

February 2
11:30-12:30 PM



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Welcome New Church Members to
our Team!
Everyone is invited!

Menu includes: Subs,
pizza, wings, chili, salads,
snacks, birch bear, soda,
please bring a dessert to
share.



Free to attend.

Make it a SOUPER BOWL OF CARING
by bringing a can(s) of soup or cash
donation for area food banks. (See
pg. 9 for more information)

RSVPs not required.



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Blanket Sunday is February 16. See pg. 4 For more information.



Pancake Supper

Tuesday , February 25

Time: 6 PM Supper served

Menu: Pancakes (Gluten Free
available), Sausage, applesauce, and
fastnachts.

Cost: FREE! Donations accepted.
Bring a dozen doughnuts or
fastnachts to share.

Hosted by: Fellowship Committee

Served by: Youth Group

Wednesday February 26

8am-6pm You are welcome to stop by
the church office during the day for
ashes and a blessing from the Pastors.

Worship 12-12:30pm and 7-7:30pm
Stop by for a quiet time of prayer,
communion and to receive ashes in the
sanctuary.



FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE BY PHIL WEHR

Property improvements to our church property will be starting already in February 2020. Painters will be coming in mid February to paint the Youth Room, the connecting hallway, and the hallway by Ori and Maria's closet.

During the summer, the exterior wood work of Memorial Hall and the Parish House will receive a fresh coat of paint, along with the metal railings and grates around the building. The front steps of Memorial Hall will receive an epoxy masonry coating, which will provide a new fresh look, and also safer entrance way to the front doors.

Funding for all of the projects is provided through Union UCC's endowment fund, the Funds of Lasting Gifts. We are blessed, give God praise.

Are you looking for a space for a birthday or baptism party, bridal or baby shower, or other family gathering? Fellowship Hall, or our church grove in the summer may be a great choice. Please contact Marissa in the church office for more information and availability.

JANUARY 2020 CONSISTORY ACTIONS

These notes reflect items that needed action and approval by Consistory. A complete copy of the Consistory minutes can be found in the church office.

- Approval of funds from FOLG in support of the annual Women's Retreat.
- Approval of a 4-month interim process for Marissa Haney to handle the additional workload due to the sudden passing of Tricia Scripture. Marissa will work an additional 5 hours per week.



Easter Lilies

for the Home Visitation Members and for the Sanctuary

Let us share this Joy of the Easter season with our Home Visitation Members. Sponsor a Tulip and assure them that we include them within our Church Family for only \$9.00 per plant.

You may also purchase flowers for our sanctuary on Easter morning "In honor of" or "In memory of" someone - you may pick up the lily after the 10:30 a.m. Easter Service on April 12. The cost is still \$9.00.

Please **print** your information on the form below and place in the offering plate, with your payment (checks payable to Union U.C.C.) or mail to the **church office no later than Sunday, March 8, 2020.**



I would like to sponsor an Easter Lily for (please mark your choices):

☐ HOME VISITATION MEMBER(S)

☐ SANCTUARY*

Sponsor's Name: _____

Homebound Tulips _____ Display Lilies _____ Display Tulips _____ Display Hyacinths _____ Display Daffodils _____

Total Number of Plants _____ Total amount enclosed is \$ _____ Envelope # _____

Phone/Cell Number: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

**I will pick up my Sanctuary Lily after the 10:30am Easter worship service on Easter Sunday. (Please circle one)*

YES

NO

CHURCH YARD SALE

Collections of your gently used holiday decorations and used books begins. Holiday decorations shall be in good condition, and able to be resold during our **May 2, 2020** yard sale. Used books shall also be in good condition, with covers attached. Hard cover, soft cover, and children's books are the best sellers. Please drop off your donations to the stage in Memorial Hall.

Encyclopedias, reference books, and manuals are not accepted.

OUR WORSHIP THEME FOR MARCH AND APRIL DURING LENT:

The events of Christ's Passion, which take place during the last week of Jesus' life, often don't receive enough time in our worship and study. These stories are important to our faith journey and our identity as followers of Jesus. And yet we often move too quickly from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday with little time to take in the dramatic story of that last week. Throughout the six weeks of Lent we will "freeze-frame" moments in Holy Week so we might put ourselves in the picture, thereby "Entering the Passion of Jesus." How might taking a closer look at the ancient story open us to deeper conviction for our role in its ongoing message?

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BLANKET SUNDAY

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.

In 2019, congregational gifts provided over 118,000 CWS Blankets and hygiene or school kits to families impacted by hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding and other crises, including homelessness and poverty. The United States received over 96,000 CWS Blankets and Kits. Countries around the world received over 58,000 CWS Blankets and kits.



Thank you for supporting Blanket Sunday in February 2020, collections will take place Feb 9, 16 & 23. The cost to sponsor a blanket is \$10 each. You are helping to spread God's love to many families around the country and the world.

For more information on the program, you can visit Church World Services website at cwsblankets.org

REVERSE ADVENT BASKETS

Thank you to all who filled the Reverse Advent Baskets during the recent Advent and Christmas Season. Your donations of groceries, toiletries, gloves, socks, mittens, children's books & crayons weighed close to 1,000 pounds. All donations have been sorted and distributed to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank, Lehigh Conference of Churches, and Sixth Street Shelter..

Your generosity supporting the Christian Education Department's mission project will provide nutrition, cleanliness, warmth, and love to many local people and families.

Union UCC is blessed to be able to share God's Love to the World.



Youth Group: February Funsies

Questions? Contact Pastor Kayli!!!
pastorkayli@unionucc.org



Save the Date!

March

3/8: NYE Payment Due \$100

3/29: **YOUTH SUNDAY!!!**

Theme: Y[our] Story

Get excited! Seniors, this is your chance to shine and tell your story! To get involved let Pastor Kayli know! We'll need plenty of help! Musicians, readers, dancers, offering collectors...there's a place for everyone!

April: Pet-Supplies drive for The Sanctuary at Haafsville (more info to come)

May

5/2: Country Sale

5/3: Confirmation Sunday!!

Saturday February 8—Sunday February 9

Confirmation Sleep-over

Youth 9-12th grade(s) are invited to join our confirmation class at their winter retreat sleepover as youth helpers!

See Pastor Kayli for covenant form or grab one from her mailbox



February 25, 2020

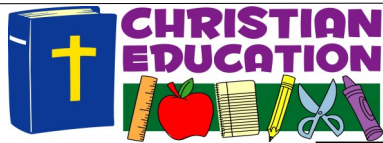
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

6pm

Youth are asked to come help serve pancakes and beverages during our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper!

Youth get to eat to their hearts content!
Help make this a great event for all in attendance!

Let Pastor Kayli know if you can be there!



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

BIBLE JOURNALING

Join us on Feb. 6th and 20th to study the Bible in new and creative ways. You provide a journaling Bible. We provide art supplies, techniques, and ideas. We meet in Room 5, 9:30-11.



CE FUNDRAISERS



We will be making our famous HOAGIES again on **March 28th**. You can place your order with any of our Sunday School, Children's Church, or Preschool children starting on Feb. 16th....or place an order in the foyer during the month of March. Orders are due Mar. 22nd.



Grocery Bags—\$4 each or 4 for \$15

Show your Union UCC spirit even when at Weis!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS!

The Sunday School classes send birthday cards and seasonal crafts to our homebound members.

The children are memorizing a different Psalm each month.

All Sunday School classes are working on presenting A WALK THRU HOLY WEEK for everyone on APRIL 5th at 9:15 in Memorial Hall. Mark your calendar.

February

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FEB. 2 Matthew 5:1-12

FEB. 9 Isaiah 58:1-12

FEB. 16 Deuteronomy 30:15-20

BLANKET SUNDAY

FEB. 23 Exodus 24:12-18

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

MARCH 22 (11:30-12:30) RSVP to Kathy by Mar. 15

BLANKET SUNDAY

Let's hug our neighbors with a nice, warm blanket. Church World Service provides blankets to victims of natural disasters in the United States and around the world. **ONLY \$10.00** buys a blanket! We will be collecting BLANKET SUNDAY envelopes in Children's Church on Feb. 16th.

HUGS!

VBS 2020

Planning Meeting—FEB 25, 10:00am

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 (June 22-26) the best it can be. Be part of the fun and excitement of **Rocky Railway**!

REGISTRATION forms will be available March 1!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR: MARCH 15 LENT CELEBRATION (after the 10:30 worship) FOOD, FELLOWSHIP and a SEASONAL CRAFT





Where School Memories Begin!

January was an adventurous month in the Preschool. The students explored different habitats through crafts, books, lessons and play. The dramatic playroom held an Arctic area, a jungle, and an area to play under the sea. During Music and Movement, we sang “Polar Bear, Polar Bear”, “Baby Shark” and “5 Little Speckled Frogs”, as well as other animal themed songs. With mild weather early in the month, we were even able to get outside and burn off some excess energy!

The last week of January (27-31), the preschool is participating in the Great Kindness Challenge as part of our yearlong Kindness Initiative. Families were sent home a checklist of kind acts and challenged to spend the week engaging in as many of the acts of kindness as possible. If anyone in the church is interested in obtaining the checklist for your own use, please contact the Director as we challenge everyone to participate.

Enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year begins with an Informational Open House on February 3 from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m. We will continue to take applications until our classes are full. If you, your family, or your friends are interested in enrolling a child and would like more information or a registration form, please email preschool@unionucc.org or call the preschool office at 610-767-5327.

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



The Neffs UCC Preschool is offering a \$250 Scholarship to a graduating senior who plans on continuing their education. The senior must be a graduate of the preschool and submit an essay by March 1st. The essay should be 500 words or less in which the applicant tells about themselves, their future plans, and a preschool memory. Application forms are available in the preschool office or online at neffsuccpreschool.org.

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Whitehall, PA 18052

2/15

Naomi Follweiler
Lehigh Commons Assisted Living
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Macungie, PA 18062

2/9

Verna Traube
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Orefield, PA 18069



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Slatington, PA 18080

2/11

Mel Mertz
4315 Washington St.
Schnecksville, PA 18078

2/23

Alma Clauser
1421 Springhouse Rd.
Allentown, PA 18104



Stella Grace Bastidas pictured with parents, Abby and Christopher and big brother, Lucas



Tyler Jackson Lerch pictured with parents, Andrea and Alex Lerch and big sister Ellie



Pictures taken by:
Kevin Richter

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO THE STAFF!



Thank you everyone for your cards, treats, gifts and the gift of money that you showered upon our Pastors and Staff. We appreciate that Church and Ministry and Consistory organizes a staff gift every year. We know how blessed we are to work at such a great church and with such wonderful people. This is a very special affirmation of our work and service with you. Thank you, Pastor Kris, Pastor Kayli, Rev. Patience, Blake Hoppes, Kathy Bonsell, Abby Hill, Marissa Haney, Barbara Carinci, Ori Handwerk, Maria Beltz, AJ DiPaolantonio, Dylan Kuntz, George DeNardo



LARRY TODD IS OUR CATCH THE SPIRIT RECIPIENT FOR FEBRUARY 2020. HE WILL BE RECOGNIZED AT THE 8AM SERVICE ON FEBRUARY 9.

I grew up in the Catholic faith. I was baptized and confirmed at Sacred Heart in Allentown. Over time I grew apart from the Catholic Church and converted to the Lutheran faith during my years at Muhlenberg College. My wife, Sue and I were married at Calvary Baptist Church in Allentown (my wife's church growing up) and our children were dedicated there after their births. We moved to Schnecksville when our son, Andrew, was in Kindergarten and our children wanted to attend church with their Schnecksville peers. So, as a family, we attended services at Union UCC and decided this was a good fit for our entire family. My wife and I have been married almost 35 years. Our children are Andrew and his wife Julia, Hilary and her husband Mike, Elizabeth and her husband Joe. We have three grandsons, Kendrick, Gideon, and Nathan and one granddaughter, Emilia, and we are expecting another grand baby in the summer. I'm now retired. I was a family physician for 34 years. I enjoy biking, hiking, exercise in general, traveling, spending time with our children and grandchildren and vegetable gardening. I am a member of Consistory and the Financial Leadership Team. Church has helped me balance my life and is important to me as I can see in our church family Christian values and love. Watching our church members help others with Family Promise and Feed My Starving Children has been inspiring. My favorite memories are my children being confirmed and my grandchildren being baptized.

SOUPER BOWL

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.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 2, 2020

Souper Bowl / Tailgate Lunch/ Boy Scout Sunday

8:am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Scripture: Matthew 5: 1-12

Message: Groundhogs and Grace

Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelson

Lay Readers: Michael Roth; Chrissy Shivok

Greeters: Karen and Scott Misera, Jen Haley and Family

Sunday, February 9, 2020

Confirmation Class Leads Worship

8:am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Scripture: Matthew 5:13-20

Message: Don't Be So Salty

Rev. Kayli Freeman

Lay Readers: Confirmation Class

Sound: Ian Henninger

Sunday, February 16, 2020

Blanket Sunday

8:am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Scripture: Matthew 5: 21-27

Message: Grow

Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelson

Lay Readers: Rose Snyder; Vicki Mayk

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

Sunday, February 23, 2020

Communion/ New Members Received

8:am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Scripture: Matthew 17: 1-9

Message: Sharenting God

Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelson

Lay Readers: Doug Albert; Leah Seyler

Greeters: Gene and Christina Thrash, Dan and Iris Young

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Shrove Tuesday

6pm Pancake Supper

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Ash Wednesday

Stop by the office for ashes and a blessing 8am-6pm

Worship at 12-12:30pm and 7-7:30om

Future Dates:

Sunday, March 29th Youth Sunday

Sunday, April 5th Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 12th Easter Sunday

6:15am Grove

8am and 10:30am Sanctuary



Looking for new ways to handle stress?

Want to try or deepen your meditation practice?

Join Pastor Kris and Carrie Beleno on these

Tuesdays at 6:30-7pm in the Memory Room.

Feb 11, March 24, April 21, May 5

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)

Friday, Feb 7 – Jubilee Breakfast Ministry

Feb 14, 21 The Grace of Les Misérables, author and pastor Matt Rawle dives into six ideals found in the story— grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love, and hope—each represented by a character in Hugo's story. In keeping with his previous works, Rawle brings us to the intersection of Church and Pop Culture by drawing parallels between the iconic story and musical and our Christian calling, inspiring us to both understand our faith and live it out in the world.

Feb 28 – Amy-Jill Levine Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week

Jesus' final days were full of risk. Every move he made was filled with anticipation, danger, and the potential for great loss or great reward. Jesus risked his reputation when he entered Jerusalem in a victory parade. He risked his life when he dared to teach in the Temple. His followers risked everything when they left behind their homes, or anointed him with costly perfume. We take risks as we read and re-read these stories, finding new meanings and new challenges.

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

Feb 2, 9, 16 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.

Feb 23 Amy-Jill Levine Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week

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 dates are **March 22 and May 17**. 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*

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.



Climate Change Distress

Are you feeling overwhelmed by frequent scientific reports on the seriousness of climate change or the natural disasters that are occurring more and more often? You are not alone. Many people complain that they are feeling more anxious as a result of both the scientific predictions for the future as well as the natural disasters that are more severe and frequent.

Here are a few suggestions from psychologists:

Take meaningful action. Maybe you're not ready to join a climate strike, but you could commit to reducing your consumption of red meat by limiting yourself to once a week, turning down your heat at home by one degree, carpooling to one event this month, etc....

Take a deliberate break from the news so you can regain your energy. Focus on only a few issues.

Take care of yourself by maintaining your healthy routines.

Drop judgements – about yourself and others.

Connect with others. Share your concerns with others who will support you.

Join the Union UCC Green Team. We meet every other month and strategize ways that we as individuals, families and a church can take meaningful action for change. Please watch the newsletter and bulletins for the April meeting date.

Join a larger climate action group such as Pennsylvania Interfaith Power and Light or 350.org.

Of course we have an added resource in prayer.

In particular, we may feel helpless as we watch or read the news regarding the overwhelming wildfires in Australia that are harming so

many people and animals. Taking small steps can benefit you and those humans or animals who are suffering. In addition to prayer, if you are able to donate money there are many reputable organizations that are assisting humans and wildlife, such as the Australian Red Cross and the World Wildlife Fund. If you are a machine sewer, or able to crochet or knit, there is a Facebook site that is gathering various items to assist in the rescue and recovery of injured animals, **Animal Rescue Craft Guild**. Look on their Facebook page for patterns with their specific fabric and yarn requirements and encouraging stories and pictures of animal rescues.

There are many helpful articles available online about this topic, most notably from the Australian Psychological Society (which I believe was written prior to the current wildfire crisis.)

<https://psychology.org.au/for-the-public/Psychology-topics/Climate-change-psychology/Coping-with-climate-change-distress>



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

Additional Memorial Fund donations for **Mervin W. Peters, Sr.** were made by: Ronald and Eleanor Kleckner, Kathi Smoll, Rodney and Laurie Christman, John and Kathleen Spirk, Terry and Pamela Schneck, Carolyn George, Delbert E. Christman, Jordan Lodge No. 192

"Thank you to all who sent cards and made phone calls following the death of my husband, Mervin Peters."
- Emilie Peters



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.

Staff News: Tricia Scripture, Office Assistant

We want to let you know about the passing of our church Office Assistant. **Tricia Scripture** passed away suddenly and unexpectedly the first week of January. She was a wonderful part of our office team and staff for the past 1 1/2 years. In that short time she improved many things here and supported all of us in important ways. We will miss her work and her spirit terribly. View the online obituary here:

<https://www.mannslonakerfuneralhome.com/memorials/patricia--scripture/4069576/obituary.php?fbclid=IwAR1oWwBT4P6oUWsZ68m9LDEJ8W0C3DkP0hiCNkxNhu-hmQGPCVtZ283r9iY>

We ask that you keep her family and friends and our staff and pastors in your prayers.

Thank you, Pastor Kris

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Barbara Carinci	ext. 32
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Kitchen	ext. 30



**Find us on
Facebook**

www.facebook.com/unionneffs

- The women have challenged the men to a **BUNCO night!** Wednesday, March 22nd 6:30-8pm. Snacks and beverages provided. Bring a snack or dessert to share if you'd like.
- If you are interested in a **hiking date** – please contact:
Kerry Snyder (ksnyd82@gmail.com) Ed Normann (hagarnn@hotmail.com)
- If you are interested in a **biking date** – please contact:
Carrington Smith SusanCarrington@hotmail.com

MEN'S GROUP



From Pastor Kris

Family and friends
are invited

Church-Wide Bowling– Sunday, March 1
at 3pm at Jordan Lanes, Allentown. Great
prices- \$1.75/game (Most groups will play
about 2 games) and \$1.25 for shoe rental.



Bring extra money if you want to purchase
snacks and drinks. Kids welcome with
parent attending. RSVP and sign up with JD
Fekula jd@fekula.com by Friday Feb 29.

NOTE NEW DATE:

Saturday, April 4th
Reach out to our
chefs Randy Bilger



(randy.bilger@yahoo.com) and
Randy Kocher
(duder143@gmail.com) if you'd
like to help.

We'll need help with tickets sales
on Sundays in March, food
shopping, food prep, set up,
cooking, serving, clean up, etc.

Sunday, May 10 – we need a group to help host coffee hour for
Mother's Day. Contact Eric Minnich ericminnich@gmail.com or
Pastor Kris pastorkris@unionucc.org



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

John Snyder-Samuels has 56 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

Trout Lake Retreats, Stroudsburg
Cost: \$135. **\$70 deposit due now,**
\$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.
Leader and more Info: Pastor Kris
Theme: Rhythms of Renewal by
Rebekah Lyons– Trading Stress and
Anxiety for a Life of Peace and Purpose



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Family and friends
are invited

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Wednesday, March 25th 6:30-8pm
at church. Pizza and beverages
provided. Bring a snack or dessert.
It's a fun game that anyone can
learn. Kids are welcome with a
parent, older youth can play
independently and younger youth
can team with a parent. No
experience required.
There will be prizes!

CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!

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			
12/1	51	131	3	58	243
12/8	80	185	28	57	350
12/15	74	149	21	53	297
	7pm				
12/20	50				50
12/22	75	168	31	28	302
	3pm	5pm	8pm	11pm	
12/24	323	414	416	216	1369
12/29		94			94

TOTAL ATTENDANCE

December 2018: 3,052 December 2019: 2,705

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	\$269,485	\$42,274	\$311,759
Expenses	\$225,697	\$41,924	\$267,621
10-31-2019	\$53,432	\$22,857	\$76,289

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 February:

2/2: Boy Scouts

2/9: Confirmation Class

2/16: Christian Education

2/23: Welcoming 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 \$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**

						
2 Souper Bowl Sunday/Tailgate Lunch 8am Heritage Service 9:15 Holy Grounds 10:30 am Horizon Service 11:30 Tailgate Lunch	3 9:30am Tai Chi/ Qi Gong 11:30am Lunch Bunch 6:30pm Spiritually Fit 6:30pm Fellowship Meeting	4 12pm Golden Times 7pm AI Anon 7pm 4H	5 9am Busy Bee Quilters 10am KnitWits 6:30pm Spiritually Fit 7pm Church and Ministry	6 9:30am Bible Journaling 7pm Chime Choir 7pm Christian Ed	7 9:30am Adult Bible Study 6:00pm Interrupted Silence Silence Rehearsal	8 12pm Interrupted Silence Rehearsal
9 Confirmation Class Leads Worship 8am Heritage Service 9:15 Holy Grounds 10:30 Horizon Service 11:30 Holy Grounds 3pm Interrupted Silence	10 9:30am Tai Chi/ Qi Gong 6:30pm Spiritually Fit 7pm Welcoming Committee Meeting	11 6:30pm Meditation 7pm AI Anon 7pm 4H	12 9am Busy Bee Quilters 10am KnitWits 6:30pm Spiritually Fit	13 9:30am Bible Journaling 1pm Preschool Board 7pm Chime Choir 7pm FMSC Meeting	14 9:30am Adult Bible Study	15
16 Blanket Sunday 8am Heritage Service 9:15 Holy Grounds 10:30 Horizon Service 11:30 Holy Grounds	17 9:30am Tai Chi/ Qi Gong 6:30pm Spiritually Fit 6:45pm Consistory	18 7pm AI Anon	19 9am Busy Bee Quilters 10am KnitWits 11:30am Lunch Bunch 6:30pm Spiritually Fit	20 9:30am Bible Journaling 7pm Chime Choir	21 9:30am Adult Bible Study	22
23 Communion, New Members Received 8am Heritage Service 9:15 Holy Grounds 10:30 Horizon Service 11:30 Holy Grounds	24 9:30am Tai Chi/ Qi Gong 6:30pm Spiritually Fit	25 Shrove Tuesday/ Pancake Supper 9am Newsletter Crew 9am Busy Bee Quilters 6pm Pancake Supper 7pm AI Anon	26 Ash Wednesday 9am Busy Bee Quilters 10am KnitWits 12pm Ash Wednesday Service 6:30pm Spiritually Fit 7pm Communion Service	27 7pm Chime Choir	28 9:30am Adult Bible Study	29