

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, November 20, 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 Dave, Rich, Bruce, Jeff, Dawn, Bill, Margaret, Tonya,
Allison, Calvin, Valery, Grace, Chris, Susan for healing, continued improve-
ment 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, sister and brother-in-
law for peace and healing, wisdom for daughter and son-in-law

Thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of **Dale Christman** who
passed on November 9, 2022. A service was held on November 14, 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.

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

December 7
5:30-7:30pm

5:30-6:30pm Supper

Menu: Make Your Own Sub, Chips, Brownies (Bring Christmas Cookies to Share)

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 Date: Feb 1, March 1, April 5, May 3
'Putting God First on First Wednesdays'

Advent Prayer and Meditation Retreat

REFLECTING THE SACRED IN THIS TIME AND SEASON

Saturday, December 10th

9am-11am (arrive 8:45-9)

Free, In Person

Union UCC, 5550 Route 873, Neffs

Leaders: Deb Sanek, Carrie Beleno, Kris Snyder

You must register to attend by using sign up genius

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4CA8A823A77A7-advent>

or emailing Rev. Kris Snyder at pastorkris@unionucc.org.

Catch your breath. Fill your heart, mind, and body.

Give yourself the gift of some quiet time in prayer and meditation.

STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFTS In the tradition of giving gifts to friends and loved ones, our church has traditionally expressed our love and appreciation for our hard-working pastors and staff by presenting each with a monetary gift. If you'd like to share in this gift, please send a check payable to Donna Christman at 5820 PA Rte 873, Slatington, PA 18080 and mail to her at **no later than Sunday, Dec 18**. You may also place it in the Church and Ministry mailbox near the church office. Any questions, email Donna at dec12221@hotmail.com. Thank you.

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.

Offering Envelopes for 2023 – Members: please pick up your new year offering envelopes on the stage in Memorial Hall on Sundays or call the church office to get them during the week. If we missed you and your envelopes are not there, let us know. Thank you for your support of God's church and God's work here at Union.

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.

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

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>

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.**



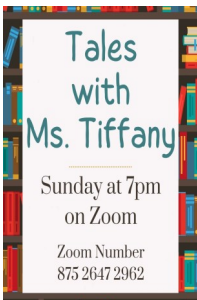
Harry Potter

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. .

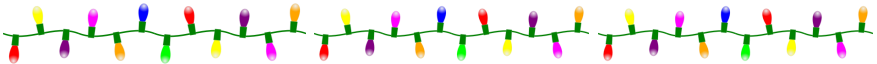
High School Happy Hour

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



**YAT Christmas Lunch
December 11, 2022
11:30am-1:30pm**

Join us for lunch, some planning, and a friendly festive competition

Sign Up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F48AEAD2BA2FE3-yatchristmas>





Our Family Promise coordinators:
Kerry Snyder ksnyd82@gmail.com
Rose Snyder sk8rose@gmail.com
Connie Gioelli c_gioielli@yahoo.com
Ralph Gioelli rgioielli@gmail.com



Congratulations to our newest Family Promise graduates who moved from being homeless to independent in their own apartment. Thanks to our volunteers and church members for all that you do to be an important place for our families.

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!

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.

INTERRUPTED SILENCE
VOCAL ENSEMBLE

PRESENTS
**HANDEL'S
MESSIAH**

December 17
7:00pm | Union UCC, Neffs

Welcome In the Holiday season In chamber music style! You won't want to miss the Christmas portion and Hallelujah Chorus from this Baroque Masterwork!

ELYSIUM
QUARTET

\$15 General Admission

Facebook icon
@interruptedsilenceensemble
Contact: interruptedsilenceensemble@gmail.com

Tickets can be purchased via
EventBrite & Facebook
or at the Door
(Subject to Availability)



SCAN ME

PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL
*Chorale Holiday
Concert*

Sunday, December 11 at 7pm
Free, Donations to the Chorale

Phantoms Ice Hockey Game

Union UCC goes to the rink on
Saturday, January 28. 7:05pm Game
vs. Hershey Bears. Tickets are \$25/
person. Payment: Cash, check (made
out to Stephen Kareha – drop or mail
to church), Venmo (@Stephen-
Kareha), or Paypal (@skareha). We
have 60 tickets available and they sell
out fast! Get yours today!

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.

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

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: (No Class Nov 25)

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

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 _____