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## FROM THE FINANCIAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

### 2020 Offering Envelope Packets

Envelope packets for 2020 are ready for you to pick up. Please pick up your packets in Memorial Hall on the stage, along with those of family members, neighbors or friends. You can pick up packets on Sunday mornings or during the week 9am-9pm. If you pick up your packet, you help us save money on postage costs.

Please do not use the new envelopes until 2020. Everyone gets new numbers each year. Members who use the e-giving program do not receive envelope packets.

Thank you for all of the ways that you support the ministry and mission of God's church here. Your support and prayers make a difference.

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## FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE

### It's a Wonderful Life

- . . . That Union UCC is our home away from home.
- . . . To have a beautiful church to worship and praise God.
- . . . To have a large property to serve God in many ways.
- . . . To have caring and loving pastors and staff to share life's joys and sorrows.
- . . . That the founders of the church built a beautiful ornate church back in 1872.
- . . . That past and current leaders and members provided regular maintenance and upgrades to our church property, including the building of two large additions.
- . . . That an endowment fund was started and managed to provide earnings to keep the property maintained and improved upon for future generations to enjoy.
- . . . That Union UCC has a beautiful church grove for the congregation to use and enjoy all year long.
- . . . To have a place to share fellowship with our members and the community.
- . . . To have a place where mission work to the world begins.

### It's a Wonderful Life

- . . . To have members and families like YOU.
- . . . To have members and guests fill the sanctuary during four Christmas Eve services.
- . . . To Praise and Serve God at Union UCC.

Merry Christmas to all.



## NOVEMBER 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 for Mission Committee to keep same process this year for distributing gift tags from the Salvation Army tree
- Approval to accept revisions and updates made to the Governance and Structure of Church & Ministry and Consistory's Plan for Ministry and Mission

## THANK YOU FROM THE NORTHERN LEHIGH FOOD BANK



Your donation of 250 five pound bags of potatoes for our annual Thanksgiving food distribution was greatly appreciated by our clients. Your support allows us to prove a special dinner for local families, we give thanks to everyone.

## MISSION DONATIONS SUPPORTED BY THE FUNDS OF LASTING GIFTS

The consistory and trustees of the Funds of Lasting Gifts have approved for the following mission donations to the following mission agencies.

From the Non - Designated Fund and Holben Funds :

- \$5,000 - OCWM - Our Church's Wider Mission
- \$3,000 - Northern Lehigh Food Bank
- \$3,000 - Family Promise of the Lehigh Valley
- \$3,000 - Feed my Starving Children (recent packing event)
- \$3,000 - OCWM - for Bahamas Hurricane Relief

Blessings are in order to the donors and trustees of our church endowment fund to allow for financial support to these agencies, who will be able to help families locally and around the world.

## FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE

This year the Mission Committee will once again be collecting cold weather accessories for local families living at the 6th St. Shelter in Allentown. We are asking for donations of **new hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, & socks in men's, women's, & children's sizes**. The collection will begin on Sunday, Dec. 15th, & will conclude on Sunday, Jan. 5th. This will assure that the shelter will receive them in time for the colder winter months ahead. All donations can be put in the collection boxes under the tree in Memorial Hall. Help us spread the warmth by helping to warm the hearts & hands of our less fortunate neighbors this holiday season.



The **Angel Tree** is filled with tags with Christmas gift wishes for children served by the Bethlehem Salvation Army. Please take a tag(s) mark your name on the sign up sheets next to the number on the front of your tag, and return your unwrapped Christmas gift donations with the tag attached, back to the tree in Memorial Hall on or before Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019. Thank you for bringing joy to local children this Christmas season.



## 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.**

### 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.

Thank you,  
Mission Committee



**THANK YOU!**

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to, helped prep, or purchased a bagged lunch to support the Youth Group!

All proceeds will go to help youth traveling to National Youth Event, July 2020!!!

**Save the Date!****December 22, 2019**

Advisory Lunch & Youth Group Adventure!!

Join us for lunch and some Youth Sunday planning followed by an outing to...

**OZZY'S FAMILY FUN CENTER**

Lunch from 11:30-12:30ish

Ozzy's from 1-4pm (returning to the church after)

Cost is \$10

Sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f48aead2ba2fe3-advisory1>

(Please sign up even if you're only attending one or the other)

**\*RSVP by December 8\***

**Future Dates/Adventures for 2020:****January:**

1/19: Hang-In Afternoon (11:30am-1pm)

Spuds/Suds baked potato lunch

**February:**

2/8-2/9: Confirmation Sleepover

2/16: Hang-In Afternoon (11:30am-1pm)

**March:**

Payment for NYE Due

3/29: YOUTH SUNDAY!!!

**July:**

National Youth Event!



# Youth Group News



Contact: Kathy Bonsell  
Phone: 610-767-6961  
Email: dired@unionucc.org

### BIBLE JOURNALING

We will be studying scripture and enhancing our understanding of the verses with design and color. Participants need a journal Bible. We will provide art supplies, ideas and techniques. Our December dates are Dec. 5 and 19, 9:30-11:30, in the Room 5.



**THANK YOU** to everyone who took a *Reverse Advent Calendar Basket*. Please bring your filled baskets to church anytime between Christmas Eve and New Year's Day.



Reverse Advent Basket

Another **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who filled *HOLIDAY HOPE CHESTS* for local children. This project is organized by the Volunteers of the Lehigh Valley and will benefit 10,000 children in the Lehigh Valley.



We will be handing out **GIFT BIBLES** on December 1st and 8th to 2nd Graders and above who have attended at least five Sundays since September.

### Sunday School 's 8th Annual

#### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA - DEC. 22

Please arrive by 9:15, when breakfast will be served by your Sunday School teachers, in their PAJAMAS or UGLY SWEATER! You are also invited to wear your pajamas to church. We will also have games and a few very special visitors.

**PARENTS: We could use your help with dessert.**  
Please bring one dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies to Fellowship Hall.



### All Christian

#### Education Volunteers:



*Sunday School,  
Children's Church,  
VBS, Little Lambs  
Nursery, and the  
CE Committee*

## DECEMBER

### Children's Church Calendar

**Dec. 1** Church Family Worship  
**Dec. 8** Romans 15: 4-13  
**Dec. 15** Matthew 11:2-11  
**Dec. 22** Matthew 1:18-25  
**Dec. 29** Church Family Worship

## Holiday Schedule

**SUNDAY SCHOOL and CHILDREN'S CHURCH will be on a Holiday Break DECEMBER 29th!**

We hope you and your family have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**See you on Jan. 5th!**





## WE ARE THANKFUL!

As we enter the holiday season and focus on the important people in our lives, the preschool would like to recognize the caring members of Union United Church of Christ and thank you for your support. In particular, we are humbled by the generosity of those who donated to the LeVan Scholarship Fund, helping the preschool collect \$1521.50 for our family who lost both their mother and infant sister- THANK YOU!

In the classrooms, the students kept busy with our November curriculum themes. The 3-year-olds studied Native Americans and Pilgrims, the 4-year-olds learned about good manners and how to be a friend, while the Pre-K completed an author/illustrator study complete with a visit from the Parkland Library who shared books and fun activities. We celebrated World Kindness Day by honoring the kind acts our students have done both at home and in the community. When a child completes a kindness log, they get to wear a "Kindness Cape" for the day and their picture is added to our "Kindness is our Super Power" wall of honor.

Your holiday shopping has the potential to earn much-needed funds for the preschool. If you shop in store at Staples or online at staples.com, you have the opportunity to enter your receipt online in their classroom rewards program. Simply select Neffs UCC Preschool from the drop down menu of schools, enter your receipt information, and the preschool earns 5% back from your purchases. If you purchase groceries at Giant, simply sign up your shopper card for the A+ Rewards program and select Neffs UCC Preschool as the beneficiary. Every time you shop with your shopper card or associated phone number, the school earns cash back.



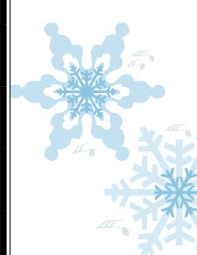
Check us out on Facebook and Instagram—**Neffs UCC Preschool**  
or on our website— [www.unionucc.org/preschool](http://www.unionucc.org/preschool)




### 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!



## Union UCC Young Adult Friendsgiving



December 29, 2019

Time: 12pm

Join us for a time of food and fellowship! Pastor Kayli will supply the main dish, you supply your favorite side

Please let Pastor Kayli know if you can attend!

Also let her know if you have any food allergies/preferences  
Young Adults (age 18-35)



### Christmas POP UP Shop

Sunday, Dec. 15th

(between the two services and after the 10:30 service)

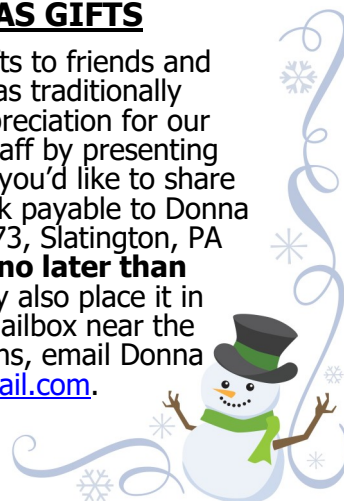
Need some last minute presents? We will have commemoratives, new grocery bags, cookbooks, notecards, treasures from our Busy Bee Quilters, and more!



### **STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

In the tradition of giving gifts to friends and loved ones, our church has traditionally expressed our love and appreciation for our hard-working pastors and staff by presenting each with a monetary gift. If you'd like to share in this gift, please send a check payable to Donna Christman at 5820 PA Rte 873, Slatington, PA 18080 and mail to her at **no later than Sunday, Dec 15**. You may also place it in the Church and Ministry mailbox near the church office. Any questions, email Donna at [dec12221@hotmail.com](mailto:dec12221@hotmail.com).

Thank you.







Ann Brixius

**WELCOME**  
*New Members*



Erin Vermeulen, Hunter and Cael



Mary Bachman



June Oswald

Pictures taken by:  
Kevin Richter



Cole Michael Carpenter pictured with  
Jordan Pappano-Lee and Austin Carpenter



**LORETTA WOTRING IS OUR CATCH THE SPIRIT RECIPIENT FOR DECEMBER 2019.  
SHE WILL BE RECOGNIZED AT THE 10:30 SERVICE ON DECEMBER 8TH**

Loretta has a strong foundation in the church. She went to three different churches growing up: Union UCC, Slatington Lutheran, and Walnutport UCC. Loretta and her sister spent most of their summers doing Vacation Bible School at each of those three churches.

Loretta worked at the Sears when it first opened and then moved onto working at Neffs bank for 10 years.

She was married to Roy. During their marriage they were both very active in the church. Roy being an elder and deacon, and Loretta volunteering on committees, ushering, as well as teaching Bible School. Her favorite church memory was teaching Bible School while her daughter Carol was attending (since deceased).

She believes that we all, old and young alike, need a community church to serve as a foundation. A place that gives us a feeling of right and wrong. The church promotes kindness, unity, and a sense of belonging to a community. It's something to rely on. When all else fails there is the church.

Thank you, Loretta, for sharing your faithful spirit with us and for your kind and generous support of our pastors, staff, and church family.

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE

"Joy to the World," a beloved Christmas classic carol, turns 300 this year. Composer Isaac Watt's interpretation of Psalm 98 invites us to sing a "new song"—and it is a powerful cosmic performance of all creation being renewed and freed. Rather than "joy" being yet another word for "happiness," we will discover that the depths of joy can be found especially in the midst of suffering, the work of justice, and the presence of compassion—all part of the coming of Jesus to this world and a message the world still so desperately needs.

**Sunday, December 1, 2019**

**Communion**

**Guest Musician Bev Conklin**

**8 & 10:30 Service**

**Theme:** Prepare Him Room:  
Hopeful Joy

Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelson

**Sunday, December 8, 2019**

**8 & 10:30 Service**

**Theme:** Repeat the Sounding Joy:  
Loving Joy

**Adult Choir presents the message—  
Sing Christmas!**

**11:30am Advent Brunch & Craft**

**7pm Parkland Chorale Concert**

**Sunday, December 15, 2019**

**8 & 10:30 Service**

**Theme:** Make the Blessing Known:  
Unabashed Joy

Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelson



**Sunday, December 22 2019**

**4th Sunday of Advent**

**8 & 10:30 Service**

**Theme:** Make the Nations Prove:  
Peaceful Joy

Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelson

**Sunday, December 29, 2019**

**Young Adult Sunday**

**No 8am service, 10:30 Only**

**Message:** Compassionate Love

Rev. Kayli Freeman

**January 5, 2019**

**Communion**

**Faith Commitment Card Sunday**

**& Brunch during both Coffee**

**Hours**

## Winter Solstice Service

**Friday, December 20, 2019**  
**Worship Service at 7pm with Prayer  
and Communion**

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



## Christmas Eve Candlelight

### SERVICES

**Theme:** The Lord is  
Come: Incarnate Joy  
**3pm Communion**  
**5pm Family Service**  
**8pm Communion**  
**11pm Communion**



### 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**





## ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

**Adult Faith Formation Classes** We will be studying the same advent series in both classes.

**Light of the World** by Amy-Jill Levine. We will explore the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus tracing the Christmas narrative through the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem and the visit from the Magi.

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

**November 22, No Class November 29, December 6, 13, 20** (No Class Dec 27 or Jan 3)

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

**December 1, 8, 15, 22** (No Class Dec 29)

### Greetings from Rev. Jeffrey Mensendiek, Union UCC Member and Pastor in Japan

Our adult classes will be sending Christmas cards to churches in Japan again this year. "Christians in Japan account for 1% of the population. Many churches are quite small. In many of the prayer requests you will find a deep concern for the future survival of the church." We have been asked to pray for and partner with these churches:

**Kakuda Church with Rev. Shigeo Komatsu** Membership: 6, 41 children in Kindergarten They are located near Sendai where radiation levels are high. Their prayer requests: We want to declare to our neighborhood that the church is here for you and that seekers will come to our worship and be led into the faith.

**Sendai Kitasanbancho Church with Rev. Shiro Sata** Membership: 100 They recently installed a projections system to help their older members hear and understand the sermon better, it's been helpful. Their prayer requests: For a life centered around worshipping God, for service to society, for the nurturing of faith and for young and old to be brought together to strengthen each other's faith.

**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 **February 9 and 16**. 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, February 23rd**. 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 **January 12 and March 22**. 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  
**December 3rd**

Includes soup, lunch and  
a program:  
**The Jolly Bavarians**

Donation item:  
**Cake, cookie, and  
brownie mixes, jello,  
baking supplies**

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.

## *Update on Pastor Patience*

Thank you all for your support during my recent surgery and recuperation. Your prayers, cards and delicious meals have sustained me during my recovery. I am working hard at physical therapy and feel stronger every day. At the time of this writing my driving is limited, but I hope that I will be back on the road by the time you actually receive this newsletter. I hope to be back by our December Golden Times luncheon, if not sooner.

Many thanks to Pastor Kris, Pastor Kayli and Pastor Allan for covering for me during my absence.



Do Christians care about the environment? The Munch Bunch says YES!!! We have an awesome responsibility to protect God's creation. In Genesis 1:28 it states "fill the earth and govern it. Rein over the

fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and the animals that scurry around the ground." We have an obligation to protect what God made! Below is a list of facts and hints to think about:

1. Don't Preheat your oven
2. Shortening your shower time by 2 minutes saves more than 10 gallons of water!
3. Use LED light bulbs- by changing to LED bulbs is like taking one million cars off the road.
4. Don't prewash dishes before putting them in the dish washer- this saves up to 20 gallons of water!

5. Always recycle glass- this reduces air pollution by 20% and water pollution by 50%.
6. Use a pasta stick as a coffee stir
7. Turn off lights when you leave the room- you save 4,160 watts of energy that is 41.6 cents.
8. Close your fire place damper- this saves you \$100. 00 a year!
9. Maintain your car- this saves money and gas
10. Use matches instead of propane lighters
11. Learn how you can help protect God's Great Earth!!!!



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Elizabethtown, PA 17022

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Ferne Strauss  
6344 Lamar Court  
Slatington, PA 18080

**12/31**  
Janet Bachman  
Country Meadows  
430 North Krocks Road, Apt. 122  
Allentown, PA 18106



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

**Warren S. Kuntz**, who passed on Thursday, October 31, 2019. Memorial Fund donations in his name were made by: Carolyn M. George, Sueann Hregician, Phil & Julie Wehr, Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Gates, Richard D. Gogle, Donald A. Kuntz, Lon & Carol Grubb, The Carbonell Family, Ann Marie Scott

**George M. Kern**, who passed on Wednesday, November 13, 2019

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!



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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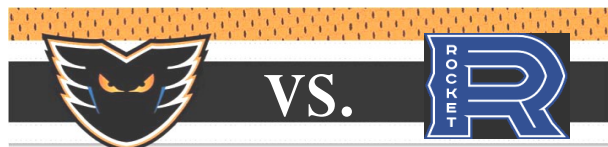
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Pastor Kayli	ext. 25
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Kathy Bonsell	ext. 27
Barbara Carinci	ext. 32
Music Office	ext. 26
Kitchen	ext. 30



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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.

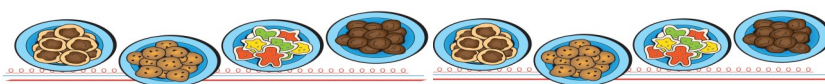
**TO ORDER TICKETS OR FOR MORE INFO**  
**PLEASE CONTACT STEVE KAREHA.**  
**717-514-8881 s.kareha@gmail.com**

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



Family and friends are invited.

- **Planning Meeting** for future events. **Sunday, January 5th, 11:45 during Coffee Hour**
- **Spaghetti Dinner and**
- **Fundraiser:** Saturday, March 21. Chefs Randy and Randy are at it again!



### **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.edrn@gmail.com) 610-969-6264 if you can donate cookies or help assemble.



- **Breakfast and Retreat Day: Saturday, December 14.**  
8:30am-12:30pm (at church)  
**Leaders: Pastor Kris, Carrie Beleno, and Liz Normann**  
**\$10 Pay to Union UCC marked "Women's Retreat Lunch" by Sunday, December 7.**  
**Friends and family are welcome, women and adults only though. Retreat from the holiday buzz and catch your breath with a delicious breakfast and time to meditate and relax with friends. Just what's needed to fill your cup.**
- **Women's Group Planning Meeting: Sunday, Dec. 29,**  
**7-8:30 pm, Free**
- **Chat N Chew N Church Night: Wednesday, January 29.**  
**7-8:30 pm.**



**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  
Theme: Rhythms of Renewal by Rebekah Lyons– Trading Stress and Anxiety for a Life of Peace and Purpose

### **CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!**

Please see the directory team in the lobby on Sundays after worship to pick up your copy. If you had your picture taken in the directory you are entitled to 1 free copy. If you'd like to purchase a copy, the cost is \$10 cash or checks to Union UCC. You can also stop by the office Mon-Friday 9am-1pm to pick up a copy.



# Financial & Attendance Reports

Date	Worship Service		Children's Church	Education Hour	Total
	8AM	10:30AM			
Oct. 6	96	164	22	64	346
Oct. 13	63	132	29	53	277
Oct. 20	80	133	21	46	280
Oct. 27	49	112	20	45	226

## TOTAL ATTENDANCE

October 2018: 1,305 October 2019: 1,129

### 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.*

Fiscal Year	Operating Fund	Designated Funds	Grand Total All Funds
7-1-2019	\$9,644	\$22,507	\$32,151
Income	\$148,805	\$29,270	\$178,075
Expenses	\$149,352	\$34,112	\$183,464
10-31-2019	\$9,097	\$17,665	\$26,762

Designated Funds category includes offerings for NIN, Mother's Day, OGHS, Lenten, Advent, Improvement Fund, Flowers, Directory, Bulletins, Phoebe Campaign, & special gifts.

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:

December 1- No Committee

December 8- Advent Brunch No Committee

December 15- Confirmation Class

December 22- Consistory

December 29- No Committee

## 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.

Sat

Fri

Thu

Wed

Tue

Mon

Sun

<b>1</b> 1st Sunday of Advent, <b>Communion</b> Guest Musician: Bev Conklin 8am Heritage Service 9:15/11:30 Holy Grounds 10:30 am Horizon Service	<b>2</b> 9:00am Women's group- Cookies 9:30am Tai Chi 6:30om Spiritually Fit	<b>3</b> 12pm Golden Times 7pm AI Anon 7pm 4H	<b>4</b> 9am Busy Bees Quilters 10am KnitWits 6:30pm Spiritually Fit 7pm Watercolor Class	<b>5</b> 9:30am Bible Journaling 7pm Chime Choir 7pm Christian Ed	<b>6</b> 9:30am Adult Bible Study	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 2nd Sunday of Advent, <b>Celebration</b> 8am Heritage Service 9:15/11:30 Holy Grounds 10:30 am Horizon Service 11:30am Advent Crafts 7pm Parkland Chorale Concert	<b>9</b> 9:30am Tai Chi/ Qi Gong 6:30pm Spiritually Fit	<b>10</b> 7pm AI Anon 7pm 4H	<b>11</b> 9am Busy Bees Quilters 10am KnitWits 6:30pm Spiritually Fit 7pm Watercolor Class	<b>12</b> 7pm Chime Choir	<b>13</b> 9:30am Adult Bible Study	<b>14</b> 8:30am Women's Retreat
<b>15</b> Lessons and Carols 8am Heritage Service 9:15 Holy Grounds Pop Up Shop 10:30 Horizon Service 11:30 Holy Grounds	<b>16</b> 9:30am Tai Chi/ Qi Gong 6:30pm Spiritually Fit 6:45pm Consistory	<b>17</b> 7pm AI Anon 7pm 4H	<b>18</b> 9am Busy Bees Quilters 10am KnitWits 11:30am Lunch Bunch 6:30pm Spiritually Fit 7pm Watercolor Class	<b>19</b> 9:30am Bible Journaling 7pm Chime Choir	<b>20</b> 9:30am Adult Bible Study 7pm Winter Solstice service	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 4th Sunday of Advent 8am Heritage Service 9:15 Holy Grounds 10:30 Horizon Service 11:30 Holy Grounds Youth Group Advisory Lunch	<b>23</b> 9:30am Tai Chi/ Qi Gong 6:30pm Spiritually Fit	<b>24</b> Candlelight Services 3pm Communion 5pm Family Service 8pm Communion 11pm Communion	<b>25</b> Building Closed 	<b>26</b> 7pm Chime Choir	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Young Adult and College Student/ Church Family Worship 10:30 Horizon Service 11:30 Holy Grounds	<b>30</b> 9:30am Tai Chi/ Qi Gong 6:30pm Spiritually Fit	<b>31</b> 7pm AI Anon 7pm 4H				