



VOLUME 11, ISSUE 1 JANUARY 2020

January 5**8:00am and 10:30am Worship****Faith Commitment Card Sunday and New Year Communion****Coffee Hour Brunch with Mimosas****It's time to celebrate and give God thanks!****If you haven't done so already, bring your Faith****Commitment Card forward in worship on January 5th as we pray for God's blessing. (We will have extras for you to use, too.)**

These cards represent all that we bring to God and God's mission and ministry here and throughout our lives. We're asking you to note on your Faith Commitment Card areas where you already serve as well as new areas you might like to try. We've added a space for you to share areas where you serve outside of church, too.

You are also welcome to drop the card in the offering plate at any time before January 5th or e/mail it to the church to be included in our time of blessing.

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.**Your prayers, support, and stewardship make a difference in our church, community and the world.****INSIDE THIS ISSUE:**

PROPERTY / FOOD BANK	2
CONSISTORY/SOUPER BOWL	3
MISC.	4
YOUTH	5
CHRISTIAN ED	6
PRESCHOOL / BAPTISM	7
FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN	8
CATCH THE SPIRIT	9
WOSHIP SCHEDULE	10
ADULT CLASSES/ CHURCH INFO	11
GREEN TEAM/ GOLDEN TIMES	12
PRAYERS/ STAFF	13
GROUPS	14
FINANCIAL	15
JANUARY CALENDER	16

**OF THE WORLD**

JANUARY 12, 2020

3:00PM

UNION UCC

NEFFS, PA

FREE WILL OFFERING

Suds and Spuds Baked Potato Lunch

- When: January 26
- Time: 11:30am-1pm
- Where: Fellowship Hall

Come out and support our Youth group while enjoying a delicious lunch. See pg. 5 for more information.

**Semi- Annual Meeting - Jan 26 following 10:30am worship**

This is the season of: hope, love, joy, and peace, please plan to attend and participate in our semi-annual meeting which will be held on Sunday January 26, 2020, following the 10:30 am worship service. We will be reviewing our mid-year financial position and also reviewing our Stewardship Campaign.

We are also pleased to be sharing the individuals that have been nominated to serve a three-year term on Consistory: Suzanne Lorah, Michael Roth, Todd McCoy, Kerry Snyder, Donna Christman, and Jason Klinger. Aften Hamm has been nominated to serve a second consecutive three year term on Consistory.

Blessings for a Fulfilling 2020.

Respectfully,

Aften Hamm, Consistory President

FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Happy New Year to all. Union UCC is ready for another year of serving God in the Neffs community and the World. Our property continues to be one busy place on a daily and weekly basis. We are blessed to have a beautiful, welcoming building and property to call our home away from home.

Each year we continue to care for our church campus. From routine weekly cleaning and yearly maintenance, to needed repairs from breakdowns, or planned upgrades and improvements, we honor the past, and build for the future.

We are already planning for improvements during 2020. Planned projects include the painting of the exterior wood work of Memorial Hall and the rear Sunday School rooms, and the metal railings and grates, painting of the Youth Room and adjoining hallways, and a new masonry coating on the front steps of Memorial Hall.

Normal repairs, and other improvements will be made as needed during the year. Thank you to all who support Union UCC to provide for routine maintenance and property costs, and to our endowment fund, the Fund of Lasting Gifts for their support to provide for major repairs and upgrades to the property.

We are truly blessed.

Joy to the World and Peace to all.

THANK YOU FROM THE NORTHERN LEHIGH FOOD BANK



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

Your donation of food and groceries from your recent Reverse Advent Baskets was of great help to fill our shelves with a variety of food products. Thank you for all of your financial support throughout the year to help with the operational costs of the food bank.

Peace and thanks to all, we are ready to serve over 240 local families in the upcoming 2020 year.



DECEMBER 2019 CONSISTORY ACTIONS

- Approval to accept the Nominating Committee's proposed new Consistory members for 2020:
 - Donna Christman
 - Kerry Snyder
 - Michael Roth
 - Suzanne Lorah
 - Todd McCoy
 - Jason Klinger, first term on his own behalf
 - Aften Hamm, second term
- Approval of funds from FOLG to support the following annual requests:
 - Elevator maintenance
 - Gutter cleaning and slate repair
 - Miscellaneous property repairs
- Approval of funds from FOLG to support the following projects:
 - Final payment for painting of the exterior of Memorial Hall
 - Recoating of front steps of Memorial Hall by Haas Masonry
 - Painting of Youth Room and two adjoining hallways
- Approval of funds from the FOLG for Pastor Kris' conference attendance
- Approval of the annual housing allowances for Pastors Kris and Kayli
- Approval of funds for a new office chair for Pastor Kayli

Souper Bowl Sunday February 2, 2020



Let's get ready for some football during the Super Bowl. Let's get ready to buy and donate canned soup during our annual SOUPER Bowl celebration.

The soup pots will be out early in mid January to start collecting soup for the Northern Lehigh Food Bank. Help TACKLE HUNGER by buying a six pack of soup, or head for the goal line with a case of 12 or 24 cans.

The Mission Committee encourages all members to get off the sidelines, get in the game and donate canned soup to feed families in the community. We need YOUR help to meet our GOAL to collect over 600 cans of soup. Cash donations will also be accepted.

Join in the fun on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb 2, 2020 and join Union UCC and thousands of churches around the country as we celebrate SOUPER Bowl Sunday.

Thank you for fighting hunger and being on the winning SOUPER Bowl team.

BLANKET SUNDAY COMING SOON

You're changing lives around the World !! Through your support of the Church World Services Blankets Program, you are helping people faced with difficult challenges, whether due to a natural disaster or another sort of emergency.

Thank you for your support of the upcoming Blanket Sunday in February 2020. You are helping to spread God's love to many families around the country and the world.

FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Envelope packets for 2020 are ready for pickup . Please pick up your packets in Memorial Hall, along with those of family members, neighbors or friends. The more envelope packets picked up, the more we save on postage costs.

You may start using your 2020 envelopes now, everyone gets new numbers each year. Members who use the e-giving program do not receive envelope packets.

Computers, Coffee, and Conversation

All young adults (ages 18-35) are invited to have some time together for conversation.

You can meet where you are, via Zoom meetings, or join us in person

Date(s) and Time coming soon

This is an informal conversation based on a weekly topic, podcast episode, or TED Talk (via you tube)

Come as you are, when you can, and wherever you are

Contact Pastor Kayli with any questions or if you're interested
(pastorkayli@unionucc.org)

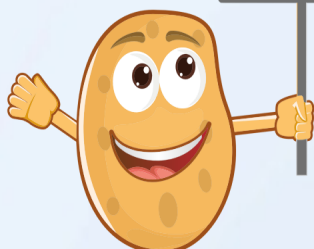
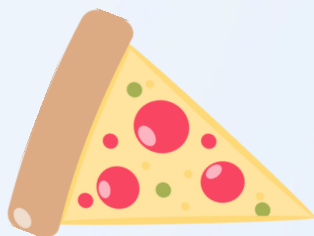
Youth Group News

January 2020 Edition

YAY YOUTH
GROUP

Got Questions?

Contact Pastor Kayli: pastorkayli@unionucc.org



January 19, 2020

Youth Group Hang-In

Join us for a time of fun, food, and
fellowship

11:30am-1pm

Let Pastor Kayli know if you can be
there!

January 26, 2019

Suds And Spuds: Baked Potato Lunch

- Time: 11:30am-1pm
- Where: Fellowship Hall

Come out and support our Youth group while
enjoying a delicious lunch consisting of: 1 baked
potato (with a wide variety of toppings), a
beverage, and dessert...all for \$5!!

(eat-in or take it to go)

Sign up to donate, serve, or just
come and enjoy a time of
fellowship and food!!



Save the Date!

Watch for details on future events!

February:

2/8-2/9: Confirmation Sleepover

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

March:

Payment for NYE Due

3/29: YOUTH SUNDAY!!!

April

Mission project for The Sanctuary at
Haafsville

July:

7/22-7/25: National Youth Event 2020!

Join in this gathering of youth
from UCC congregations from
all across the United States for
a weekend filled with fellow-
ship, worship, mission, and
FUN!!



Youth (finishing) 6th thru 12th grade are invited!

Cost: \$500 (plus spending money)

[Cost is split 3 ways (1/3 participant, 1/3 youth group,
1/3 church/fundraisers)]

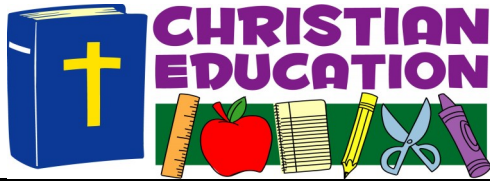
*Fundraisers are required for those participating in NYE (i.e.
Spuds/Suds lunch, Country Sale, etc...)*

Payment (1)/Commitment: \$50...DUE NOW

Payment (2): \$100...Due March

Financial Assistance is available if necessary.

Contact Pastor Kayli with any questions or concerns



Contact: Kathy Bonsell

Phone: 610-767-6961

Email: dired@unionucc.org

CHRISTMAS MISSIONS

**Thank you to all who helped with this year's
Christian Ed Christmas Missions.**



- We were able to buy Christmas presents for two families who are working with Lehigh County Conference of Churches' Pathways program. Thanks to the CE Committee, the Country Sale/BBQ Bash Committee, the Fellowship Committee, Claire Kern and Debbie Wenner for helping me shop, wrap, and deliver the gifts.
- We delivered 37 filled "Holiday Hope Chests" to Volunteer Center of the Lehigh Valley. Close to 10,000 shoeboxes were distributed to children throughout the Lehigh Valley.
- We had almost 50 families participate in our Reverse Advent Basket, where each day they put something IN the basket for our local food bank and agencies.

THANK YOU for sharing the Christmas Spirit with our neighbors!

January

Children's Church

Jan. 5 Ephesians 1:3-14

Jan. 12 Isaiah 42:1-9

Jan. 19 John 1:29-42

Jan. 26 1 Corinthians 1:10-18



**VBS 2020
June 22-26**

Planning Meeting—
Jan. 21, 10am

NEW YEAR.....NEW BOOKS!

Our very own church librarian, Susan Mattern, just placed 40 brand new books in our library. Most of the books are children's books, with a wide range of topics: holidays, animals, kindness, and so much more. I can't wait to read Locomotive by Brian Floca (our 2020 VBS theme!) and Don't Disturb the Dinosaurs by Ada Hopper. The new books are placed on the NEW BOOK SHELF on the right hand side.

**How many books can you
read this month?**



It's that time of year again! Time to start planning for another exciting Vacation Bible School at Union UCC! We need your help to make this summer's program the best it can be. Be part of the fun and excitement of **ROCKY RAILROAD!**

***If you are ready to retire your artificial Christmas tree, we are in need of eight trees of different sizes to transform our church into the Rocky Mountains. Please contact Kathy before bringing the tree to church.**



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

This December 31 marks not only the end of another year, but also the end of a decade. In the preschool, we mark the end of the first half of our school year. The students have settled into the routines of classroom life and have started making friends with their peers as they practice sharing and taking turns. At Neffs UCC Preschool, we focus as much time on teaching self-help skills and social skills as we do early literacy and early math skills. The holidays are an excellent time to help reinforce these skills at home and in the community. If you have a young child in your life, it is never too early to model and reinforce manners such as saying "please" and "thank you". You can have your young child help you "write" a thank-you card for a Christmas present by either drawing a picture for the person or having the child try to sign his/her name at the bottom of a letter you have written and read to the child. Children can help make and wrap gifts for community helpers such as the mail carrier, the fire department, or the teller at the bank. By taking an active part in the gift giving process, children learn to express gratitude and show respect for others in the community whose service often goes without notice. During this busy time when we all have more to do than hours in the day to complete, it is easy to brush past others or let the long lines flare our temper. Remember, the children around you are watching and learning from our action, so slow down, take a deep breath and take to heart the saying "Peace on Earth and Good Will towards Men."

Check us out on Facebook and Instagram—**Neffs UCC Preschool**
or on our website— www.unionucc.org/preschool



Lucy Pruneski Barton pictured with
parents, Lauren and Adam



Roseileen Amelia Bilger pictured
with parents, Sarah and Jeff



Hope is on the way...because of you!

This year's Feed My Starving Children Meal Packing Event was a huge success. Because of your efforts we packed over 100,000 meals again and now they are on their way, this time they have two destinations.

69,984 meals are on their way to Djibouti, on the Horn of Africa, to be distributed through Global Aid Network known as GAIN. They are a Christian humanitarian organization that expresses the love of Jesus Christ in some of the toughest places on earth.

The other 31,104 meals will find their home in Eswatini, a monarchy in southern Africa. They will be distributed by Adventures in Missions, or AIM, through CarePoint Centers which serve meals six days a week.



You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. That's how prayer works.

-Pope Francis-

FAITH COMMITMENT CARD Please return this to church in the offering plate 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.

- | | |
|--|---|
| <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"/> Property projects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean up projects outside | <input type="checkbox"/> Donate Baked Goods for church events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning projects inside | <input type="checkbox"/> Sing on choir/share music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Serve on governing board -Consistory | <input type="checkbox"/> Other ideas at Church _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ways I serve outside of church _____ | |
| <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 _____



KAREN AND JOHN HARTING ARE OUR CATCH THE SPIRIT RECIPIENTS FOR JANUARY 2020. THEY WILL BE RECOGNIZED AT THE 10:30 SERVICE ON 1/19/20

Karen and John Harting were raised in the United Church of Christ tradition – Karen at Friedens UCC and John at Jordan UCC, where his father is Pastor Emeritus. We began worshipping at Union four years ago and became members last February.

We were married in 1976 at Jordan, with John's father officiating. Our only child, Jonathan, came along in 1982. Jonathan and his wife, Periann, are attorneys working in the state of Delaware Attorney General's office. John is retired after 34 years in banking, most of which were spent as a commercial loan officer. Karen is a retired paraprofessional. She taught learning support children at the Kernsville Elementary School in the Parkland School District.

We were drawn to Union by its vibrant, multi-faceted program. There is something at Union for everyone, no matter one's age or interests. God will find a way to use you here. We have felt a need to respond to the mission opportunities Union offers. Here we find fulfillment in being a part of Family Promise, Feed My Starving Children, and helping the Northern Lehigh Food Bank by volunteering to assist with food distribution and by contributing foodstuffs regularly when attending Sunday worship and through the Reverse Advent Calendar.

By volunteering at the Country Fair and Blues Night Out we have had the opportunity to get to know so many more of our fellow members. We feel fortunate to have been so well received by everyone at Union.

The Friday morning adult study group has become a regular part of our weekly routine. Our faith has been strengthened through Pastor Kris's dedicated leadership and by the family-like relationship we have developed with these wonderful individuals. What a blessing this Friday morning experience has been for us.

While we are relative newcomers to Union UCC, we look forward to being a part of this congregation for years to come. Thank you for welcoming us into your midst.

Karen and John Harting

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 5, 2019

Communion/ Faith Commitment Card Sunday

Brunch during both Coffee Hours

8:am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Message: When You Hope Upon A Star

Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelson

Lay Readers: Suzanne Schneider; Tami Wassum

Greeters: Carol Pope, Ronnie Pope, Greg and Johanna Zellner

Sunday, January 12, 2019

10:30 Baptism

8:am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Scripture: Isaiah 42: 1-9

Message and Music: Pastor Kris and Ben Anderson.

Ben is a nominee for outstanding male artist for LVMA's. www.bentylermusic.com

Lay Readers: Sue Steinmann; Dana Gaumer

Greeters: Marcey Kroll, Karl and Cathy Schmidt

3pm Interrupted Silence Concert

Sunday, January 19, 2019

Healing Service (Pray with a Pastor)

8:am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Scripture: Luke 6: 20-31

Message: Everything Happens

Rev. Kayli Freeman

Lay Readers: Carol Pope; Carrington Smith

Greeters: Jim and Edie Fella, John and Debbie Romig

Sunday, January 26, 2019

10:30 Semi-Annual Meeting

8:am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18 and Matthew 4: 12-23

Message: Will You Come and Follow Me?

Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelson

Lay Readers: Susan Rumble; Susan Smith

Greeters: Eric Minnich, Nancy Jones

Future Dates:

Feb 2 Souper Bowl Sunday and Tailgate Lunch

Feb 9 Confirmation Class Leads Worship

Feb 23 Communion (Sunday before Lent), New Members Received

Tuesday, Feb 25 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Wednesday, Feb 26 Ash Wednesday Worship at 7pm

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: March 15 at 10:30 Worship



ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

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

January 10, 17, 24, and 31 (Save the date: Friday, Feb 7 Jubilee Breakfast Ministry)

Inspired (Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again) by Rachel Held Evans

Evans examines some of our favorite Bible stories retelling them through memoir, original poetry, short stories, soliloquies and more. Undaunted by the Bible's most difficult passages, Evans wrestles through the process of doubting, imagining, and debating Scriptures' mysteries. The Bible, she discovers, is not a static work but is a living, breathing captivating and confounding book that is able to equip us to join God's love and redemptive work in the world.

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

January 5, 12, 26 and Feb 2 (no class Jan 19)

Elijah – Spiritual Stamina in Every Season by Melissa Spoelstra

The struggle is real. It's just plain hard to find the strength...the stamina...to get through the ups and downs of our daily lives. Sometimes it's enough to make you want to go hide in a cave. Guess what? Elijah has been there, done that. His life was a string of seriously mountain-top high and bottom-of-the-pit low events, and yet he did extraordinary things for God. In *Elijah*, you'll learn the spiritual stamina secrets that helped this great prophet hold on and persevere in faith, including practical habits related to making decisions, caring for the soul, accepting circumstances, mentoring, and finishing well—Elijah's ultimate legacy. He doubted and struggled just as we do, but he chose to believe God through it all.

NOTE: If you can't make our classes but would like a copy of the books we study, please contact Pastor Kris. She can also share other materials.

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

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



*For those wise in years
and young at heart*

No January Meeting

Our next gathering will be
February 4

Includes soup, lunch and
a program:

**Elder Abuse and
Neglect: What you need
to know**

Donation item:

**Toiletries, soap,
toothpaste, toilet paper,
etc.**

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.



Think of recycling before you put it on
the curb.

FURNITURE - If you can't bring it to a thrift store, the Salvation Army (1-800-728-7825 or online) will pick it up for free. Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Habitat for Humanity, among others, will also pick up donations. Outreach Depot (610-861-7373) will also take mattresses.

ELECTRONICS - Best Buy will recycle coffee makers, batteries, computers, calculators, and much more. Staples will recycle up to 3 household items a day. These include video games, cell phones, toner, vacuum cleaners, and fans. AERC (2330 26th St., Allentown will except some items others can't, but for a fee. You can also check with Second Charles on McArthur Road to see if they may want to buy your old electronic games.

METAL - You can get paid to recycle metal. Great Metal Recycling in Walnutport, and EMR Allentown (802 N 13th St.) are just two places to recycle metal. Great Metal even takes lawn mowers.

****Please check websites for complete lists of what is
accepted.**



1/6

Betty McGee
Phoebe Bridgeways,
Room 374A
1925 Turner Street
Allentown, PA 18104



1/26

Marilyn Sechler
4615 Daisy Drive
Orefield, PA 18069





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

Memorial Fund donations for George Kern were made by: Marguerite A. Tremblay, Maryann J. Sosnowski, James and Ann Fortney, Sylvia J. Merkel, Teresa and Tony DeBiase, Joanne T. Gross, Chris and Mary Anne Jensen, Ronald J. Krivenko, Nancy M. Miklus, Gregory Mayer, Margaret C. Jeffery, Charlotte B. Webb and Family, Marlene Evangelista, Amy Jantz

Mervin W. Peters, Sr., who passed on Sunday, December 8, 2019. Memorial Fund donations were made by: Eunice M. Diehl, Roger M and Sandra A. Christman, Cherie Mae Reichard



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.

UNION UCC STAFF

Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelson
Senior Pastor
Cell Phone: 610-657-6007
pastorkris@unionucc.org

Rev. Kayli Freeman
Associate Pastor
pastorkayli@unionucc.org

Rev. Dr. Patience Stevenson
Pastor of Visitation
Cell Phone: 610-248-5587
vispastor@unionucc.org

Kathy L. Bonsell
Director of Christian Education
dired@unionucc.org

Marissa Haney
Church Administrator
administrator@unionucc.org

Patricia Scripture
Office Assistant
officeassistant@unionucc.org

Blake Hoppes
Minister of Music
Blake.charger@gmail.com

Ori Handwerk
Facility Caretaker
Caretaker@unionucc.org

Barbara Carinci
Financial Manager
financialmanager@unionucc.org

Church Office:
610-767-6961
Fax: 610-767-7128

PO Box 66,
5550 Route 873
Neffs PA 18065-0066
www.unionucc.org

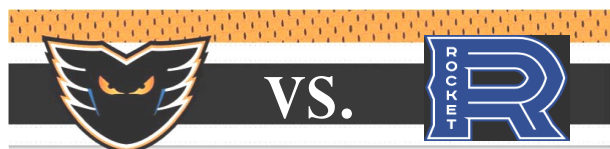
Preschool Office:
610-767-5327
prechool@unionucc.org

**Church Telephone
Extension Directory
610-767-6961**

Pastor Kris	ext. 24
Pastor Kayli	ext. 25
Marissa Haney	ext. 21
Patricia Scripture	ext. 22
Kathy Bonsell	ext. 27
Barbara Carinci	ext. 32
Music Office	ext. 26
Kitchen	ext. 30



www.facebook.com/unionneffs



UNION UCC NIGHT WITH THE
PHANTOMS
SATURDAY, JANUARY 11TH
7:05PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM)

Family and friends are invited.

- **Planning Meeting** for future events. **Sunday, January 5th, 11:45 during Coffee Hour**
- **Phantoms Game:** January 11 Steve Kareha s.kareha@gmail.com
- **Spaghetti Dinner and Fundraiser:** Saturday, March 21. 21 Reach out to our chefs Randy Bilger (randy.bilger@yahoo.com) and Randy Kocher (duder143@gmail.com) if you'd like to help.
- **Save the date – Iron Pigs Game – Saturday, June 27** (see below)

MEN'S



GROUP



Church Trip to the Iron Pigs will be on Saturday, June 27th for a 6:30 p.m. game.

John Snyder-Samuelson has 61 out of 66 tickets still available. Please contact him at 484-809-3815 if you are interested. Cost per ticket is \$11.



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

Chat N Chew N Church

Wednesday, January 29

7-8:30 pm

Free



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			
Nov. 3	76	193	25	58	352
Nov. 10	76	141	27	52	296
Nov. 17	60	169	31	73	333
Nov. 24	57	161	19	39	276

TOTAL ATTENDANCE

November 2018: 1,307 November 2019: 1,257

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 January:

January 5- FLT / Fellowship Committee

January 12- Mission Committee

January 19- Consistory

January 26- No Committee—Suds and Spuds


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 \$1,007.33 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
			1 New Year's Day Building Closed	2 7pm Chime Choir 7pm Christian Ed	3 9:30am Adult Bible Study 7pm 4H	4
5 Communion/ Faith Commitment Card Sunday 8am Heritage Service 9:15 Holy Grounds 10:30 am Horizon Service 11:30 Holy Grounds	6 9:30am Tai Chi/ Qi Gong 11:30am Lunch Bunch 6:30pm Spiritually Fit 6:30pm Fellowship Meeting	7 7pm AI Anon 7pm 4H	8 9am Busy Bees Quilters 10am KnitWits 6:30pm Spiritually Fit	9 7pm Chime Choir	10 9:30am Adult Bible Study 6:00pm Interrupted Silence Rehearsal	11 12pm Interrupted Silence Rehearsal
12 10:30 Baptism 8am Heritage Service 9:15 Holy Grounds 10:30 Horizon Service 11:30 Holy Grounds 3pm Interrupted Silence Concert	13 9:30am Tai Chi/ Qi Gong 6:30pm Spiritually Fit 7 pm Welcoming Committee	14 7pm AI Anon 7pm 4H	15 9am Busy Bees Quilters 10am KnitWits 6:30pm Spiritually Fit	16 9:30am Bible Journaling 7pm Chime Choir	17 9:30am Adult Bible Study	18
19 Healing Service (Pray with a Pastor) 8am Heritage Service 9:15 Holy Grounds 10:30 Horizon Service 11:30 Holy Grounds 11:30 YG Hang-in	20 9:30am Tai Chi/ Qi Gong 6:30pm Spiritually Fit 6:45pm Consistory	21 7pm AI Anon 7pm 4H	22 9am Busy Bees Quilters 10am KnitWits 11:30am Lunch Bunch 6:30pm Spiritually Fit	23 7pm Chime Choir	24 9:30am Adult Bible Study	25
26 10:30 Semi- Annual Meeting 8am Heritage Service 9:15 Holy Grounds 10:30 Horizon Service 11:30 Holy Grounds 11:30 Spuds and Suds	27 9:30am Tai Chi/ Qi Gong 6:30pm Spiritually Fit	28 9:00am Newsletter Crew 7pm AI Anon 7pm 4H	29 9am Busy Bees Quilters 10am KnitWits 6pm Chat N Chew 6:30pm Spiritually Fit	30 7pm Chime Choir	31 9:30am Adult Bible Study	