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While we continue to plan for the future, we are also aware of state and federal health initiatives and requirements which may impact these future events.

Please stay tuned, changes or cancellations may happen in the future.

You are welcome to join us for online worship every Sunday at 10:30am. We plan to be doing this through the month of May. Go to www.unionucc.org and click on any of these links that are in orange:

Sunday Worship is cancelled through May 31. Watch the 10:30 worship service on [Facebook](#), [here](#), or [Youtube](#)

- You can also go directly to our Facebook page at Union United Church of Christ, Neffs
- Or our youtube.com page at Union United Church of Christ, Neffs PA

You can find the links to the bulletin and announcements on each of these pages too. If you can't be there at 10:30am, you can watch anytime after that.

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Would you like a paper copy of Sunday's bulletin and announcements mailed to you each week? Would you like to receive our weekly emails on Fridays with updates, news and Sunday's bulletin and announcements? We're glad to do this during this time of not being able to meet together. Please contact Marissa at 610-767-6961 or administrator@unionucc.org to be added to the mailing list.

WORSHIP

May 3: "Hearts Overflowing" – Pastor Kayli will celebrate all of the accomplishments of this year's Confirmation Class. We will formally confirm the class when we can physically be together again. This special service will highlight the class, and give them a special blessing.

May 10: Rev. Dr. Allan Kramer-Moyer will join us as a guest preacher. We will also celebrate the women and moms in our church family as we remember Mother's Day.

May 17: Heart of the Matter- Kept in Our Heart – Pastor Kris

May 24: Heart of the Matter – Open the Eyes of My Heart – Pastor Kris

Memorial Sunday - We will remember those who have lost their lives in military service and give thanks to all who serve. Our brass and instrumentalists will join us.

May 31: "Y[our] Story" YOUTH SUNDAY – Pastor Kayli Virtually or not, our youth have a story to tell! Join us as we celebrate the youth in our church and all they do. High School seniors will be giving the sermon, other youth will participate in readings, and music. And it will be an awesome way to show that our stories are all connected.

June 7 – Holy Communion

FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE BY PHIL WEHR

A very unusual occurrence happened on March 16, 2020. The church building was closed to the public, no meetings allowed, no outside groups, no preschool, most staff began working at home.

Our facility caretakers Ori and Maria gave the whole building an extra cleaning the next week.

There is a strange quietness to the church property as I walk through the building regularly to check on things. The temperature on the thermometers are all set lower, the lights are mostly off, the doors are locked, the parking lot empty. The building is here, but the heart of our church is missing, the people are missing, our pastors and staff are missing, YOU are missing. But, through the power of the internet, the phone, and the computer, we still stay connected, and the hope is strong that we will all be together soon in our beautiful church, serving God, better than ever.

Through all of this, life goes on. Annual maintenance continues to be done around the church. The AC units were cleaned, the oil burner will be serviced, gutters cleaned, slates repaired on the roof, fire extinguishers serviced and more. Spring cleanup around the church landscaping and the mulching of the flower beds brings beauty to all who visit, or walk and drive by. The grove invites everyone to enjoy its beauty, so stop on over for a nice walk in the woods, a quick picnic lunch, or some family time enjoying the playground.

We are blessed.

Union UCC's Grove

Thinking of having a party in the grove this summer? Church members may contact the church office to reserve a date for family reunions, birthday or graduation parties, or any family picnics or parties. Weekend dates often go fast, so call ahead to arrange for your special event.

MISSION THANK YOU

From Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh Valley:

Thank you for your recent donation of \$1,288 from your Christmas Mission offerings. Your generosity and support continues to change the lives of hardworking, low-income families. Your donation is helping to renew and revitalize neighborhoods in the Lehigh Valley.

In pursuit of that goal, we are currently working on new homes and rehabs in the Lehigh Valley, with breaking ground on an eight-home project in Allentown. Each Habitat homeowner will contribute a minimum of 250 "sweat equity" hours to help build their home, alongside of other volunteers.

From Miller-Keystone Blood Center:

Thank you Union UCC for hosting a blood drive on March 15, 2020. We collected 28 pints of blood from your donors during the morning collection. Our staff who worked the morning shift also appreciated the home made soup that was provided to them.

Thank you for the additional \$1,000 donation provided for the ongoing expenses of the blood center. During the past month as we experience life with the corona virus, your donation of blood and financial support are life saving to many in our community. We wish you all the best.

MARCH 2020 CONSISTORY ACTIONS

These notes reflect items that needed action and approval by Consistory. Standing and routine items are reported by Committees and Staff throughout the newsletter. A complete copy of the Consistory minutes can be found in the church office.

- Approval of funds from FOLG to support Family Promise.
- Approval to accept the Corona Virus Response plan for Union UCC Neffs
- Approval to accept the dates for the third month of Pastor Kris's sabbatical
- Approval of funds for an annual subscription for Zoom services.

APRIL ACTIONS

- Approval of funds from FOLG to support the following requests:
- Preschool painting – one classroom and hallway
- Sealing and pavement maintenance of the large parking lot
- Donation to help preschool offset salaries during Covid-19 shut down

Please note that due to the Covid-19 pandemic and shut down, after the standard March 16th consistory meeting, the Consistory has continued to meet via Zoom conference calls. A brief summary of these calls is listed. A complete copy of the Consistory minutes from each of these calls can be found in the church office.

3/23/20 – determined to worship virtually through Easter, 4/12/20

3/30/20 – discussed the possibility of exploring a SBA loan

4/2/20 – approval to apply for a SBA loan under the Paycheck Protection Program

4/13/20 – determined to continue online worship through the end of May

BLANKET SUNDAY RESULTS

Donations for Blanket Sunday this year totals \$2,120 for Church World Services. Thank you for supporting this yearly event to provide warmth, comfort, and love to people around the world when disasters strike.

During 2019, Church World Services provided over 59,000 blankets to families around the United States (a record amount). Over 5,000 blankets were distributed to families in various countries in Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean Islands and Europe.

Elizabeth Frank, from CWS, states “ Church World Service was only able to respond quickly to recent hurricanes and natural disasters because of generous congregations and groups who help to provide resources for blankets, and CWS kits. People come together to help families in need. This outpouring of love was inspiring”.

Union UCC's recent support during Blanket Sunday will help CWS prepare to help families when the next natural disaster occurs.

FROM THE FINANCIAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Good news....Union UCC is the recipient of a federal loan under the Paycheck Protection Program established under the recently passed CARES act. The intent of the Program is to help small businesses, including organizations like the church, to sustain their ongoing operations and keep their staff employed. Importantly, the act allows for a portion of the loan to be forgiven as long as the proceeds are used to cover eight weeks of payroll costs and other costs like utilities and rent. For Union UCC, it is estimated that approximately \$50,000 of the loan proceeds related to our payroll and utility costs (about 70% of the total loan) can be forgiven....a huge help in keeping our staff employed during these critical few months.

FROM DON PENROD

Our church leaders are creating a way for us to worship and electronically come together. I hope you are getting a chance to listen and/or watch. We have so much positive momentum in our church. Our giving of our time, talent and treasure have been and will continue to be a priority.... just think about all the good we have been doing. Don't stop the progress...please continue to give to your church in any way you can. Now more than ever Union UCC needs your support. This way, we can continue to take care of those who need extra support, especially now.

If you need something from our office, staff, or pastors please do not stop by but call or email us instead.

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Food Assistance

If you or someone you know is in need of food assistance during this time, please contact the Northern Lehigh Food Bank or the Parkland Cares Food Pantry. If you need help with this, please contact a pastor and we'll help you.

A Message from Pastor Kayli

Greetings sent with so much love to all of you!

I'd be lying if I said I didn't miss the church building, my office, the members, and especially the youth at Union Ucc Neffs. I hope that everyone is taking care of themselves, washing their hands, limiting the amount of errands they need to run, and are distancing themselves from those around them when out in public. Right now, my mind is going straight to our students, who are stuck in this very weird place when it comes to school, activities, and all that goes along with the end of the school year. To the high school seniors, my heart breaks for missed proms, missed graduations, and all the other things too. BUT, for as strange as this year has turned out to be, we have the faith and hope that this will not be a permanent thing. Life will eventually get back to normal, and when that happens, we will celebrate with you! We will celebrate your accomplishments, all of your hard work, and the futures of greatness you are destined to have! To all of the youth: I am so proud of your resilience, your perseverance, and your determination. You are my inspiration every day!

I know that we missed a lot of stuff this spring. We couldn't have our tent at the country sale, we couldn't collect items for the Sanctuary at Haafsville, National Youth Event has been postponed...so much has been put off. But...when we can be together, we will surely have fun! Be on the look out for exciting opportunities for youth fun this summer!!! If you have ideas, please let me know!!!

DON'T FORGET...WE WILL STILL BE HAVING YOUTH SUNDAY ON MAY 31!!!! IT WILL BE AWESOME AND AMAZING!!!

I miss you all!

I love you all!

Stay safe, stay healthy, wash your hands!

Peace and love,

Pastor Kayli

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CONGRATULATIONS

to Zoey Slade, Dimitri Shivok, Gavin Gross and Sabastian Young for completing their First Communion Class. Pastor Kayli and Mrs. Bonsell met with them in a ZOOM class, where they learned about the history of communion, the reasons for communion, how and when we commune, and even the names of all the dishes we use during communion. (Do you know what a flagon is? How about a paten?) They had the opportunity to experience communion during our online Good Friday and Easter services. We can't wait to celebrate their First Communion in person.



We are looking for someone (or two people or a group of people) to run this important ministry for the 2020-2021 session. Contact Kathy if you are interested or if you have any questions.

zoom

Sunday School

A special thanks to Judy Stubbmann for leading a ZOOM Sunday School class every Sunday, 9:15-10:15, for our 1st graders-5th graders. If you would like your child to join in, please contact Judy at judystubbmann@gmail.com. Classes will run through May 17th.



VBS 2020

This summer's
ROCKY RAILWAY
VBS program has been

DERAILED until 2021

We are deeply saddened that we will not be able to gather together to celebrate our faith in our traditional fun-filled week. BUT, the health and safety of our children, their families and our volunteers is our number one priority. (This just gives us more time to plan a super-duper sensational week of fun next year!) We hope to offer a few smaller-sized events for our children later in the summer, depending on the advice of our health experts and the current government regulations.

JESUS' POWER PULLS US THROUGH

THANK YOU!

A huge thanks to our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade Sunday School class for making crafts for our homebound members.

Thanks for caring for others!



The SS and CC leaders and I miss our time with your children! Most importantly, we want you all to be safe and healthy. Please check out our YouTube channel for services and special children's messages. You are all in my prayers! Kathy



GIFT BIBLES

Congratulations to Siera Adcock, Shianne Body, and Landon Ruth for earning their WHIRL NRSV Bibles.

This past month has been unique in the history of the preschool and my educational career. April is normally filled with daffodils, budding trees, and students wrapping up the yearly curriculum and beginning to prepare for graduation in May. With all schools closed during this COVID-19 crisis, we are instead facing empty hallways and children at home with parents doing their best to fill in the sudden gaps in their child's day. While the preschool may not be physically open, we are still providing families with free online educational resources and have begun venturing into the new world of Elearning. We may hit a snag here or there, and it lacks the social dynamic of in class learning, but the teaching staff has stepped up to face the challenges in community with our preschool families, and as the Director, I am immensely proud of everyone involved.

In lieu of our annual Easter hat parade and egg hunt, this year the preschool held a reverse parade in which the staff (keeping a safe distance apart) lined the parking lot wearing Easter hats and held signs as the families drove past and waved. It may not have been a traditional celebration, but it was fantastic to see the students' faces as they went past and to know they are healthy.



WHERE SCHOOL MEMORIES BEGIN!



Registration is in full swing for the 2020-2021 school year. If you have a child or know of one who would enjoy learning in our fun and caring environment, registration information can be found on our website or by calling the Preschool directly.

Curriculum aligned with Pennsylvania Early Learning Standards
Whole child focused: academic, social and emotional

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

PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

The Neffs Preschool Board of Directors is pleased to announce their 2020 scholarship winner. This \$250 scholarship is given every year to a high school senior who is planning on higher education and started their educational career at Neffs Preschool. The applicants are required to complete a 500 word essay in which they discuss themselves, their future plans, and a preschool memory. Congratulations to **Reagan Pender**, a senior at Northern Lehigh High School, who plans on pursuing a degree in Nutrition.



UNION UCC'S FIRST FITNESS FUSION FESTIVAL – Saturday, June 13th from 9am-12pm - This event is free and will offer 30 minute classes on Zumba, Yoga, Pilates Yoga Fusion and Reiki/ Meditation. You are invited to sign-up for 1 or more than 1 class. There will be light, nutritious snacks and drinks along with wellness vendors available for healthy lifestyle information and purchases. We hope to see you for some exercise, networking and to help you learn something new about wellness. Please contact Jenna Hoffert (484-695-6223 or jenna_stout@yahoo.com) with questions, to register for a fitness class or to sign-up as a vendor.

Food and Toiletry collections to start in May.

To help support the Northern Lehigh Food Bank and Lehigh Conference of Churches, we will begin collections of food and toiletries on May 2 & 3. Please drive to the large northside parking lot, and drop off your donations in the large boxes under the porch entranceway. Collections will take place every Sat. and Sun. in May from 8 - 4, just drive by and drop off, the Mission Committee will deliver to both agencies on a regular basis.

Items needed include: cereals, cake & brownie mixes, jelly, condiments, hand soap, toothpaste and toilet paper.

Local families continue to be served by both agencies, your donations continue to make a difference in their lives.

Thank You, The Mission Committee.



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 DiFiore 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. This month, 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**

SURVEY AND FEEDBACK FROM THE PASTORS

[SUBMIT ONLINE HERE](#) OR EMAIL RESPONSES TO PASTORKRIS@UNIONUCC.ORG

What are some things that we could be doing to help you stay connected to your church and church family?

We know that some of you are overwhelmed with things to do and others might be looking for more to do. We could set groups up by phone and/or online.

Would any of you like to participate in a prayer service on weeknight?

Would you like to help us call a few folks to check in on them?

Or maybe lead a caring group that meets by phone or online every few weeks?

Would you like a Pastor to be in touch with you?

_____ ☐ Phone ☐ Email

Reach out to us and let us know what ideas and needs you have.

_____ Name

_____ Email _____ Phone

THE HEART OF THE MATTER WORSHIP THEME

SIGNS OF LOVE Please send us pictures of you and your friends or family with their hands in the heart position. We'd like to show them during a video to a song each week so that we can see each other, give thanks for each other, and pray for each other during worship on Sundays.

"Worry Stone" or "Heart Stone" Invitation In the account of the resurrection in the Gospel of Matthew, after the stone is rolled away from the tomb, the angel sits on the stone and gives the women this message, "Don't be afraid." Throughout the Season of Easter, we invite you to use a "worry stone," which is a stone you carry about with you to rub when you are feeling anxious or worried. We encourage you to find a stone and paint or draw a heart on it. It will remind you of this angel's message which Jesus then repeats, "Do not be afraid."



Online Meditation Gatherings

Looking for new ways to handle stress? Want to try or deepen your meditation practice?

Join us on these Tuesdays at 6:30-7:15pm.

May 5, May 19

Pastor Kris and Carrie Beleno Contact Pastor Kris for the zoom information to call or log on.

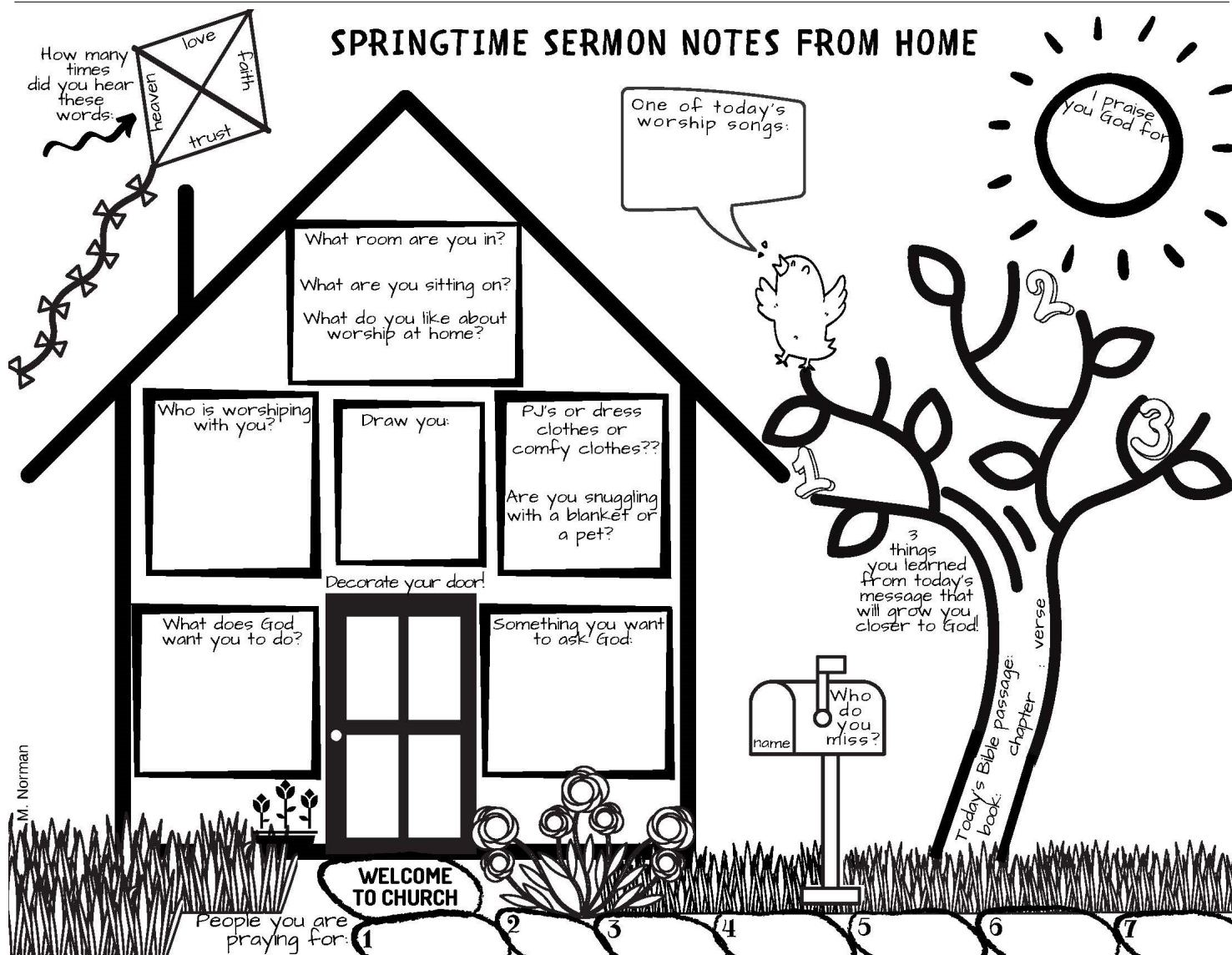
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Sunday Morning Alive leads worship on Sundays at 10:30 for about six Sundays throughout the year.

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: June 7





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 **September 13 and 20**. 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, September 27**. 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 **July 19 and September 20**. 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:

June 2

Includes soup, lunch and
a program:

Bingo and Potluck

Bring a side dish or
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.

(Please note if we are still
unable to gather this will
be cancelled)

Tales from the Road *Rev. Dr. Patience D. Stevenson, Minister of Visitation*

I miss each of you. I miss seeing you at church and visiting with you in your homes. You are constantly in my prayers. I look forward to when we can see one another face to face again.

I am so grateful that our collective season of isolation is occurring during this beautiful season where we can be outside or at least look out a window. I have been trying to spend a lot of time outside weeding and watching my perennials starting to show their faces. I even rode my bike for the first time since my knee replacement in October.

By the time you read this, the 50th anniversary of Earth Day will have passed. If you haven't already, take a look at some interesting opportunities celebrating this wonderful day all around the world. Find some ways to celebrate yourself or with your family. Find a chair in your backyard. Sit long enough and frequently enough that you become familiar with the birds and other wildlife that live near that space. Maybe you will notice plants that are showing their first tentative shoots. Perhaps you'll notice a bird returning to your area for the first time this season, or if you're lucky, watch a bird building its nest. If you are not able to go outside, try to sit by a window where you can observe a tree or a birdfeeder or some small corner of God's creation.

Perhaps commit to some new way of caring for creation. During this lockdown I have been trying to be more intentional about my composting. I have been trying different methods to make speedy compost since my usual compost source at the Bethlehem Yard Waste Center is currently inaccessible. I am reading lots of articles about composting and watching composting tutorials on YouTube. I welcome any of your suggestions.

Here are a few of the inspiring activities planned around the 50th
anniversary of Earth Day:

Check out the Earth Day webpage devoted to faith groups:
<https://www.earthday.org/campaign/faith-outreach/>

The UCC is sponsoring a Three Great Loves campaign to plant 50,000 trees in honor of the 50th anniversary of Earth Day.

<https://www.ucc.org/plantatree> or plant your own tree and record it on our partner page Arbor Day Foundation *Interfaith Power and Light* 211 N. 12th Street Lincoln, NE 68508
<https://www.faithclimateactionweek.org/for-love-of-trees/>

Register for an online UCC sponsored event to be held at 1:00 p.m. on April 22nd with Rev. Dr. Benjamin Chavis, Rev. Traci Blackmon, and Rev. Dr. Brooks Berndt. Even if you can't make the 1:00 Webinar, register and you will receive a link to watch it at a later time. <https://ucc.zoom.us/join/9UN745tnROynNLCuDpasbQ>

I would love to hear from you. Please call me on my cellphone 610-248-5587 or drop
me a note:

1216 Pennsylvania Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18018





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

Carl M. Heintzelman who passed on March 17, 2020 and private services were held on March 21. Donations were made in his memory by: Slatington Lodge No. 440, Dolores Wehr, Philip and Julie Wehr, Lee Heintzelman, Carolyn George, Bruce and Scott Laub, Colin L. Ringer, Ruth and Forrest Fenstermaker, Thomas and Linda Kuhns, David and Cindy Kish, Floyd and Barbara Beitler



Tate Franklin Thomas was born to Morgan and Brittany Thomas on March 4, 2020. He would be the 3rd grandchild to Rev. Thomas Thomas and Rev. Dr. Kathy Brearley.

Twins **Eric Levi** and **Elene "Ellie" Madlin** born on April 10 to Alex and Chris Boyle. Grandparents are Shelly and Mike Geiger.

Tawson Lee Schmidt was born on April 16th to Shannon and Travers Schmidt. Grandparents are Kelly and Kevin Ebert.



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 from Pastor Kris

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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Church Trip to the Iron Pigs will be on Saturday, June 27th for a 6:30 p.m. game. John Snyder-Samuels has 45 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.

MEN'S GROUP



From Pastor Kris
Family and friends
are invited



From Pastor Kris
Family and friends
are invited

Women's Retreat Cancelled for 2020, Date for next year: April 9-11, 2021



**Feed My Starving Children News from
Eliot Lightner and Pastor Kris**

Save the Date: October 9-11, 2020 for our next FMSC meal packing event of the Lehigh Valley event at Union UCC. <https://give.fmssc.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.

Thanks to our 2019-2020 acolytes!

Raegan Haley, Parker Haydt, Payge Haydt, Garret Hill, Emma Milander, Hannah Minnich, Ryleigh Minnich, Zane Roth. We will celebrate and honor you when we can be back together. You will also receive your gift Bible that will be helpful for Confirmation next year.

Financial & Attendance Reports

Date	Worship Service		Children's Church	Education Hour	Total
	8AM	10:30AM			
2/2	55	135	30	61	281
2/9	87	159	15	40	301
2/16	61	146	14	32	253
2/23	90	202	27	39	358
	12pm	7pm	Ashes		
2/26	12	34	15		61

TOTAL ATTENDANCE

February 2019: 1,463 February 2020: 1,254



SEWERS AND HELPERS.

Karla Bachl works at Lehigh valley Hospital and is collecting home made masks for hospital staff there. She has placed a bin on the south (Schnecksville) porch at church for your donations. All patterns and fabric are accepted. Here's one link to use for making the masks. There are several out there.

<https://vimeo.com/user11252937/review/399305630/8e27c1181c>

Thank you.

Fiscal Year	Operating Fund	Designated Funds	Grand Total All Funds
7-1-2019	\$9,644	\$22,507	\$32,151
Income	\$355,129	\$57,126	\$412,255
Expenses	\$301,516	\$56,149	\$357,665
2-29-2020	\$63,257	\$23,484	\$86,741

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

The clothing shed will be closed for a few weeks. They are not able to accept any new donations at this time. Please do not leave any bags or donations outside of the bin.

SUPPORT GOD'S MINISTRY AND MISSION AT UNION UCC WITH YOUR DONATIONS.

OFFERING ENVELOPES you can mail your envelopes to the church. The church address is on one side, just add a stamp.

ELECTRONIC GIVING This is a great time to try e-giving! Choose a 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. financialmanager@unionucc.org

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