

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, May 21, 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
Shelly & 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, mom's health, sister-in-law dealing with cancer, Sharon and Mark, co-worker's fathers recent cancer diagnosis, co-worker recovering from surgery, Ed, Beth, Margarett, friend with cancer diagnosis, Dana diagnosed with cancer, Charlie with pancreatic cancer, Nan recovering, Carol, Jamie

General

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, Leonards family and friends, thanksgiving for a husband's job, mom and dad's health, brother in law facing marriage issues, peace and love to all, Joseph, Deb, victims of gun violence, JP's heart to open up to healing and love, sister for healing and strength, daughter for strength and courage

Congratulations and Blessings

To J.D. Nusche and Kayla Turney who were married on 5/13/2023.

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



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.

PNEC Ambassador Corner

**The PNEC had their Spring General Meeting
Saturday, April 29th at St Thomas UCC in Bethlehem and via Zoon**
See the upcoming June newsletter for a summary report

Resources Offered by PNEC

I am listing here the resources offered by the PNEC. I will highlight one or two of these in the coming weeks/months. If there is one you would like more info on before I highlight it, just reach out to me.

The list includes: Coaching, Congregational Vitality, YEA Fund, Grants Energizing Mission Fund [GEM], Gwilym T. Williams Scholarship Fund [GTW], Disaster Response Ministry Team, Local Congregational Support Working Group, Spiritual Development Ministry, Racial Justice Ministry Team, Mental Health Ministry Team, Amigos de Guatemala, Mission Insite, Tithe.ly – On-line Giving and Ecumenical Relations Mission Team [ERMT]

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. As your PNEC Ambassador, I want to help Union members feel more connected to the Conference and the wider church.

Our nursery is open!

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

Parents and caregivers are welcome to use our nursery for little ones who may need a little break from the worship service to eat or just need to get out some wiggles and energy. We kindly ask that you sign in, to let us know that you used the space, and place any toys that your child played with in the green bin for cleaning. We have a Nursery Nook area that is great for feeding and changing little ones. In that area we have diapers and wipes, in case you forgot to restock the diaper bag.

We also have a TV in the room for parents and caregivers to enjoy worship service while caring for their little one. We do not have an attendant at this time, therefore, a parent/caregiver is required to stay with the child(ren) when they are in the nursery.

We hope that you enjoy our nursery!

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



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>



YOUTH GROUP DRIVE-IN NIGHT

Union UCC Youth Group goes to the movies...

Where: Becky's Drive In

When: June 16 (tentative)

RSVP by June 4

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F48AEAD2BA2FE3-youth10>

Breakfast Bunch for Northern Lehigh Kids at St. John's Lutheran Church, Slatington.

This program provides breakfast and a bag lunch for kids for 10 weeks in the summer on weekdays 8:30-10am. Contact Pastor Kris if you would like to volunteer on our days (to be determined). Gift cards to Giant, Weis, Walmart, or Redner's are always appreciated and can be given to our church office. Monetary donations made payable to St. John's Lutheran Church with "Breakfast Bunch" in the memo line also help.



Calling All 2023 GRADUATES

**Union U.C.C. will honor our High School and College graduates during the 8:00am and 10:30am Worship Service on Sunday, June 4. If you or a family member has graduated, and would like to be honored, please fill out the information below and place it in the offering box or Pastor Kayli's mail box.
(Please return by May 28)**

Student's Name: _____

Name of School or College from which student is graduating or has graduated:

The Degree or High School Diploma:

What are Student's future plans:



Family Promise of Lehigh Valley

Is Participating in



Where: DeSales University - 2755 Station Ave, Center Valley, PA

When: Saturday, June 3, 2023

Important Times: 7:45 a.m. check-in and registration begins

Important Times: 9 a.m. 5K Walk

Important Times: 9:15 a.m.- 1 Mile Walk



All funds raised by our team will come directly to Family Promise of Lehigh Valley. We have Family Promise t-shirts available for \$10, sizes are limited, first come first serve. We hope to see all our host congregations, support congregations, and friends of Family Promise of Lehigh Valley walking to show your support.

Any questions contact director@fplehighvalley.org

To register on our team scan code or : <http://hcf.convio.net/fplv>



"A great place to share questions and meet others while I'm working on my relationship with the church."

Faith on Tap

God, Beer, & Conversation



"The 401G idea really has me thinking about my spiritual portfolio."

**Korny's Tavern at Kornfeind's Market
2228 Old Post Rd, Coplay**

Thursday, May 25
6:30-8:30

**Cost: Your drink (Beer, Wine, Iced Tea, Water),
FREE Admission Space is limited.**

Led by **Joe Kornfeind**, the owner of Kornfeind's Market and Business Professor, and **Kris Snyder**, Senior Pastor at Union UCC in Neffs.

"What a good night out!
No kids!! And food for the soul."



"Thanks for FOT, it's an interesting concept you are exploring."



Sponsored by the
Welcoming Committee

Build Your Own Sundae

Join us after 10:30am
worship in the Grove
June 25, 2023
Hot dogs, snacks, Ice
Cream, & ALL THE
TOPPINGS





Steering Without Oars Leadership Planning Team from Pastor Kris

We meet on Saturday, June 10.

Hear more of what we've been up to at the June 11 Congregational Meeting at 10:30 worship. Watch for dates for congregational forums in September and October as we step out of the boat with Jesus and step into the future as God's church here in Neffs.

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, Aften Hamm, 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

**BROADWAY NIGHT
IN THE GROVE**

July 14 - 7pm July 15 - 7pm

Get Tickets on Facebook or Eventbrite



SCAN ME



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 is **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

Pastoral Sabbaticals

Our pastors are grateful for the sabbatical time that is granted to them for 3 months every 5 years.

In May Pastor Kris will be using 3 of her remaining 5 weeks the weeks of May 14, 21, and 28. She'll return June 6.

Starting July 3 Pastor Kayli will be using the 1st of her 3 months plus a week of vacation. She'll return August 7.

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