

# Worship in July & August

There will only be a 10:30am worship service every Sunday through September 4th.

8am worship will return on September 11th.

We will have outdoor worship in the grove at 10:30am on the following Sundays: **July 17, July 31, August 14, and August 28.**

(We will worship in the church if the weather does not cooperate.)

**July 3 10:30am Sanctuary:** American Heritage and Favorite and New Hymn Sunday

**July 10 10:30am Sanctuary:** Baptism

**July 17 10:30am Grove:** Blessing of the Animals , bring your pet, a picture of your pet, or a stuffed animal to represent your pet.

**July 24 10:30am Sanctuary:** Christmas in July

**July 31 10:30am Grove**

**August 7 10:30am Sanctuary:** Communion

**August 14 10:30am Grove:** Church Family Picnic

**August 21 10:30am Sanctuary:** Pray with a Pastor

**August 28 10:30am Grove**

**September 4 10:30am Sanctuary**

**September 11 8am and 10:30am Sanctuary**

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## **Update from Pastor Kris, Consistory, and Church and Ministry Interim (Temporary) Plan for Pastor of Visitation Ministry**

The Interim plan for covering the responsibilities for the Pastor of Visitation is going so well. Thank you everyone for your support in this transition. Thank you Carrie and Susan for becoming a wonderful part of our team. At the June Consistory meeting it was voted to extend this plan and change some of the hours and responsibilities based on our need to return to full coverage and the schedules of Carrie and Susan and their availability.

This plan will be effective August 1 and continue until May 1, 2023 (with 30 days' notice given by either party).

**1. 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. Completed Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at St. Luke's in May (training required for chaplains and those seeking ordination). She will increase her hours to 10-12 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 Flower and Communion deliveries and coordinate Golden Times program, assist with Sunday morning adult education, preaching 2 times in this 9 months.
- 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 (monthly).

**2. Susan Glosan** – currently Moravian Seminary student, chaplaincy program. Has been active here in a variety of ways as musician, acolyte coordinator, and preacher. She will start Clinical Pastoral Education this August. Her hours will decrease to 2-3 hours/week.

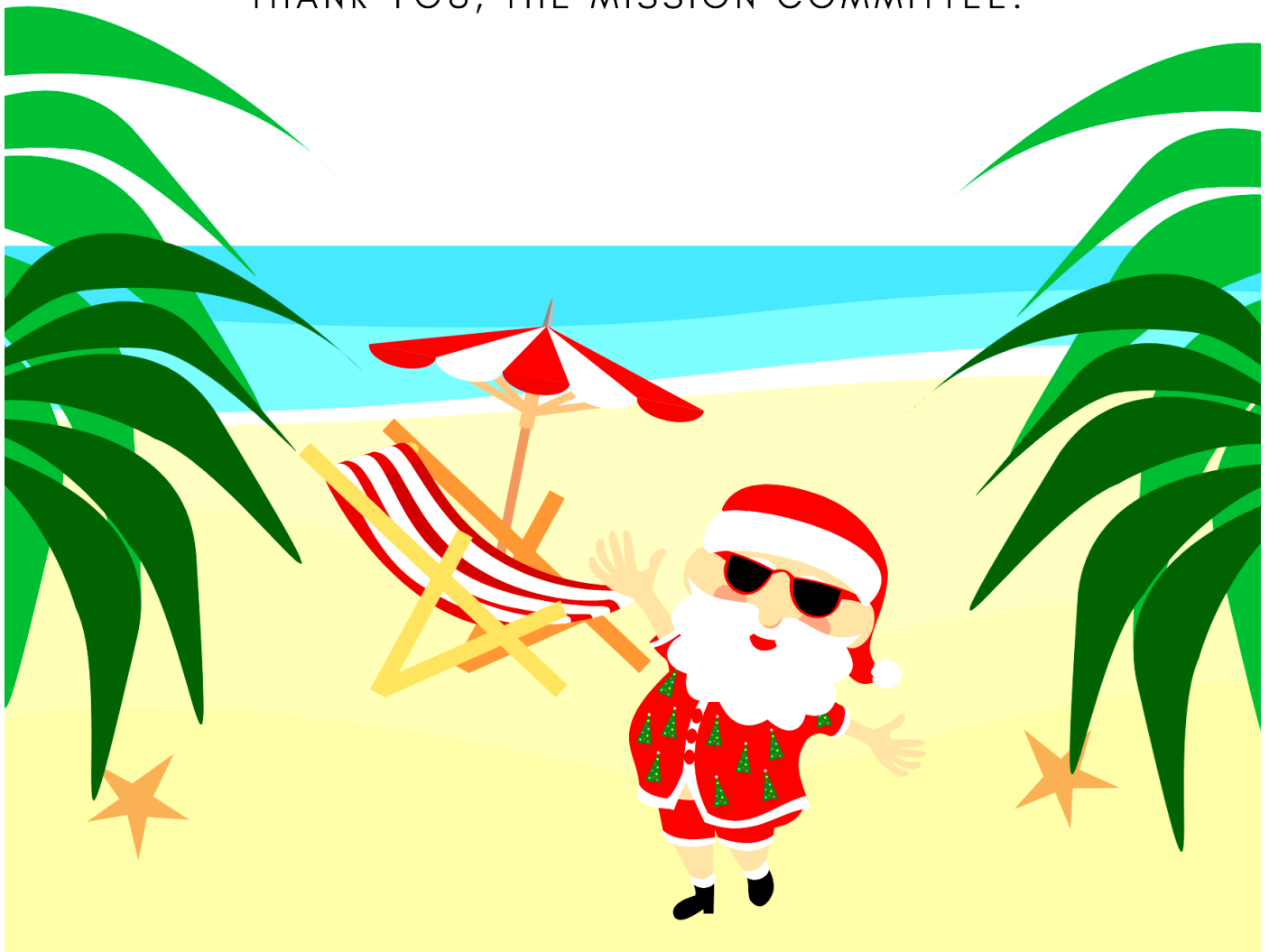
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**Our main goal is to support Pastors Kris and Kayli in their work as well as continue to provide ongoing pastoral care for our members.**

**The Pastor of Visitation Search Committee**

# Christmas in July

MISSION COLLECTIONS OF SOCKS, UNDERWEAR AND T-SHIRTS FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF ALL AGES WILL BE COLLECTED DURING OUR CHRISTMAS IN JULY SERVICE ON JULY 24, 2022. DONATIONS WILL SUPPORT LEHIGH CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES, SIXTH STREET SHELTER, AND ALLENTOWN RESCUE MISSION. PLEASE BRING DONATIONS TO CHURCH SERVICES ANY SUNDAY IN JULY. THANK YOU, THE MISSION COMMITTEE.




## FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE

Please support the Northern Lehigh Food Bank and Lehigh Conference of Churches this Summer. Collections of food and grocery items, and toiletry items are needed all year long by local families. Please continue to drop off your donations in the shopping carts as you come to church on Sundays, or drop off during the week, just use the door buzzers when you arrive at the entrance doors.

Food items needed are crackers, jelly, condiments, mac and cheese, and cake or brownie mixes. Toiletry items needed are soap, toilet paper, hair care products, tooth paste and toothbrushes.

Thank you for sharing and caring this summer, and all year long.



**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).



# BLUES NITE 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 and tell your family, friends, and neighbors to attend this community favorite event.

4-6:30pm

Bev Conklin  
and Band

7-10pm

Sarah Ayers  
and James  
Supra

Hot dogs, turkey BBQ, sausage sandwiches, shrimp delight for everyone to enjoy, and don't forget about the home made desserts and Friendly's Ice Cream!

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!

## SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE



FROM PASTOR KRIS



There are several local agencies that have started to work with Ukranian refugee families who are in the Lehigh Valley. The need for support for these families is tremendous. If you are interested in learning more about how you can help, please contact Pastor Kris.



## **Creative Creations with Ms. Tiffany** **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>



### **Mornings with Ms. Tiffany** **Now-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!

### **Special Story Share** **7-7:30pm** **7/11, 7/25, 8/8, & 8/22**

Would your child like to share their favorite book with other children? We are having a special Zoom series where children can sign up to read, or have an adult read, their favorite book on Zoom to Ms. Tiffany and other children. Ms. Tiffany will also have some fun activities prepared these Zoom events.

Sign up to share a story at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4daca723a7fc1-special>

Don't want to share a book... no worries. All are welcome to join us!

**Our Zoom number is**  
**875 2647 2962.**



### **Zoom Family Yoga** **July 20th 7-7:30pm**

Join us for a fun family yoga event for all ages!  
Our Zoom number is **897 8078 0942**.



Since our Parents Night Out in May was a success, we are doing it again in July and August! Visit the registration links for more information.

There are limited spots, so register early.

July — <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4daca723a7fc1-christmas>

August — <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4daca723a7fc1-august>

## **SUMMER WORD SCRAMBLE**

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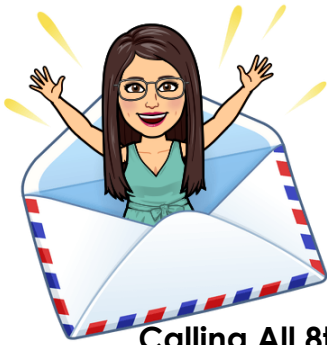
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# Union UCC, Neffs Youth Group

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"Always be a first-rate version of yourself, instead of a second-rate  
version of someone else."  
- Judy Garland.

July/August Edition 2022

Pastor Kayli (pastorkayli@unionucc.org)



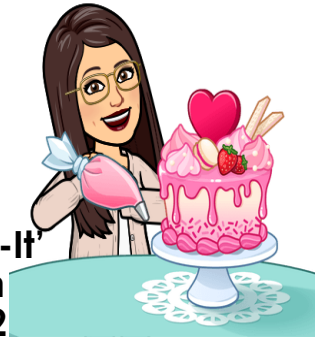
## Calling All 8th Graders

The time has come! We will be forming  
our 2022-2023 Confirmation Class

beginning in July and August. Every  
student entering 8th grade should/will  
receive a letter in the mail in early

August with all the confirmation  
information!

Keep your eyes peeled on the mail!



## Family 'Nailed-It' Competition July 16, 2022

Have you seen the Netflix series 'Nailed-It'? Do you think you have what it takes to recreate something PERFECTLY?

Then this is the challenge for you!

Use the link below to sign up and show  
off your best creativity!

**When: July 16, 2022**

**Where: Fellowship Hall**

**Time: 1pm-3:30pm**

Info to come on what the creation will  
be

[https://www.signupgenius.com/  
go/60b0f48aead2ba2fe3-family](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f48aead2ba2fe3-family)



## Family Fun & Movie Night

August 20, 2022  
6pm-9pm

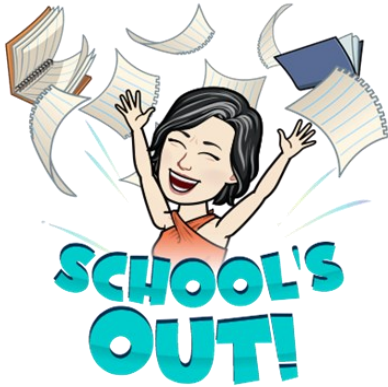
Join Pastor Kayli and Ms Tiffany for a family fun, game and movie night in  
the grove! We'll provide movie snacks and games. Bring your chairs/  
blankets for a movie under the stars

\*if it rains we will be in Memorial Hall\*

Movie title TBD



## Neffs UCC Preschool



The preschool was able to honor our 2022 graduates at a ceremony in the Grove on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. It threatened to rain, but the weather held off so that we could celebrate with all of our wonderful families. This school year there were, admittedly, bumps along the way and a few new learning curves to manage, but we cannot express how excited we were to be able to play and learn with our students in-person again. Now that summer is here, we are organizing and planning for next school year. Classes are filling very quickly, and we expect to have a wait list again this year, so if you know some interested in preschool, have them reach out to us at [preschool@unionucc.org](mailto:preschool@unionucc.org). Enjoy the sunshine and warm weather.

-Annette Wilcox, Director

### June 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.

- Church and Ministry request for funds for Tiffany to attend MegaCon, a kid's ministry convention, in October
- Church and Ministry request for updated Pastor of Visitation interim process
- Tech Committee request for funds to refresh Tiffany's workstation - she is still using Kathy's

All the above were approved unanimously.

- Worship Committee request to consider Tri-Cees Community Choir request to rent space at Union UCC

This above request was given unanimous conditional approval.



## FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The focus the past few months has been on sharing information on the history of the current brick church built in 1871. Our brick church is blessed with 150 years of history and blessed with a caring and sharing congregation and community. God's spirit is all around this church property.

While we continue to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the brick church, we also look towards the future by making more improvements and upgrades to the church and the overall property.

This year's main project will be the repair and upgrade to the steeple. CJ Diirner & Sons from Ephrata will be returning to Neffs to perform this project, they are the firm who replaced the slate on the north side of the church last year. Their firm is highly qualified in working on tall church steeples in the local area and surrounding states.

They will be replacing damaged slates, repairing copper covers, copper valleys and step flashings, replace any damaged wood. The weathervane will be cleaned and repainted. All woodwork will be covered with high grade aluminum, which will eliminate future painting of the steeple woodwork.

This project is being funded through the Funds of Lasting Gifts endowment fund, along with special designated gifts from members and will bequests, which are being held in the Reserve Fund. We are grateful for everyone's support in this major project.

A second project will happen inside of the sanctuary as ESG Systems of Allentown arrives to make improvements and upgrades to the sound system and to the video system to provide improved streaming services of the Sunday services to families watching in their homes. This project is being funded through the Memorial Fund.



"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 Tavernen 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."



## Block Party Pictures taken by Kevin Richter



## PARTY STATS

- 350+ in attendance
- 184 burgers
- 188 hotdogs
- 160 (40lbs) turkey bbq's
- 100 walking tacos
- 100 root beer floats
- 14 gallons of ice cream
- 250 drinks
- 30 varied desserts
- 5 pounds of pasta salad





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

**Larry Ulrich** passed on June 5, 2022. Private services were held.

The second quarter donation statements will be sent out the second week of June for all donations over \$200 so far this year, either by mail or email. Anyone wishing to receive a statement that has not reached \$200 is welcome to contact Barbara at [financialmanager@unionucc.org](mailto:financialmanager@unionucc.org) or call the office.



**Congratulations and blessings on the weddings of**

**Emily Geiger and Andrew Glass on June 6, 2022**

**Lauren Bieber and Patti Shutt on June 25, 2022**

*Golden Times*

Golden Times will be back in the fall.  
Watch for more information.

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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	\$34,124.00	\$17,456.00	\$51,580.00
Expenses	\$38,714.00	\$7,828.00	\$46,542.00
5/31/2022	-9,272.00	\$32,487.00	\$23,215.00

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

## Giving through the Summer:

If you are headed for vacation time this summer and will be away from home and unable to worship here at Union UCC in person, consider e-giving as a way to support Union's programs in your absence. It's safe and it's easy. Go to Union's website at [unionucc.org](http://unionucc.org). Just click on "giving" and then on "ways to give" in the drop-down box. Then click on "Give Online" and follow the prompts. Should you have any questions, about e-giving in general or if you would prefer one-on-one assistance, John Harting would welcome your call at 610-799-2508.

**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.** If you can't attend worship, you can mail your envelopes to the church. The church address is on one side, just add a stamp.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING.** Choose to give a repetitive contribution on a regular basis (i.e weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly), or make single contributions whenever you desire in an amount of your choice. These contributions can be made from a credit/debit card or be deducted from a checking or savings account. Electronic contributions are initiated from Union UCC's website (UnionUCC.org). Click on 'giving', then on 'Ways to Give' and follow the prompts. Feel free to contact John Harting (610-799-2508) or Don Penrod (610-398-2654) to answer your questions or demonstrate the process.

**MOBILE GIVING.** If you would like to give on the go, Vanco, the company that processes our e-giving transactions, has a mobile app that allows you to do so. Open your app search screen, search under "Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement" and follow the prompts.

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