

November 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.

November 6 Remembering our Veterans and
Veterans Sunday Recognizing our Active Military

November 13

Stewardship and 401(g) Sunday with our
Financial Our Money Story: Remembering
God's Steadfast Love for Us Through It All

November 20

November 27
Holy Communion

Celebrating Union UCC

Honoring the Past Celebrating the Present Building the Future
Serving and Loving God and Neighbor Here in Neffs for over 267 Years

Sunday, November 20 at 8am and 10:30am worship

Rededicating our 150 Year-Old Sanctuary and Refurbished Steeple
Special Music Led by Roni and Matt Gerry: Community Choir, Brass, Soloists
Quilt Raffle - Tickets available Sundays in November or Office on Weekdays
Honoring our Quilters
Cake and Refreshments

Psalms 65:1 Praise awaits you, our God... to you our vows will be fulfilled.

REFLECTING *The Sacred*

Advent and Worship Series Starting November 27th

The Christmas season is a time when the juxtaposition of the sacred and secular feels sometimes blatantly opposed, and sometimes quite blurred. The word "sacred" points to something dedicated as "holy" and "set apart." This year, you are invited to a spiritual journey of seeing ALL things pregnant with the Holy. What could our experience of the Advent and Christmas season be like if we lived it imagining that everything is reflecting the sacred?

Follow along with a daily reading book we'll be using in our small groups: *Everything Is Sacred*.
Pick up a copy on Sundays or in the bin on the South side entrance during the week.



GOD FIRST WEDNESDAYS

November 2 & December 7

5:30-7:30pm

5:30-6:30pm Supper

Menu: Spaghetti and Meatballs, Salad, Carrots, Bread, Cookies

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.

Putting God First on First Wednesdays

INTERRUPTED SILENCE
VOCAL ENSEMBLE

Mozart: REQUIEM

NOVEMBER 6 4:00 PM

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ALLENTOWN

Arts at
St. John's

FREE ADMISSION



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Adult Faith Formation Classes with Pastor Kris

**The Gospel of Inclusion – A Christian Case for LGBT+ Inclusion in the Church -
Brandon J. Robertson**

Fridays 9:30-11am, Room 5

November 4, 11, 18 (No Class Nov 25)

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

November 6, 13, 20 (No Class Nov 27)

**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.**

Christmas Eve Week and New Year Worship Dates

Friday, December 23 at 7pm, Christmas Eve Worship Candlelight and Communion

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve Worship

3pm Candlelight and Communion

5pm Children's Choir, No Communion

8pm Candlelight and Communion

Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day No 8am Worship, Only 10:30am Worship

Sunday, January 1 New Year's Day No 8am Worship, Only 10:30am Worship

Sunday, January 8 8am and 10:30am Worship with Communion, Young Adult Sunday

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

2023 ENVELOPE PACKETS

Envelope packets for 2023 will be ready for pick up starting Sunday Nov 20. Please pick up your packets in Memorial Hall, along with those of family members, neighbors or friends. The more envelope packets picked up, the more we save on postage costs. Memorial Hall will be open every Sunday in November and December, and the Christmas Eve dates,

Please do not use the new envelopes until 2023, everyone gets new numbers each year. Members who use the e-giving program do not receive envelope packets.

Thank you for your continued support by mailing in your envelopes to the church office during this special time. Your financial support is greatly appreciated to continue the many and varied missions and ministries of Union UCC.

The Financial Leadership Team

**Quilt Raffle
November 20**

**\$5 each
3 for \$10**

Winner need not be present to win.

- 1st Prize: Queen size quilt by Busy Bee Quilters
- 2nd Prize: Quilted wall hanging
- 3rd Prize: Quilted wall hanging
- 4th Prize: \$25 Weis gift card
- 5th Prize: \$25 Weis gift card
- 6th Prize: Quilted wall hanging
- 7th Prize: \$25 Weis gift card
- 8th Prize: Afghan
- 9th Prize: Wooden step stool
- 10th Prize: \$25 Weis gift card

FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

Fall is here, the leaves are falling, apples are ready for picking, what a wonderful season of the year. A few projects are happening around the church property.

The exterior of the New Beginning addition is being painted. The three oak trees in front of the sanctuary have been pruned, with dead branches removed. The bulbs in the emergency lights that operate when the generator turns on are being replaced, to be ready in case of a power outage. A new locking system will be installed on the basement entrance door to match the two entrance doors on the main level.

These projects are funded through the Funds of Lasting Gift endowment fund.

Enjoy the fall and have a happy Thanksgiving.

CHRISTMAS MISSION OFFERINGS

This year the Christmas Mission Offerings will be divided to The Allentown Rescue Mission and the Laurel House. Please support these two mission organizations by using the Christmas Mission Offering envelope in your envelope packet, or blank envelope marked - Christmas Mission, or donate online at <http://www.unionucc.org/resources/giving-and-sponsorship/ways-to-give/ChristmasMission>. Thank you, the Mission Committee.

The Allentown Rescue Mission

For more than a century, the Allentown Rescue Mission has addressed the changing face of homelessness, tackling the root causes of homelessness, and helping to end homelessness one life at a time throughout the Lehigh Valley. Thousands have come to their shelter receiving life changing help.

The Allentown Rescue Mission continues to reinvent itself to address the increasingly complex root causes and issues of homelessness. Their shelter has been a place where men have begun to experience restoration.

The Laurel House is part of the Thistle Farms and Bloom community which provides sanctuary and a continuum of care to heal, empower, and employ women survivors of sex trafficking. This new location in Allentown will support pregnant survivors with 2 years of safety while they heal, deliver their child, attend parenting classes, and receive mentoring and vocational training in order to live independently.

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.



Lights in the Grove

Saturday, December 3rd
3-5pm

Raindate, Sunday, December 4th

FREE ADMISSION
DONATE HATS, GLOVES, SCARVES FOR THE 6TH ST SHELTER

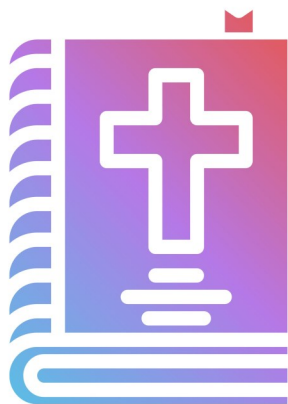
- LIVE CHRISTMAS MUSIC
- CRAFTS FOR EVERYONE
- HOT CHOCOLATE AND SNACKS
- SANTA! BRING YOUR LETTER OR WRITE ONE HERE.

ENJOY THE LIGHTS THROUGHOUT DECEMBER

Union UCC
5550 Route 873 Neffs

SPONSORS LARRY, PHIL, AND JULIE WEHR
LIGHTS BY CHRISTMAS DECOR





FAITH FORMATION

FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Contact: Tiffany Lakatosh

Email: dired@unionucc.org

Thanksgiving Prayer

For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything God sends.
Amen.



Charlie Brown Christmas Celebration

Children age 3 to 7th grade are invited to join us!

The children (and parents/guardians) are invited to wear their pajamas to this event.



This will be a great morning of fun, games, snacks, and special surprises.



Please register by
12/11/22 at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4daca723a7fc1-charlie>



Reverse Advent Calendar

We will, again, be handing out baskets and advent calendars on 11/20 and 11/27 to interested families. The idea is to put something in the basket each day of Advent. If you are unable to pickup a basket we encourage you to sign up online using the link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DACA723A7FC1-reverse1> and use your own basket, bag, or box and put in items each day of Advent. Please bring the filled basket back to church between Christmas Eve and January 1st and we will deliver your donations to the food bank. .



FAMILY EVENT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH

6PM-9PM

REGISTER FOR THIS FAMILY FUN EVENT AT
[HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/10C0F4DACA723A7FC1-HARRY](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DACA723A7FC1-HARRY).

Join us for God Frist Wednesday
November 2nd & December 7th
5:30-7:30pm

NO
SUNDAY
SCHOOL
OR
CHILDREN'S
CHURCH
NOVEMBER
27TH

Volunteer Center of the Lehigh Valley HOLIDAY HOPE CHEST

Fill a wrapped shoebox with suggested items and bring to church by Nov. 20th. See the table in the foyer for gift suggestion sheets and nametags on Nov. 6th and Nov. 13th. If you are unable to pickup the information you can register for a box at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DACA723A7FC1-holiday2>

Tales
with
Ms. Tiffany

Sunday at 7pm
on Zoom

Zoom Number
875 2647 2962

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.

November 2022 Edition

Pastor Kayli (pastorkayli@unionucc.org)

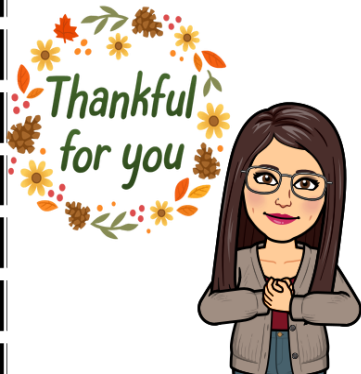
God First Wednesday

November 2, 2022

5:30pm-7:30pm

We'll start with a meal (5:30-6:30) and then break off for our own time of rediscovering God and where God calls us in life.

November's Theme: What Makes You Thankful



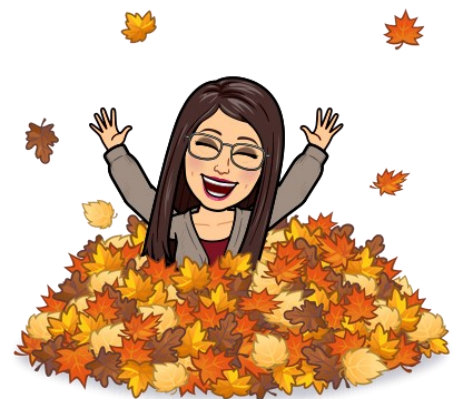
Confirmation Retreat

November 19, 2022

9:00am-4:30pm

All Youth 9th-12th grade are encouraged to join/help with this year's Confirmation Class for their retreat! It will be held in the Grove! Lunch will be provided.

Let Pastor Kayli know if you can join & any food allergies



SAVE THE DATE!

LIGHTS IN THE GROVE

DECEMBER 3, 2022

3PM-5PM

Join us for music, fun, fellowship and some snacks while we light up the Grove for our holiday season!



Naomi Henninger, Claire Puia, Elijah Gladish, Emily

Glosan, Miranda Brown, Justin Brown, Everett Lightner (pictured above) (plus Ron Snyder, Maryann Puia, and Pastor Kayli) Participated in PNEC Sleep Out for Homelessness 10/15-10/16



Preschool News

I will admit that October is my personal favorite month of the year. I love the color of the leaves, the brisk mornings and sunshine filled afternoons, the smell of apple pies baking, football, and all of the outdoor activities. October in the preschool is also filled with some of our favorite activities of the year: field trips to the farm, school picture day, visits from local fire departments for fire safety education, Halloween parades, and our first lunch bunches of the school year. We are on the move and learning as we go. The students are settling into routines- good, becoming less shy- good, and learning to share- good, except when we share germs! We are working on remembering to cover our coughs with our elbows, this is a skill that takes a while to develop, and washing our hands after we wipe our noses. Enjoy all that the season has to offer before the hustle and bustle of the holidays arrive next month.

If you are still looking for a preschool program, please reach out to us at:
preschool@unionucc.org

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

Meditation Gatherings with Pastor Kris

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

Tuesdays 7-8pm

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

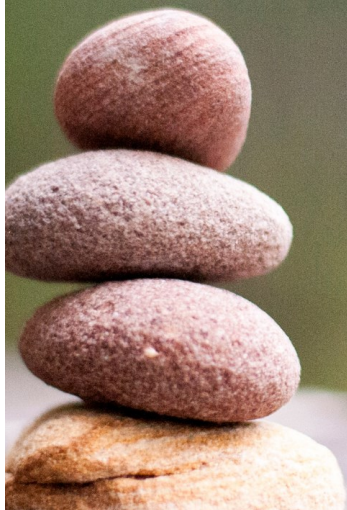
Thursdays at 12noon

November 3 and 17, December 1

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81188127483?pwd=TzdmTFplaXVtMjRQSHY1K1hOdKv2dz09>

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Steering Without Oars Leadership Planning Team from Pastor Kris

We had our first gathering with about 40 church members on October 22nd. We talked about our elevator speeches for Union UCC and what it is that we find meaningful here as God's people. We reviewed our Mission Statement and Core Values and committed to our Covenant for Christian Leadership. We began the work of looking at our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats as we continue to seek to be faithful to God's call to us here in Neffs. We even had some fun with good breakfast food and playdough.

Our next gathering is Sunday, November 13th. We'll be watching the movie, *The Way*, as we discover more about our pilgrimage together.

Please continue to keep this crew in your prayers as they lead us.

Reflection questions: What oars guide you in your life and faith? What oars are no longer helpful? How do you find the courage to step out of the boat into new ways and new things?

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



"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.

"Thanks for FOT, it's an interesting concept you are exploring."



"The 401G idea really has me thinking about my spiritual portfolio."



"What a good night out! No kids!! And food for the soul."



NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED ON 10/23/2022



Justin Brown
Tiffany &
Miranda Lakatosh



Jacelyn Cressman
(Mason MacDonald)



Kristen Haugh



Nicole and Kim Pentland



Amy Recker



Debra Grote

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.

November 1

~Entertainment by Joe Lazorik, "Good Times Piano Music"

~Please bring a small dessert to share

~Donations for food bank: Cereal

Upcoming dates: December 6, March 7, April 4, May 2.

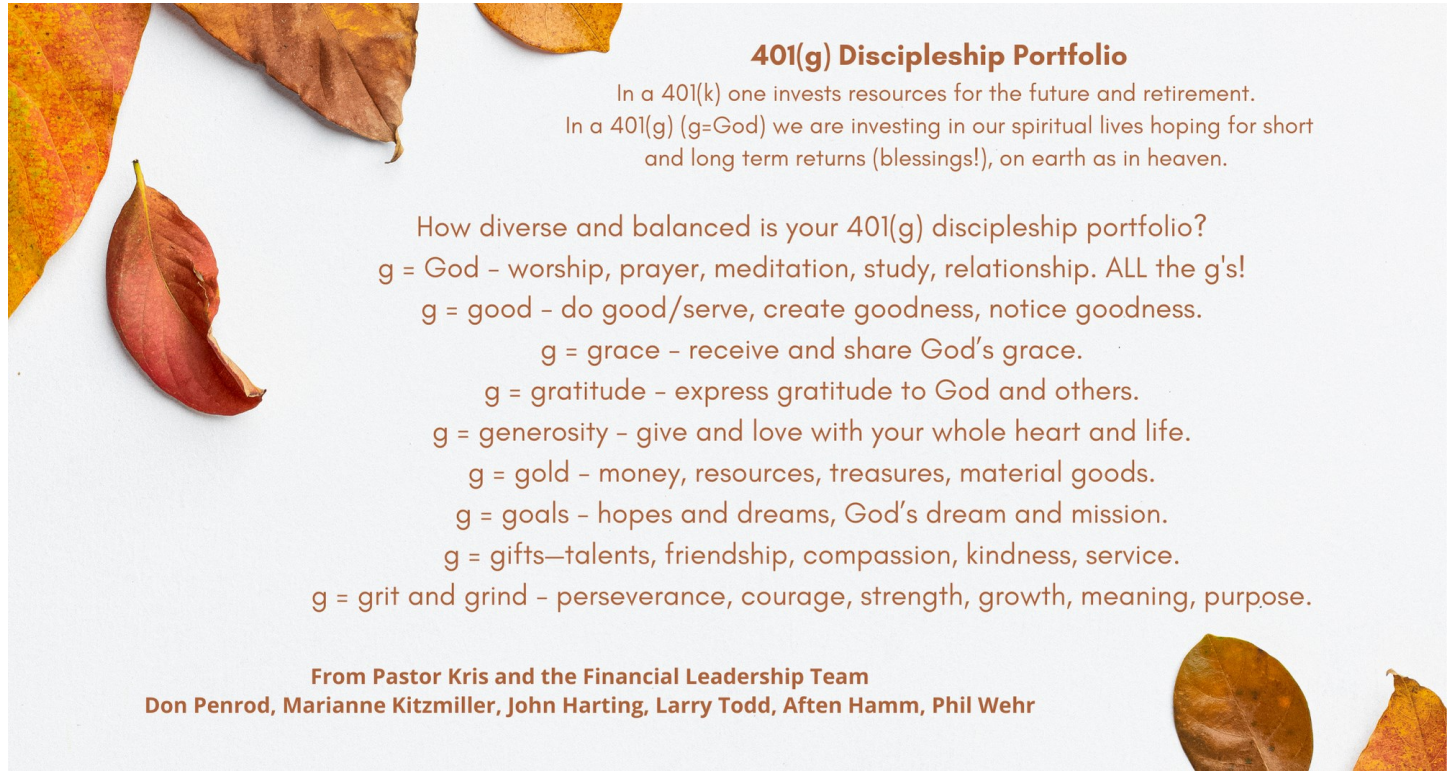


Our blessings and prayers go to the friends and families of those who have passed.

Chester Bostick passed on October 2, 2022. Services were held on October 7, 2022 in the Heintzelman Funeral Home.

Miriam Wehr passed on October 3, 2022. Services were held on October 8, 2022 in the Heintzelman Funeral Home.

Carson Baer passed on October 10, 2022. Services were held on October 18, 2022 in the Heintzelman Funeral Home.



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

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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	\$108,545.00	\$26,157.00	\$134,702.00
Expenses	\$99,915.00	\$24,171.00	\$124,086.00
9-30-2022	\$3,948.00	\$7,939.00	\$11,887.00

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

LIVE STREAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Are you interested in being a digital host on Sunday mornings?

Do you want to help with the camera and interact with our online community during worship?

SEE PASTOR KRIS OR PASTOR KAYLI TO SIGN UP!

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? 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>