

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, December 4, 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 Roseann, 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

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.



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.



December 6 / 7pm / Union UCC in Neffs, PA / Free-Will Offering



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!



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!

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.

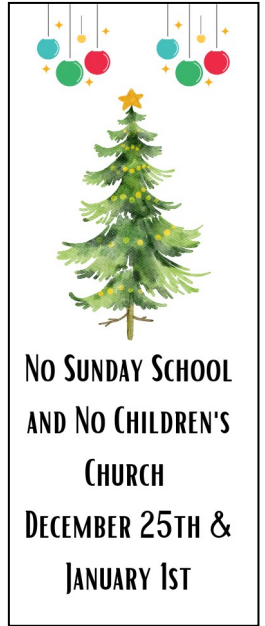


This will be a great morning of fun, games, snacks, and special surprises.



Please register by
12/11/22 at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4dac4723a7fc1-charlie>



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



Youth Group

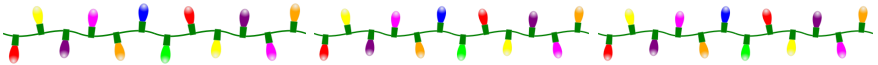
High School Happy Hour

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 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>



Thank you to everyone who participated in our quilt raffle. \$700 was raised for the general fund in the budget.

Here are the winners:

- 1st - Queen size quilt -Tami Wassum
- 2nd - Quilted Wall Hanging - Jana Hill
- 3rd - Quilted Wall Hanging - Edie Fella
- 4th - \$25 Weis card - Sandy Klotz
- 5th - \$25 Weis card -Connie Gioelli
- 6th - Quilted Wall Hanging -Bonnie Herzog
- 7th - \$25 Weis card - Cliff James
- 8th - Afghan - Barbara Beitler
- 9th - Wooden bench - Kathy Milander
- 10th - \$25 Weis card -Carol Stout

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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.

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. 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

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 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

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 9, 16 (No Class Dec 23, Dec 30)

Sundays 9:15-10:15am, Room 5 December 4, 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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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