

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, September 4, 2022

Rev. Kris Penrose Snyder, Senior Pastor
Rev. Kayli L. Freeman, Associate Pastor
Tiffany Lakatos, Faith Formation Minister of Children
Carrie Beleno/ Susan Glosan, Interim Pastors of Visitation
Mr. Blake Hoppes, Minister of Music

Marissa Haney, Church Administrator
Barbara Carinci, Financial Manager
Kiel Baer/ Payge Haydt Sunday Set-up
AJ DiPaolantonio, Night Lock-up
Maria Beltz,/ Ori Handwerk, Facility Caretakers

CONSISTORY OFFICERS President: Eric Minnich, VP: Jason Klinger, Secretary: Janice Metzger, Don Penrod, Treasurer: Marianne Kitzmiller

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

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. Or submit [online here](#).

Medical

Pat, Grace, Ethan, Lora, Veronica,
Chester, Carolyn, Donna Alta,
Tony, Elaine, Carson, Jack S., Susan,
Kerry, Linda, Cheryl, Leo,
Brother in law, Barry,
Debbie, Connie, Janice, Rich and
Peggy, Ed, baby Leah

General

Nancy, John, Molly, Sharon,
Vicky, a sister, Buccanan
family, family for healing,
hope for rebuilding
relationship, sister, daughter,
Janice and Bill, Frank, Joan,
Kevin

Congrats and Blessings

On the birth of **Leah Katherine** on August 25 to Tosha and Nick Roberts. Grandparents are Dana and Joel Gaumer.

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.

September Worship

Sundays 8:00 am and 10:30am in the Sanctuary and Livestream on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/unionneffs>

or on Facebook and Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/c/UnionUnitedChurchofChristNeffsPA>
anytime during the week.

September 4
10:30am Worship only

Labor Sunday

September 11
8am & 10:30am Worship

9:15 Education Hour/Sunday School
for Children Resumes, Blessing of
Students/School Staff/Backpacks

September 18
8am & 10:30am Worship

Blessing of Students/School Staff
Backpacks, Baptism, Children's
Church at 10:30 Worship Returns

September 25
8am & 10:30am Worship

Harvest Home

October 4
8am & 10:30am Worship
Communion Sunday

We've returned to ushers serving
communion in your seats. There is
cut bread and red wine/white juice
cups with a prepackaged gluten
free/juice option.

October 23
8am & 10:30am Worship

Guest Musician
Steven Courtney
with Special Coffee
Hour after both
services



Future Dates-watch for more information

Saturday, Oct 22nd
Trunk or Treat

Saturday, Dec 3rd
Lights in the Grove

Sunday, Dec 11th
Parkland Choral

SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATION

We are collecting donations of school
supplies to go to Family Promise and
Lehigh Conference of Churches. Please
bring them to worship on Sundays.

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.



PIG OUT at Union UCC's

BACKYARD BBQ BASH

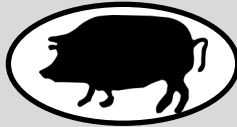
September 24, 2022 4:00—8:00pm

Neffs Church Grove

5550 Route 873, Neffs, PA 18065

610-767-6961

Live Music by
TimeWhys
(5:30-8:30)



Lorah's Pig
Roasters and
Chicken Dinners

Free Admission

Band Sponsored By Heintzelman Funeral Home

HARVEST HOME

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

Please bring your garden gifts on Sunday morning before either church service. These items will be for our display and then given to people served by the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.

Suggestions:

Squash
Peppers
Apples

Pumpkins
Tomatoes
Corn

Beets
Potatoes
Pears

Fill up your paper bag with donations to bring anytime before September 25th. Items will go to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.

Suggestions:

Cereals: Raisin Bran, Cheerios, Wheaties

Pastas: Spaghetti, Penne, Macaroni

Canned Vegetables: Corn, Baked Beans, Olives

Canned Soup: Chicken Noodle, Tomato, Broccoli

Canned Fruit: Peaches, Pears, Baby Formula

Good Stuff: Peanut Butter, Jam, Jello mix

Bakery: Cake Mixes, Brownie Mixes

THANK YOU GOD FOR GIFTS TO ENJOY AND SHARE!

Golden Times

Golden 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.

God First Wednesdays

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.

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

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?

DONUT FORGET ABOUT SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF EVENT

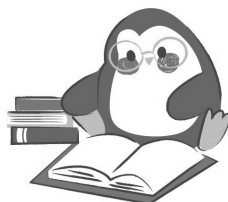


SEPTEMBER 11TH @ 9:15
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL



Children ages 3 to 7th grade and their parents/guardians are invited to join Ms. Tiffany and the Sunday School teachers and helpers for a fun morning of games, crafts, and, of course, donuts and drinks.

Sunday School takes place on Sunday mornings in the months of September -May during Education Hour, 9:15-10:15am.



TALES WITH MS.
TIFFANY

EVERY SUNDAY ON
ZOOM
7-7:30PM

THE ZOOM NUMBER IS
875 2647 2962.



Superhero Sunday September 18th

Wear a shirt with your favorite superhero or the colors of your favorite superhero.

Sneaker Stroll on October 9th

Children should wear sneakers to Sunday School and Children's Church that day. Donations for Crop Walk are appreciated.



PNEC Sleep Out for Homelessness

When: October 15-16

Where: St. Matthews UCC,
Kunkletown

More Info To Come

Let Pastor Kayli Know if you're
interested

Y.A.T. Meeting!

(Youth Advisory Team)

When: Sunday September
25, 2022

Time: 11:30am-12:30am

Where: Youth Room

Join Pastor Kayli to begin
planning for all the
adventure for the next year!
Everyone is invited! Lunch will
be provided. RSVP using the
link below

<https://>

[www.signupgenius.com/
go/60B0F48AEAD2BA2FE3-yat](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F48AEAD2BA2FE3-yat)

Knitters and Crocheters

We're wondering if you have any blankets to share?

1. We're looking for baptism blankets to give to our children and families. These are usually a softer yarn and smaller size.
2. 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.

CROP Walk

The Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk will be held Sunday, October 2nd. This Church World Service community event raises funds and awareness to help end hunger both locally and globally. The walk begins at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA. Two routes from which walkers may choose: a 10K route (with refreshments available at the Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank and the Lehigh Conference of Churches) and a "Golden Mile" route (through the Hamilton Park neighborhood). All walkers must be pre-registered, so if you would like to join in the walk, please contact Teresa Dalrymple by September 30th (610-767-3781) or e-mail aug281982@verizon.net. Donations by cash or check can be made directly to Union UCC. Please note CROP Walk on the envelope or check. You can also use "Online Giving" on our website via "other" and note CROP Walk.

Little Lambs Nursery

As we begin to kick off the program year, and return to our fall worship schedule, we want to share the re-opening of our during-worship space for our youngest friends/parents. In the past, the Little Lambs Nursery has been a place that families can take their children, to be watched by a volunteer during worship. As we re-open the space, we are now encouraging parents to stay with their littles while still being able to enjoy worship. As part of our worship technology upgrades, we will be installing a TV set so experiencing worship is still accessible. We plan to also have a nursery supervisor, that will be there as an extra pair of hands, to help with questions, and welcome you into the space. We will still ask that parents sign into the nursery on the provided clipboard, just in case of incident. Besides the technology upgrade, as well as some minor cosmetic upgrades, we are proud to offer a space for nursing mothers. Within the nursery there is a dedicated clean space that welcomes mothers with infants for feedings during worship, or any time you are in the building. We appreciate everyone's patience as we have tried to reimagine how this space functions best for everyone. If you have a little, please use our Little Lambs Nursery.

Women's Group Events



Contact: Pastor Kris

Saturday, October 8th Laughing Yoga with Alexa Drubay

Arrive at 10am in the Grove - Session is 10:30-11:30
We will end in the sanctuary with a meditation. Lunch is 11:30-12:30.
We'll come inside if it's too cold.

Cost: \$12 Sign up using link and sending in money (Checks to Union UCC - memo: Women's Yoga)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4CA8A823A7FA7-laughter>

Anyone and everyone can do this! A typical session includes laughter, movement, singing, dancing, breathing exercises, playfulness and stillness. It will be an up-lifting, energizing and joyful experience, and a great way to feel more creative, renewed, and free. Wear comfortable clothing and footwear and bring a water bottle. Bring a grumpy friend, your best friend, a family member, everyone is welcome!

Women's Retreat * April 28-30, 2023 * Trout Lake Retreats, Stroudsburg

Cost: \$150. \$75 deposit due December 4, \$75 balance due March 5.

Payment plans and financial assistance available.

Checks to Union UCC, Memo Line – Women's Retreat

Friends and Family members are welcome too. Help us meet our minimum of 25.

Leader and more Info: Pastor Kris

Join us by zoom for our monthly prayer and meditation gatherings.

Tuesdays 7-8pm

September 20, October 11, November 15

Zoom Link: [https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87680378046?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87680378046?pwd=QmozYWJFemJOVENCdWJBbzRpbDVIUT09)

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Meeting ID: 876 8037 8046 Passcode: 954906

Prayer and Meditation Retreat in Person

Saturday, December 10 9am-11am in person at Union UCC

**Meditation and prayer gatherings with folks from the
Penn Northeast Conference
Thursdays at 12noon**

September 15, October 6 and 20, November 3 and 17, December 1

Zoom Link: [https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81188127483?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81188127483?pwd=TzdmTFplaXVtMjRQSHY1K1hOdKv2dz09)

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Meeting ID: 811 8812 7483

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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!**

See Pastor Kris or Pastor Kayli if you are interested in being a digital Host on Sunday mornings. You'll get to help with the camera and interact with our online community during worship.



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: _____

New Member Session

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

Baptisms

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.

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.

Room and 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.

Church Office: (610)767-6961

Office Fax: (610)767-7128

www.unionucc.org

[Facebook.com/unionneffs](https://www.facebook.com/unionneffs)

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