

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.

Congregation may ask budget questions June 5th between services.

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

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June Worship

(Pastor Kris will be on sabbatical until June 27)

8am and 10:30am

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

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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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?

FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Union UCC's sanctuary is celebrating 150 years of serving God in the Neffs Community. This is quite an accomplishment, both for the congregation, and the 1871 brick church itself. Thus part of the reason for the June 18th celebration in the grove, inviting the congregation and the community to celebrate this milestone.



The faith and financial commitment of our ancestors over the past decades and centuries and our current members is remarkable, and part of the reason that we have such a beautiful place to worship and gather as a church family.

The Lutheran congregation moved into their new church facility in the year 2000, and the UCC congregation became sole caretaker of our current church property. Since that time, with the cooperation of the consistory, the property committee, the staff and the Funds of Lasting Gifts team, we have been able to make regular upgrades and improvements to the church sanctuary.

Included in this month's newsletter is a list of improvements that were made just to the sanctuary since 2000, with 90% of the funding for these projects coming from the Funds of Lasting Gifts endowment fund. Union UCC is truly blessed to keep our property in beautiful shape. Thank you donor families and FOLG trustees.

Looking back over the past 22 years, and looking at the long list of improvements that were made just to the sanctuary, we can all be proud of our accomplishments in working together to glorify God in keeping our church beautiful, updated, and inviting to all. I think the original designers and builders of the church in the 1870's would be proud of the care that was provided to their original work, withstanding the test of time in being the focal point of town, and has a bright future.

See you on June 18th in the grove to celebrate.

CHURCH SANCTUARY IMPROVEMENTS 2000 - 2022

2001 - Replacement of front concrete steps, refurbish front doors and hardware,
Replace foyer rug, paint and wall paper foyer area

2001 - Install new sound system

2002 - Repair all stained glass windows

2003 - New upstairs doors into New Beginning Addition

2004 - Exterior painting of church building

2004 - Refurbishment of side sanctuary doors

2007 - Install three air conditioning units into sanctuary

2009 - Refurbish interior of bell tower

2012 - Install insulation into church attic

2012 - Repair exterior brick & sills

2012 - Rebuild church spire damaged from Hurricane Sandy

2013 - Exterior painting of church building

2014 - Repair and rebuild rear church spire

2015 - Upgrade sound system

2017 - Remove and rebuild chimney

2017 - Painting of balcony pews

2018 - Installation of new digital Carillon system

2019 - Installation of new rug for main floor of sanctuary

2019 - Painting of main floor pews, doors, window frames

2021 - Replaced three air conditioning units

2021 - Replaced exterior retaining wall and drainage system


2021 - Replaced slate roof on south side of church

FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE

Thank you for your generous support during the Easter Mission collection. Donations of over \$1,400 will support Meals on Wheels of the Lehigh Valley, and over \$1,400 will support the Miller-Keystone Blood Center. Both missions will provide love and support to local families, our financial support definitely makes a difference in the community.

Each year, earnings from the Urffer Fund in the Funds of Lasting Gifts is provided to missions outside of the church who deal with improving the lives of children. This year the Mission Committee approved \$720 to sponsor two young adult girls living in Zimbabwe, Africa, through the Church World Service program. The Special Olympics of the Lehigh Valley organization will receive \$1,000 for their children's sports programming, and \$927 will be provided to the Northeast Community Center Ministries in Bethlehem for their children's programs.

Thank you to the Urffer Fund, one of the individual funds within the Funds of Lasting Gifts endowment fund.



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



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 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

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!



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, 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 late summer/ early fall. Sign up with Carrie Beleno or Pastors Kayli and Kris.

Christian Education

Contact: Tiffany Lakatosh
Email: dired@unionucc.org



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>



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>



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**.



Special Story Share **7-7:30pm** **6/6, 6/27, 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!

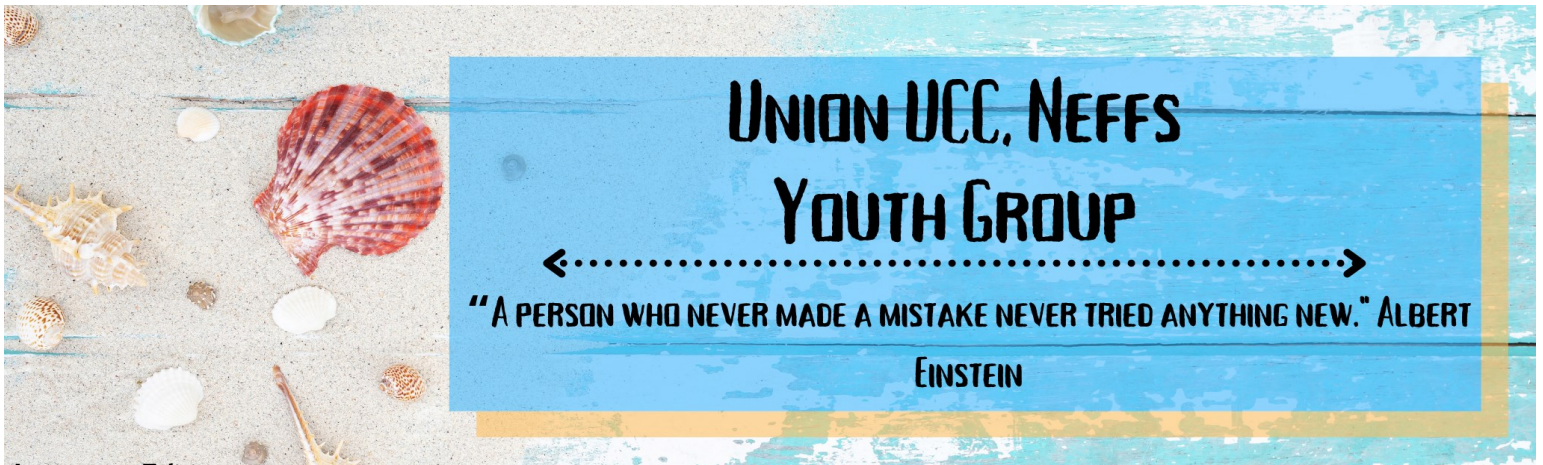
Our Zoom number is 875 2647 2962.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



JULY 16TH - NAILED IT FAMILY EDITION

AUGUST 20TH - FAMILY GAME & MOVIE NIGHT

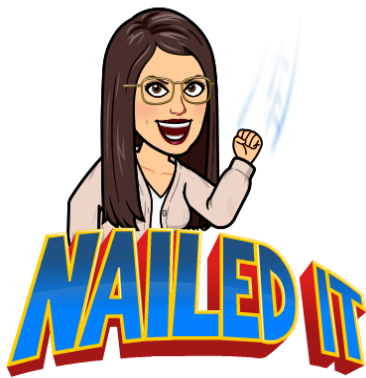


UNION UCC, NEFFS YOUTH GROUP

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

June 2022 Edition

Pastor Kayli (pastorkayli@unionucc.org)



Family 'Nailed-It'

Competition

July 16, 2022

Have you seen the popular Netflix show 'Nailed-It'? Well, we are doing a Union UCC Family Friendly version! We will test your skills and see who can nail it best!

Watch for sign-ups for teams!



June 18th Neighborhood Block Party!

When: June 18, 2022 (rain date: June 19)

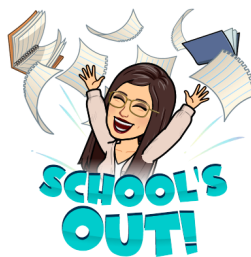
Time: 4pm-8pm

It's been a long standing tradition that our Youth Group to supply the community with walking tacos and root beer floats when we have events. Because we didn't have the Country Sale this year, we are tasked with providing these Youth Group delicacies at our Neighborhood Block Party on June 18! Join us for a day of community and fun...plus lots of free food!

Sign-up below for a time slot and join in the fun!

Note: you can sign-up for more than one slot, and/or more per slot are welcome

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



**Have a safe and
spectacular summer!!**



UNION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Neffs, Pennsylvania

Anticipated Income for July 2022 thru June 2023

Contributions, Current and Benevolent:

	2021/2022 fcst	2022/2023
General (Weekly Envelopes and Plate)	\$377,060	\$392,000
Improvement Fund	\$9,370	\$7,500
Communion	\$7,610	\$8,000
Mission and Outreach	\$7,890	\$7,500
Lent and Good Friday	\$2,160	\$2,000
Harvest Home, Thanksgiving and Christmas	\$17,710	\$18,800
Program Income	\$6,560	\$9,400
Preschool Contribution	\$900	\$900
Miscellaneous (Building Donations, Interest)	\$4,910	\$6,000
Fundraisers	\$7,710	\$7,500
Special Gifts from the Reserve Fund	\$0	\$32,294
Funds of Lasting Gifts	\$30,310	\$31,500

Total Income Budget

\$472,190 \$523,394 **\$523,394**

Anticipated Expenses for July 2022 thru June 2023

Facilities and Office Equipment

	2021/2022 fcst	2022/2023	
Church Building / Property	\$64,430	\$81,529	
Office Equipment	\$5,245	<u>\$6,480</u>	\$88,009

Employee Salaries

Pastor	\$96,437	\$94,125	
Financial Manager	\$18,726	\$18,802	
Church Office Administrator	\$32,490	\$31,711	
Visitation Pastor	\$8,430	\$19,500	
Interim Coach and Consultant	\$0	\$0	
Minister of Faith Formation	\$17,290	\$20,761	
Dir. of Christian Education	\$320	\$0	
Associate Pastor	\$50,506	\$51,291	
Minister of Music	\$27,553	\$26,893	
Nursery Attendant	\$190	\$1,176	
Interim Faith Formation Director	\$0	\$0	
Instrumental Asst Choir Director	\$691	\$1,188	
Facility Caretakers	\$17,907	<u>\$29,300</u>	\$294,747

Employee Expenses

Health Insurance (net of Pastor's contributions)	\$27,290	\$22,393	
FICA	\$20,080	\$23,358	
Pension Dues	\$20,180	\$20,288	
Miscellaneous	\$5,370	<u>\$7,989</u>	\$74,028

Mission and Outreach

OCWM	\$7,400	\$7,400	
Phoebe	\$4,770	\$4,770	
Lancaster Seminary	\$1,075	\$1,075	
Bethany	\$240	\$240	
Five for Five	\$0	\$600	
Lehigh Co. Conf. of Churches	\$1,200	\$1,200	
Northern Lehigh Food Bank	\$900	\$1,200	
Mission Discretionary	\$100	<u>\$300</u>	\$16,785

Leadership

Gifts / Materials / Golden Times	\$3,610	<u>\$4,375</u>	\$4,375
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Programs

Worship	\$8,020	\$8,740	
Education	\$11,810	\$15,000	
Fellowship and Evangelism	\$2,940	\$4,250	
Flowers / Bulletins	\$2,380	<u>\$3,500</u>	\$31,490

Office Expenses

\$15,340 \$13,960 \$13,960

Total Operating Expenses

\$472,920 \$523,394 **\$523,394**

Total Income less Expenses

(\$730) \$0



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022

JUNE 20—JUNE 24

6:30 – 8:30PM

UNION UCC, NEFFS

- * Union UCC's 2022 Vacation Bible School will take place **June 20th-June 24th, 6:30-8:30pm.**
- * A meal will be provided at 6pm for children registered for VBS and VBS helpers. **Parents/guardians are required to stay with children until they are finished eating.**
- * We will be enrolling children 4 years old (by 9/01/22) through current 7th graders.
- * We will close registration May 29, 2022.
- * **There is a \$5.00 materials fee for each child.** We will take donations during the week to help cover the cost of the program and support this year's mission.
- * T-shirts are an optional purchase.
- * *If you have any questions, please contact Tiffany Lakatosh (dired@unionucc.org).*

UNION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 2022 VBS REGISTRATION

PO BOX 66, NEFFS, PA 18065 610-767-6961

Parent's Name: _____ Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work/Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Child's Physician: _____ Phone: _____

Member: ___ Union UCC ___ Other (Congregation Name) _____

Would you be willing to help at VBS? YES NO Position? _____

___ I give permission for my child to be photographed and his/her image used on church related media.

*To conserve resources, daily information and pictures will be posted on Union UCC Facebook and Instagram.

Children's Name	Current Grade of Child	Age	Birthdate	Allergies/ Medical Concerns	OPTIONAL: T-Shirt \$10 (circle size)	Daily Meal
					Youth XS S M L Adult S M L XL	Yes No
					Youth XS S M L Adult S M L XL	Yes No
					Youth XS S M L Adult S M L XL	Yes No
					Youth XS S M L Adult S M L XL	Yes No

PLEASE INCLUDE a \$5.00 materials fee for each child with this registration form.

Congratulation Class of 2022!



High School Graduates

Maggie Cygan- Graduating from Parkland High School. Plans to attend University of Scranton, majoring in Communication Science and Disorders (speech pathology).

Katelyn Gable- Graduating from Catasauqua High School and LCTI receiving award for outstanding career & technical senior for engineering drafting & design program. Plans on going to the academy of arts college for interior design using the drafting programs in spring. Then plans to get a masters in mechanical design along with the interior design

Kaden Haley- Graduating from Parkland High School. Plans to attend LCCC, majoring in Business.

Connor McCoy- Graduating from Parkland High School. Plans to attend Kutztown University, majoring in Business.

Brett Misera- Graduating from Northern Lehigh High School. Plans to attend Penn State University, majoring in Kinesiology.

Coral Shivok- Graduating from Parkland High School. Plans to attend Bloomsburg University, majoring in Nursing.

Graham Smith- Graduating from Parkland High School. Plans to attend University of Pittsburgh majoring in Computer Science.

College Graduates

Ethan Baer- Graduated from LCCC with an Associates Degree. Future plans include getting a job while continuing to create content on YouTube

Alexia DeNardo- Graduated from The University of Scranton with a BS in Health Sciences. Next Year plans to return to the University of Scranton to obtain a Masters of Occupational Therapy.

AJ DiPaolantonio- Graduated from Kutztown University with a BSBA in Finance and Marketing. Plans to explore a career in finance or investment banking.

Rachel DiPaolantonio- Graduated from University of Rhode Island with a Doctor of Pharmacy. Future plans include Wilkes University / Weis Markets 12-month PGY-1 Community Pharmacy Residency Program

Tegan Haley- Graduated from LCCC with an Associates Degree in Biology; plans to attend Moravian University, majoring in Chemistry.

Alex Hill- Graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a BS in Biology with minors in Biomedical Engineering and Chemistry. Future plans working as a lab technician at the McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine in Pittsburgh.

Mollie Jarrett- Graduated from West Chester University with two degrees in Special Education and Elementary Education.

Victoria Seidel- Graduated from LCCC (Dec 2021) with an associate's degree in Paralegal Studies (A.A.S. - PLG)

Justin Solt- Graduated from Kutztown University, with a BSEd in Secondary Education, social studies. Future plans, working at Lower Macungie Middle School (East Penn School District) as a daily building substitute as well as an 8th grade extended school year teacher for the EPSD this summer.

Aidan Joshua Zeilinger- Graduated from Kutztown University with a BA in Graphic Design/Web Development. Future plans include seeking employment within the field of study. (Denise & Denis Rothrock's Grandson)

Graduate School Graduates

Kelly Gruber- Graduated from University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. Future plans of working at Country Doctor Veterinary Hospital as an associate veterinarian.

Chris Hamm- Graduated from Kutztown University with a Master's of Music Education.

Elena Steidinger- Graduated from Gwynedd Mercy University with a Ed. D—doctorate in K-12 education leadership.

Keneley Bautista Stout- Graduated from Lockhaven University with a Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

***If Pastor Kayli missed you, please email her (pastorkayli@unionucc.org) with your information to be able to update it!**

May 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.

- Approval of the budget to present to the congregation
- Approval of FOLG funding to balance the budget
- Approval of Funding from the Memorial fund for the Streaming system upgrade, visuals for the nursery/cry room, and evaluation of our current sound system.



Weddings
IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

**Congratulations
and blessings on
the wedding of
Keneley
Bautista and
Travis Scott on
May 14, 2022**

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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.

E-giving revisited.

Have you considered e-giving to Union UCC, but thought the process might be too complicated? Or maybe you are just inquisitive about how e-giving to your church works. If so, the Financial Leadership Team invites you to join them in a demonstration of the e-giving process, which may be simpler than you imagined. Join us in Memorial Hall on Sunday, June 5 following each worship service. Our team will provide a brief presentation and answer your questions. If you are already an e-giver, please consider attending to learn about some of the new e-giving options.

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, 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

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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