



SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

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Dear Union UCC,

During these uncertain times we reach out to embrace the love of our church virtually. We plan for a bright future of hope, care and understanding. We need to make a larger effort to plug in to help do the work of the church. **Please plan to attend and participate in our Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting which will be held virtually June 14, 2020 at 11:30 am.**

We are indebted to and sincerely thank each and every person who is involved in the following way: Financial Leadership Team (FLT), Funds of Lasting Gifts Team (FOLG), Consistory, and Committees for your collaborative input in the needs of our Church to aid in creating the budget. It is important that we have an idea from each of the Committees of the needs for the future year to be able to create a reasonable budget. We faithfully continue to do Christ's ministry and mission through Union UCC and could not do that without the financial support we offer as a Church. Thank you, Church!

At this Semi-Annual congregational meeting, we will be presenting the Budget for review and approval. We have taken extra care to be reasonable due to current situation we are living in. The budget may not be as interesting to most as it is for some of us, it is an important part of the business side of Church. Please support us in this time by being in engaged attendance.

May God continue to bless our church family and those we are able to help!

Respectfully,
Aften Hamm
Consistory President

June 14, 2020 Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

It is required that we have a minimum quorum of 42 people attending this meeting in order to conduct business.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us.

Directions to participate.

Please log onto the internet through Zoom using this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/95970124694?pwd=YUhTOUhyNUoyTG5uM1BOeIV6YnhwQT09>

Or phone call in by dialing:

+1 646 876 9923 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 959 7012 4694 Password: 606705

Please review the proposed budget for July 2020-June 2021 on the next page. You will be voting on the entire budget as a whole.

Any questions about particular line items can be addressed ahead of time by contacting Rick Klingensmith, Treasurer. 610-360-9607 klingerl@ptd.net

Anticipated Income for July 2020 thru June 2021Contributions, Current and Benevolent:

General (Weekly Envelopes and Plate)
Improvement Fund
Communion
Mission and Outreach
Lent and Good Friday
Harvest Home, Thanksgiving and Christmas Program Income
Preschool Contribution
Miscellaneous (Building Donations, Interest)
Fundraisers
Special Gifts from the Reserve Fund
Funds of Lasting Gifts

Income Budget

<u>2019/2020 fcst</u>	<u>2020/2021</u>	
\$339,870	\$375,00	
\$8,060	\$7,400	
\$10,140	\$10,000	
\$8,500	\$7,500	
\$2,260	\$2,000	
\$22,810	\$18,800	
\$10,340	\$11,440	
\$900	\$900	
\$4,980	\$6,000	
\$14,600	\$10,000	
\$30,000	\$17,600	
<u>\$26,590</u>	<u>\$7,960</u>	
Total Income Budget	\$479,050	\$474,600 <u>\$474,600</u>

Anticipated Expenses for July 2020 thru June 2021Facilities and Office EquipmentChurch Building / PropertyOffice EquipmentEmployee Salaries

Pastor
Associate Pastor
Visitation Pastor
Director of Christian Education
Minister of Music
Instrumental Assistant Choir Director
Financial and Payroll Managers
Church Office Administrator and Assistant
Facility Caretakers

<u>2019/2020 fcst</u>	<u>2020/2021</u>	
<u>\$57,490</u>	<u>\$57,745</u>	
<u>\$5,950</u>	<u>\$5,838</u>	\$63,583
\$89,130	\$90,803	
\$42,730	\$45,549	
\$13,620	\$13,358	
\$26,990	\$27,497	
\$25,470	\$25,944	
\$1,100	\$1,146	
\$19,370	\$18,138	
\$30,580	\$30,592	
\$23,470	<u>\$27,958</u>	\$280,985

Employee Expenses

Health Insurance (net of Pastor's contributions)
FICA
Pension Dues
Miscellaneous

\$30,945	\$30,393	
\$21,510	\$22,293	
\$21,480	\$22,251	
\$4,650	<u>\$5,785</u>	\$80,722

Mission and Outreach

OCWM
Phoebe
Lancaster Seminary
Bethany
Lehigh Co. Conf. of Churches
Northern Lehigh Food Bank
Mission Discretionary

\$7,400	\$7,400	
\$4,770	\$4,770	
\$1,095	\$1,075	
\$240	\$240	
\$1,200	\$1,200	
\$1,360	\$1,500	
\$1,600	<u>\$600</u>	\$16,785

Leadership

Gifts / Materials / Golden Times

\$3,650	<u>\$4,375</u>	\$4,375
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Programs

Worship
Education
Fellowship and Evangelism
Flowers / Bulletins

\$6,840	\$6,690	
\$14,780	\$15,000	
\$4,200	\$5,200	
\$3,430	<u>\$4,900</u>	\$31,790
<u>\$14,000</u>	<u>\$13,760</u>	<u>\$13,760</u>

Office Expenses**Total Operating Expenses**

\$479,050	\$492,000	<u>\$492,000</u>
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Total Income less Expenses

\$0	(\$17,400)	
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From the Property Committee

Property upgrades continue around Union UCC's church property. Painters arrived in May to paint the hallway in the preschool area, all of the wood work, two entrance doors, and also painted the rear preschool room. The finished room and new color is a major improvement for the preschool.

Facility Caretaker Ori helped to clean out all of the room contents, gave the floor a good cleaning and coat of wax, and returned the contents back into the room.

The painters will return in June to paint the exterior wood work of Memorial Hall, and the rear classrooms. All exterior doors, hand rails, and metal grilles will also be painted. Masonry contractors will also be

applying an epoxy coating on the front steps of Memorial Hall, providing a new clean surface for the 63 year old steps.

We look forward to completing these two important projects to the church property. Funding for all projects were provided by our Funds of Lasting Gifts endowment fund.

Thank you to our trustees for being good stewards of these funds, and to the donor families who helped to create our endowment fund.

We are blessed!

News from Neffs Church Grove

Springtime in our Grove was beautiful, the flowers and trees were blooming, the grass was nice and green, people were taking walks, the grove and woods came alive.

Unfortunately with the Covid 19 pandemic, many popular events were cancelled, no Easter Egg Hunt, no Easter Sunrise Service, no Yard Sale. Conditions for large group gatherings for the summer has also caused for cancellations of many favorite events, VBS and Blues Nite Out have been cancelled, the Lion's Club has also cancelled their annual summer festival.

As the state moves through different phases, small group events, may once again be held in the church grove. Stay posted with regular updates from the church.

Our grove is still available for your enjoyment, for walks, for sitting and relaxing, for enjoying a quick lunch, for saying a prayer.

Enjoy God's beauty.

From the Mission Committee

Thank you for your generous support during the Easter Mission collection. Donations of \$1,000 will support the American Cancer Society of Allentown, and \$1,000 will support the Allentown Rescue Mission.

Each year, earnings from the Urffer Fund in the Funds of Lasting Gifts is provided to missions outside of the church who deal with improving the lives of children. This year the Mission Committee approved \$720 to sponsor two young adult girls living in Zimbabwe, Africa, through the Church World Service

program. Bethany Children's Home in Womelsdorf, PA will receive \$1,000 for their children's programming, and \$863 for their special Helping Hands Ministry, supporting refugee children from Central America. Thank you to the Urffer Fund.

Donations from the Marilyn Peters Estate gift were also approved. \$1,000 to support One Great Hour of Sharing, since in-service collections were not able to happen.

The lives of hundreds of families are improved and helped by supporting the many mission agencies that we partner with.

In addition, \$500 donation to support the Neffs Volunteer Fire Co., and \$500 to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank, these two agencies were supported yearly by the Yard Sale and Blues Nite Out, which were cancelled this

year. The Mission Committee unanimously agreed to continue that support this year.

Blessings and thanks to everyone who financially support the many and varied missions here at Union UCC.

Food and Toiletry collections to continue in June

To help support the Northern Lehigh Food Bank and Lehigh Conference of Churches, we will continue to collect food and toiletries on through the end of June. Please drive to the large north side parking lot, and drop off your donations in the large boxes under the porch entranceway. Collections will take place every Sat. and Sun. 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



May 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 the fiscal budget for July 2020 – June 2021
- Approval to use \$17,400 from FOLG (via Wotring fund) to produce a balanced fiscal budget.
- Approval to increase Marissa Haney's role and hire her as permanent Office Administrator starting July 1st.
- Approval to hire Mitchell Roth (replacement for Abby Hill) as Instrumental Assistant Choir Director.

In Honor of Roscoe the Beagle (Pastor Kris's dog)



Here are 10 dog truths or lessons that might help us during Covid 19:

1. Greet loved ones with wagging tail. Nothing is more important than feeling loved, and there's no creature on the planet that does it better than a dog. The wagging tail affirms that this is where we belong: This is our home, where we live, where we're safe and where we're loved.
2. Eat with gusto and enthusiasm. You know how dogs eat: slobber flying everywhere, and licking the dish clean until every last scent of gravy is gone. Dogs know that eating is a celebration of life. Breaking bread together is holy. To nourish the body is not a chore, but a sacrament. Animositities are dissipated at meals, barriers broken down, friendships renewed and strengthened.
3. On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree. Relax, slow down and enjoy. Give yourself a time out. Opt out, unplug, and get lazy.
4. Run, romp and play daily. Physical exercise is as important for the soul as it is for the body. No disciple of Christ can be as faithful and effective when the body is run down and health is unnecessarily poor. When we learn how to play and stretch and get in some exercise we'll feel better from the inside out.
5. Be loyal. Loyalty is a good thing, and if your dog is nothing else, he is loyal to fault. Loyalty has fallen on hard times. Loyalty is a critical element of discipleship, for it speaks to our relationship with others: our spouse, our vocation, our community and our friends.
6. When you're happy, dance around and wag your tail. Thankfulness and celebration are powerful dynamics for successful and healthy living. Gratitude is a gift we give ourselves that enables us to affirm the essential goodness of life. Even when adversity strikes, gratitude helps us maintain our perspective and carries us through the low moments.
7. If someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle gently. We all have bad days. That's why we need encouragement and affirmation. When we are depressed, we know that it takes only a quiet word, a gentle touch to bring us around. A dog has this instinct that tells it when to be dancing and jumping around and when to just be there beside you. Words are not always needed, or even helpful, to convey empathy. A gentle nuzzle will do.

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8. No matter how harshly you're scolded, don't pout - run back and make friends. Carrying grudges makes life a drudgery. Make friends and keep them. Overlook faults and assume the best. Don't keep a scorecard of rights and wrongs. Don't take offense.

9. Avoid biting when a simple growl will do. We do not need to injure others by what we say or do. We can be strong with love; firm with kindness.

10. Bark with your buddies. Barking is an act of commonality. Barking says we belong in this together. We are one.

Thanks to Homiletics and the Rev. Dr. Wesley Taylor of Tualatin United Methodist Church in Tualatin, Oregon.

I just want to tell you all that I miss you, I'm thinking of you and I'm praying for you. It continues to be hard to be apart. We all miss worshipping and fellowshiping together, sharing a good meal and a program at Golden Times and the fellowship of volunteering at church functions.

Please make sure that you are taking care of yourselves. Try your best to stay connected to each other even in these remarkable times. Take a minute to reach out and call someone, send them a card or if you're able, send them a text or an email.

Try to keep moving as you're able, even if you're sitting in a chair. (I've been doing Tai Chi during the Lockdown and do some of the exercises while seated if my joints bother me.) I'm continuing to work in my garden. I was delighted to see a baby bunny in my backyard after several years without them (probably due to our neighborhood cat patrol). I was somewhat less delighted when I discovered that the bunny had eaten one of my perennials that had just started to come up. I guess it's time for a few chicken wire fences.

How are you staying connected? I've heard of lots of stories of kind family members and friends shopping for others and creative ways our wonderful members are staying connected to loved ones. You've been able to master a lot of technology to Zoom, FaceTime or Duo with loved ones. I've heard of some fun drive by birthday parades and other exciting ways you have celebrated special occasions during Lockdown. Are you able to "tune in" to our virtual services at 10:30 on Sunday mornings (or anytime you want)? Our services are available on our website (www.unionucc.org), Facebook (Union United Church of Christ, Neffs, PA) and YouTube (Union United Church of Christ, Neffs, PA). If you're not able to watch them please email me or call the office to ask for to have a copy of the bulletin mailed to your home. If you've been able to watch our online services you've seen many of our members making a heart with their hands. If you can, please email a picture of yourself to Pastor Kayli at PastorKayli@unionucc.org to be included in an upcoming service.

How are you helping others? I know many of you are praying for each other, for our frontline workers, doctors, nurses, hospital housekeeping staff, grocery store workers, warehouse workers, personal shoppers and delivery workers, postal workers, funeral home staff and many folks who are now headed back to work. Many of our members have been making masks. Many of you have contributed to food drives and made additional donations to the church and local food banks to help others in need. Thanks and keep up the great work!

I hope you're able to get outside as often as possible. If you can't get outside you can sit next to a window where you can see a tree or some birds. Being outside or even looking outside is a wonderful way to connect with nature and is very good for our physical, emotional and spiritual health!

I would love to hear from you. Please call me on my cell phone (610-248-5587) or snail mail (1216 Pennsylvania Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18018) or email (vispastor@unionucc.org).

Tales from the Road

Rev. Dr. Patience D. Stevenson

Pastor of Visitation

Storytime with Mrs. Bonsell

Watch for new episodes of Mrs. Bonsell as she shares a story on our YouTube channel!



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

In Person Sunday Worship is cancelled.
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 any time after that.

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 Schedule

June 7 Online at 10:30am Pastor Kris

Holy Communion Please plan to have a piece of bread or cracker or something to eat, and wine or juice or water as something to drink. The pastors will lead us through a virtual communion service.

June 14 Online at 10:30am Pastor Kris

11:03am Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting. We will meet via zoom. You can log on with your computer or you can call in by phone. See page 1 for more information. Watch your emails.

If you want the information by phone, call 610-767-6961 and Marissa or one of the Pastors will help you.

June 21 Online at 10:30am Pastor Kayli

Celebrating the Men and Fathers in Our Church Family

June 28 Online at 10:30am Rev. Patience

Online Meditation Gatherings



Looking for new ways to handle stress? Want to try or deepen your meditation practice? Join us on June 9 or 23 at 6:30-7:15pm.

Pastor Kris and Carrie Beleno

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

Pastorkris@unionucc.org

To the congregation of Union UCC,

I MISS YOU!!! I'd be lying to say that being away from worship and church activities has been great, because the reality is that it hasn't been. You are all in my prayers and thoughts all the time, and I am excited for whenever it is that we will be able to gather together again. So much has happened since we last were together. Our confirmands finished their classes and were confirmed, our high school seniors have graduated, and our college grads have graduated. In the midst of all the crazy, there has been so much light. We celebrate each and every one of our confirmands, graduates, and beyond for all they have done and all of their hard work. This weird time has also brought the completion of a program I participated in the past year at Princeton Theological Seminary, and I have received a certificate in Youth and Theology. Some of you might know I was doing this program, others may have not. But over the past year I attended youth forums, did online class work, worked with a coach, and worked on implementing my "project" which was a new curriculum for our confirmation class this year. I was able to present my project to my peers in my cohort, learn from their settings and projects, and I successfully completed the program. I can not thank you all enough for supporting and loving me through it. I'm more than happy to talk about it, so if you have questions, please ask!

Remember that through all of this, we are all together even if we are physically separated.

May you feel God around you always.

Love and Prayers,



Congratulations Confirmation Class 2020

Confirmand	Parents/Guardians	God-Guide
Maxwell Bilger	Robert & Tracey Bilger	J.D. Fekula
Samantha Christman	Gregory & Wendy Christman	Ardith Kuhns
Lila Cygan	Brendan & Molly Cygan	Dixie Gross
Kelsey Gelb	Damon & Kelly Gelb	Ashleigh Albert
Zachary Grim	Gavin & Jodie Grim	Randy Bilger
Payge Haydt	Leon & Tammy Lorah-Haydt	Eric Minnich
Naomi Henninger	Dion & Tara Henninger	Judy Stubbmann
Leah Horvath	David & Rachel Horvath	Kathi Charles
Tori McCoy	Todd & Amy McCoy	Dave DiPaolantonio
Kayla Schwarz	David Schwarz & Kelly Pauhlius	Edie Fella
Katilin Solt	Michael & Patricia Solt	Deana Correll
Gracie Trexler	Scott & Michelle Trexler	Deana Correll



Kudos to Our Confirmands

Congratulation Class of 2020!



High School Graduates

Jeanette Abel

Graduating from LCTI w/ focus on early child care. Attending LCCC to obtain associates degree to pursue career as paraprofessional to work with children with special needs.

Madison Amorim

Graduating from Northern Lehigh HS. Attending Moravian College in fall for Nursing.

Rachael Bath

Graduating from LCTI. LCCC to finish academics w/ major in fine arts & graphic design, followed by art school.

Christopher Bath

Graduating from LCTI. Plan to go into workforce and fire academy to be a career firefighter.

Nicholas Beers

Graduating from Northwestern Lehigh HS. Attending Penn State in fall majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Jason Check

Graduating from Northern Lehigh HS, valedictorian. Plans to attend Drexel University in the fall, majoring in Business Management with a minor in Economics. Future plans include running for President of the United States in 2044.

Abbey Hafler

Graduating from Parkland HS. Attending Florida Southern College, majoring in Exercise Science on the pre-physical therapy track.

Tegan Haley

Graduating from Parkland HS. Attending LCCC in fall on Honors Scholar program, majoring in Chemistry.

Abby Hill

Graduating from Parkland HS. Attending Duquesne University in fall majoring in Music Education with a vocal concentration.

Gabriel Horvath

Graduating from Parkland HS. Attending LCCC in fall to study Mechanical Technology.

Madelyn Kohler

Graduating from Emmaus HS. Attending University of Maryland in fall majoring in Bioengineering.

Dylan Kuntz

Graduating from Northern Lehigh HS. Attending Lock Haven University in fall, majoring in the Accelerated Physician's Assistant Program and a member of the Global Honors Program.

Rebeka Lorah

Graduating from CCTI. Attending LCCC in fall majoring in Business Administration.

Katie Mericle

Graduation from Parkland HS. Plans to attend college for Special Education and Elementary Education.

Madison Milander

Graduating from Parkland HS. Attending University of Rhode Island in the fall, majoring in Marine Biology.

Jacob Roth

Graduating from Parkland HS. Plans to attend either Georgetown University or American University, majoring in Government with a minor in Music with the eventual goal of attending law school.

Nathan Zazo

Graduated January 2020 from CCA.

Brandon Zellner

Graduating from Northern Lehigh HS. Attending Cedar Crest College in fall majoring in Nursing.





College Graduates

Kimi Bath

Graduated, Magna Cum Laude, from Temple University, with a B.A. in Advertising. Hoping to get a job in strategy at an advertising agency.

Megan Bonsell

Graduated from LCCC, with an AAS in Hotel Resort Management.

Michaela Boyer

Graduated from Muhlenberg College, with a B.A. in Political Science. Plan to take some time off, then apply to law school.

Mitch Carlson

Graduated from University of Maryland, with a bachelor's degree in Biomedical Engineering. Plans to work as an engineer for a year then go to medical school.

Courtney Gelb

Graduated from Elizabethtown College, double major in Health and Occupation and French. Plans to return to Elizabethtown in fall to pursue a master's degree of Occupational Therapy, after summer internship at St. Luke's Hospital, Bethlehem.

Liz Horvath

Graduated from Bryn Mawr College with a B.A. in Anthropology. Will start job as project assistant at a capital investment and public policy organization in Philadelphia.

Abigail Kern

Graduated from Thomas Jefferson University, with a B.S. in Interior Design. Plans to continue master's education for an M.S. in Sustainable Design.

Jillian Krempasky

Graduated from Westminster Choir College with a Bachelor's in Voice Performance. Plans on attending Shepherd School of Music at Rice University to pursue Master's of Music in Voice performance.

Trisha Nagle

Graduated, Suma Cum Laude, from Kutztown University, with a B.S.E.D. in Elementary Education. Currently applying and searching for a teaching position, once job attained, plans to get master's degree.

Josephine Steidinger

Graduated from North Carolina State University with a degree in Biomedical Engineering. Attending Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine in the fall.

Advanced Degrees

Ashleigh Albert

Graduated from Lehigh University, with a Master's in Special Education. Certifications in English and Special Ed. 7-12. She is seeking a full-time teaching position.

Caitlin Carlson

Graduated from James Madison University, with a Master's Degree in Elementary Education. Hopes to get a teaching position in the Lehigh Valley.

Lauren Klingensmith

Graduated with a Doctor Of Medicine (MD) degree from Albert Einstein College of Medicine, starting a residency in Pediatrics at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

* this was printed prior to all information being obtained. If you were missed please let Pastor Kayli know.



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.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.

SEWERS AND HELPERS

IRON PIGS GAME

Church Trip to the Iron Pigs has been cancelled.

We will let you know next year's date when we can. John Snyder-Samuels will be in touch with you about tickets that have been purchased.

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.

CLOTHING SHED

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.



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



To the friends and family of **Ruth Miller**, who passed on Thursday, April 23, 2020 at The Phoebe Home, Allentown. Private services were held on Monday, April 27, 2020 in the Heintzelman Funeral Home, Inc. Donations were made in her memory by: Brenda J. Kreglow, Ronald & Shirley Kozo, Kim L. Hofstetter.

To the friends and family of Dr. Richard **Wotring Gemmel** who passed on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at Cedarbrook Fountain Hill . A private service was held Friday, May 1 in the Heintzelman Funeral Home, Inc.

To the friends and family of **Hilda Nagel** who passed on Monday, April 27, 2020 at Fellowship Manor , Whitehall. A private service was held 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 1, 2020 in the Heintzelman Funeral Home, Inc. Donations were made in her memory by: Thelma & Earl Zeiner, Thelma & Earl Zeiner, Nancy & Jerry Resh, Philip & Julie Wehr, Luther & Martha Lutz, David & Doris Marsteller, Linda George, Ann & Bob Gerteis, Steve & Mark, Victoria S. Kern, Carolyn George, Richard & Madeline Bingell, Shirley A. Gross, Brian & Casi, Jean & David Adam, Tri-Clover Volunteer Fire Co., John & Gloria Simock, Ronald & Lucille Simock, Jerry & Nadine Rauch, Albert & Patricia Brandstetter, Gary & Joyce Stone, Elizabeth Lezousky.

To the friends and family of **Rhonda Santilli**, who passed on Monday, May 18, 2020 in her home. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

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

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. financial-manager@unionucc.org

DONATE ONLINE with your Credit or Debit Card Go to <http://www.unionucc.org/resources/giving-and-sponsorship/ways-to-give/> and click **GIVE ONLINE**.

AMAZON SMILE Donate to Union UCC, Neffs (Search by zip code 18065) while you shop at Amazon. <https://smile.amazon.com>.

Staff News from Pastor Kris

Thank you Marissa for taking on the work of both the Office Assistant and your own position as Office Administrator for the last 4 months.

Church and Ministry approved and presented to Consistory for approval that Marissa be hired as the permanent Office Administrator which combines both positions. Consistory approved this recommendation at their May meeting effective July 1, 2020.

This will be for a total of 36 hours. We will post her hours when we are back in the office.

Thank you Church and Ministry and Consistory for your work with our staff.

Thank you, Marissa, for saying 'yes'!



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.

	<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Designated Funds</u>	<u>Grand Total All Funds</u>
7-1-2019	\$ 9,644.00	\$22,507.00	\$32,151.00
Income	\$34,549.00	\$4,042.00	\$38,591.00
Expenses	\$34,077.00	\$3,120.00	\$37,197.00
4-30-2020	\$10,116.00	\$23,429.00	\$33,545.00

Designated Funds category includes offering for NIN, Mother's Day, OGHS, Lenten, Advent, Improvement Fund, Flowers, Directory, Bulletins, Phoebe Campaign, & Special Gifts.

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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