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ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2022



OUR PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN THIS WEEK

To share a prayer request you may use the yellow prayer slips found in the racks in your seats and hand it to a pastor.

Medical Issues: Bill and Vincent with recent cancer diagnoses, speedy recovery for Pat, mom Grace recovering from a stroke, continued prayers for Ethan , Lora battling cancer, Veronica, Chester, Carolyn, Donna recovering from a hip fracture, Alta with MS, Tony, Elaine, Carson, Jack S., Grace recovering from a stroke, Susan facing a potential cancer diagnosis, Kerry, Linda with cancer, Cheryl, Leo, Brother in law, Barry with cancer, Debbie recovering from brain surgery, Connie, Janice

General Prayers: Dorothy, David, Vaughn for healing and strength, Christopher, friends for the friendless, family and friends of Bob Roth and Dave Fleming, Nancy for urgent healing and peace, John, Molly, Sharon for healing, Vicky for strength and comfort, sister for healing, strength and comfort, for the Buchanan family on Bucky's passing, family for healing, blessings for Andrew and Liz awaiting their baby, hope for rebuilding relationship with daughter, the DePari family on the passing of their beloved cat, Tiger, sister for healing, strength and courage, daughter for strength, courage, and understanding, Christopher

If you are in the hospital, please notify a pastor or church office or ask a family member to do so. Please be sure to give the hospital our **church code (511)**.
If we missed you during your hospital stay, let us know 610-767-6961.

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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Regarding masks – this has been a more than challenging time. Let's continue to support each other and show kindness as each of us decides how to respond to the ongoing pandemic and related issues.

Worship in August

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

8am worship will return on September 11th.

September 4 10:30am Labor Sunday

September 11 8am and 10:30am Education Hour/ Sunday School Resumes

September 18 8am and 10:30am Blessing of Backpacks, Baptism

September 25 8am and 10:30am Harvest Home

New Member Sessions Are you thinking about deepening your faith commitment to Union UCC? We are hosting new member gatherings on **Sunday, October 9 and 16 at 9:15-10:15am**. 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. Our next dates are Sunday, September 18 and November 13, 2022. There is a pre-baptism zoom session with the pastor the week before. Sign up by calling the church office at 610-767-6961 or emailing Marissa Haney at administrator@unionucc.org. The pastors will work with you if the scheduled dates are a conflict.

Special Story Share Series: Would your child like to share their favorite book with other children? Ms. Tiffany is hosting a special zoom series held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of July and August. 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 for these Zoom events. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4daca723a7fc1-special>

Creative Creations with Ms. Tiffany: Creative Creations is a Zoom series for children who are in 4th-8th grade. Supplies will be available for pickup at the church the Sunday before the scheduled Zoom meeting. Use the link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4daca723a7fc1-creative>

Confirmation 2022-2023: Pastor Kayli is gathering the list of 8th graders (or older if not confirmed) for our upcoming Confirmation Class. Letters were sent out in early August for those we already have. If you know an 8th grader who might be interested, have them contact Pastor Kayli (pastorkayli@unionucc.org). Orientation is September 18, 2022 at 9:15am.

Acolyte Training: We'll be holding acolyte training for our next group of 7th graders on Sunday August 21, 2022 after 10:30am worship.

Y.A.T. Meeting! Join Pastor Kayli on September 25 from 11:30-12:30 to begin planning for all the adventures for the next year.

PNEC Sleep Out for Homelessness: October 15-16 at St. Matthews UCC, Kunkletown. Look for more info to come and let Pastor Kayli know if you're interested .

Golden Times from the PastorsGolden Times is a gathering for our senior adults. Everyone is welcome, including friends. We start at 12noon with lunch (often soup, salad, and a sandwich) and then have a program until about 1:30pm. There is no charge to attend. Your support of the budget and the Funds of Lasting Gifts provides the funds. Contact the church office if you'd like to receive post card mailing reminders. Dates for this year: **October 4, November 1, December 6, March 7, April 4, May 2.**

Feed My Starving Children At this time, we have decided not to host a meal packing event this fall. We're using this time to regroup and reorganize. Here are some ways that you can help us: Offer to serve on the committee that organizes this event. Contact Eliot or Kris to get more info. Eliot Lightner (Eliot5779@gmail.com) We need at least 6 people willing to serve as coordinators. Areas needing your heart and hands: publicity, set up and clean up, organizing volunteers, sponsors, communication and appreciation. Help us find businesses and people who would serve as financial sponsors and partners in helping to feed kids. Any amount is a huge help! And the best part - we'll need hundreds of volunteers to take a shift or two at the event. Our goal is to pack 100,000 meals which means we need to raise \$25,000. We've done it before, can you help us do it again?

Knitters and Crocheters We're wondering if you have any blankets to share? We're looking for baptism blankets to give to our children and families. These are usually a softer yarn and smaller size.St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem is seeking donations of handmade knitted or crocheted prayer shawls to comfort adult and pediatric hospital patients in times of need ~ Chaplain Naomi Madaras Please drop off any donations on a Sunday or in our church office during the week.

Room or Hall Use for Members Members are now able to reserve the use of rooms in the church again. Contact Marissa in the office to see if your date is available, to complete the necessary forms, to learn the guidelines and process, and to pay the fees. One time use fees are \$60 plus a \$25 cleaning fee. We do not offer room use to non-members.

New Online Camera and Sound Equipment for the Sanctuary The last 2 years have taught us so much. One thing our church staff and volunteers are learning about is how to include people in worship and our life when they can't be in the building. I have about 20 sermons on this topic to share at some point! To say it's been a learning curve is an understatement. BUT our pastors and staff and volunteers keep stepping up their game, willing to try new things and learn new

things all the time. Our most recent upgrade is a new camera in the sanctuary which will be plugged directly into our sound system which should create better sound quality for those worshipping at home. The camera will also allow us to change the view of what's being seen at different points in the service. This upgrade also included installing a TV in the nursery so that people can be watching the service from there. All of these upgrades should improve the quality of online worship. Thanks for your grace and patience when we have problems and let us know what you think when we get things up and running. We couldn't do these things without the support of the **Funds of Lasting Gifts, Selig Electric, Entertainment Services Group (Mike and Nate), Jeff and Ronnie Herbine, Ed Normann, Phil Wehr, and our awesome Sound Team. THANK YOU!**

God First Wednesdays Do you find it hard to make time to put God first? Or maybe Sunday morning doesn't always fit your schedule? Are you trying to find more ways to put God first? We'll be offering a chance to put God first on the first Wednesdays of the month starting on Oct 5th at 6pm. Here's the schedule: 5:30-6:30pm Supper; 6pm Kids Choir with Blake; 6:30-7:30pm Children Offering with Tiffany, Middle and High School Youth with Pastor Kayli, Adults with Pastor Kris Other dates: November 2, December 7, February 1, March 1, April 5 Are you interested in helping host supper? Would you like to partner with one of us to lead one of our groups? Do you have an idea for a topic or activity? Reach out and jump in with us.

Adult Faith Formation Classes with Pastor Kris Fridays 9:30-11am, Room 5 September 16 and September 23 Sundays 9:15-10:15am, Room 5 September 18, September 25 Watch for more information about our next topic and book. 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.

Church Office Hours

Mondays Closed for Office Staff

Tuesday-Friday Office Open 9:15-1pm

Call/email for appointments with Pastors

All of our schedules change, it is still best to call ahead.

Urgent Pastoral Matters: Contact Pastor cell phones.

To enter the building:

Press Intercom Button

Release to Listen

Open door promptly

PIG OUT at Union UCC's

BACKYARD BBQ BASH

September 24, 2022

4:00—8:00pm

Neffs Church Grove

Free Admission



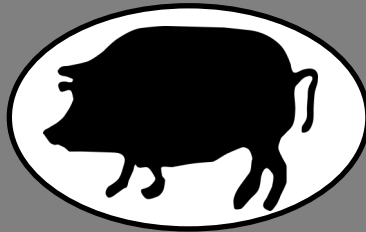
Live Music by **TimeWhys**

(5:30-8:00)

Music of the 60's and 70's



Lorah's Pig Roasters and Chicken Dinners



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IT'S THAT TIME!

WE WILL START TO RECEIVE YOUR DONATIONS OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES IN AUGUST. PLEASE BRING THEM TO WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS. DONATIONS WILL GO TO FAMILY PROMISE AND LEHIGH CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES.

ITEMS NEEDED INCLUDE: BACKPACKS, LUNCH BAGS, PENCILS, ERASERS, PENS, MARKERS, CRAYONS, GLUE STICKS, SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS, PENCIL CASES, KIDS SCISSORS, AND TARGET GIFT CARDS (\$10-\$20).

WE WILL CONTINUE TO COLLECT ITEMS THROUGH THE END OF SEPTEMBER.



September 11th & 18th

Backpack BLESSING

Students, Educators, School workers -
Bring your backpack and/or yourself
to worship on Sundays, September
11th or 18th and we will bless you and
your school year.



**Christian Ed
Committee
is selling
reusable bags!**

\$4 per bag
or
4 for \$15





HARVEST HOME WILL BE CELEBRATED ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022.

Bring your canned goods, produce, cut flowers, cornstalks, herbs, etc. Food collected will be given to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.

Sponsor the purchase of Mums for display. Please an order by filling out the form below. Make checks payable to Union UCC or order on our website under "Give Online" or by clicking [here](#)

Deadline to sponsor is **September 11th.**

- I would like to sponsor # _____ potted Mum(s) for a **HOMEBOUND MEMBER.**
- I would like to sponsor # _____ potted Mum(s) for **DISPLAY.** (You may pick up mums after the 9/25 10:30am service.)

I will pick up my mums following the service ___ YES ___ NO

Giver (envelope) # _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

Total # of Mums _____ x \$6 per Mum = Total \$ _____

In Honor Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____