



# Youth Group News

## Annual Youth Group Sandwich Sale!

**November 10, 2019**

During BOTH Coffee Hours

For \$6 you will get: a sandwich made with love, a cookie, bag of chips, apple, and choice of bottle of water or lemonade

Sandwich PREP: November 9 @ 9:30am in Fellowship Hall Kitchen

*Proceeds from the sandwich sale will benefit Youth group activities and National Youth Event, July 2020.*

## Camp Ichthus Retreat

**November 15-17**

Youth in grades 9-12 are invited to join the Confirmation class on our annual fall retreat as youth helpers/leaders. The cost is \$45 per youth. See Pastor Kayli for paper work and for any other information.

## NATIONAL YOUTH EVENT

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**



**2020 NATIONAL YOUTH EVENT**





Contact: Kathy Bonsell

Phone: 610-767-6961

Email: dired@unionucc.org

### *Union UCC's HOLIDAY challenge— Reverse Advent Calendar*

For the fourth year, we will be handing out baskets and advent calendars to interested families. The idea is to put something **IN** the basket each day of Advent. Bring the filled basket back to church between Christmas Eve and New Years Day and we will deliver your Holiday donation to the FOOD BANK. Help your family give to others every day of Advent. Baskets will be handed out 11/17 and 11/24.



Reverse Advent Basket

(Item Ideas: canned goods, soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, pasta, condiments, cake and brownie mixes, jello, cereal, socks, mittens, toilet paper)



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/ Dinner/Worship

You are also invited to our annual  
**Advent Celebration**— Sunday, DEC 8th  
Join us for lunch and a Christmas craft.  
See display in foyer.



### **Bible Journaling WORKSHOP**

We will be studying scripture and enhancing our understanding of the verses with design and color. We share ideas and techniques. Participants need a journal Bible. We will provide art supplies. Our November dates are Nov. 7 and 21, 9:30-11:30, in the Room 5.



### **BUSY MEMORIZING BEES**

Our Sunday School children are memorizing a different **Psalm** each month. Check out the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall to see what our amazing children are doing!

All children who complete this challenge will receive coins for the end of the year coin exchange.

The children participated in our annual SNEAKER STROLL during Sunday School and Children's Church on Oct. 13th. They collected **\$231** in sponsor money to donate to our local Crop Walk.  
**YAY!**



## **November**



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

**Nov. 3** Luke 19:1-10

**Nov. 10** Luke 20:27-38

**Nov. 17** 2 Thess 3:6-13

**Nov. 24** Luke 23:33-34

Union UCC has a **GIFT BIBLE PROGRAM** which is sponsored by the CE Committee and Funds of Lasting Gifts. We will present BIBLES the first Sunday of Advent to those children who are in 3rd grade or older and have attended at least five Sunday School or Children's Church classes. We will be presenting WHIRL NRSV Bibles.



### **HOLIDAY HOPE CHESTS** for local children

(through the *Volunteer Center of the Lehigh Valley*)

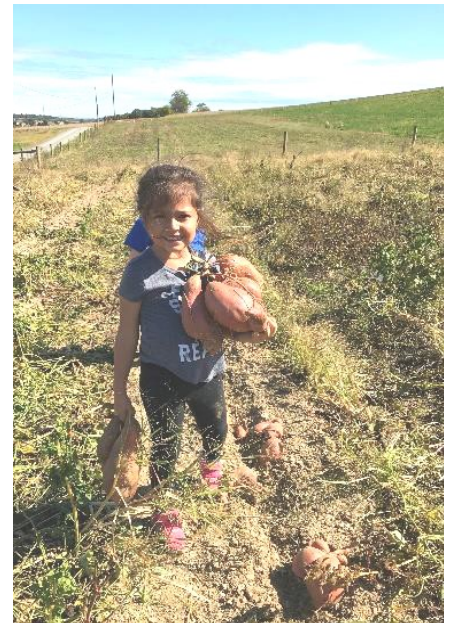
Fill a wrapped shoebox with suggested items and bring to church by Nov. 24th. See the table in the foyer for gift suggestion sheets and nametags on Nov. 3 and Nov. 10.



**WHERE SCHOOL MEMORIES BEGIN AND ALL ARE WELCOME!**

September may be the start of the school year, but October is when it really ramps up! Our Pre-K class visited Willow Haven Farm for a tour and information about farm animals and organic farming. They even helped harvest sweet potatoes. The 3-year-old class participated in the annual trip to Seiple Farms for a hayride, corn maze and pumpkin picking. After our first set of fire drills for the year the Neffs Fire Department paid us a visit to talk to the students about fire safety and we were able to practice voicing “Get out and Stay Out”. We held our annual Open House and the first Lunch Bunch of the year. We will wrap up a busy October with our traditional Halloween parties and Costume Parade. Is anyone else tired simply from reading that list?

Thank you to the church members who have donated to our preschool family who lost both their mother and sister recently. If you would still like to donate to the education fund, you may make checks payable to Neffs UCC Preschool and put in an envelope marked LeVan Education Fund.



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



**FAITH COMMITMENT CARD** Please return this to church in the offering plate on a Sunday in November or December 2019 or by mail/email by January 5, 2020 when we will dedicate and offer them to God for blessing.

I/We have made the faith-promise to God to assist our church in the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ at Union UCC by promising my/our financial support for the year 2020:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ a week or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ a month or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ a year.

I also like to donate these items/to these efforts here: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We would like to share my/our time and talents through the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ at Union UCC in the following ways. Check ways you are already involved as well as new areas you might like to try. Someone will contact you.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping Meals (make meal)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Set up/clean up for church events                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greet or Usher (offering) for Worship                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Serve on a Committee _____                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping Hearts (deliver flowers or Communion)                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with an event _____                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work with children or youth   | <input type="checkbox"/> Donate Baked Goods for church events               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean up projects outside   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sing on choir/share music                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning projects inside  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other ideas at church _____                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Serve on governing board -Consistory                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Ways I serve outside of church _____               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Property projects   | <input type="checkbox"/> I will continue to support and pray for Union UCC. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I have a need, idea or concern to share. Please have a Pastor contact me. |   |

Name/s \_\_\_\_\_



### Christmas Eve Yard Signs!

It's that time of year! It's time to proudly display our yard signs for all to see, showcasing the wonderful Christmas Eve worship opportunities. Yard Signs will be available on Sunday's, after worship (11/24, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15). See any of the members of our Welcoming Committee (chaired by Randy Bilger) if you need a sign!

It's the best way to spread Christmas cheer!

### 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!





Magnolia James Guiles baptized 10/12/19  
pictured with Elizabeth and Garrett Guiles



## FROM THE FINANCIAL LEADERSHIP TEAM BY DON PENROD:

Dear Friends,

As we wound down our summer and headed into fall, we once again celebrated Harvest Home just like our ancestors had done for so many years. As we become less and less a farming community, this tradition really grounds us with our ancestors, but it also becomes a great metaphor for how we should live our lives. We sow and work hard and ultimately we get to reap the rewards of our hard work.

As it says in Luke 8: 5-8 "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold." As he said these things, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Thank you for sowing your seeds of love. Your contributions of time, talent and treasure do not go unnoticed!!

Our church family has so much to be thankful for. We continue to sow our seeds of faith, love and commitment into the community. Yet, WE still have so much work to do. Let me leave you with these thoughts and action items.

Recently, I began to wake-up every morning and go to bed every night by thinking about everything I'm thankful and grateful for. Here is a sample:

My wife...beautiful and caring

My children...loving and thoughtful, I'm so proud of them

My job, because it allows me to provide a roof over our heads and food on the table

My breath...I wake up everyday and I can breathe (take a few breaths and truly appreciate the air going through your body, into your lungs and back out...close your eyes and follow that breath through your body)

My church...you have been with me through good and bad times

I ask that you create your own list. Begin and end each day with gratitude and thanks!! You will be amazed at how good you feel. Now I ask that you go and spread this to your family, friends and neighbors. Go and be the light that they need!!

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

Much love and peace,

Don Penrod

Financial Leadership Team



**HILDA NAGEL IS OUR CATCH THE SPIRIT RECIPIENT FOR  
NOVEMBER 2019. SEE HER BIOGRAPHY ON PAGE 12**

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Sunday, November 3, 2019**

**All Saints/ 10:30 Baptism**

**8:00am Heritage Service**

**10:30am Horizon Service**

**Theme/Scripture:** Looking Back—Matthew 22:15-22

Rev. Kayli Freeman

**Lay Readers:** Michael Roth, Chrissy Shivok

**Greeters:** Karen and Scott Misera, Jen Haley and Family

**Sound:** Mike Baer

**Sunday, November 10, 2019**

**Veterans Honored**

**8:00am Heritage Service**

**10:30am Horizon Service**

**Theme/Scripture:** Looking In— Matthew 6:19-24

Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelsan

**Lay Readers:** Susan Rumble, Sueann Hregician

**Greeters:** Todd and Amy McCoy, Malcolm and Margie MacKenzie

**Sound:** Pat Sorg

**Sunday, November 17, 2019**

**New Members Received**

**8:00am Heritage Service**

**10:30am Horizon Service**

**Theme/Scripture:** Looking Out— 1 Timothy 6:17-19

Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelsan

**Lay Readers:** Rose Snyder, Vicki Mayk

**Greeters:** Mark and Debbie Daluisio, Carolyn Seyler, Vicki Mayk

**Sound:** Doug Albert

**Sunday, November 24, 2019**

**Thanksgiving Sunday, Stewardship Sunday, 8 & 10:30 Baptism**

**8:00am Heritage Service**

**10:30am Horizon Service**

**Theme/Scripture:** Looking with Gratitude— Acts 4:32-35

Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelsan

**Lay Readers:** Doug Albert, Leah Seyler

**Greeters:** Gene and Christina Thrash, Dan and Iris Young

**Sound:** Ian Henninger

## 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.

**Next SMA is: December 15 at 10:30 Worship**



## FUTURE DATES:

Sunday, December 1 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, Communion

**Guest Musician: Bev Conklin**

Sunday, December 8 – Adult Choir Musical Message, Advent Celebration

**7pm Parkland Chorale Concert at Union UCC** Free, with a donation to support the chorale.

Friday, December 20 7pm Winter Solstice Service

This quiet service with music, prayers, and communion will help you get through the holidays.

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Eve**

3pm Communion and Candlelight, 5pm Family Service, Candlelight,

8pm Communion and Candlelight, 11pm Communion and Candlelight

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

**Friday Morning Adult Class with Pastor Kris** 9:30 am-11am Room 5 (Basement)

**Friday, November 1** "Rediscovering the Transformative Power of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke"

**Friday, November 8** "Rediscovering the Transformative Power of the Gospel of John"

**Friday, November 15** Jubilee Breakfast Ministry 6:30am-9:30am. For those who want to carpool we can meet at our church at 6am. We have a tradition of going out for breakfast afterwards, if you'd like. RSVP to Pastor Kris.

**Sunday Morning Adult Class with Pastor Kris, Rev. Patience** 9:15-10:15am Room 5 (Basement)

**Sunday, Nov 3** "Gardening for Butterflies" with Consuelo Almodovar, a Master Gardener from the Penn State Extension office

**Sunday, Nov 10** "Milkweed for Monarchs" with our own Dawn Dengler

**Sunday, November 17** "Why Read the Bible?" Pastor Allan Kramer-Moyer will review Elaine Pagel's book, Why Religion? and discuss how the Bible and faith are important spiritual resources.

**Sunday, November 24** "How to Read the Bible" Pastor Allan Kramer-Moyer will review A.J. Jacobs book, A Year of Living Biblically and discuss different ways of interpreting scriptures.

**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)





*For those wise in years  
and young at heart*

Our next gathering will be  
**November 5th**

Includes soup, lunch and  
a program:

**Lehigh County  
Historical Society:  
Christmas at Hess's**

Donation item:  
**Canned soup**

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

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



**11/10**

Elaine Creitz  
c/o Vicki Lindsay  
3844 Vista Drive  
Slatington, PA 18080

**11/21**

Shirley Knappenberger  
6831 Old Grange Road  
Slatington, PA 18018

## *Tales from the Road*

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

Did You Know?

Hilda Rosina Paul Nagel was born on October 23, 1920 in a townhouse in Ironton. She was the youngest of 7 children. Hilda's father got a job at Trexler Orchards in Orefield. At that time some of the employees were able to live in homes on the Orchard property. Hilda's family lived for a number of years in such a home. Her father's supervisor made an unannounced visit to their home one day. He was so impressed with the care Hilda's family was giving their home, garden and property that he had electricity installed as well as an indoor bathroom with running water!

Hilda remembers helping her family dig a hole in the dirt near the house where they would store vegetables for the winter. There were two spring houses on the property as well. They kept a number of food items in the spring house to keep them cold. In one spring house they could pick watercress!

Hilda's mother was a wonderful cook and baker. She always had time to stop for a cup of tea if a visitor came to the door. She sewed dresses for Hilda and her sister, always out of matching fabric. The grocer who delivered produce to their home would bring bolts of fabric for Hilda's mother to inspect and possibly purchase.

Hilda was baptized in the Catholic Church, but when her family transferred to Union Reformed Church, she was confirmed there. Hilda often baked for the church, and became famous for her paper thin Christmas cookies and hickory nut cake. She and another member, Norma Procopio, would spend hours cleaning all the historical artifacts in the memory room.

Hilda married Kermit on March 22, 1941. Together they raised one child, Ann Nagel Fortney. Ann and her husband, Jim, blessed Hilda and Kermit with a grandson and eventually a great grandson.

Hilda maintained her lovely home and garden in Orefield until just a couple of years ago when she moved to Fellowship Villa.



Reusable items are a great way to cut down on waste.

Metal for water bottles and straws works well because it is environmentally friendly and the bottles keep your drink cold for hours! You can find metal water bottles at Target, Amazon, Walmart etc. Also any reusable products like bags or lunch kits are great too. At restaurants you can bring your own take away containers and also refuse plastic straws. Keeping extra reusable bags in your car for when you go shopping is the best way to cut down on the usage of plastic bags. An earth friendly product like Mrs. Meyers Clean Day soap will help keep you and your home clean while being safe for the environment. It is biodegradable and they have a wide variety of products from dish soap to laundry detergent. Remember the 4 R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Refuse!

- Regan Haley



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

**Clair R. Schneck**, who passed on Saturday, September 22, 2019

**Richard H. Stewart**, who passed on Sunday, September 23, 2019.



**Congratulations and blessings!**

**Tosha Gaumer and Nick Roberts** were married on Saturday, October 26th.



Welcome **Shirley George** and **Dawn Dengler** to our church family!



Tom & Linda Anderson, Madeline & Dick Bingell, Teresa Dalrymple, Larry Frantz, Phyllis Hamm, Bonnie Herzog, Judy Hoffman, Marjorie Hoffman, Eleanor & Ron Kleckner, Linda Miglioni, 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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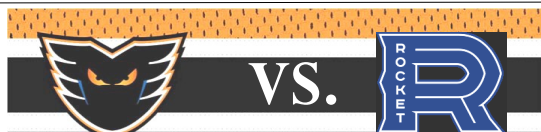
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Patricia Scripture	ext. 22
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Music Office	ext. 26
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# UNION UCC NIGHT WITH THE PHANTOMS

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

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

# MEN'S



# GROUP

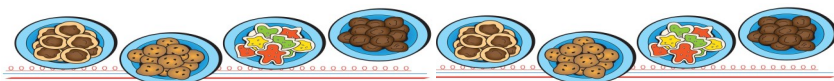
- **Food Bank Help:** Saturday, November 23. Please email Phil Wehr at [pjwehr@aol.com](mailto:pjwehr@aol.com)
- **Spaghetti Dinner and Fundraiser:** Saturday, March 21. Chefs Randy and Randy are at it again!



- **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.

# 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. Contact Pam Minnich ([pjp.edm@gmail.com](mailto:pjp.edm@gmail.com)) 610-969-6264 if you can donate cookies or help assemble.



**Save the Date!**  
**Women's Retreat**  
**April 17-19, 2020**

Trout Lake Retreats, Stroudsburg Cost: \$135. \$70 deposit due January 5, \$65 balance due April 5. 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



# Financial & Attendance Reports

Date	Worship Service		Children's Church	Education Hour	Total
	8AM	10:30AM			
Sept. 1	49	113	N/A	N/A	162
Sept. 8	53	137	N/A	N/A	190
Sept. 15	75	323	N/A	82	480
Sept. 22	83	163	29	64	339
Sept. 29	53	156	N/A	54	263

Fiscal Year	Operating Fund	Designated Funds	Grand Total All Funds
7-1-2019	\$9,644	\$22,507	\$32,151
Income	\$109,232	\$21,181	\$130,413
Expenses	\$114,651	\$27,799	\$142,450
9-30-2019	\$4,225	\$15,889	\$20,114

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

## TOTAL ATTENDANCE

September 2018: 1,124 September 2019: 1,434

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 November:

November 3- Fellowship Committee

November 10- Youth Group

November 17- Mission Committee

November 24- Stewardship 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. To date, AmazonSmile has donated a total of \$924.43 to Union UCC.

**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>3 All Saints/ 10:30 Baptism</b> 8am Heritage Service 9:15 Holy Grounds 10:30 Horizon Service 11:30 Holy Grounds	<b>4</b> 9:30am Tai Chi/ Qi Gong 11:30am Lunch Bunch 6:30pm Spiritually Fit 6:30pm Fellowship 7pm FOLG	<b>5</b> 12pm Golden Times 6:30pm adult bible study 6:30pm Prayer and Meditation 7pm AI Anon 7pm 4H	<b>6</b> 9am Busy Bees Quilters 10am KnitWits 6:30pm Spiritually Fit	<b>7</b> 9:30am Bible Journaling 7pm Chime Choir 7pm Christian Ed	<b>8</b> 9:30am Adult Bible Study	<b>9</b> 9:30am Youth Group– Sandwich Prep
<b>10 Veterans Honored</b> 8am Heritage Service 9:15/11:30 Holy Grounds 10:30 Horizon Service 11:30 Green Team Youth Group Sandwich sale	<b>11</b> 9:30am Tai Chi/ Qi Gong 6:30pm Spiritually Fit 7pm Welcoming Committee	<b>12</b> 6:30pm adult bible study 6:30pm Prayer and Meditation 7pm AI Anon 7pm 4H	<b>13</b> 9am Busy Bees Quilters 10am KnitWits 6:30pm Spiritually Fit 7pm Watercolor Class	<b>14</b> 7pm Chime Choir	<b>15</b> 9:30am Adult Bible Study	<b>16</b>
<b>17 New Members Received</b> 8am Blood Drive 8am Heritage Service 10:30 Horizon Service 9:15/11:30 Holy Grounds	<b>18</b> 9:30am Tai Chi/ Qi Gong 6:30pm Spiritually Fit 6:45 Consistory Meeting	<b>19</b> 6:30pm adult bible study 7pm AI Anon 7pm 4H	<b>20</b> 9am Busy Bees Quilters 10am KnitWits 11:30am Lunch Bunch 6:30pm Spiritually Fit 7pm FLT 7pm Watercolor Class	<b>21</b> 9:30 Bible Journaling 7pm Chime Choir	<b>22</b> 9:30am Adult Bible Study	<b>23</b>
<b>24 Thanksgiving &amp; Stewardship Sunday</b> 8am Heritage Service 9:15 Holy Grounds 10:30 Horizon Service 11:30 Holy Grounds	<b>25</b> 9:30am Tai Chi/ Qi Gong 6:30pm Spiritually Fit	<b>26</b> 9am Newsletter Crew 6:30pm adult bible study 7pm AI Anon 7pm 4H	<b>27</b> 9am Busy Bees Quilters 10am KnitWits 6:30pm Spiritually Fit	<b>28</b> 	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>