

JOIN us at this year's

LENT CELEBRATION

MARCH 15th

After the 10:30 service

- Lunch served by the Fellowship Committee
- Bring a DESSERT to share
- Family FUN Projects:
Fern Bunny Pot and Decorate a 6" vanilla cake



Bunny Pot and single layer cake—\$10
Bunny Pot and double layer cake—\$15

- Projects sponsored by the CE Committee
- RSVP for **lunch only** or **lunch and projects** by **MARCH 8th** (table in foyer, insert in bulletin or contact Chrissy Shivok (chrisdan@ptd.net))



Y[our] Story

Youth Sunday

When: March 29, 2020

Time: 10:30am (seniors preach at 8:00am too)

Youth Report @ 9:15am

Why: Because our youth are awesome and we need to celebrate them!

All youth grades 6th—12th are encouraged to sign up and be a part of Youth Sunday! This is a day to celebrate **Y[our] Story!**
High School Seniors: This is your time to preach!!

See pg. 5 for more information



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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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Holy Week and Easter

- ♦ **Sunday, April 5th Palm Sunday**
- ♦ **Thursday, April 9th Maundy Thursday 6pm Potluck Supper** (Bring a casserole, side or dessert to share.)
Fellowship Hall with Worship and Communion
- ♦ **FRIDAY, APRIL 10th Good Friday 12-3PM** Stop by anytime to spend some quiet time in the sanctuary.
 - **7PM WORSHIP AND COMMUNION**
- ♦ **Sunday, April 12th Easter Sunday – Worship at 6:15am Grove, 8am and 10:30am Sanctuary**

FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE BY PHIL WEHR

The smell of paint is in the air. Painters have been busy in February painting the Youth Room, the hallway outside of the Youth Room, and the hallway by the facility caretaker's closet. Patching and painting of the large ceiling beams in Fellowship Hall was also completed.

This summer, painting will take place on the exterior of Memorial Hall, and the rear classrooms, along with all of the exterior railings, grate covers, and back emergency exit stairs. The front steps to Memorial Hall will also be given a coat of epoxy cement and finish, similar to the coating done to the stairs down to the basement door at the kitchen.

All of these projects will enhance our church property, and have all been funded through The Funds of Lasting Gifts endowment fund. Give praise to all to allow Union UCC to keep shining and sharing God's love, today, tomorrow, and long into the future.

Spring is coming, with Easter around the corner, let's see what blossoms.

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.



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.



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

FEBRUARY 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 to support the following requests:
 - ◊ Worship guests
 - ◊ Guest preachers
 - ◊ Continuing education for senior pastor
 - ◊ New ministries
- Approval to accept the nominations proposed for Consistory officers for 2020:
 - ◊ President: Aften Hamm
 - ◊ Vice President: Jason Klinger
 - ◊ Secretary: Teri Fekula
 - ◊ Treasurer: Rick Klingensmith

EASTER MISSION OFFERINGS FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE

This year the Easter Mission Offerings will be divided between the Allentown Rescue Mission and the American Cancer Society of the Lehigh Valley. Please support these two mission organizations by using the Easter Mission Offering envelope in your envelope packet, or a blank envelope marked - Easter Mission.

Allentown Rescue Mission

For more than a century, the Allentown Rescue Mission has addressed the changing face of homelessness, tackling the root causes of homelessness, and helping to end homelessness one life at a time throughout the Lehigh Valley. Thousands have come to the Mission and received life-changing help throughout the decades.

The Mission continues to reinvent itself to address the increasingly complex root causes and issues of homelessness. Many of their clients experience dual-diagnosis; they have both a chemical addiction and some form of mental illness. Their staff is educated and experienced, professional and compassionate. For more than 100 years, the Mission has been a place where men have begun to experience restoration with God, their families, and their communities.

Their motivation for helping those less fortunate is rooted in Jesus Christ. They believe he has given us all a second chance in life—we've been saved, rescued and now get to provide that same hope and renewal to others here in the Lehigh Valley and the surrounding communities.

American Cancer Society of the Lehigh Valley

The American Cancer Society is on a mission to free the world from cancer. They continue to fund and conduct research, share expert information, support patients, and spread the word about prevention. All so people can live longer, and better.

While research for cures of cancer is a top priority, funding is also needed for the following core values: Encouraging Prevention, Making a Difference, Access to Care, Providing Support, Fighting for What's Right, and Fostering Innovation.

Imagine a world free of cancer. Help make it a reality with your donation.

MISSION THANK YOU'S

From Amigos de Guatemala Mission Committee,

Thank you for your continued support, and your most recent donation of \$500 towards our cause. We look forward to sending a group to Monte Margarita, Guatemala to dedicate the medical facility in the late spring of 2020.

Our efforts will continue as we plan to help equip the medical facility with needed medical supplies and to assist the community toward a higher level of medical care.

Thank you again for your prayers and dedication to this mission

From the Sixth Street Shelter.

Thank you for your generous donations of hats, gloves, scarves, mittens and more on Jan 7, 2020, and also Feb 3, 2020. We sincerely appreciate the partnership of friends like you as we help families improve their stability, self-sufficiency, resilience, and quality of life.

The Sixth Street Shelter has been serving families with children who are experiencing homelessness for over 30 years. Last fiscal year, we were able to shelter 100 families consisting of 344 people, 219 of whom were children. During their 60 day stay at the Shelter, families met regularly with a counselor to develop and work toward a plan to resolve their homelessness.

Thank you again, you are an important part of our work and truly grateful of your support.

PINT FOR PINT BLOOD DRIVE

Pull out your cookbooks and roll up your sleeves! Union UCC is ready for the 5th Annual **Pint for Pint Blood Drive**. We are looking for 22 soup cooks who want to share their love by preparing homemade soup, stew or chili for this popular mission. We're also looking for up to 48 individuals willing to donate a pint of blood to the Miller-Keystone Blood Center, the only blood supplier for the area's 11 regional hospitals. This great event will be held on **Sunday, March 15** in Memorial Hall, from 8 am until 1 pm. All registered blood donors, whether you make it through the whole donation process or not, will receive one pint of the soup of your choice. If you prefer not to donate or are not eligible, you can still help Miller-Keystone by purchasing soup, available in pints for \$4 and quarts for \$6. All proceeds go to the Miller-Keystone Blood Center. Register for your time slot or find out if you are eligible to donate by visiting www.giveapint.org. Access our schedule by using our code (0550) to get your preferred time to donate. Speak with Phil Wehr if you'd like to make soup. Call or text Susan Smith at (610) 366-7284 with questions or if you need help getting scheduled. Thank you for keeping this life-saving mission going strong.

Youth Group News

March 2020 Edition
Pastor Kayli
pastorkayli@unionucc.org

Y[OUR] STORY

HUGE thank you to the confirmation class for leading worship on

February 9, 2020! You all did an amazing job!

Confirmation day is only a few months away!!!

YOUTH SUNDAY!!!!

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Youth Sunday T-Shirts will be available to purchase for \$6 per shirt! Watch emails and lobby for sales!

Use the link (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f48aead2ba2fe3-youth7>) or tell Pastor Kayli how you want to participate!

Youth also host coffee hour that day, sign up (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f48aead2ba2fe3-youth6>)

UPCOMING EVENTS!!

April: Pet Supplies drive for The Sanctuary at Haafsville. (Donation delivery on April 26 @ 3:30pm. Only 15 adults/youth are allowed due to size of the facility. Spots are filling quickly so please let Pastor Kayli know ASAP!)

April 4, 2020: Easter Egg Hunt (1pm): Youth are asked to help hide eggs for our annual Egg Hunt

Men's Group Spaghetti Dinner: Youth help with serving would be AWESOME!!

May 2, 2020: Country Sale! Watch for emails and more information on how to help/ get involved. NYE participants **MUST** help with country sale!

May 3, 2020: Confirmation Sunday!!!

July 22-25, 2020: National Youth Event @ Purdue University!!!



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

REMINDER: April 12th is EASTER Sunday. **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL or CHILDREN'S CHURCH...** See you in church!

First Communion Preparation



First Communion Preparation Class is scheduled for **Sunday, March 22nd**, after the 10:30 service. The class is open to all first graders and any other students (2nd through 7th grade) who have not previously attended the class and would like to participate in communion. The children and parents will join Mrs. Bonsell and Pastor Kayli after church. We hope to conclude the session by 12:30pm. The children will receive their **first communion** on **Thursday, April 9th** during the Maundy Thursday evening service. The children will then be prepared to take communion on Easter Sunday. Information flyers will be handed out in Sunday School and Children's Church. Please register with **Kathy Bonsell** before **March 15th** at **dired@unionucc.org**



Children's Church

March 1 Genesis 2:15; 3:1-7

March 8 John 3:1-17

March 15 John 4:5-42

March 22 1 Samuel 16:1-13

March 29 Church Family Worship
YOUTH SUNDAY

Bible Journaling



Join us on Mar. 5 and 19 to study the Bible in new and creative ways. You provide a journaling Bible. We provide art supplies, techniques, ideas, and new friendships!

Don't miss out on the CE Committee's famous, always yummy
HOAGIE SALE



MARCH 28th
(pick up in Fellowship between 9-10am)
\$6.00 Italian and Turkey
Place your order by March 22nd



VBS 2020 June 22-26

This summer Union UCC will be on a train, powering through the Rocky Mountains!! We will have a great time with lively songs, humorous skits, crafts, exciting games, Bible stories and tasty snacks...all of the things that make VBS so much fun for children (and adults). This year's program is scheduled for June 22nd through the 26th, 9:00am to noon daily. We hope you can join us for a week of fun and adventure where we learn that JESUS' POWER PULLS US THROUGH!

Registration Forms are located in Memorial Hall and in the office. Please register by June 7th.

We still need adults and youth to lead this year's VBS.

COMING APRIL 5th

You're invited to
the Sunday School's
WALK THROUGH HOLY WEEK

Our Preschool - 7th grade classes will be guiding us through Holy Week with skits, songs, and stories.

Join us in Memorial Hall, 9:15-10:15.



EASTER is just around the corner, so let's have some fun with a **LIBRARY EGG HUNT!**



One (flat) egg will be hidden in a children's books and one in the adult section each Sunday during the month of March. Redeem the egg for prizes (see Kathy).

*Please take good care of our library!
2020-50th LIBRARY ANNIVERSARY



Where School Memories Begin!

Along with Groundhog Day activities, Valentine's Day parties and a four-day President's Day vacation, the Preschool held an Informational Open House and Registration Kick-Off event in February. Families filled the rooms coming to learn more about our programming and children had fun meeting new friends. We will continue to take applications for the 2020-2021 school year 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.

Inside the classrooms the threes spent the month learning all about health and wellness, which culminated in our annual Teddy Bear Clinic. The students always love exploring the inside of the ambulance and discussing when to dial 911. The fours studied Fine Arts this month, spending time on some of the greats: Van Gogh, Andy Warhol, Da Vinci and Monet. They had the opportunity to look at pictures of the original artworks then create their own individual versions. Finally, the PreK class spent the month conducting exciting science experiments as they explored their five senses.

Please join the Preschool on Wednesday, March 18 from 6:30-8:00 pm in Memorial Hall for our annual Coffee House Art Show. If you are an artist and interested in displaying a piece of artwork at the show, email the Director at preschool@unionucc.org. We are also looking for an artist who would like to create a piece of art live during the show and answer questions from families about technique and process.



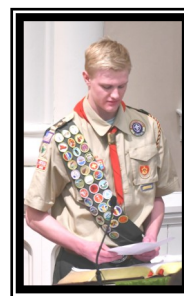
Check us out on Facebook and Instagram—**Neffs UCC Preschool**
or on our website— www.unionucc.org/preschool



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.

SOUPER BOWL/ TAILGATE LUNCH/ BOY SCOUT SUNDAY PICTURES

BY: KEVIN RICHTER



NEWS FROM ELIOT
LIGHTNER AND
PASTOR KRIS

Feed My Starving Children Fundraiser Concert to benefit our event!

Sunday, March 29th at 2pm

DaCore Music Academy at Christ Lutheran Church 1245 Hamilton St, Allentown

Support their efforts to support FMSC of the Lehigh Valley

Save the Date: October 9-11, 2020 for our next FMSC meal packing event of the Lehigh Valley event at Union UCC. <https://give.fmsc.org/campaign/1910-124mi-neffs-pa-lehigh-valley-mobilepack/c214872> or follow us on Facebook at Feed My Starving Children of the Lehigh Valley.

Sponsors: We are starting to look for individual and business sponsors now for the event.

Remember: A \$40 donation covers the cost of the meals you help to pack in a shift, an \$88 donation helps to feed a child for a year, and a \$1,866 donation covers the cost of a whole pallet.

Please email Eliot Lightner (Eliot5779@gmail.com) if you'd like to be sponsor or have a contact of an individual or business that is interested.

*Spaghetti
Dinner*



Spaghetti (meatball or sausage)
Salad * Bread * Dessert * Drink

Saturday, April 4

5-7:00pm

\$10 Adults and age 10 and older,

\$6 ages 3-9, under 3 free

All You Can Eat



Tickets available on Sundays and at the door.

Union UCC * 5550 Route 873, Neffs

www.unionucc.org

Hosted by the Men's Group



Funds raised support the Parkland CARES Food Pantry which helps in the fight against hunger in our community.

HELPING MEALS MINISTRY

Thank you Amy McCoy! Amy has been the coordinator of our Helping Meals ministry for the last several years. She has been the voice and face of this important ministry and has always done an excellent job coordinating volunteers and the needs of our members. She had a special place in her heart for families when a new baby arrived. She has decided to step down from this work. We cannot thank her enough for her devotion and care. **Amy, thank you for being a blessing to our church family.**

Welcome to Pam Minnich and Connie Gioielli who will be our new coordinators. Please contact them if you'd like to be added to the list to help cook and deliver meals. Pam Minnich (Pjp.edrn@gmail.com) Connie Gioielli (c_gioielli@yahoo.com) We are always looking for people who can make a meal for our families when they face a challenging time. You can also donate a Weis or DiFiores Restaurant card and give it to the church office for a pastor to share with a family. You would probably only need to help about 4-5 times a year. **If you are in need of meals, please contact one of the pastors.**

WELCOME NEW CONSISTORY! FROM PASTOR KRIS

We have a variety of volunteers and gifts that people offer here at Union. Your generosity of time helps us continue to serve and love God and fulfill God's mission. We thank those of you who serve on Consistory. May God continue to guide and bless us in our journey.

Giving Thanks to God to Consistory Members Finishing Their Service: **Jeff Herbine, Don Wingate, Suzanne Schneider, Edie Fella, Dede Bilger.**

Giving Thanks to God for those returning for a second term: **Aften Hamm**

Giving Thanks to God for those starting their first terms: **Suzanne Lorah, Todd McCoy, Michael Roth, Donna Christman, Kerry Snyder, Jason Klinger**



Missing from pictures:
Daniel Le Van



Michael Hoffert



Marianne Kitzmiller

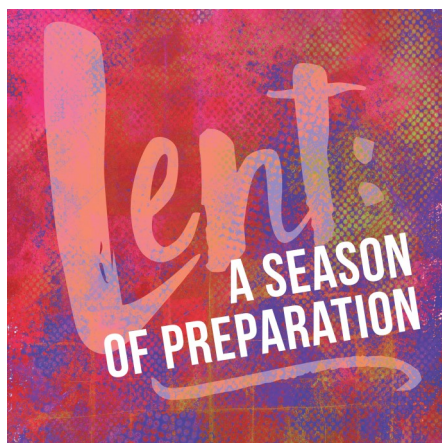


Sharon Maletsky



Jamie Adcock

WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Sunday, March 1, 2020

Lent 1

8:am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Scripture: Zechariah 9: 9-10

Message: The Parade: Risking Reputation

Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelson

Lay Readers: Lucille Kuhns; Elena Steidinger

Sound: Pat Sorg

Greeters: Connie & Ralph Gioielli, Roger & Sue Klotz

Sunday, March 8, 2020

Lent 2/ Girl Scout Sunday

8:am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Scriptures: Psalm 121

John 3: 1-17

Message: Bold Blessing

Rev. Patience Stevenson

Lay Readers: Rose Snyder; Sueann Hregician

Sound: Doug Albert

Greeters: Doug & Angie Kuntz, SueAnn Hregician

Sunday, March 15, 2020

Lent 3

8:am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Scripture:

Message: The Teaching: Risking Challenge

Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelson

Lay Readers: Whitney Kern; Janice Metzger

Sound: Karl Klinger

Greeters: Jim & Leanna Lane, Naomi & George DeNardo

Sunday, March 22, 2020

Lent 4, 10:30 Baptism

8:am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Scripture:

Message: The First Dinner: Risking Rejection

Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelson

Lay Readers: Michael Roth; Don Penrod

Sound: Drew Panner

Greeters: Karen Wonderly, Ruth Ensley

Sunday, March 29, 2020

Youth Sunday/ Church Family Worship

8:am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Scripture: Luke 4: 16-21

Message: Y[our] Story by High School Seniors

Lay Readers: Youth

Sound: Ian Henninger, Mike Baer

Greeters: Youth , Pastor Kayli

Holy Week and Easter:

Sunday, April 5th Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 9th Maundy Thursday 6pm Pot-luck Supper (Bring a casserole, side or dessert to share.)

Fellowship Hall with Worship and Communion

Friday, April 10th Good Friday 12-3pm Stop by anytime to spend some quiet time in the sanctuary. **7pm Worship and Communion**

Sunday, April 12th Easter Sunday— Worship at 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.

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)

March 6, 13, 20, 27 – 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 and Rev. Patience 9:15 am-10:15am Room 5 (Basement)

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 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.

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 **May 3 and 10**. We meet during the 9:15 hour in the Memory Room (Room 200) on the second floor. This is a time to get to know each other and ask questions. You will be welcomed as members in worship on **Sunday, May 17**. 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 **May 17 and July 19**. 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:
March 3rd

Includes soup, lunch and
a program:

"Lets Get Creative" with
our own Gloria Ringer
Theme: spring flowers
using colored pencils
(All materials will be
supplied unless you want
to bring your own)

Donation items: **mustard,
ketchup, salad
dressings, bbq sauce,
condiments, and spices**

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.

Tales from the Road *Rev. Dr. Patience D. Stevenson, Minister of Visitation* *Did You Know?*

Dave and Dolly Mulcahy both grew up in Bethlehem, PA. Dave was born in 1939 and remembers when all his neighbors in downtown Bethlehem were outside in the streets celebrating the end of World War II.

Dolly was baptized, confirmed and married at St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church (now Trinity UCC). Dolly even had perfect attendance in Sunday School for 12 years! Dave was raised at Grace Lutheran across the street from his home on East Broad Street in Bethlehem.

They met through mutual friends in 1957 and married in 1961. Together they raised their three boys and are delighted to have six grandchildren.

Dave joined the U.S. Navy after graduating from Liberty High School in Bethlehem at the age of 17. Dave served in the Navy for 10 years. He worked for Lockheed in New Jersey for 24 years. After retiring Dolly and Dave built a home in North Whitehall. Dolly went back to school at age 40 after staying home to raise their 3 boys to become a Medical Technician and worked at St. Luke's and a private lab in Easton until her retirement.

Dave and Dolly were looking for a new church home once they retired. They received a postcard from Union UCC inviting them to a Thanksgiving service in 2003. They decided to give Union UCC a try and never left. Dave served 2 terms on Consistory, They chaired the Fellowship Committee, were Helping Hearts and Communion Ministers, and played Chimes for several years. Dolly was inspired by a pattern for prayer shawls to start the "Knit Wits" a group of knitters and crocheters who make prayer shawls and lap robes for folks on our Home Visitation List and baby blankets for our newly baptized children. They have even made premie caps for Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Dolly and Dave love to travel. They toured the country with Lockheed, including a stint in Quantico, Virginia. They've enjoyed several Caribbean cruises and driving vacations up and down the east coast. Take a minute to get to know Dolly and Dave when you see them at worship and other church events.

Celebrating
-WITH-
you
Birthdays

3/22

Jean Wieand

PO Box 327

Kunkletown, PA 18058

Where Can I Recycle_____?

Styrofoam-- Theis/Cornfeld Recycling, 635 Illicks Mill Road, Bethlehem (off Schoenersville Rd.), and Insulation Corporation of America, 257 Mitchell Ave, Allentown (off Emmus Ave) will except hard white packaging Styrofoam. Britton Business Solutions, 406 Main Street, Walnutport will accept packing peanuts.

Car Oil-- Auto Zone will take used car oil.

Plastic bags-- Almost every store will recycle plastic bags. BUT, it is better to use RESUSABLE BAGS. You can even buy Church reusable bags in the office. They 15"HX13"LX10"D and cost \$4 each, or 4 for \$15.

You can always google "Where can I recycle_____?" before you throw it out.





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

Marion L. Snyder, who passed on Monday, January 20, 2020. Memorial Fund donations were made by: Daniel & Debra Topp, Jill Schlosser, Bernice L. Hicks, Pastorius Home Assn. Inc., Carolyn M. George, Kevin & Karen Schultz, Philip & Julie Wehr, Eleanor M. Lessel, Cliff & Carol James

Eunice M. Diehl, who passed on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. Memorial Fund donations were made by: Daniel & Debra Topp, Jill Schlosser, Diane Peters, Richard & Madeline Bingell, Carolyn M. George, Philip & Julie Wehr, Tony & Betty Galio, Bonnie E. Herzog, Isabella & Colin Andres, Charles & Carol Mesics, Leona Baer & Family, Dennis & Denise Rothrock, Scott & Robin Jensen, Peg Reinhard, Erik Reinhard & Jill Geiger, Donna E. Christman, Susan K. David, Randy & Debbie Mertz, Tammy L. Klotz & Michael Braun & Family, Barbara Panner, Donald & Susan Rumble, John & Gloria Simock, Carol L. Beers, Lee & Carol Martin, Tom & Nancy Kern, Sandra V. Klotz, Hedy L. Case, Diane Peters, Gladys Kuhns, Brian & Karen Selig, Dennis & Wendy Christman, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Beach, Harold H. Solt

An additional Memorial Fund donation was made by Diane Peters in memory of **Gerald Peters**

2 Small Candlelighters for our Acolytes and Altar Candles were given in Memory of **Beatrice Hregician** by daughter, Sueann Hregician.



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)

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 In light of our Office Assistant's (Tricia Scripture) passing, Church and Ministry and Consistory has approved the following plan: Marissa Haney, our Office Administrator, will take on the work of both positions for 4 months (effective upon Tricia's passing last month) through the end of April. In May all parties will reevaluate and either reconfirm or edit the job descriptions involved.

Thank you, Marissa, for all that you are doing to support the church, office and staff during this transition and challenging time.

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- 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.
- **Hiking date** – Sunday, April 25. Contact: Kerry Snyder ksnyd82@gmail.com or Ed Normann hagarnn@hotmail.com
- If you are interested in a **biking date** – please contact: Carrington Smith SusanCarrington@hotmail.com We'll be biking a portion of the D&L Trail. Depending on the group's interest and availability, we'll determine the length of the ride.

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



Spaghetti Dinner

(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 / kjh65and93@aol.com if you are interested.

Cost per ticket is \$11.



From Pastor Kris
Family and friends
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The women have challenged the men to a **BUNCO night!**
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			
1/5	64	164	25	45	298
1/12	72	192	18	59	341
1/19	33	119	16	36	204
1/26	48	145	25	62	280

TOTAL ATTENDANCE

January 2019: 1,190 January 2020: 1,123

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 March:

- 3/1: Worship Committee
- 3/8: Girl Scouts
- 3/15: No committee Lent Lunch
- 3/22: Consistory
- 3/29: Youth Group

Fiscal Year	Operating Fund	Designated Funds	Grand Total All Funds
7-1-2019	\$9,644	\$22,507	\$32,151
Income	\$305,331	\$45,808	\$351,139
Expenses	\$272,277	\$47,442	\$319,719
1-31-2020	\$42,698	\$20,873	\$63,571

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

Donate, Recycle and Help Your Church

You helped the church raise over \$3,000 this year with your donations of clothing.

As you are cleaning out closets and cabinets, be sure to keep Union UCC in mind. Bring your donations at any time to the bin in our grove. The church receives a certain amount of money for each pound that is donated. Items that are usable are resold or recycled. You are also helping to save the amount of things that end up in a landfill by donating your items this way. Recycle Local's goal is to help agencies have 0% waste.

Items accepted include: clean and dry clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, towels, drapes, pillow cases and stuffed animals. Place all items in plastic bags. NO furniture, rags, pillows, toys, or household goods.

This is one more way to give and support the mission and ministry of God's church at Union UCC. Thankyou.

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 Lent 1 8am Heritage Service 9:15 Holy Grounds 10:30 am Horizon Service 11:30 Holy Grounds	2 9:30am Tai Chi/ Qi Gong 6:30pm Spiritually Fit	3 9am Busy Bee Quilters 12pm Golden Times 7pm AI Anon 7pm 4H	4 9am Busy Bee Quilters 10am KnitWits 6:30pm Spiritually Fit 7pm Church and Ministry	5 9:30am Bible Journaling 7pm Chime Choir 7pm Christian Ed	6 9:30am Adult Bible Study	7
8 Lent 2/ Girl Scout Sunday 8am Heritage Service 9:15 Holy Grounds 10:30 am Horizon Service 11:30 Holy Grounds 11:30 Green Team Meeting	9 9:30am Tai Chi/ Qi Gong 6:30pm Spiritually Fit 7pm Welcoming Committee	10 9am Busy Bee Quilters 7pm AI Anon 7pm 4H	11 9am Busy Bee Quilters 10am Preschool Board 10am KnitWits 11:30am Lunch Bunch 6:30pm Spiritually Fit	12 7pm Chime Choir	13 9:30am Adult Bible Study	14
15 Lent 3 Blood Drive 8am Heritage Service 9:15 Holy Grounds 10:30 Horizon Service 11:30 Lenten Brunch	16 9:30am Tai Chi/ Qi Gong 6:30pm Spiritually Fit 6:45pm Consistory	17 9am Busy Bee Quilters 7pm AI Anon 7pm 4H	18 Preschool Art Show 9am Busy Bee Quilters 10am KnitWits 6:30pm Spiritually Fit	19 9:30am Bible Journaling 7pm Chime Choir	20 9:30am Adult Bible Study	21
22 Lent 4 10:30 Baptism 8am Heritage Service 9:15 Holy Grounds 10:30 Horizon Service 11:30 Holy Grounds 11:30 First Communion Class	23 9:30am Tai Chi/ Qi Gong 6:30pm Spiritually Fit 6:30pm Fellowship Meeting 7:30pm Gerry Dress Rehearsal	24 9am Busy Bee Quilters 6:30pm Meditation 7pm AI Anon 7pm 4H	25 9am Busy Bee Quilters 10am KnitWits 11:30am Lunch Bunch 6pm Church-wide Game Night 6:30pm Spiritually Fit 7:30 Gerry Performance	26 7pm Chime Choir	27 9:30am Adult Bible Study	28 Hoagie Sale 5pm Youth Group Sanctuary decorating
29 Lent 5 10:30 Youth Sunday/ Church Family Worship 8am Heritage Service 9:15 Holy Grounds 10:30 Horizon Service 11:30 Holy Grounds	30 9:30am Tai Chi/ Qi Gong 6:30pm Spiritually Fit	31 9am Newsletter Crew 9am Busy Bee Quilters 7pm AI Anon 7pm 4H	