

October 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.

October 2

Communion / CROP Walk

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 9

Sneaker Stroll for CROP Walk during 10:30 Children's Church

October 16

**Healing Service/
Pray with a Pastor**

Jazz Ensemble

October 23

Guest Musician
Steven Courtney at
both services, New
Members
Received



**October 30
All Saints Sunday**

Remembering our loved ones lost this year.

**November 6
Veterans Sunday**

Remembering our Veterans and Recognizing our Active Military

November 20

Celebrating Our Heritage in Worship- Rededicating our refurbished steeple to loving and serving God here in Neffs.

Future Dates-watch for more information

Saturday, Dec 3rd
Lights in the Grove

Sunday, Dec 11th
Parkland Chorale



GOD FIRST WEDNESDAYS

Starts Wed, Oct 5
5:30-7:30pm

5:30-6:30pm Supper

Menu: Hot Dogs, MacN Cheese, Apples, Tastykakes

6:00-6:30 Children's Choir with Blake (All kids are welcome but not required.)

6:30-7:30 Kids with Ms. Tiffany (Parents can join or go with adults.)

Middle and High School Youth with Pastor Kayli (no Parents ha!)

Adults with Pastor Kris

Signup here:

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

Or email or text a staff member.

Do your best to sign up - but if you miss it, just come.

Future Dates: Nov 2, Dec 7 'Putting God First on First Wednesdays

UNION UCC TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us for a spooktacular family friendly Halloween event!

October 22, 2022

1 PM- 3 PM

At Union UCC Grove parking lot

Join us and Union Lutheran Church, which is just a short walk away, for a safe family friendly Halloween celebration!

WOULD YOU, YOUR BUSINESS, OR AN ORGANIZATION YOU ARE ASSOCIATED WITH LIKE TO DECORATE A CAR AND BE PART OF THE HALLOWEEN FUN?

REGISTER AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/10C0F4DACA723A7FC1-TRUNK1](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DACA723A7FC1-TRUNK1)

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASSES WITH PASTOR KRIS

Fridays 9:30-11am, Room 5

October 7 and 21 (No Class Oct 14 and 28)

Sundays 9:15-10:15am, Room 5

October 9, 16, 23 (No Class Oct 2 and 30)

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.

MISSION THANK YOU LETTERS

You made my day, and the day of one of our seniors, too. We truly appreciate your generous support of Meals on Wheels of the Greater Lehigh Valley. Thanks to donors like you, we are able to deliver over 800 nutritious, hot meals every week day. But we are more than a meal. We provide security, comfort, dignity and most of all - the knowledge that someone cares. Meals on Wheels is a lifeline for so many of our most vulnerable seniors and people with disabilities.

Thank you for your contribution of \$1,452 to Meals on Wheels.

From Meals on Wheels

We express our gratitude to the congregation of Union United Church of Christ for the generous donations of \$1,452. We sincerely thank you for supporting the work of your community blood center.

Without the support of the philanthropic community to help us engage volunteer Blood Donors, our life-saving mission - saving lives by partnering with our community to provide a continuous supply of blood products and services - would simply be out of reach. Thank you for assisting us in saving lives . . .

One pint at a time.

From Miller-Keystone Blood Center

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.

NEXT HOSTING WEEK NOV 6-13



serving children and families experiencing homelessness

Every child deserves a home.

We need your help hosting families in our church building 4 weeks a year.

- Help with set up and tear down.
- Cook and deliver a supper one night during the week. (4:45-5:15pm)
- Visit with families, serve supper, and clean up. (5:15-9pm)
- Host overnight (In your own area 9pm-6am).
- Assist with food shopping during the week.
- Offer financial support through your church donations marked "Family Promise."



Why do I volunteer?

It is a good feeling to know that you have helped to make someone's days a little brighter and lifted their spirits during a challenging time in their lives. - Deb & Fred Sanek

For more information about how to volunteer contact
Pastor Kris pastorkris@unionucc.org

FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

September has brought more activity to the church property. There is much excitement during the week as the preschool children and teachers came back and settled into a nice routine of greeting each other and partaking in their daily activities. Sunday activities are moving along with two services, 8 & 10:30, along with the start of Sunday School, children's church, choir rehearsals, confirmation class and mission activities. The church facility is ready to welcome everyone for worship and share in God's spirit.

The grove is also available to all who want to take a break and enjoy nature. The leaves will begin to change color soon and the crisp air is a welcome relief from the summer heat. Come take a walk through the woods, enjoy the playground with the kids, or have a little lunch break under one of the pavilions. Trunk or Treat and Lights in the Grove are two big events planned for the grove, come and enjoy these special events with your church family.

The steeple project has been completed and we are very pleased with the performance of Diirner & Sons of Ephrata. Our steeple will continue to be the stunning signal of God's spirit to the community for decades to come. The painting of the exterior of the New Beginning Addition will begin in October. Enjoy the fall weather.

FROM THE CEMETERY COMMISSION

Part-time employment opportunities are available for caring for the Union Church Cemetery. Duties include the mowing of the cemetery property, weed eating around the memorials, preparing for and oversight of burials and cremations, prepare foundations for memorials, and general maintenance of cemetery grounds and property.

Candidates shall enjoy working outdoors, in all weather conditions, be familiar with lawn mowing equipment, be able to lift 50 pounds and perform light digging and raking of ground. Please contact Union Church Cemetery secretary/treasurer Phil Wehr at 610-767-3657 for more information.

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

Meditation Gatherings with Pastor Kris

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

Tuesdays 7-8pm

October 11, November 15

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87680378046?pwd=QmozYWJFemJOVENCdWJBbzRpbDVIUT09>

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

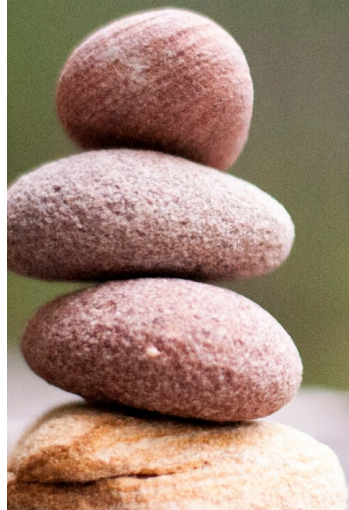
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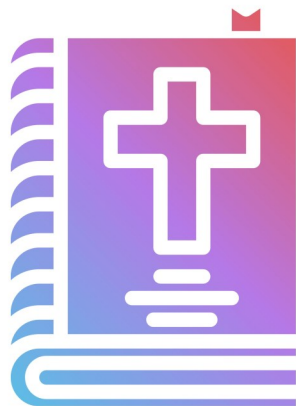
September 15, October 6 and 20, November 3 and 17, December 1

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81188127483?pwd=TzdmTFplaXVtMjRQSHY1K1hOdkV2dz09>

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FAITH FORMATION

FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Contact: Tiffany Lakatosh

Email: dired@unionucc.org

CHURCH FAMILY WORSHIP
OCTOBER 23RD
WITH SPECIAL GUEST

STEVEN
COURTNEY



SHARING
KINDNESS
&
LOVE



HARRY POTTER FAMILY EVENT

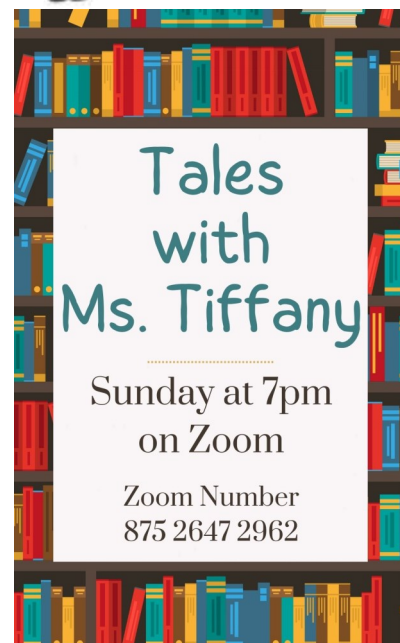
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH
6PM-9PM

REGISTER FOR THIS FAMILY FUN EVENT AT
[HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/10C0F4
DACA723A7FC1-HARRY.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4daca723a7fc1-harry)



SNEAKER STROLL

We will be having our annual Sneaker Stroll to raise money for the local Crop Walk on October 9th. Please remember to wear sneakers. A donation would be greatly appreciated and can be put in an envelope marked Sneaker Stroll.



Tales
with
Ms. Tiffany

Sunday at 7pm
on Zoom

Zoom Number
875 2647 2962

KIDS NIGHT OUT A.K.A. PARENTS NIGHT OUT

October 24th 5-8pm

Kids age 4 to 10 are welcome to attend!

Dinner and snacks will be provided.
We will also have crafts, games, and fun activities.

Register your child at
[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4daca
723a7fc1-kids1](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4daca723a7fc1-kids1)



UNION UCC TRUNK OR TREAT

JOIN US FOR A SPOOKTACULAR FAMILY
FRIENDLY HALLOWEEN EVENT!

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1 PM - 3 PM

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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.

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

PNEC

Sleep Out for Homelessness

When: October 15-16

Time: 7pm-7am

(meet at church at 6:15pm)

Where: St. Matthews UCC, Kunkletown

See Pastor Kayli for paperwork/covenant

Sign-Up by October 2



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?

Join Us
October 5, 2022

*Youth Will Meet In
Youth Room (rm 15,
basement)

God First Wednesdays

Join us for a time to put God First on the first Wednesday of
the month

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

**October's Theme: Reshaped
Faith**

Trunk Or Treat!

Join Pastor Kayli in decorating her car for our Annual Trunk or Treat!

When: October 22, 2022 (rain or shine)

Time: 1pm-3pm (arrive at 12pm to begin decorating)

Where: Grove Parking Lot

Sign up using the link provided: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f48aead2ba2fe3-trunk2>





Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year!

THE PRESCHOOL IS!

We are off on a new school year of adventure and learning. The preschool started the year with a new program called “Donuts with the Director” in which our parents/guardians had the chance to come enjoy some refreshments and build community with other families after dropping their children off on the first day. We will hold these get-togethers a few times throughout the year, and hope to build in the opportunity to have discussions on parenting/educational topics of interest.

Without the class size limitations due to COVID that we had last school year, we were able to welcome additional numbers of students and have opened second classrooms of both 3-year-olds and PreK students. These new classes give us the increased flexibility to accept new students as the school year progresses. Our staff from last year have all returned again this year, as has Pamela DeNardo, who was with us pre-COVID. To learn more about all of the teachers, check out our website.

Check us out on Facebook and Instagram—**Neffs UCC Preschool** or on our website— www.unionucc.org/preschool

Blues Nite Out



FALL in love with choral music
this season!

Mark your calendars now for
these two choral
masterworks.

For more details, follow
the link below!

[https://www.eventbrite.com/
cc/2022-fall-season-1064079?
fbclid=IwAR1ukaFsrK506Nhn-
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NA3tEJh5Llob4s](https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/2022-fall-season-1064079?fbclid=IwAR1ukaFsrK506Nhn-yozWjbPvFfDEI13Ny2s7mlbMYcYd-NA3tEJh5Llob4s)

INTERRUPTED SILENCE
VOCAL ENSEMBLE

FALL SERIES

MOZART: REQUIEM
November 6 @4:00 PM
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Allentown | FREE

HANDEL'S MESSIAH
December 17 @7:00 PM
Union UCC, Neffs | \$15

Tickets are available via Eventbrite, Facebook, email (interruptedsilenceensemble@gmail.com) or by scanning the QR Code.

SCAN ME

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.

Nursery News from Ms. Tiffany and Pastor Kayli

We are happy to announce that we have updated our nursery!

We now have a feeding area available!

Parents and caregivers are welcome to use our nursery space for little ones who many need a break from the worship service to eat or to get out some wiggles and energy. We kindly ask that you sign in, to let us know that you used the space, and place any toys that your child played with in the green bin for cleaning. As soon as all of the installment is done, there will also be a large screen TV in the room for you to see and hear the worship service.

We do not have an attendant, therefore, a parent/caregiver is required to stay with the child(ren) when they are in the nursery.

We hope that you enjoy our updated nursery!





"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."

401(g) Discipleship Portfolio

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 (blessings!), on earth as in heaven.

How diverse and balanced is your 401(g) discipleship portfolio?

g = God - worship, prayer, meditation, study, relationship. ALL the g's!

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, service.

g = grit and grind - perseverance, courage, strength, growth, meaning, purpose.

From Pastor Kris and the Financial Leadership Team
Don Penrod, Marianne Kitzmiller, John Harting, Larry Todd, Aften Hamm, Phil Wehr



Congratulations and blessings on the wedding of Trisha Nagle and Harrison Rabenold on September 10, 2022. Trisha is the daughter of Scott and Sheila Nagle and granddaughter to Jim and Carol Beers.



Tripp Joseph Roth



**OUR NEXT
BAPTISM
DATES ARE
SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 13,
2022 AND
JANUARY 15,
2023**



Hemley Grace Pentland



Grace Eloise Pradel

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.

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Financial Report

Fiscal Year	Operating Fund	Designated Funds	Grand Total All Funds
7-1-2022	-\$4,682.00	\$5,953.00	\$1,271.00
Income	\$51,444.00	\$13,980.00	\$65,424.00
Expenses	\$33,519.00	\$17,058.00	\$50,577.00
8-31-2022	\$13,243.00	\$2,875.00	\$16,118.00

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

Electronic Giving

If you are 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. 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 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 when we meet in person. Our next dates are Sunday, **November 13, 2022 and January 15, 2023**. 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. 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>