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This year's Super Bowl will be a different experience during the Covid-19 pandemic, but it will go on. So will our annual SOUPER Bowl collection of canned soup and cash donations. We might be socially distanced, but YOU can still help TACKLE HUNGER and help feed local families.

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Canned soup may be dropped off in the foyer every Sunday during February. Canned soup may also be dropped off under the canopy on the north side, large parking lot side, any Saturday or Sunday in February from 10 - 4, please place donations in the boxes. All soup donations will be provided to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.

Cash donations may be made through the special envelope in this newsletter, marked "Souper Bowl Sunday" and "Blanket Sunday" Please mark your donations accordingly and mail to the church. Cash donations will support the mission of Lehigh Conference of Churches in Allentown.

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

BLANKET SUNDAY

Blanket Sunday at Union UCC is usually held around Valentine's Day, to spread our Love, and God's Love to the World.. This year we will celebrate Blanket Sunday all of February and be collecting in a different manner.



Donations of cash or check may be made through the special envelope included with this newsletter, marked "Blanket Sunday" and "Souper Bowl Sunday" Please mark your donations accordingly and mail to the church, or drop in the collection totes on Sundays.. Blankets cost \$10 each, you may support one blanket, or many blankets, all up to you.

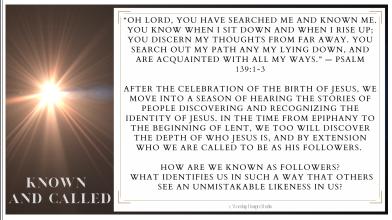
You're changing lives around the World!! Through your support of the Church World Services Blankets Program, you are helping people faced with difficult challenges, whether due to a natural disaster or another sort of emergency.

Please support this important annual mission project, our goal is to collect over \$2,000. Thank you, the Mission Committee

Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary, livestreaming on our Facebook page, or YouTube channel. Join us Sundays at 8am and 10:30am or anytime during the week.

You can also listen to worship by phone by calling: 610-410-9595

The Sunday bulletin and announcements can be emailed or mailed to you each week, please contact the office to sign up.



FEBRUARY WORSHIP Masks Required in Sanctuary and Building Sunday Worship at 8am and 10:30am in the Sanctuary

February 6 Boy Scout Sunday
February 13 Confirmation Class Leads Worship,
Souper Bowl Sunday and Tailgate Lunch
February 20 Healing Service/Pray with a Pastor
February 27 Communion, New Members
Received

Looking Ahead:

Tuesday, March 2nd **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** at 6-8pm Wednesday, March 3rd **Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion** 12noon and 7pm

FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE

As the 2021 year ended, the property committee oversaw a project to improve the safety and security of the building. Protect Alarms of Allentown was hired to install a new magnetic door lock system and a buzzer intercom system to the two main entrances, from the north and south parking lots. A new security camera was also installed at each entrance.

This project was performed to provide extra safety and security for our pastors, our staff and the preschool teachers and students during the weekdays. The building will be locked during the day, with visitors needing to buzz in at either door, then wait for a staff member to unlock the door electronically so they can enter. Visitors will only be able to enter during office hours, providing that a staff member is present.

The building stays locked at night and on Saturdays, unless a special event or meeting is planned or arranged through the church office. The new door system allows for the doors to be open on Sundays, or for special events when full access is needed.

The Funds of Lasting Gifts endowment fund has provide the funds for this very important safety and security project which helps to protect our church property, our staff, and all who visit.

Last but not least, our facility caretaker Ori Handwerk is back at work after recovering from hip surgery. We welcome Ori back, and also thank Wes and Maria Beltz for their cleaning services during November and December.

STAFF EPISTLES TO THE GOOD PEOPLE OF UNION UCC – January 2022



A letter from Kris Penrose Snyder, Senior Pastor:

I have asked the staff to report to you by using the idea of a letter, an epistle, to share their work and ministry with you from this past year. In the Bible, the Epistles are letters written to the fledgling churches and individual believers in the earliest days of Christianity. Paul is said to have written many of these letters usually to address a particular topic, situation, or problem. He wrote to teach and instruct, sometimes to admonish, but most often to show gratitude and to encourage the people as followers of Jesus. Here is my letter to you, dear family of faith.

We are blessed to have a staff that is so committed to the work they are called to. They are also very dedicated to the mission and ministry of God's church at Union UCC. I have always felt this way, but these last two years during a global pandemic have multiplied my gratitude and appreciation for each one of them. During this time they continued to do good and hard work, but with added flexibility, creativity, perseverance, and tenacity. Like everyone everywhere they needed to learn how to move with constantly changing dynamics and decisions as well as care for their health and the health of those they love. I am grateful to call them colleagues and friends. Here in this report you will hear some of the faith and character that has carried them and us through this time together.

In November of 2021 I celebrated my 25th anniversary as one of your pastors. I served for eighteen years as your Associate Pastor, two years as your Acting Senior Pastor during the interim, and now it's been five years as your Senior Pastor. To say I have been blessed to serve and love God with you does not capture all the goodness I have known. 25 years??? 25 years!!! 25 years. I thank you and I thank God.

I usually work about 50-60 hours a week during September to May and about 40-50 hours a week during the Summer. In a typical annual report I try to share with you how I spend my time, energy, and spirit and how I nourish my time, energy, and spirit.

In the last five years as your Senior Pastor I have spent a lot of time reorganizing the staff. Every position we have and every person in that position has changed in one way or another. Some folks moved on, others retired or passed away, others are new here, and others saw a change in their responsibilities. We are fortunate to have an incredible Church and Ministry Committee and Consistory that supports and guides me. I rely on them heavily and they are great at what they do. I have also had to rely on them in new ways as we have made Covid decisions on your behalf. Their deep love for God and God's church, for each other, and for you has been a beacon for me as I've tried to lead us through this.

The next largest area where I spend my time is creating worship and programming opportunities. This is probably the part of my work that I love the most and have the most fun doing. I intentionally invest a lot of time in worship and other planning because I believe that is where you are fed and nurtured for a life of discipleship and service. As you know, I always have a million ideas brewing and one of the things I've been grieving the most during this pandemic is the inability to implement them. However, the part of this time that has given me hope and new life is that I've seen each group, committee, and staff member find new ways to be the church. And although this kind of pivoting can be exhausting, I'm also hoping that it will be what fuels us to keep being the vital and healthy church we have been and need to continue to be.

Here's what's really on my mind and heart: even before this pandemic happened churches across the country were seeing huge changes in rhythms and patterns of attendance, participation, and programming. We were seeing these changes too. I think that Covid helped us rip the band-aid off. As one of your pastors and leaders, I'm curious about it all. Things can't and won't go back to where they were before the pandemic. Will you lean in with me to discover what's next for us as a family of Jesus followers? How will we diversify our discipleship portfolio of faithful living to be God's church now? In what will you invest and reinvest?

I believe we've got this, and I also believe God's got us - holding us, cradling us, replenishing us, while also nudging us, calling us, and urging us. Love and more love to you!

A letter from Marissa Haney, Office Administrator:

Dear members of Union UCC,



While I have met a lot of you either face to face or by phone/ email, I know there are plenty that I have not had the pleasure or chance to yet. For those of you that don't know me, my name is Marissa and I am the office administrator. I would say my time here has been ever changing. During my first year here, other than the recurring things such as bulletins and newsletters I learned the schedule and events that are held here every year and what goes into planning them. Once I had all that down and came up to my second year the pandemic hit and changed everything! We

were working from home and worship was through Zoom. We then came back to the office and started recording the services in the Sanctuary.

Finally, this past year things started to go back to "normal". Some events were held in the grove during the summer and now worship has been back in the Sanctuary. While it was nice to go back to the way things were done before, it was also a little daunting remembering all the little things to be included. I look

forward to what this new year will bring.

I also want to acknowledge how thankful I am for the Pastors, staff, and members of this church who kept me in their thoughts and prayers during this past year. It truly meant a lot to me.

A letter from Barbara Carinci, Financial Manager:

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Barbara Carinci, and I am the Financial Manager at the church. I was very honored to be the Church Administrator from 2009-2018. I retired for a year and then returned to the church as the Payroll Manager. After a year of that position, I became the Financial Manager. I am responsible for anything that has to do with the financial part of the church: paying bills, payroll, filing all taxes, reconciling all accounts, sending out donation statements, making deposits, etc. I also do the financials for the Funds of Lasting Gifts, the Reserve Fund, and the Memorial Fund.

I approach my work as a mission to God and my Church Family. On a daily and weekly basis it gives me an opportunity to interact with my fellow co-workers who all have the same goal in mind. Though we work independently, we all work as a team. I look forward to continuing my role in the church and assisting all members of the church who may have any financial questions or concerns.



A letter from Tiffany Lakatosh, Minister of Faith Formation:

I have only been on staff for a couple months, but this church has always been part of my life. It is a blessing to be able to help the younger generations and families to have the same passion for God that I do.

In my short time as Faith Formation Minister of Children and Families, I have held special Zoom events for children, created a special family Facebook group, restarted Sunday School and Children's Church, and had a great Christmas Celebration. As I look forward to 2022, I am excited to plan new and excited family events and bring back VBS in June.

I plan to spread lots of love and kindness moving forward, and I hope that you will do the same.

A letter from Annette Wilcox, Preschool Director:



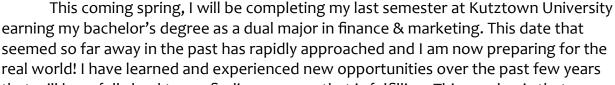
Dear members of this church family, I am writing to share with you my experiences of the past pandemic years. Ah, if only I could express to you all my eyes have seen and my ears have heard as the struggles of those in my care have made their way to me. Many have been the cries of frustration, as we had to close our doors and only seek the company of each other through Zoom classes. The triumph of all 4 teachers and our 25 registered families alike as we mastered new technologies and found innovative ways to bring fellowship (drive by Santa sightings, driveway art

messages, and outdoor family gathering, etc...) brought rays of light to an otherwise dark period.

Then came a day of rejoicing in which our doors reopened to a full school of 60 students (a few started late) and we could find delight in the laughter of children in the classrooms. We cannot express enough our gratitude to you fine people for offering up additional classroom spaces, and the use of the Grove concession stand for safe outdoor eating, which allowed us to open our doors and hallways once again. Though these days bring the sounds of music and learning, they also bring the anonymous (and not so anonymous) words of anger and hate at our requiring cloth coverings upon our faces and parents to remain out of the building. The outward smile of all 6 teachers and assistants often hides the exhaustion they feel trying to manage new required procedures for cleaning and maintaining social distancing all while preserving the level of excellent teaching we have known in the past. The shoulders of this Director are heavy with the burden of keeping all of the staff and students healthy and safe. My pockets overflow with thermometers, spare masks, and hand sanitizer as I try to ward off the invisible foe of the virus. And numerous are the days I wonder if I have any energy left to give and consider curling up under the covers and calling it a day.

Therefore, I beseech upon you to pray for the staff and the families of the preschool that we may remain healthy as we continue our ministry of sharing the joy of learning. If you happen upon one of the teaching staff or have the opportunity to send a friendly note, please lavish them with all the praise they deserve, for kind words help nourish the soul.

A letter from AJ DiPaolantonio, Building Lock Up Person:





that will hopefully lead to me finding a career that is fulfilling. This pandemic that we are living through has changed the way I do some things in my life, as well as help me to get my priorities inline. As a businessperson, I have found opportunity for growth in the uncertainty and variation that has resulted from the pandemic. Since March of 2020, I have been active with expanding my car detailing business, buying/selling cars, gaining stock market knowledge and increasing investments, as well as working for a local homebuilder learning useful skills.

My work at the church is something that seems so small, but has a lot of importance to me. I have been locking up the building for over 6 years now. After doing the exact same walkthrough easily over 1,000 times, you may think I would be tired of it by now! However, it has gotten nothing but better over time. As I walkthrough making sure everything is secure and ready to go for the next day, it gives me a chance to wind down my day and do some reflection. I always feel at home when I am in the building. It gives me a sense of comfort and peace. I am grateful that I have the opportunity to work at the church and would like to thank all of the church members for supporting me in every way!

Contact: Tiffany Lakatosh Email: dired@unionucc.org



Dr. Seuss Sunday

February 27, 2022

Everyone is encouraged to dress up as their favorite Dr. Seuss Character!

All Sunday School classes will meet in Fellowship Hall at 9:15am to enjoy a fun **Dr. Seuss filled morning!**



Sunday School Children's Church

All Children ages 3 to 7th grade are welcome to attend Sunday School. The rooms are as follows: age 3-Kindergarten in room 100, grades 1-4 in Fellowship Hall, and grades 5-7 upstairs in the old office next to the Memory Room.

All children age 3 to 5th grade are welcome to attend Children's Church. This takes place during 10:30am service and children will return to the parent/quardian in the sanctuary before service is finished.

If you have any questions contact Tiffany at dired@unionucc.org



2022 **Tune 20-24**

Vacation Bible School is back!

We need your help to make this summer's program the best it can be!

Email Tiffany to be part of the fun and excitement of ROCKY RAILWAY!



Our annual fundraiser will take place 2/21/2022 to 3/7/2022. Brochures will be available soon.

Tales with Ms. Tiffany February 14th 7-7:30pm

This online Zoom event is for ages 3-8 and will include a story, creative movement, and more. The Zoom number for this event is 875 2647 2962.

If you have any questions contact Tiffany at dired@unionucc.org

Love and kindness are never wasted.

They always make a difference.

They bless the one who receives them, and they bless the giver.

Union UCC, Neffs Youth Group

"A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new."

Albert Einstein

February 2022 Edition
Pastor Kayli (pastorkayli@unionucc.org)





GRADES 6TH-12TH!!!

It is that time of year where we celebrate and honor our youth with a Sunday dedicated specifically to YOU! We need your help to make this day great!

Sign up to read, play music, preach (12th grade only), and so much more! THIS YEAR IS IN-PERSON

Use the link below to sign-up!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F48AEAD2BA2FE3-youth8



Dearest congregation members of Union UCC,

I bring you blessings and love from the office of the Associate Pastor (how very formal that sounds). It's hard to believe that we have been able to call me that for the past four years. It is amazing how fast time flies when you are having fun, and I am grateful everyday to be blessed to journey along side each and every one of you through this life. It's been an honor and joy to be able to be with you through not only the good portions of life, but the sometimes down right awful times, and in the past two years, it feels as though the awful outweigh the good. I assure you dear ones, that in the darkness there is always light.

This past year has been one for the books. We all thought that we'd be far beyond the fears of a global pandemic, and yet here we are still plucking along and hoping for something to give soon. During this time, I have had the honor of celebrating the lives of many of our members who are no longer with us, but who's memories will forever be present in our lives. I have also seen the pure joy in new births and baptisms, as well as the confirmation of 12 amazing youth in May of 2021. Its easy to point out resilience of adults, but I have to say that the strength I have been witness to in our youth is something I applaud. I have had the honor of seeing just how much strength our youth have, especially when everything they know has been uprooted and turned upside down. Typically, it is my responsibility to support the growth in faith of our youth, but in the past year(s) of my life, they have been the ones supporting my growth as well. I will never get tired of singing their praise, and being proud to be a part of their incredible journey!

As we move forward into 2022 I make one request of you dear friends, do so with kindness. Remember that everyone is going through something. Sometimes you can see it, and most times you cannot. The best way that we can spread Christ's love in the world is to treat everyone we meet with a whole lot of kindness and grace. Together we can get through it all.



Welcoming Family Promise back to our building Feb. 20-27

We are planning to welcome the clients of Family Promise back to our warm facility the week of Feb. 20-27. This will be our first in-person hosting since Feb. 2020! In preparation, Executive Director of Family Promise of Lehigh Valley, Roslyn Kuba, will lead us in a training (re-training) session to remind us of the many different situations that these families may have experienced that bring them into Family Promise care. You may join either the daytime session on Thurs., Feb. 3 at 10am or the evening session on Wed., Feb. 9 at 7pm in Fellowship Hall. In addition, we'll need lots of volunteers to fill roles from setting up the sleeping and common areas, to preparing meals, to overnight chaperoning. If you are an experienced volunteer, we welcome you back to share our gracious hospitality with these special families. If you are new and are interested in getting involved with our efforts, please contact Susan Smith at susancarrington@hotmail.com or (610) 366-7284. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to any of the steering committee members: Liz and Ed Norman, Susan Glosan, Dennis Foster, Phil and Julie Wehr, Susan and Carrington Smith and Pastor Kris.

Weather Alert Boxes from Lehigh Conference of Churches Feed Homeless Community

Severe inclement weather may force various services in the Lehigh Valley to cease and providers to close. To still provide services to the unsheltered, and encourage the unsheltered to prepare for such weather, the Lehigh Conference of Churches is enhancing their outreach efforts.



When inclement weather is forecasted, the Street Outreach Team will visit the encampments in the area to warn about the weather and encourage the encampment residents to seek temporary housing in one of the area shelters.

The team will also provide them with a "Weather Alert Box" that includes shelf-stable food, such as read-to-eat tuna or chicken packets, fruit cups, juice boxes, bottled water, beef jerky, granola bars, etc.

If the Conference Kitchen should have to close due to weather, the boxes will also be handed out prior.

On behalf of the Conference, we will be collecting shelf-stable foods throughout the Winter. We could use the following for the Weather Alert Boxes:

- Beef jerky
- Bottled water
- Candy bars
- Dry cereal
- Fruit cups
- Granola bars / protein bars
- Individual bags of chips
- Instant coffee
- Juice boxes
- Powdered milk
- Ready-to-eat tuna and chicken packets
- Soup with a pop-top lid
- Trail mix
- Wrapped pastries
- Other shelf-stable items

Family Promise of the Lehigh Valley supports children experiencing homelessness and their families. Since their inception in 11/2018 they have served 31 families. In September they enrolled their first prevention family and have now prevented 9 additional families from being homeless. FPLV is having their major fundraiser. Family Promise Homecoming 2022 -- Saturday, March 26th 2022 -- Aster Event Center/Hyatt Place, Allentown, PA -- 5:30 PM – 9:00PM -- Cocktails – Dinner – Live Auction --Tickets \$100 per person – Sponsorships available. Please learn more by looking at our website fplehighvalley.org or call the office (610) 351-1368.

JANUARY 2021 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 FOLG funding for elevator maintenance, gutter cleaning, slate repair, and misc property repairs (Property and Maintenance Committee)
- Approval of Steeple project and monies needed from FOLG (Property and Maintenance Committee)
- Approval of monies for Family Promise (Mission Committee)
- Approval so Pastor Kayli can apply and we support her for the NGLI, Next Generation Leadership Initiative (Church and Ministry)
- Approval for FOLG funding for Worship Leaders, Worship Guests, Continuing Education for Pastor Kris, and for Financial Mailings (Financial Leadership team)
- Approval of the seven (7) new members for Consistory and one (1) new member for FOLG
- Agreed to regroup in two weeks via email to discuss February transition meeting with consistory

WOMEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND APRIL 22-24, 2022

Trout Lake Retreats, Stroudsburg

Cost: \$145 \$75 Deposit due now, \$70 Balance due March 27

Payment plans and financial assistance available.

Checks to Union UCC, Memo Line – Women's Retreat

Friends and family members are welcome.

Leader and more Info: Pastor Kris

NOTE: If you already paid for this retreat in 2019, your spot is reserved, but still confirm with Kris. If you are no longer able to attend, we can only give a refund if someone new signs up to fill your spot.





January was an adventurous month in the Preschool. The students explored different habitats through crafts, books, lessons and play. We talked about how animals stay warm in the cold weather and which animals hibernate; with the snow we have received, there are days I wish we could hibernate! Despite the cold and snow, we have still been heading outside to play if the temperatures are above freezing. We were able to wear our warm, cozy pajamas at the end of the month for our annual pajama day- always a favorite with students and staff alike. Although after last year of cyber preschool, teaching in pajamas was bringing flashbacks of Zoom class

The last week of January (24-28), the preschool participated in the Great Kindness Challenge as part of our yearlong Kindness Initiative. Families were sent home a checklist of kind acts and challenged to spend the week engaging in as many of the acts of kindness as possible. If anyone in the church is interested in obtaining the checklist for your own use, please contact the Director as we challenge everyone to participate.

Enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year begins with a virtual Information session on February 8 starting at 6:30 pm. If you, your family, or your friends are interested and would like a link to the Zoom session or would like more information, please email preschool@unionucc.org or call the preschool office at 610-767-5327.

Attention High School Seniors!

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 online on the website at neffsuccpreschool.org.



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

Dorothea Lacko, who passed on December 31, 2021. Services were held on January 7, 2022 in the Heintzelman Funeral Home.

David Klotz, who passed on January 16, 2022. Services were held on January 20, 2022.

Donations made in memory of:

Bertha Blose from: Timothy & Lisa Wright, The Maurice Blose Family, Philip & Julie Wehr

Rich Correll from: John & Deborah Romig, Dan & Debbie Topp, Edward & Janet Lopez, Frances A. Correll, Frances A. Correll from Jimmy and Boys, Ronald & Carol Oberdoester, Allen W. Handwerk, Kenneth & Elaine Reichenbach, The Selig Family, Marlene Stofflet, Rich & Deb Klocek, LaRue & Roger Guth, David & Cindy Kish, Margaret I. Bair, Barbara Cwitkowitz, Frank Cwitkowitz, Dana, Robert, & Scott Schaeffer, Tim & Austin Yanders, Paul & Shirley Schaffer, Philip & Julie Wehr, Rod Kistler, Patricia Stewart, Sandy & Mel Lebo, Paul Verret, Barbara J. Panner, Donald Long, Angela Gunkle On behalf of Cancer Registry, Sharon & Mark Maletsky

Harold Remaley from: Diane Pesola, Diana Popik, Jon & Kimberly Diehl, Jane Meyers, Sharon Haberern, Rudy & Darleen Feichtel, Susan & Donald Rumble, Oliver & Althea Blose, Dorothy Best, Grace Schneck, John & Nancy Remaley, Richard & Bev Remaley, Kay Bagenstose, Julie Kreibick & Family, Philip & Julie Wehr, David & Sonia Fink, Ronald & Gayle Heintzelman, John & Doris Drabic, Deborah Whitaker, Jean Newhard, Glenn & Kathy Rader, Gary & Judy Lentz, Community Fire Co. #1 North Whitehall Twp., Marilyn Sechler, Dean & Diane Schaller, Nancy & Bob Brand

February Birthdays

February 2	February 6	February 9	February 15	February 15
Kay Wieand	Jean Heintzelman	Verna Traube	Naomi Follweiler	Franklin Strauss

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Financial Report

Fiscal Year	Operating Fund	Designated Funds	Grand Total All Funds
7-1-2021	(\$4,682.00)	\$22,859.00	\$18,177.00
Income	\$262,576.00	\$33,839.00	\$296,415.00
Expenses	\$214,599.00	\$26,063.00	\$240,662.00
Balance 12- 31-2021	\$43,295.00	\$30,635.00	\$73,930.00

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

Adult Faith Formation Classes with Pastor Kris

Freeing Jesus Diana Butler Bass Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence

Fridays 9:30-11am, Room 5 Feb 4, 11, 18, 25, Sundays 9:15-10:15 Room 5 Feb 6, 13, 20, 27

Please contact Pastor Kris if you'd like to join us in person or virtually by zoom or if you'd like a copy of the book if you can't join us.

<u>Dual Member Status</u> 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.

<u>New Member Sessions</u> Our next new member gatherings are Sunday, February 13 and 20 at 9:15-10:15 in Memorial Hall. Joining would happen on Sunday, February 27th at 8am or 10:30am worship. To share your questions and interest in learning more contact Pastor Kris

PastorKris@unionucc.org

<u>Baptism</u> We offer baptisms during worship at the 10:30 service every other month when we meet in person. Our next dates are Sunday, March 6 and May 15, 2022. Families can sign up to have their children baptized during the worship service in the sanctuary or in a private service with family and pastors. To sign up: Call the church office at 610-767-6961 or email Marissa Haney at <u>administrator@unionucc.org</u>

<u>Weddings</u> 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.

<u>ELECTRONIC GIVING</u> 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

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**.

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