

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, April 30, 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

Baby Cameron, Diane recovering from surgery, Brad, Linda, Jim, JJ, Leo and family, Ellen, Frank. Elaine recovering, 3 year old with diabetes, Bruce, Kim, Annette recovering, Brad during cancer treatments, mom's health, sister-in-law dealing with cancer, Sharon and Mark, co-worker's fathers recent cancer diagnosis, co-worker recovering from surgery

General

Nancy, Robbie, son suffering from anxiety and depression and his family, all who suffer from dementia, a husband's job search, good test results, Olivia, Aleah, Dee, Bruce, Elaine, Shannon, friends going through a divorce, Veronica's family and friends, healing for a friend, safe travels for all, healing for Jamie, healing and peace for brother-in-law and nieces in the passing of their wife/mother, co-worker's fathers recent cancer diagnosis, Leonards family and friends.

Thoughts and Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Leonard Nuss who passed on April 23, 2023. Services were held on April 28, 2023.

Upcoming Worship

SUNDAY MAY 7	Confirmation Day at 10:30 Worship
SUNDAY MAY 14	Mother's Day, Last Day of Education Hour and Children's Church
SUNDAY MAY 21	Guest Preacher: Rev. Allan Kramer-Moyer 10:30 Baptism
SUNDAY MAY 28	Memorial Sunday Guest Preacher: Susan Glosan

JUNE WORSHIP

SUNDAY JUNE 4	Communion, Graduate Sunday
SUNDAY JUNE 11	Semi-Annual Meeting after 10:30 worship, 10:30 only starts
SUNDAY JUNE 25	Outdoor Worship in the Grove, 10:30 only, Build Your Own Sundae Picnic after 10:30 worship



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.

May 2 (Final of the season):

- ~Entertainment by Lorri Woodward*
- ~Please bring a small dessert to share*
- ~Donations for food bank: Toiletries*

PNEC Ambassador Corner

Items of interest from the PNEC:

**The PNEC had their Spring General Meeting
Saturday, April 29th at St Thomas UCC in Bethlehem**

Watch for 'state of the Conference' news next month...

Ongoing Disaster Ministries Mission Project

Did you know that the PNEC runs local mission projects? They do & they & the Disaster Response Ministry Team have also put together (2) tool trailers that are used to support local people when disaster strikes. The trailers have been used nationally as well. One trailer is currently in Philadelphia helping people recover from Hurricane Ida in September 2021. In a hands on way congregations can become engaged by assembling clean up buckets and kits. People can volunteer on mission trips. Educational opportunities are available to participate in trainings and preparedness. Volunteers can be utilized to assist organizing and transporting tool trailers. Anyone interested in becoming involved with the Disaster Response Ministry Team of the PNEC can contact me for more information.

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.

SUMMER WORSHIP PLAN

There will only be a 10:30am worship service starting on June 11 until September 3rd.

There will NOT be 8am worship starting on June 11 through September 3rd

We will have outdoor worship in the grove at 10:30am on the following Sundays:

June 25, July 9, July 30, August 13, and August 27.

We will worship in the church if the weather does not cooperate on these Sundays.



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/xcAGfFpuoH17wt3v5>

Congratulations!!

Huge congrats to our 2023 Confirmation Class!

These 4 amazing youth are being confirmed on May 7, 2023!

Miranda Brown
Elijah Gladish
Everett Lightner
Claire Puia



Calling All Graduates!

Are you graduating high school in 2023? Do you know someone who is graduating this year? We want to celebrate ALL of our graduates!

When: June 4, 2023

Time: During 8:00am and 10:30am Worship
Fill-out the Google form with your information and then join us for a celebration in your honor!

(please do so by May 28)

<https://forms.gle/UNWPzi5aKCwk3Yxg8>





Family Promise Volunteers Needed

Union UCC will be hosting up to four Lehigh Valley families experiencing homelessness in our church the week of May 14th.

We need numerous male and female volunteers in the following roles:

Dinner Host – dine and visit with the guests from 5:30 to 9:00

Overnight Host – from 8:45 pm to 7:00 am, visit briefly with the guests before they settle down for the night, then spend the night on an air mattress in a private space in Fellowship Hall just to be there in case of any nighttime issues

You can sign up to volunteer at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C4AA9A72DA1FA7-family1>.

Please contact Kerry Snyder (610) 737-7768 or Rosalie Snyder (610) 597-9302 with questions (preferably text message).

Matthew 25:35 (NIV) “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.”

Family Promise of the Lehigh Valley

Mission: to assist families with children experiencing or about to experience homelessness find or retain affordable housing, and gain sustainable, financial stability.

Partners: The mission is carried out by a network of 15 host congregations and many other community resources working together to meet the immediate, basic needs of displaced families and assist them to build patterns that will bring long-term stability.

Motto: We provide security, stability, and support in a judgment-free environment that recognizes that at any point, any one of us could be in their shoes.

Impact: 74% of the families utilizing this program find stable housing after 6 to 8 weeks.



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

UCC Night at the Iron Pigs



In the Picnic Pavilion with all-you-can-eat Buffet!

Friday, July 28 7:05 pm

Doors open at 5:45 pm

Only \$28/person!

TO ORDER TICKETS OR FOR MORE INFO PLEASE

COTACT STEVE KAREHA.

717-514-8881 or s.kareha@gmail.com

ORDERS can be emailed or dropped at the church office or in the offering plate but **MUST** be in an envelope marked **Iron Pigs Tickets.**

Payments can be made by Cash, Check, Venmo or PayPal
(Make Checks Payable to Steve Kareha)

Bring your friends and family!

Stephen Kareha
@Stephen-Kareha



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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

Staff Update from Pastor Kris:

Welcome to **Bryce Thrash and Luke Thrash** as our new weeknight Lock Up staff. They are brothers and twins in 10th grade at Northwestern Lehigh. They love to stay active and be outside doing things like skiing, mountain biking, and running. Their parents are both educators and currently their dad, Gene, serves on Consistory. They will start on May 1, 2023.

Welcome to **Shelly Handwerk** as our new Facility Cleaner. Shelly works at a salon as a stylist and when she's not working she's supervising her husband, Ori, our Facility Caretaker. She is looking forward to helping us out and working with Ori. She will start on May 1, 2023.

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