

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 2, 2023

Rev. Kris Penrose Snyder, Senior Pastor
Rev. Kayli L. Freeman, Associate Pastor
Tiffany Lakatosh, Faith Formation Minister of Children
Carrie Beleno, Pastor 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: Don Penrod, Secretary: Janice Metzger, 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, Robert, Lucy, Eleanor, Jill, Dawn, Rich, Alea, Pat, a dad's upcoming Surgery, Thomas undergoing tests, baby Cameron, Susie recovering from surgery, Diane recovering from surgery, Brad, Linda, Jim, JJ, Leo and family, Annette, Ellen, Frank. Elaine recovering, 3 year old with diabetes, Bruce, Kim, Veronica battling cancer

General

Brad, Annette, Abby and kids, healing for Amy, Barbara, Dorothy, Marlene, Kevin, Tom, TC, brother and all people suffering from anxiety and depression, sister for peace, comfort, and healing, the Bruder family and friends, good test results, Dave Rich, Craig, Tandy's quick recover, Karen's recover, Steve's good results, Keri's recover, Monna Lou's good results, Nancy, Robbie, son suffering from anxiety and depression and his family, all who suffer from dementia

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.

Holy Week and Easter Worship



April 2 Palm Sunday 8:00 and 10:30am
(No God First Wednesday on April 5)

April 6 6pm Maundy Thursday in Memorial Hall,
Potluck Meal, Worship, Communion.

Bring a casserole, side dish, or dessert to share.

Note: NO Online Option.

April 7 7pm Good Friday Worship in the
Sanctuary with Communion

April 9 Easter Sunday 6:30am Sunrise in
cemetery, 8am and 10:30am in church



EASTER MIMOSAS and SNACKS on the LAWN
Join us after 8am and 10:30am worship on the
front lawn of the church for a celebratory
mimosa, orange juice, and snack.

The Easter Bunny will be
joining us!



Holy Grounds Coffee

Come for coffee, tea, hot chocolate, juice, water and snacks on Sundays in Memorial Hall after both worship services.

Hosting Committees:
April 2- Church and Ministry
April 9- Easter on the lawn!



GOD FIRST WEDNESDAYS

NO Wednesday Gathering April 5
Join us Maundy Thursday, April 6
at 6pm

Potluck Supper - bring a main or side dish or dessert to share.

Worship in Memorial Hall /Basement includes communion at tables and preparing the sanctuary for Good Friday.

Future God First Wedneady Dates:
May 3
Putting God First on First Wednesdays



Sunday, April 16th

Holy Humor, Red Nose Sunday and OPEN MIC Sunday!

Have you ever wanted your chance to speak in church?

Or sit in the pastors' chair? Now is your chance!

Pastor Kris is looking for people to share a joke or funny story (or inspiring story) or to talk about what brings you joy or helps you keep the faith.

Sign up with her by/on Easter Sunday by emailing pastorkris@unionucc.org or by speaking to her.

She's looking for people to speak at 8am and 10:30am.

Don't miss this chance to share your best joke or story!

She may never offer this again!!!





Vacation Bible School Volunteer Sign Up

I would like to help in (please circle all that apply):

Crafts

Bible Story

Skits

Grade Level Crew Leader

Age Level _____

Teen Helper (8th grade +)

To Help in Vacation Bible School (June 26-30 6-8pm)

Name _____

T-shirt size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL

Email _____

Phone _____

All volunteers need current child abuse and criminal checks.

Any questions, contact Tiffany Lakatosh (dired@unionucc.org)

Please return this form to the church office or Tiffany's mailbox.



VBS VOLUNTEER INFORMATION MEETING

Adults and teens (currently in 8th grade or older) interested in volunteering for VBS are invited to attend our meeting. Contact Tiffany at dired@unionucc.org with any questions.



**SUNDAY,
APRIL 30TH
AT 11:30 IN
THE YOUTH
ROOM**



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/xcAGfpuoH17wt3v5>



CHILDREN'S CHURCH EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

APRIL 23RD

We will be reading The Lorax, relating it to Bible verses, and discussing what we can do to help the Earth in our day to day life.

Children are invited to wear blue and/or green.

Y.A.T. LUNCH!

All youth are invited to join us for some lunch, fun, and dreaming!

When: April 23, 2023

Time: 11:30am-1:00pm

Where: Youth Room

Sign-up Here: [https://](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f48aead2ba2fe3-yat1)

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SAVE THE DATE!

UCC Night at the Iron Pigs
 In the Picnic Pavilion with
 all-you-can-eat Buffet!
 Friday, July 28 7:05pm
 Only \$28/person

GOLDEN TIMES

Golden Times is a gathering for our senior adults. Everyone is welcome, including friends. We start at 12noon with lunch and 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.

April 4: Nuerographic Art with Heidi Kelly

DAFFODILS IN THE GROVE are starting to bloom. Now is the time to take a stroll though the trails in the grove to see thousands and thousands of daffodils and other spring flowers. Park in the grove parking lot and walk over to the gazebo and start your stroll. Full bloom will be Easter week. God's beauty comes alive each spring.



FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN EVENT

SPRING OF 2024?



Before Covid flipped our world upside down, we successfully host two meal packing events packing over 200,000 meals! Many people have been asking, "Are we going to bring this event back?" In the next couple months we hope to answer that question by gaging the interest so please let us know what you think. A committee has been formed to help determine whether we are able to host again next spring. Hannah Minnich, Ryleigh Minnich, Eric Minnich, Ron Snyder, Ann Koren, Everett and Eliot Lightner are all part of the committee and are hoping we can! Please reach out to anyone of us if you are interested in helping in anyway. It is quite a commitment as each meal costs \$.30 so the total fund raising comes to about \$30,000. While this can be seen as a difficult goal these meals are desperately needed. Due to COVID and inflation the amount of child that die each day from hunger related caused has increased from 6,000, when we last hosted, to now 10,000! Please let me know if you would like to help and feel we should try and take on the challenge.



Contact Eliot Lightner for more information



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Country Sale?

The core Country Sale committee and a few new interested people have met to discuss the possibility of bringing back the church yard sale on a smaller scale next May 4, 2024. We have had plenty of interest in renting spaces but need helpers both in preparation for the event and at the event itself. We will need interested helpers in the following areas:

- Committee members for planning (zoom meetings, meet every few months)
- Person to take reservations and assign rental spaces*
- Marking assigned spaces *
- Kitchen helpers to prep for the event on Thursday & Friday (days and eves)
- Kitchen helpers at the event on Saturday (7am-2pm, 2-4 hour shifts)
- Food Shoppers *
- Publicity and signs*
- Bake sale helpers at the event on Saturday
- Bakers
- Parking Attendants and greeters day of sale 7A to 10:30 (4 people)
- Grill guys (hot dogs and burgers)
- Preparation of money for food and baked goods and counting afterwards*
- Organize and price baked goods day before and day of event*
- Organize some type of raffle
- Helpers at conclusion of the event, tear down, trash cans, clean up

*Asterisks are areas that are covered. Please consider sharing your time and energy in one of the other areas to help us bring this favorite event back. Please reach out to pastorkris@unionucc.org if interested. We realize this is over a year away but before we can schedule the event, we need to know if we have enough interested helpers.



VICKI SORG, DIANE SCHALLER, CLAIRE KERN,
KATHY BONSELL, SHEILA NAGLE, SHERRY PENROD,
DAN & DEB TOPP, PHIL WEHR, PASTOR KRIS

Baptisms: We offer baptisms during worship at the 10:30 service every other month. Our next dates are **May 21 & July 16**. 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 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 PastorKris@unionucc.org

Adult Faith Formation Classes with Pastor Kris: No Class April 7 and 9
Writing Your Sacred Story- Spiritual memoirs uncover and honor what is sacred in a person's life story. The act of writing a spiritual memoir also allows people to explore their faith journey and their relationship with the divine. We will read examples from several spiritual memoirs. Participants will then have a chance to explore their own faith journeys through some short, guided writing exercises. No writing experience required!

Sessions Fridays from 9:30 to 11, April 14, 21 and 28

Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15, April 16, 23 and 30

These sessions will be led by Union UCC member Vicki Mayk, an experienced writing teacher and the author of *Growing Up On The Gridiron: Football, Friendship and the Tragic Life of Owen Thomas*.

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Palm Cross

