

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, December 11, 2022

Rev. Kris Penrose Snyder, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Kayli L. Freeman, Associate Pastor  
Tiffany Lakatosh, 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 Klingler, 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, Barry, Debbie, Connie, Janice, Rich and Peggy, Ed, baby Leah, Robert, Jim and Rosann, Mary Lou, Barbara, Dorothy, Marlene, Sherrie, Susie, Joan, Tina, Gino, brother-in-law with early Alzheimer's, Ed, Grace, Vic, Ruth, a dad recovering from a stroke, Colleen, Donna, Bruce, Tommy, Dave, Rick, continued healing for wife's eyes, Jenn's dad

### *General*

Susan for healing, 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 Alison's father with Parkinson's, daughter to find truth, wisdom and direction, sister for strength and peace, a husband on his job search, all hungry people to find food, Jake's family in their grief, answers and relief for mom, New Tripoli Fire Company

Congratulations and blessings to Alexis Ziegenfus and Isaac Lorah who were married on December 10, 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.

**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*

DECEMBER WORSHIP

**Sundays, December 4, 11, and 18 at 8am and 10:30am**

**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**

Pick up a copy of the book *Everything Is Sacred* for inspirational daily readings.

Copies are in the lobby on Sundays or in the bin on the South side entrance during the week.

### **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](mailto:dec12221@hotmail.com). Thank you.

**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.

## 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](mailto: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.



**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!

**College Age/Young Adult Sunday!** Calling all college age/young adults to help lead our annual Sunday to celebrate and honor you. **January 8, 2023**, both 8:00am and 10:30am worship, is all about you and we need your help. Play music, lead liturgy, read scripture, help with offering...you name it, you can do it! Sign up using the link by January 1, 2023 :

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f48aead2ba2fe3-young1>



  
PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL  
PRESENTS...

# THE PARKLAND CHORALE

*a night of choral singing and  
holiday cheer*

**SUNDAY, DEC. 11, 2022 • 7:00PM**  
**UNION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
5550 Route 873 • Neffs, PA

**FREE ADMISSION • DONATIONS ACCEPTED**



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

   
@interruptedsilenceensemble  
Contact: [interruptedsilenceensemble@gmail.com](mailto:interruptedilenceensemble@gmail.com)

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



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## **BROADWAY NIGHT** **IN NEFFS**

**January 14 - 7pm & January 15 - 3pm**  
Memorial Hall - Union UCC in Neffs  
\$15 General Admission Tickets



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Tickets are available via Facebook & Eventbrite  
or at the door



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# 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/10c0f4dac a723a7fc1-charlie>



**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL  
AND NO CHILDREN'S  
CHURCH  
DECEMBER 25TH &  
JANUARY 1ST**



Youth Group

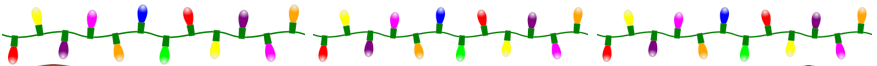
## High School Happy Hour

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:** 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



**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>





Union UCC now has Venmo! You can now make donations, pay for events, and support the church through this platform. Please be sure to include in the “What it’s for” line what your Venmo is supporting. You can either search for **@unionuccneffs** or scan the QR-code. If you have any questions, please reach out to Barbara Carinci .

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.



*Amazon Smile is a simple way for you to support Union UCC every time you shop, at no cost to you.*

*AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice*

# 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!

The Rev. Alan Miller, remembered by colleagues as a joyful and effective builder of relationships in the ministries of the United Church of Christ, died Dec. 2, in High Point, N.C. He was 70. Memorial services will be held at [Jordan United Church of Christ](#), in Allentown, Pa., on Friday, Jan. 6, 2023, at 11 a.m.

## 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: March 7, April 4, May 2.*

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

Cost: \$150. \$75 deposit due now, \$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

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](mailto:administrator@unionucc.org). The pastors will work with you if the scheduled dates are a conflict.

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 [PastorKris@unionucc.org](mailto:PastorKris@unionucc.org)

### 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.

**December** – we're asking committees to bring **Christmas cookies** and snacks on **Dec 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

**Everything Is Sacred Richard Rohr and Patrick Boland This is a great book of daily devotions to use during the month.**

Fridays 9:30-11am, Room 5 December 16 (No Class Dec 23, Dec 30)

Sundays 9:15-10:15am, Room 5 December 11, 18 (No Class Dec 25, Jan 1)

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.

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[www.unionucc.org](http://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.

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