

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.

Upcoming Worship

FEBRUARY MISSION FOCUS:
BLANKET SUNDAY AND SOUP FOR
SOUPERBOWL

Sunday, February	5	BLANKET SUNDAY, BOY SCOUT SUNDAY
Sunday, February	12	SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY, TAILGATE LUNCH, CONFIRMATION CLASS LEADS WORSHIP
Sunday, February	19	COMMUNION SUNDAY, HEALING SERVICE (PRAY WITH A PASTOR)
Tuesday, February	21	SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER 6PM
Wednesday, February	22	ASH WEDNESDAY 7PM SANCTUARY WORSHIP WITH ASHES AND COMMUNION
Sunday, February	26	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Looking Ahead	Mar 19	Youth Sunday
	Apr 2	Palm Sunday
No God First	Apr 6	6pm Maunday Thursday Potluck Meal and Worship
Wednesday	Apr 7	7pm Good Friday Worship in the Sanctuary with Communion
on April 5	Apr 9	Easter Sunday 6:30am Sunrise in Grove, 8am and 10:30am in Sanctuary
	May 7	Confirmation Day

Join us as we welcome our newest members to our team!

Menu: Sandwiches, pizza, wings, snacks, water, please bring a dessert.

(Gluten Free options available)

Make it a **SOUPER BOWL OF CAR-ING** by bringing a can(s) of soup or cash donation for area food banks.



Join us for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper!

Menu: Pancakes (Gluten Free available), sausage, applesauce, and Fastnachts.

FREE! Donations accepted. Bring a dozen doughnuts or Fastnachts to share.

Tickets "on sale" after worship (to help plan numbers)

To-Go option available



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GOD FIRST WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday, Feb 1

5:30-7:30pm

5:30-6:30pm Supper Menu: Chicken fingers and fries.

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 Dates: March 1,
No April 5. Join us Thursday April
6 at 6pm for Maundy Thursday
Potluck and Worship.
May 3**

Adult Faith Formation Classes with Pastor Kris

Surprised by Scripture NT Wright

Wright provide a series of case studies which explore how the Bible can be applied to some of the most pressing contemporary issues facing us, including: Why it is possible to love the Bible and affirm evolution, Why women should be allowed to be ordained, Where Christians today have lost focus, and why it is important for them to engage in politics--and why that involvement benefits everyone, Why the Christian belief in heaven means we should be at the forefront of the environmental movement and more.

Fridays 9:30-11am, Room 5 (No Class Jan 27, Feb 3) Feb 10, 17

Sundays 9:15-10:15am, Room 5 (No Class Jan 29, Feb 5) Feb 12, 19

You Are What You Love: The Spiritual Power of Habit James K. Smith

Who and what we worship fundamentally shape our hearts. And while we desire to shape culture, we are not often aware of how culture shapes us. We might not realize the ways our hearts are being taught to love rival gods instead of the One for whom we were made. Smith helps readers recognize the formative power of culture and the transformative possibilities of Christian practices. He explains that worship is the "imagination station" that incubates our loves and longings so that our cultural endeavors are indexed toward God and his kingdom. This is why the church and worshiping in a local community of believers should be the hub and heart of Christian formation and discipleship.

Fridays 9:30-11am, Room 5 - Feb 24 Until March 31

Sundays 9:15-10:15am, Room 5 Feb 26 until April 2

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.



Steering Without Oars Leadership Planning Team from Pastor Kris

We met on January 21 to work on this question:

If we could walk over to the light switch on the wall, and instantaneously flip the switch and a miracle would occur at Union where our dreams and God's dreams would come true for God's church here what task, initiative, or program should we be doing for the next 1-3 years? (No Limitations – the sky's the limit!)

How would you answer this question?

Share your answers with someone on the team.

Steering Without Oars Leadership Planning Team: Fawn and Doug Albert, Maria Beltz, Max Bilger, Val Borman, Brynn Buskirk, Donna Christman, Deana Correll, Teresa Dalrymple, AJ DiPaolantonio, Dave DiPaolantonio, Jan and Andy Dyszel, Dennis Foster, Edie Fella, Dixie Gross, Brad and Lorie Hackett, Dan Haftl, Aften Hamm, Marissa Haney, Brian Horwith, Carol and Cliff James, Steve Kareha, Marianne Kitzmiller, Jason Klinger, Karl Klinger, Laura Kohler, Devon Kuharik, Darla Lakatosh, Tiffany Lakatosh, Vicki Mayk, Janice Metzger, Eric Minnich, Ryleigh Minnich, Hannah Minnich, Carol Pope, Ronie Pope, Don Penrod, Sherry Penrod, Maryann Puia, Deb Romig, Amanda Roth, Deb and Fred Sanek, Diane Schaller, Carrington Smith, Susan Smith, Kerry Snyder, Sue Steinmann, Carol Stout, Sue Todd, Gloria Toner, Dan and Deb Topp, Deb Wenner, Phil Wehr, Julie Wehr, Pastor Kayli, Pastor Kris, Joe Kornfeind

Staff Update from Pastor Kris



Welcome to Carrie Beleno as our Pastor of Visitation.

She will be the primary pastor who visits our members and follows up with care. Her primary responsibility is caring for those on our visitation list. She will also share hospital visits with Pastor Kayli. Pastors Kris, Kayli, and Carrie rotate sharing calls and visits with a variety of other lists of members. Carrie will continue to organize our Helping Hearts and Communion Ministers, Golden Times, and support our current adult offerings. We plan to create new ministry opportunities and programming for adults too.

Here's a little more info about Carrie:

Carrie was previously an elementary teacher, principal, and reiki master/teacher and spiritual life coach, owning her own healing center in Bethlehem. She has a M.Ed. in Educational Development and Strategies. She is also currently a hospital chaplain for St. Luke's University Hospital Network.

Carrie lives in Washington Township with her husband Tony and three rescue cats. They have a son Marc who lives in NYC and a daughter Gianna and her husband Bill who live in Schnecksville with their adorable twin boys Billy and Albie. They keep her spare time busy!

She just finished up several years of working as a reiki/meditation teacher at the Cancer Support Community and continues to direct plays at Pennsylvania Playhouse.

This calling has been cultivated for years and she is excited and blessed to share the next chapter of ministry with the congregation and staff at Union UCC!

You can reach Carrie at this email: vispastor@unionucc.org and through her cell at 610-297-6569 or through the church office.

CONSISTORY NEWS

These notes reflect items that needed action and approval by Consistory. Standing and routine items are reported by Committees and Staff throughout the newsletter. A complete copy of the Consistory minutes can be found in the church office.

January 16, 2022, Consistory Actions:

- Christian Ed asked for all available funds from Christian Enrichment fund be used for Women's Retreat/Ministries
- Property & Maintenance presented their yearly/annual requests for elevator repairs/maintenance, gutter cleaning/slate repair, and miscellaneous property repairs
- Wehr, Johnson, and Behr fund earnings to be allocated as stated in their FOLG guidelines
- Mission Committee asked for our annual gift for Family Promise to support their Homecoming Event and Dinner in April
- Church & Ministry asked for FOLG funding for guest preaching and education costs during sabbaticals
- Worship team asked for FOLG request for music guests
- Larry Todd accepted a 5 year term to be on the Cemetery Commission

The above were approved unanimously.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE FROM PHIL WEHR

A BLAST from the PAST and fun facts from twenty years ago.

- * The New Beginning Addition was being built between fall 2002 and spring 2003.
- * A snowstorm on Christmas Day, Dec 25, 2002 dumped 8 inches of snow to Neffs.
- * Masons were laying the brick for the addition in Dec and Jan.
- * The addition was covered with scaffolding, covered with plastic, using heaters.
- * Plumbers, Electricians, Carpenters and more were working inside.
- * A new 800-amp electrical service was installed Jan 20, 2003.
- * Heating and Air conditioning teams were working in Jan & Feb
- * 24 inches of snow arrived on Feb 17 and Feb 18, 2003
- * Drywall arrived on Feb 19, 2003

The New Beginning Addition will be twenty years old on May 3, 2023. Where has the time gone? It seems like yesterday that we were watching the addition being built.

Great memories

MISSION COMMITTEE FROM PHIL WEHR

Blanket Sunday

Blanket Sunday at Union UCC is usually held around Valentine's Day, to spread our Love, and God's Love to the World. This year we will celebrate Blanket Sunday all of February.

Donations of cash or check may be made through the special envelope included with this newsletter, marked "Blanket Sunday" and "Souper Bowl Sunday" Please mark your donations accordingly and mail to the church, or drop in the collection plate on Sundays. E-Gifts may also be made. Blankets cost \$10 each, you may support one blanket, or many blankets, all up to you.

You're changing lives around the World!! Through your support of the Church World Services Blankets Program, you are helping people faced with difficult challenges, whether due to a natural disaster or another sort of emergency.

Please support this important annual mission project, our goal is to collect over \$2,000. Thank you, the Mission Committee

Souper Bowl Sunday - Feb 12, 2023

The Super Bowl is back, So will our annual SOUPER Bowl collection of canned soup and cash donations. YOU can help TACKLE HUNGER and help feed local families.

Canned soup may be dropped off in the foyer every Sunday during February. All soup donations will be provided to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.

Cash donations may be made through the special envelope in this newsletter, marked "Souper Bowl Sunday" and "Blanket Sunday" Please mark your donations accordingly and mail to the church, or drop in the collection plates. E-Gifts may also be made. Cash donations will support the mission of Lehigh Conference of Churches in Allentown. Thank you for fighting hunger and being on the winning SOUPER Bowl team.

PNEC Ambassador Corner

Hopefully many church members have become 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 and that the PNEC has initiated an Ambassador program to help congregations and members feel more connected to the Conference and the wider church.

How does the Conference & the National church work and how is Union connected to them? Union meets biannually as does the Conference while the National Church meets through Synod which recently changed to meeting every (3) years instead of every (2) years. Just as Union has a Consistory and Committees which carry out the work of Union, the Conference and the National Church have Boards, Committees and Ministries which carry out the work of the wider church.

And yes, it comes down to funding!! Union prepares an annual budget, so do the Conference and the National Church. Offerings from local congregations flow to the Conference and to the National Church. Our Church's Wider Mission [OCWM] is the encompassing funding mechanism. In addition to the basic OCWM support, there are four (4) special offerings which the Conference and the National Church use to fund their programs, mission and ministries. A goal of the Conference is for congregations to be a 5 for 5 church, meaning that they support all (5) offerings. I'm happy to say that Union is a 5 for 5 congregation as we support all (5) through individual members, the general budget and FOLG!

Our Church's Wider Mission – Basic Support - [OCWM] – Goes to the Conference and they send 10% to the National Church to support their ministries

One Great Hour of Sharing [OGHS] – Goes to the National Church to help people in crisis by providing sources of clean water, education, health care, refugee resettlement, emergency relief and disaster preparedness, to name a few

Neighbors in Need [NIN] – Goes to the National Church to support ministries of justice and compassion through advocacy efforts and justice initiatives

Strengthen the Church – [STC] - ½ goes to the National Church; ½ to the PNEC to support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry and innovation in existing congregations

Christmas Fund – this is the charitable arm of the UCC Pension Boards and it provides direct financial support to those who serve the church and are facing financial difficulties

Our Conference has initiated a new offering – Friends of the Conference [FOC] – for those who may be able to give a little over and above their regular offering. The idea is that if each member of a congregation in the PNEC would give just one dollar [\$1.00] more than their regular offering, that would be an additional \$28,000.00 to be able to use.

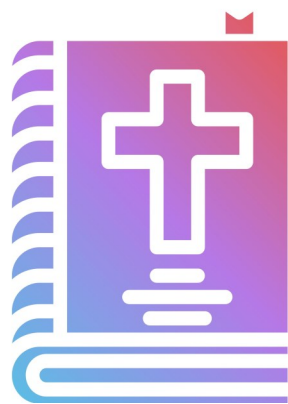
That's a very basic overview of the mechanics of connection of local congregations to the Conference and the National Church. Periodically, I will be lifting up programs and ministries of the Conference which may be of interest to our church members. Be on the lookout for these and if you have any questions, 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.

Note of interest:

The PNEC held their Fall meeting in early November and I just want to update you on the Amigos de Guatemala partnership which the PNEC has in Monte Margarita that Union UCC has supported in the past. Monte Margarita is a remote mountain village miles from any medical facilities. After sending a medical team there in 2011, the Conference was determined to build a multi-use facility and clinic. The community has few vehicles, poor roads, the water is not clean, and many health issues go untreated. Although the pandemic slowed things down quite a bit, the **new building**, which includes a clinic, community room, and housing for workers **is nearly finished!** It needs pipe for water and electricity yet, but the people in Monte Margarita already use it for church meetings, small business conferences, and education!! The team is hoping to start medical mission trips and will be looking for medical volunteers, translators and planners as well as donations for the work yet to be completed. If you would be interested in finding out more about the project or how you might get involved, please contact Roger or Karen Heim at rksdheim@rcn.com 610-481-9704 or the conference office at 610-826-3113.

'Til next time, Peace,

Janice Metzger



FAITH FORMATION

FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Contact: Tiffany Lakatosh

Email: dired@unionucc.org

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need your help to make Union UCC

VBS 2023 STELLAR!



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



Join us for VBS 2023 June 26th-30th from 6-8pm where we will learn how to SHINE JESUS' LIGHT! Children age Preschool to 7th grade are invited to attend. A meal will be available at 5:30pm. Registration is \$5 per child.



Register at

<https://forms.gle/xcAGfFpuoH17wt3v5>



CHILDREN AGED 3 TO 7TH GRADE (AND THEIR PARENTS/GUARDIANS) ARE INVITED TO JOIN US ON MARCH 5TH IN FELLOWSHIP HALL AT 9:15 AM FOR A DR. SEUSS CELEBRATION. THERE WILL BE CRAFTS, GAMES, AND MORE. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO DRESS UP AS THEIR FAVORITE DR. SEUSS CHARACTER.



MR. PASTIE FUNDRAISER

Orders Due February 5th

Pickup February 24th

The Pasties come in a variety of flavors to choose from. Pasties will come frozen and can be warmed in the oven whenever you would like a quick and easy meal. Each Pastie is 12oz. The price is \$8 per Pastie. Order forms will be available soon. The proceeds from this fundraiser will help us purchase supplies for the kids, support our birthday ministry for Bethany Home, and so much more!

If you have any questions contact Tiffany at dired@unionucc.org.



On February 12th we will be celebrating Valentine's Day.

Everyone is invited to wear purple, pink, red, and/or white.

In Children's Church we will have a Valentine's Day celebration please let Ms. Tiffany know of any dietary restrictions and/or food allergies.

Join Pastor Kris,
Pastor Kayli &
Ms. Tiffany on
February 1st for
God 1st Wednesday.

Psalm 23:6

Your kindness and love
will always be with me
each day of my life,
and I will live forever
in your house, Lord.

NERF & NACHOS FAMILY FUN EVENT

MARCH 25TH
5-8 PM



Please bring your own
safety goggles and a
nacho topping for our
nacho bar.

Register Online at

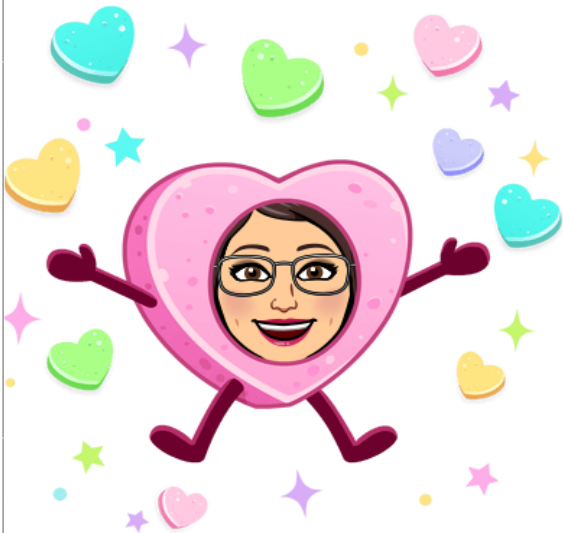
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Union UCC, Neffs Youth Group

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams
-Eleanor Roosevelt

February 2023

Pastor Kayli (pastorkayli@unionucc.org)



Confirmation Winter Retreat!

All youth grades 9th-12th are invited to be helpers during the Confirmation Winter Retreat.

Where: Union UCC, Neffs

When: February 11, 2023

Time: 11am-6pm

Theme: Viewing Faith Through A Secular Lens

Sign up to help here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f48aead2ba2fe3-confirmation2>

SAVE THE DATE!

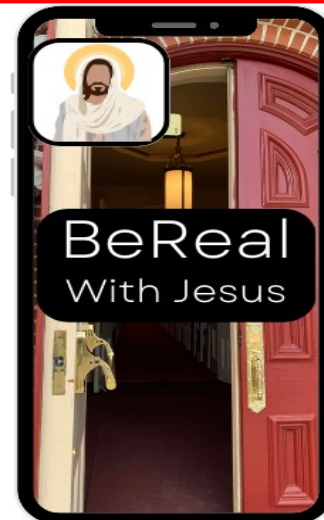
March 19, 2023

Youth Sunday!

All youth are encouraged to participate: singing, dancing, reading, collecting offering...you name it, you can do it!

HS SENIORS: Your turn to preach!!

Theme: **BeReal With Jesus**



Sunday Opportunities for All Ages!

Munch Bunch (5th-7th):

9:15am-10:15am; Upstairs, 2nd Floor

Confirmation (8th):

9:15am-10:15am; Youth Room, basement



High School Happy Hour

11:30am-12:30pm

Youth Room, basement

February 5

April 2

February 19

April 16

March 5

May 21

March 19

Preschool News

January was an adventurous month in the Preschool. The students explored different habitats through crafts, books, lessons and play. The classes covered art/c animals, land animal, and ocean animals. We held parent/teacher conferences, lunch bunch for both the 4's and PreK, as well as "Donuts with Director" social hours. We are trying to keep busy during this cold and rainy days of January.

Enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year begins with an Informational Open House on February 7 from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m. We will continue to take applications until our classes are full. If you, your family, or your friends are interested in enrolling a child and would like more information or a registration form, please email preschool@unionucc.org or call the preschool office at 610-767-5327.

Attention High School Seniors!

The Neffs UCC Preschool is offering a \$250 Scholarship to a graduating senior who plans on continuing their education. The senior must be a graduate of the preschool and submit an essay by March 1st. The essay should be 500 words or less in which the applicant tells about themselves, their future plans, and a preschool memory. Application forms are available online on the website at neffsuccpreschool.org.

Nursery Update

We are happy to announce the nursery is back and ready to be used by families with young children!

- Enjoy worship in live time on the newly installed tv
- a quiet & clean space for nursing/feeding small children
- Parents please stay with your child
- Sign in on the clip board
- Just enjoy the space

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Tiffany (dired@unionucc.org)

Save the Date!

Mark your calendar for this important information session from CarePatrol. CarePatrol is a team of Certified Senior Advisors who help families find safe, quality independent living, assisted living, memory care and in-home care as well as adult day programs. We meet with families personally to consult, educate and advocate as they explore care options. We tour with our clients to senior care communities and review care and violation histories of the communities we recommend. **Our service is FREE to families.** March 26 in the Youth Room, 11:45, immediately following the 10:30 service. Bagged lunch will be available, lasts about an hour. Please RSVP to Carrie: vispastor@unionucc.org OR call the office.

UPCOMING HOSTING WEEKS: MARCH 12-19, MAY 14-21



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
Kerry Snyder ksnyd82@gmail.com
or Connie Gioelli c_gioelli@yahoo.com

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.

This church family has given \$75,000 to various mission and support efforts in our community, denomination, and around the world. Thank you for your amazing generosity through things like socks and underwear, groceries, toiletries, Christmas gifts, potatoes, school supplies, and money. Wow, just wow! Giving God thanks for you!

General Budget

OCWM	\$7,400
Phoebe	\$4,770
Lancaster Seminary	\$1,075
Bethany Home	\$ 240
Lehigh Conf of Chu	\$1,200
Five for Five	\$ 600
Discretionary	\$1,300
NL Food Bank	\$1,200
Easter Mission	\$2,900
Christmas Mission	\$2,300
Blanket Sunday	\$2,400
Souper Bowl Sun	\$ 633
Mother's Day	\$ 860
OGHS	\$ 450
NIN	\$ 575
Crop Walk	\$ 600
Thomas Family Fund	\$ 950
Urffer Fund	\$ 720
Urffer Fund	\$ 927
Urffer Fund	\$1,000
OCWM	\$5,000
Family Promise	\$3,000
North Leh Food bank	\$3,000
PNEC Disaster relief	\$3,000
Christmas in July	\$ 500
Sleepout for homeless	\$ 600
Angel Tree	\$3,000
Sixth St Shelter	\$ 300
NL Food Bank	\$7,000
Lehigh Co of Chu	\$2,500
Family Promise	\$2,000
Christian Ed	\$1,000
Bloom & Fam gift	\$2,000
Allen Rescue Mission	\$1,000
Rotary International	\$1,000
Medical debt relief	\$1,000
Leukemia soc - Bilger	\$ 500
Ukraine relief	\$1,500
World Central kitchen	\$1,000
Bethany Christian ser	\$1,000
Refugee support-local	\$1,000
150 th Block Party	\$2,000
Total	\$ 75,000

Our Money Story and God's Money Story – from the Financial Leadership Team

From John Harting: Our financial leadership team has been thinking a lot lately about money stories. Our resource material pointed out that we all have a money story, whether we recognize it or not. The importance of money is not a new phenomenon. People had money stories back in Jesus' day, and they were so important that Jesus talked about money often – even more than faith and prayer. Our money story, therefore, is a spiritual story and part of our faith journey and relationship with God.

As I read the bulletin insert it caused me to reflect on a part of my money story. Let me share that with you. Karen and I were married in November 1976. She had graduated from Kutztown University the previous June. When we married, she was waitressing and substitute teaching occasionally. I was in a job I didn't like much, while taking graduate courses at Temple University. Two months after our wedding day, I learned that my employer felt the same way about me as I did about it, and I was unemployed. Money was scarce. Karen and I were fortunate that shortly before our wedding our church needed a sexton. We applied and received the position. The pay was minimal, but the job included a home we could live in rent free, even if we didn't have the means to fully furnish that house. Later in our lives Karen and I both found jobs we enjoyed and which compensated us enough to secure the lifestyle we had envisioned for ourselves. God has blessed us. But there was something about those earlier days that stuck with us, and now we try to give generously to mission causes that aid families in difficult financial situations, and to physically help out when the opportunity to do so arises. So count us in as supporters of the Angel Tree and the children's backpack projects, Family Promise, Feed My Starving Children, provisions for the food bank, and blanket Sunday, while also stuffing a check in our church's mission envelopes – particularly at Easter and Christmastime.

From Larry Todd: Everyone has a money story and each one is unique. One thing we have in common is that we all have to decide where Our money story leads us. I've been a member of consistory and the finance team for the past few years and I've seen the good that church does through its' missions and other activities. Our church family has good faithful intentions and that is why the church is part of my money story.

Golden Times

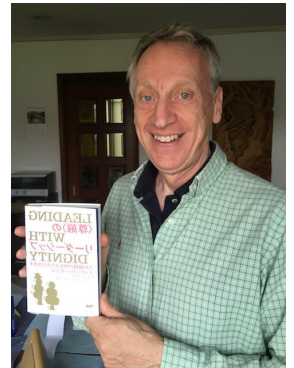
Golden Times is a gathering for our senior adults. Everyone is welcome, including friends. We start at 12noon with lunch (often soup, salad, and a sandwich) and then have a program until about 1:30pm. There is no charge to attend. Your support of the budget and the Funds of Lasting Gifts provides the funds. Contact the church office if you'd like to receive post card mailing reminders.

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



United Church of Christ/Disciples of Christ Global Ministries mission coworker Rev. Jeffrey Mensendiek has been serving with our partner denomination United Church of Christ in Japan (UCCJ; Nihon Kirisuto Kyōdan, or Kyōdan for short) for 33 years. He works as chaplain at J.F. Oberlin University in Tokyo, Japan and is responsible for teaching introductory classes on Christianity and religion in general as well as organizing programs on campus which instill in young hearts the Christian spirit of the university. At the same time Jeffrey has continued to monitor the situation in Fukushima following the nuclear disaster, and is also involved with Christian colleagues in promoting dignity education.

Rev. Mensendiek is a member of Union UCC and will be here to meet with our adult classes and to share in worship the weekend of February 17-19.



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

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Financial Report

Fiscal Year	Operating Fund	Designated Funds	Grand Total All Funds
7-1-2022	\$4,682.00	\$35,909.00	\$31,227.00
Income	\$182,850.00	\$47,456.00	\$230,306.00
Expenses	\$172,283.00	\$41,886.00	\$214,169.00
10-31-2022	\$5,885.00	\$41,479.00	\$47,364.00

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!

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

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. **Next Sessions are March 12 and 19 at 9:15am. We will receive you in worship on March 26th.** If you can't make these dates let us know and we will work with your schedule.

Baptism We offer baptisms during worship at the 10:30 service every other month when we meet in person. Our next dates are Sunday, **March 5, 2023 and May 21, 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.

AMAZON SMILE. Amazon will be discontinuing Amazon Smile on February 20, 2023