

**All worship services are in the sanctuary, livestreamed on Facebook
or found later on YouTube or Facebook.**

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.**

**APRIL WORSHIP GUIDELINE
UPDATE**

**Wearing a mask inside the
building will now
be optional.**

**For those who are not
vaccinated against
COVID-19, we recommend
wearing a mask (as per
CDC guidelines).**

**Singing - If you like to
sing, please consider
wearing a mask during
those portions of worship.
Our choirs will continue to
mask when singing.**

8am and 10:30am on Sundays

Sunday, April 3 Susan Glosan, Interim Pastor of Visitation

Sunday, April 10 Palm Sunday

Holy Week

Thursday, April 14

Maundy Thursday Worship at 7pm in the Sanctuary

Friday, April 15

Good Friday 12noon and 7pm Sanctuary open for prayer

Friday, April 15

Good Friday Worship at 7pm in the Sanctuary

Sunday, April 17 Easter

6:15am Sunrise Worship in the Grove

8am and 10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary

Sunday, April 24 Pastor Kayli

EASTER MIMOSAS and BUNNIES on the LAWN



**JOIN US AFTER 8AM AND 10:30AM WORSHIP
ON THE FRONT LAWN OF THE CHURCH FOR
A CELEBRATORY MIMOSA, ORANGE JUICE,
AND SNACK.**

THE EASTER BUNNY WILL BE JOINING US!

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SUMMER WORSHIP PLAN

At Consistory's meeting in February they decided on this plan for Summer worship.

There will only be a 10:30am worship service starting on June 12 until September 4th.

There will NOT be 8am worship starting on June 12 through September 4th.

We will have outdoor worship in the grove at 10:30am on the following Sundays:

June 12, June 26, July 17, July 31, August 14, and August 28.

We will worship in the church if the weather does not cooperate on these Sundays.

Did you know that in :

1755 - A log church was built in Neffs

1795 - The Reformed congregation invited the Lutheran congregation to join in building a new sanctuary

1797 - A stone church was built, called Union Church

1846 - Unionville Sunday School was formed

1866 - A new cemetery was laid out behind the church

1871 - The current brick church was built with a 165 foot high steeple

STOP right there, do the MATH, Union UCC's main church sanctuary celebrated its 150th Anniversary during 2021. This is exciting news for the church, the congregation, and the community. Our beautiful church sanctuary has been serving God in the Neffs community for 150 years. YES, this calls for a celebration here in 2022.

Our church family has been at this corner for over 267 years. We are so blessed to be a part of this community loving and serving God together.

Save the date! We will celebrate this anniversary with a Block Party in the Grove on Saturday, June 18th.

We will be inviting our neighborhood, community, and church to a FREE evening in the grove.

We will thank businesses that have helped maintain our building and local businesses that have supported us and the community.

We will thank our first responders and service providers. And, we will give thanks to God!

Music * Food * Kids' Stuff and More!



Photo Credit: Alex Kibrik

EASTER MISSION OFFERINGS

This year the Easter Mission Offerings will be divided between the Miller-Keystone Blood Center and Meals on Wheels of the Lehigh Valley. Please support these two mission organizations by using the Easter Mission Offering envelope in your envelope packet, or blank envelope marked - Easter Mission. Thank you, the Mission Committee.

Miller-Keystone Blood Center



MILLER-KEYSTONE
BLOOD CENTER

The mission of Miller-Keystone Blood Center is to save lives by partnering with the community to provide a continuous supply of blood products and services. Founded in 1971, they serve as the sole blood provider for 29 hospitals in eastern PA and western NJ. Donations to Miller-Keystone help to provide needed medical equipment and supplies to continue their mission of collecting blood at their locations, or during a local blood drive.

In addition to providing a financial donation this year, please consider making an appointment at one of the locations and donate blood, it helps to save lives to a neighbor in the community.

Meals on Wheels of the Lehigh Valley



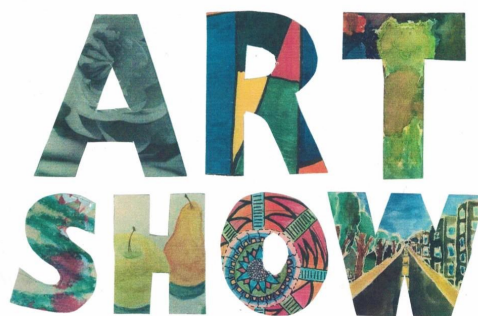
This organization cares for and supports some of the most important people in our Lehigh Valley community. They provide homebound senior citizens and adults with disabilities with home-delivered meals, grocery shopping, and other services. Most importantly, they provide them with kindness and respect that they deserve.

Over 1,500 people in the Lehigh Valley depend on Meals on Wheels to drop off customized healthy meals to their home or senior center. Please support this mission with your financial donations to provide food and supplies to continue their mission.



WHERE SCHOOL MEMORIES BEGIN!

Coffee House



Presented by Neffs UCC Preschool

Featuring:

- Student artwork
- Community artwork
- Parkland High School Orchestra quartet
- Live art demonstration
- Refreshments
- Raffles

It is hard to believe that it has been two years since the COVID-19 pandemic shut down the preschool in March of 2020, right before our art show. Two years later, and we are preparing for this year's art show. Please feel free to join us (outside) along the sidewalks to check out some amazing artwork by our students along with a few additional treats.

April 5, 2022 6:00-7:30 pm

Union United Church of Christ, Neffs, PA 18065

Mission Thank You's

Last year was a challenging year for all, as we worked to navigate the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic together. Thanks to our generous donors, Foundations and community partners, we were able to continue providing essential services to our community members in need. Recognizing that our Warming Station was a critical resource more than ever before, we ensured that all measures were taken to keep our guests and staff safe. Our neighbors experiencing homelessness continued to find warmth, shelter and belonging at the Greater Valley YMCA.

Though we don't know what the future holds, we are dedicated to serving our neighbors at the Station with the help of our community. Your commitment to improving lives in the Lehigh Valley is sincerely appreciated.

From the Allentown Warming Station

Thank you for recent \$1,000 gift. Your generosity provided sanctuary and healing to women survivors looking for a new life beyond the violence trafficking and trauma brings. Your faithful giving creates the opportunity to heal and offers the gift of recovery. The women of Bloom are already planning their futures and most importantly, rebuilding their lives and repairing fractured relationships with their precious children and families.

Bloom's mission is to provide sanctuary to heal, empower and employ women survivors of sex trafficking. Our vision is for graduates to live self-sufficient and fulfilling lives, creating a new future for themselves, their families, our community and our economy. We treasure your partnership and prayers on behalf of the courageous women who call Bloom home.

From Bloom For Women, Bethlehem, PA

Thank you for remembering the Allentown Rescue Mission, and those we serve, with your gift of \$1,000. Your compassion for our homeless and disadvantaged neighbors is in keeping with the basic Christian beliefs. We are grateful for friends like you who reach out to those who are suffering, who show kindness for strangers you may never even meet, because it's the right and godly thing to do.

Because of your support, we can continue to offer those in need the basics of food and shelter, life changing guidance, Christian encouragement, and unwavering hope for new life in the new year ahead.

From the Allentown Rescue Mission



Sally Saltzer and Dave



Jessica Ellis with Barrett, Grayson, and Rhiannon Ruch



Barbara and Darrell Merkel

NEW MEMBERS

Welcomed in February



Pam Kelchner



Devon Kuharik with John and Rowan



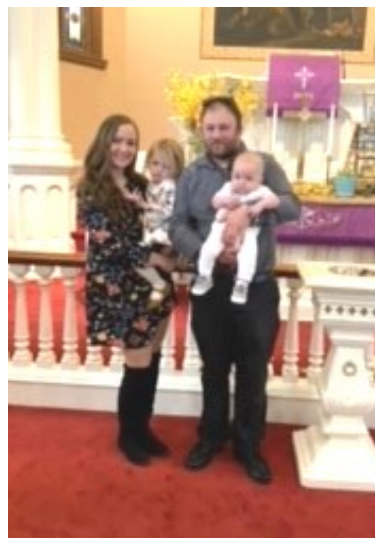
Stephen Kareha with Jennifer, Savannah, Jocelyn, and Juliette



Brynn and Jon Buskirk with Nolan, Reid, and Wesley



Willow Scott Cronrath, with Parents Alexis Gambler and Bret Cronrath and sister



Tucker Dennis Christman, with parents Larysa O'Neill and Sheldon Christman and sister

Floral graphic with the text **march** and **BAPTISMS**

Pictured above: Grayson and Rhainnon Ruch

Christian Education

Contact: Tiffany Lakatosh

Email: dired@unionucc.org



Tales with Ms. Tiffany

7-7:30pm

April 11th & May 4th

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.

On Palm Sunday, April 10th, all Sunday School classes will meet in Fellowship Hall for a morning of Easter fun!

On Easter Sunday we will not have Sunday School or Children's Church.



VBS

June 20-24

JESUS' POWER PULLS US THROUGH!

This year's VBS is scheduled for **June 20th -24th, daily 6:30pm-8:30pm.**

We are still in need of volunteers and teen helpers to make this VBS the best one yet!

Don't have time to eat before VBS? No worries! We will offer a family friendly meal for volunteers/helpers and children registered for VBS each day of VBS at 6pm.

Registration forms are due by June 5th.



Moms & Muffins

May 8th 9:15-10:15am

Children are invited to bring a family member (mom, dad, aunt, grandma, etc.) to our Moms & Muffins event. Children and their family members will meet in Fellowship Hall for a morning of learning, crafts, fun, and, of course, muffins to enjoy.

Please register at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4daca723a7fc1-moms>

Mornings with Ms. Tiffany

May 29th-August 25th

During 10:30am worship we will be inviting children to join Ms. Tiffany and volunteers for a time designed just for them! This time will include a variety of activities that will change weekly. It will be including things such as reading stories, watching videos, crafts, movement, music, and lots of fun!

If you would like to volunteer please register at
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4daca723a7fc1-spring>

FAMILY FUN DAY SUNDAY

MAY 15TH (RAIN DATE MAY 29TH)



Join us for a Family Fun Day Sunday for pizza, mini golf, and ice cream.

We will meet in the church grove for pizza after 10:30am service. Once we are finished with pizza, we will go to Rolling Hills for a game of mini golf, and we will finish the afternoon with ice cream.

This event is \$3 per person. Payments are due by May 8th.

Please register at
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4daca723a7fc1-family>

union ucc, neffs youth group

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

April 2022 Edition

Pastor Kayli pastorkayli@unionucc.org

Youth Sunday 2022



SAVE THE DATE



SAVE THE DATE!

Lots of Summer Fun coming up for you

May 28, 2022: Tie-Dye In the Grove. Bring your own white items to tie-dye.

June 18, 2022: Celebration in the Grove. Youth Group has been tasked with supplying walking-tacos and root beer floats! Watch for more information

July 16, 2022: Family Fun 'Nailed-It' based off the popular Netflix show. Watch for sign-ups; \$15 per team/family

August 20, 2022: Family Game/Movie Night in the Grove. Snacks provided



FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

SUNDAY
APRIL 3, 2022

11:30AM-12:30PM
IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM

All 1st graders (or 2nd thru 7th grader who haven't already participated) are invited to join

Pastor Kayli and

Ms. Tiffany for our First Communion Class

**Sunday, April 3, 2022
11:30am-12:30pm.**

We are offering an in-person option as well as a Zoom option. We will gather in the Youth Room after 10:30am worship. All in-person participants are required to wear a mask

Families and children are encouraged to partake in their first communion at our Maundy Thursday worship opportunity. If you have any questions, email Pastor Kayli (pastorkayli@unionucc.org) or Ms. Tiffany (dired@unionucc.org)

Welcoming Family Promise back to our building Apr. 24-May 1

Although our plans to host in February didn't go as planned, we aren't daunted. We provided daily dinners and grocery cards for the two families that were in the program. We will be planning to welcome the current clients of Family Promise back to our warm facility the week of Apr 24-May 1. This will be our first in-person hosting since Feb. 2020! 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 missed our training sessions, please check out the Family Promise website and watch the training video (<https://fplehighvalley.org/volunteer>). We welcome back our experienced volunteers who have offered such gracious hospitality to 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. Please 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.

INTERRUPTED SILENCE
VOCAL ENSEMBLE

SUMMER SERIES

July 7-9

**BROADWAY NIGHT
IN THE GROVE**

The return of our outdoor concert featuring Broadway songs from the Golden Age to Today!

July 7 at 7pm

July 9 at 4pm

**Little Shop of
HORRORS**
in Concert

July 8 at 7pm

July 9 at 7pm

Union United Church of Christ
5550 PA-873 | Neffs PA 18065
(Bring Your Own Chair Seating)

Tickets are available via Eventbrite, Facebook, email (interruptedsilenceensemble@gmail.com) or by scanning the QR Code
Rain date July 10



SCAN ME



"A great place to share questions and meet others while I'm working on my relationship with the church."

Faith on Tap **God, Beer, and Conversation**

At the NEW Korny's Taveren at
Kornfeind's Market
2228 Old Post Rd, Coplay

Watch for the schedule on the Facebook page of our church or Kornfeind's or in Sunday's worship bulletin.

Cost: Your drink (Beer, Wine, Iced Tea, Water), FREE Admission
Space is limited so you'll need to sign up to save your spot.

Led by **Joe Kornfeind**, the owner of Kornfeind's Market and Business Professor at Muhlenberg College, and
Kris Snyder, Senior Pastor at Union UCC in Neffs.



"The 401G idea really has me thinking about my spiritual portfolio."



"What a good night out!
No kids!! And food for the soul."



"Thanks for FOT, it's an interesting concept you are exploring."

401(g) Faith Commitment

**How do you support God's ministry and mission at Union UCC?
How will you create a diverse spiritual portfolio of discipleship?**

In a 401(k) one invests resources for the future and retirement.
In a 401(g) (g=God) we are investing in our spiritual lives hoping for short and long term returns, on earth as in heaven.

401(g) Greatest Commandment: LOVE!

**Love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.
Love your neighbor as yourself.**

Where will you invest your time, energy, love, finances, and gifts this quarter?

401(g) Key to Loving God, Neighbor, & Self Wholeheartedly:

G= Good - do good/serve, create goodness, notice goodness.

G = Grace - receive and share God's grace.

G= Gratitude - express gratitude to God and others.

G= Generosity - give and love with your whole heart and life.

G= Gold - money, resources, treasures, material goods.

G = Goals - hopes and dreams, God's dream and mission.

G = Gifts—talents, friendship, compassion, kindness, love, fruits of the spirit, your passions and the world's needs intersect.

G = Grit and Grind - perseverance, patience, hope, trust, courage, strength, growth, meaning, purpose.

G=God - worship, prayer, meditation, study, relationship.

From Pastor Kris and the Financial Leadership Team:

Don Penrod, Marianne Kitzmiller, John Harting, Rick Klingensmith, Larry Todd, Aften Hamm, Phil Wehr

Staff Updates From Pastor Kris, Consistory, and Church and Ministry Interim (Temporary) Plan for Pastor of Visitation Ministry

The Pastor of Visitation Committee made this recommendation which Church and Ministry and Consistory approved at their meetings in February. Since posting the Pastor of Visitation position in November, we have not received any appropriate resumes of applicants. Pastor Kris and the search committee created an interim plan for 6 months starting Feb 6 (with 30 days' notice given by either party) while they reinvest in reaching out to potential permanent candidates. **She has approached members Carrie Beleno and Susan Glosan to serve in the following ways:**



Carrie Beleno – previous educator and school principal, Reiki Master, owner of healing center. Has led women's retreat days and meditation sessions here. Currently on Helping Hearts as a volunteer.

Currently doing Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at St. Luke's starting in January (training required for chaplains and those seeking ordination). She's Interested in getting more experience and helping the church. 4-6 hours/week

Focus on Visitation list, hospitals/follow up, call list – shared with other pastors and other interim.

Special focus – organizing Helping Hearts and Communion Ministers for Easter Flower and Communion and coordinate Golden Times program in May and June (with assistance of other pastors)

Emergency assistance as needed/negotiated with other Pastors

Funerals – assist for experience, cover only as needed/negotiated with other pastors

Assisting in worship as time allows.



Susan Glosan – currently Moravian Seminary student, chaplaincy program. Needs to fulfill some pastoral care visits for classwork this semester. Has been active here in a variety of ways as musician, acolyte coordinator, and preacher. Interested in getting more experience and helping the church. 4-6 hours/week

Focus on Visitation list, hospitals/follow up, call list – shared with other pastors and interim

Special focus – preaching 3 times/once a month for separate time and stipend (April, May, June)

Emergency assistance as needed/negotiated with other Pastors

Funerals – assist for experience, cover as needed/negotiated with other pastors

Assisting in worship as time allows.

Financially this plan fits within the realm of what Consistory already approved for the permanent position in terms of hours and budget. Our main goal is to support Pastors Kris and Kayli in their work as well as continue to provide ongoing pastoral care for our members.

The Pastor of Visitation Search Committee

A reminder about boundaries with former pastors:

As a pastor who is no longer serving our congregation, Rev. Patience and all previous pastors serving here, are no longer available for pastoral care at Union UCC. She cannot visit you in the hospital or at home, attend worship or events, or officiate at funerals. This is part of the boundaries established and carried out by the Penn Northeast Conference, the UCC, and the best practices of pastors as they move through these transitions. Appropriate boundaries also preclude her from seeing you as clients in her private practice.



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

Doris E. Brotzman, who passed on March 1, 2022. Services were held on March 8, 2022 at Union UCC

Additional donations made in memory of:

Eleanor Kistler from: Julie Boyer

Richard Correll from: Julie Boyer

Lawrence Pruneski from: Diane Schmidt

March Weddings

March 5, 2022 at Woodstone Country Club
Rebecca Fehnel and James Geronikos

March 13, 2022 at Green Pond Country Club
Nicole Arnold & Tiffany Giamei

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Kitchen	ext. 30



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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	\$328,131.00	\$39,582.00	\$367,713.00
Expenses	\$287,273.00	\$36,256.00	\$323,529.00
2/28/2022	\$36,176.00	\$26,185.00	\$62,361.00

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

Daffodils in the grove

Spring is here, the Easter Bunny is coming, and so are the daffodils in our church grove. Stop by in mid April and take a walk through the grove and woods to see thousands and thousands of daffodils and other flowers blooming. God's beauty is all around us, come and enjoy the beauty in our church grove.



Dual Member Status 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 To share your questions and interest in learning more about our church family contact Pastor Kris PastorKris@unionucc.org

Baptism We offer baptisms during worship at the 10:30 service every other month when we meet in person. Our next dates are Sunday, May 15, 2022 AND July 10, 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 administrator@unionucc.org

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 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**.

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