

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, November 13, 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

Veronica, Jack S., Susan, Kerry, Linda, Cheryl, Leo, Brother in law, Barry,
Debbie, Connie, Janice, Rich and Peggy, Ed, baby Leah, Robert, Jim and
Roseann, Mary Lou, Barbara, Dorothy, Marlene, Sherrie, Susie, Joan, Tina,
Gino, brother-in-law with early Alzheimer's, Ed, Grace, Vic, Fred, Ruth, a dad
recovering from a stroke, Colleen, Donna

General

Frank, Joan, Kevin, Kate, Alta, daughter for wisdom, Alea, Dave, Kay and
family, healing for a daughter, healing for Dave, Rich, Bruce, Jeff, Dawn, Bill,
Margaret, Tonya, Allison, Calvin, Valery, Grace, Chris, Susan for healing, Reph
family on the loss of Patches, continued improvement for Lisa's health Pope
family on the passing of Carol's brother, daughter in law for a safe and healthy
pregnancy and labor, grandchild born healthy, healing and strength for
Alison's father with Parkinson's

Thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of **Frederick Ruch Jr.** who
passed on November 5, 2022. A service was held on November 12, 2022.

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.

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.



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

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



Raffle Prizes

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

\$5 each / 3 for \$10

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.

Poinsettia Order Form

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS: SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2022

\$9.25 EACH

I WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR _____ PLANTS FOR THE HOME BOUND

I WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR _____ PLANTS FOR THE SANCTUARY.

I WILL PICK UP MY PLANT AFTER A CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE ____ YES ____ NO

ENVELOPE NUMBER _____ SPONSOR'S NAME _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

New Conference Ambassador program

Some church members may not be aware that Union UCC is one of 127 churches of the Penn Northeast Conference [PNEC] in Pennsylvania and that the PNEC, in turn, is one of 36 Conferences in the UCC National Church. Or, members may be aware, but not know what the Conference really does and what benefits and opportunities exist within the Conference.

So, the PNEC has initiated an Ambassador program to help congregations and members feel more connected to it. I, Janice Metzger, am the current Ambassador and will be periodically communicating news of Conference events and programs. Be on the lookout for these and if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at jemrenaissinc@aol.com & please put Union Ambassador in the subject line. I look forward to helping Union members feel more connected to the Conference and the wider church.

Family Promise Drivers Needed

We would transport families from the various churches to the Day Center 14th & Hamilton in the am and in the evening from the Day Center to the congregations. The bus does not require any special skills or licenses, it's essentially like driving a U-haul van.

We would like drivers to volunteer for a couple trips per week to the various congregations in Lehigh County.

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.**



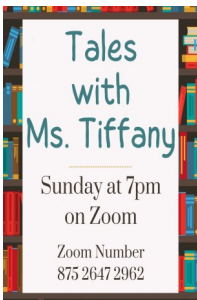
Harry Potter

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)



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. .

High School Happy Hour

All youth grades 9th-12th are invited to join Pastor Kayli and Deana Correll for a time dedicated just for you! We meet twice a month in the Youth Room (basement rm 15).

Upcoming Dates: November 20,

December 4, December 18

Talking Points: Holy Trouble Makers and Unconventional Saints

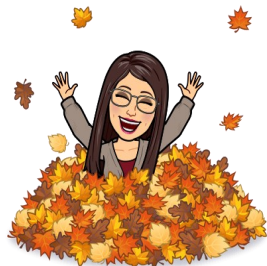
Time: 11:30am-12:30pm

Zoom or In Person Zoom Meeting ID:826 3087 5999 Passcode: 645635



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





Bakers Needed



Lights in the Grove is on Saturday, December 3rd 3-5pm. Raindate Sunday, Dec 4th 3-5pm.

Could you make a batch or two of: Rice Krispie treats (individually wrapped), Christmas cookies (a snack bag of 6 small cookies or an individually wrapped large cookie), brownies (individually wrapped), or your favorite recipe of any kind of Chex Mix recipe (individual portions in a snack bag size -half of a sandwich size bag). We always need a Gluten Free option too. Please label your items if they include nuts or peanut butter. Please deliver items to the grove food stand that Saturday anytime after 12noon until 3pm. If you need to deliver items on Friday, drop them off at the church office 9am-3pm. Please sign up here or email Pastor Kris: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4CA8A823A7FA7-bakers1>

Helping Meals

WE ARE LOOKING TO BEGIN DELIVERING HELPINGMEALS AGAIN! IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PREPARING, DELIVERING, SHOPPING OR BAKING FOR OUR FOLKS WHO MAY NEED A BIT OF COMFORT DURING A HEALING TIME IN THEIR LIVES, PLEASE REACH OUT TO:

PAM MINNICH PJP.EDRN@GMAIL.COM OR CONNIE GIOIELLI C_GIOIELLI@YAHOO.COM AND LET THEM KNOW YOU'RE INTERESTED. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO KICKSTARTING THIS MUCH-NEEDED MINISTRY IN THE NEW YEAR!

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

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>

Meeting ID: 811 8812 7483

Passcode: 348630



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

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LIGHTS BY CHRISTMAS DECOR



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.

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

New Member Session: 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

Baptisms

We offer baptisms during worship at the 10:30 service every other month. Our next date is **January 15, 2023**. 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.

Coffee Hour Update

We're working on bringing back coffee hour, woot! Part of the delay has been that during the last 2 years our Sunday Set Up Staff have become the people to cover our livestream equipment. As we're working on getting more volunteers to help with that Sunday morning piece, we're looking to bring coffee hour back.

November 20 – CAKE!!! This will be a special heritage anniversary celebration as we rededicate our sanctuary and refurbished steeple. Fellowship Committee is getting cake and there will be snacks, cold drinks and hot water.

December – we're asking committees to bring **Christmas cookies** and snacks on **Dec 4, 11, and 18**. Please drop them off in the sacristy kitchen. There will be snacks, juice, and water.

January – we hope to bring back coffee, hot water, and weekly hosts bringing food and cheer.

Adult Faith Formation Classes with Pastor Kris

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.

Church Office: (610)767-6961

www.unionucc.org

Office Fax: (610)767-7128

[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:

- Press Intercom Button
- Release to Listen
- Open door