

## Worship in May & June

(Pastor Kris will be on sabbatical May 8 – June 27)  
**8am and 10:30am**

**May 1** Confirmation Day and Acolyte Recognition

**May 8** Celebrating our Women, Susan Glosan Preaching

**May 15** Last day of Children's Church/Education Hour, 10:30  
Baptism, Rev. Laura Oesterle Preaching

**May 22** Healing Service (Pray with a Pastor), Brad Hackett  
Preaching

**May 29** Memorial Sunday, Rev. Dr. Allan Kramer-Moyer Preaching

**June 5** Communion, Graduate Sunday, Pastor Kayli Preaching

**June 12 (No 8am) 10:30 only in the Grove**, Rev. Dr. Allan  
Kramer-Moyer Preaching

**June 19 (No 8am) 10:30 only in the Sanctuary**, Semi-annual  
meeting, Susan Glosan Preaching

**June 26 (No 8am) 10:30 only in the Grove**, Build Your Own  
Sundae, Rev. Laura Oesterle Preaching

Save the date for our June 18th Neighborhood Block Party! We are celebrating 150 years in this current sanctuary, the 3rd building in our 267 years on this corner. Giving God thanks for the community of Neffs and beyond for serving and loving God and neighbors together.



## BLOCK PARTY

**SATURDAY, JUNE 18**

**NEFFS CHURCH GROVE**

**4-8PM**

**(RAINDATE JUNE 19)**

**JAKE KALIGIS BAND**

**FREE ADMISSION \* BRING A CHAIR**

Food

Games

Music  
at 5pm

A thank you to our  
neighborhood, businesses, and  
first responders from  
Union UCC

5550 Route 873, Neffs  
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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.

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.

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## Support for Ukraine from Pastor Kris

We know that many of you are looking for ways to help the people of Ukraine. Thank you for being God's heart and hands in this time and place.

Our Mission Committee, on your behalf, chose to give \$1,500 to the United Church of Christ's effort to help in the Ukraine. This was supported by the Mattern Family Humanitarian Relief Fund of our Funds of Lasting Gifts. (More info to come on this and other new funds being set up to support God's mission and ministry.)

Some of you have also been supporting the fundraising efforts of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Northampton. They are a great place to follow if you are looking for ideas. They have been making and selling pierogies and candles and also offer other opportunities. And, some of you also supported the meat special at Kornfeind's Market or donated to that effort at Faith on Tap.

Here's a note from their Priest Oleg Kravchenko:

Hello Pastor Kris,

Thank you very much for your participation in the fundraising of Kornfeind's market. That was so generous! People in Ukraine need a lot of help. I think they will for a few more years because of the damage. But the most important thing is life. You did a good job supporting Ukrainians during this hard time. May God bless you and the whole congregation.

In Christ, Priest Oleg

### From the Property Committee

#### A little bit of HISTORY

Did you know that in :

- 1871 - The current brick church was built with a 165 foot high steeple
- 1900 - Trolley lines installed in front of the church
- 1912 - Durner Organ installed in the brick church
- 1917 - Electric lights installed in sanctuary, hallways, and basement
- 1917 - Ruben's "Descent from the Cross" painted behind the pulpit
- 1930 - Stained glass windows installed in the sanctuary
- 1941 - Organ repaired, electrified and improved
- 1942 - Running water installed in the church
- 1950 - Front concrete steps installed
- 1955 - 200 amp electrical service installed
- 1955 - 200th anniversary of the congregation celebrated
- 1956 - The steeple is illuminated with night spot lights.



Our beautiful church sanctuary has been serving God in the Neffs community for 150 years. YES, this calls for a celebration here in 2022.

We are blessed, we are proud, we welcome all to celebrate in 2022.



our group for our senior adults who are young at heart – is back!

This gathering includes lunch and a program. It is free and there is no need to sign up.

**Tuesday, May 3** Meet at 11am for games, trivia, and visiting. Bagged lunch to eat together or take home at 12noon. We will meet inside in Memorial Hall on the first level.

**Tuesday, June 21** Meet at 11am for music by Stacy Gabel, enjoy and sing your favorites together. Hot dogs and ice cream served at 12noon – bring a side dish or snack to share. We will meet in the grove.

Carrie Beleno, one of our Interim Pastors, is organizing these gatherings. Contact her or Pastors Kayli or Kris with questions.

**Communion Minister Training** Would you like to be trained to take communion to our members on the visitation list? Join us for a training and blessing **on Sunday, July 24 at 9am-10am**. Sign up with Carrie Beleno or Pastors Kayli and Kris.



## WHERE SCHOOL MEMORIES BEGIN!

It is hard to believe that we are entering our final month of the Preschool year. The time has flown by fast. During April the teachers and students in 4's explored bugs and insects. We have been watching our batch of caterpillars eat and grow, and are eagerly awaiting the transformation into butterflies. The 3- year-olds have been having fun with spring activities and talking about the weather, while in Pre-K it is all about "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle". We were all able to enjoy some blue skies and warm weather for our Easter hat parade and egg hunt.



## PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

The Neffs Preschool Board of Directors is pleased to announce their 2022 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 Akaysha Yurasits, a senior at Parkland High School who plans to pursue a degree in Elementary Education.



# Mission Thank You's

Thank you for your generous gift to the CWS Blankets program. As families and communities around the world recover from emergencies and struggle in the face of unprecedented challenges, you are standing with them. Now more than ever, we are so grateful for your generous support.

Your contribution provides warmth, comfort and hope to neighbors near and far. It provides a tangible reminder to migrant families that they are not alone as they seek safety. It provides comfort to our neighbors who have lost homes, or are struggling in the face of extreme challenges. Around the world, your support means relief and hope.

Because of your donation on \$2,350 to the Blanket program, CWS is able to respond when disasters occur and support is needed. Thanks to your compassion, we can, and will, change lives.

*From Church World Services*

Thank you for your continued support in feeding families in the Northern Lehigh area. Your donation of 200 five pound bags of potatoes for our annual Easter food distribution helped to feed 200 local families. Your donation of over 450 cans of soup provided warmth and love to children, their families, and to seniors. Your weekly donations of cereals, pasta, canned goods, and other groceries help to provide many forms of nutrition to families in the community.

We are so grateful for your generosity and assisting us with our year round mission of providing food to local families

*From the Northern Lehigh Food Bank*



"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 Tavern 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."

# BLUES NITE OUT

Out will return this summer, for one night, and one night only to the Neffs Church Grove on Saturday August 27.

Mark you calendars now to attend this community favorite event.

4-6:30pm

Bev Conklin  
and Band

7-10pm

Sarah Ayers  
and James  
Supra

All of the favorite foods will be  
back in 2022, please join us

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL



## BACKYARD BARBECUE BASH

LOCAL FAVORITE BAND, TIMEWHYS  
WILL BE BACK ON STAGE

CHICKEN & PORK DINNERS FROM LORAH'S  
PIG ROASTERS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 24TH

KEEP THIS DATE OPEN FOR A FUN NIGHT IN NEFFS CHURCH GROVE!

### 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.

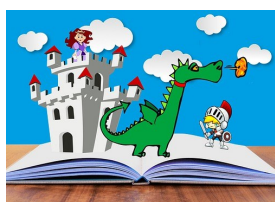
From Pastor Kris and the Financial Leadership Team:

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



# Christian Education

Contact: Tiffany Lakatosh  
Email: [dired@unionucc.org](mailto:dired@unionucc.org)



## Tales with Ms. Tiffany 7-7:30pm 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.**



## VBS June 20-24 6:30pm-8:30pm JESUS' POWER PULLS US THROUGH!

We could still use some volunteers to help make Rocky Railway a rad experience!

Registration forms and payment are due by **June 5th.**

**Last day of Sunday School and Children's Church will be May 15th.**



## Moms & Muffins May 8th 9:15-10:15am

Children are invited to bring a family member (mom, dad, aunt, uncle, grandma, etc.) to our Moms & Muffins event.

Everyone will meet in Fellowship Hall for a fun family morning.

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

*\*Please let Tiffany know of any food allergies.\**

## 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 Memorial Hall for pizza after 10:30am service. Once people are finished eating they can go to Rolling Hills for a game of mini golf, and enjoy a small ice cream.

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

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



## Creative Creations with Ms. Tiffany June 9th, July 14th, July 28th, August 11th & August 25th 7-8pm

Creative Creations is a Zoom class series for kids' **4th-8th grade**. It will be a time to have fun and be creative. Some of our crafts will include a sunset painting, terrarium, and coil bowl.

Supplies will be available for pickup at the church the Sunday before each scheduled Zoom class.

**Please register at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DACA723A7FC1-creative>**



# UNION UCC, NEFFS YOUTH GROUP

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"A PERSON WHO NEVER MADE A MISTAKE NEVER TRIED ANYTHING NEW." ALBERT  
EINSTEIN

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



**Youth Group Tie-Dye in the Grove**  
**Saturday May 28, 2022**  
**1pm-3pm**

Use the link below to let Pastor Kayli know you're joining us. Bring your own t-shirt, headband, bandana, or other clothing item (preferably white) to be turned into a super fun new piece or pieces!

**Sign up by May 22, 2022**

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f48aead2ba2fe3-youth9>**

# Congratulations 2022 Confirmation Class!

On May 1, 2022 we celebrate and honor 10 of our 8th graders who made the decision to confirm their baptismal vows. The past 8 months have been filled with stress, laughter, learning and growing. We are excited to see where all of their journey's will take them!

Many blessings



**Summer Dates to  
Save**

**June 18, 2022: Neighborhood Block Party.** Youth Group has been tasked with supplying walking-tacos and root beer floats! Watch emails for signup information

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

**August 20, 2022: Family Game & Movie Night**

**ALL SUMMER: HANG-OUTS IN THE GROVE.  
GAMES, FOOD, FUN**





Though few candles were actually lit by our acolytes this year, we still feel it is important to honor and recognize those special 7th graders that were willing to act as acolyte for the past year!

**Thanks to: Miranda Brown, Madison Eckhart, Emily Glosan, Everett Lightner, Claire Puia**

A special thanks also to Susan Glosan and Julie Wehr for organizing this group and adapting to the ever changing acolyte needs

We will be gathering next year's acolytes (current 6th

graders) sometime in the future. Keep an eye on your mail to sign up!

**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!

**Little Shop of HORRORS**  
in Concert

July 7 at 7pm	July 8 at 7pm
July 9 at 4pm	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



Want a fun-filled night you can enjoy with the whole family?

Come to an Iron Pigs game on Friday,  
**August 12, 2022**

Come join your church family for fellowship at the Picnic Pavilion at Coca-Cola park for an all-you-can-eat buffet and great seats on the third baseline! To top off the evening, this game will have a great fireworks display at the end of the evening and give-away when you enter the park that evening is a pint glass!

Tickets are only \$28 for this game. Please let Steve Kareha ([s.kareha@gmail.com](mailto:s.kareha@gmail.com) or 717-514-8881) know how many tickets you'd like! We can except cash, check (made out to Stephen Kareha), Venmo (@Stephen-Kareha), or PayPal (@skareha).



## First Communion 2022



Raegan Minnich, Nate Ploeger, Reid Buskirk  
Macayla Hoffert, Mason MacDonald, Cael Vermuelen

On April 3, 2022 some of our younger friends in the congregation spent time with Pastor Kayli and Ms. Tiffany to learn all about communion. They learned the why, the who, the when, and the how...even a few secret tricks

Congratulations to

**Reid Buskirk, Macayla Hoffert,  
Mason MacDonald, Raegan Minnich,  
Nate Ploeger, and Cael Vermeulen**

**Attention all high school, college, and beyond students who are graduating this year!**

We want to know all about YOU so we can celebrate with you!

Fill out the google form with your Name, School you graduate from, future plans, etc...

<https://forms.gle/vcXh3ukVmhMsHVND7>

We will celebrate and honor our graduates during worship on June 5, 2022 at 8am & 10:30am Worship



**Build Your Own Sundae**



June 26, 2021  
After Worship In  
The Grove

**Build Your Own Sundae-Sunday!!**

Mark your calendars for one of our most delicious summer treats!

We will be offering a plethora of options, including different toppings and flavors for all to enjoy!

Plan to join us, won't you?

# Congratulations

## Confirmation Class of 2022



<u>Confirmand</u>	<u>Parent/Guardian</u>	<u>God Guide</u>
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Alexis Baron	Nicholas & Shannon Baron	Deana Correll
Nolan Buskirk	Jon & Brynn Buskirk	Randy Bilger
Carter Christman	Greg & Wendy Christman	Ardith Kuhns
Parker Haydt	Leon & Tammy Lorah-Haydt	Eric Minnich
Eve Horvath	David & Rachel Horvath	Connie Gioielli
Savannah Kareha	Stephen & Jennifer Kareha	Tina Jarrett
Emily Mericle	Michael & Sherri Mericle	Pam Bath
Brayden Peters	Linda & Arlington Peters	Eric Minnich
Ethan Solderich	Stephen & Shannon Solderich	Randy Bilger
Ella Stanek	Stanley & Denise Stanek	Kathy Milander



### April 18, 2022, 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.

- Mission Committee request for funds from FOLG for: World Central Kitchen, Bethany Christian Services in Allentown, The Episcopal Church of the Mediator in Allentown, to sponsor two children from Zimbabwe, Special Olympics of the Lehigh Valley, and Northeast (Community Center) Ministries in Bethlehem
- Financial Leadership Committee request for funds from FOLG for: 150th Celebration Costs, Golden Times, and Welcoming Mailings etc.



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

**Linda D. Rohr**, who passed on April 2, 2022. Services were private.

**Darrell R. Merkel**, who passed on April 2, 2022. Services were held on April 8, 2022 in the Heintzelman Funeral Home, Inc.

Pastor Kris's Step-father, **Donald Roberts**, passed on April 19, 2022/

JUNE 12, 2022  
AFTER 10:30 WORSHIP

## ***SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING***

At this Semi-Annual congregational meeting, we will be presenting the Budget for review and approval. The budget is an important part of the business side of carrying out God's mission and ministry here. Please support us in this time by attending.

The meeting and worship will be livestreamed this day and for those who are at home to participate.

May God continue to bless and guide our church family as we love and serve God and our community.

Respectfully, Aften Hamm, Consistory President



**Congratulations and blessings on the wedding of Chris Hamm and Randy D'Angelo on April 30, 2022.**

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Pastor Kayli	ext. 25
Marissa Haney	ext. 21
Tiffany Lakatosh	ext. 27
Barbara Carinci	ext. 32
Music Office	ext. 26
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.

**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](mailto: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, July 17 and September 18, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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