

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, June 4, 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, dad recovering in hospital, a friend in the hospital

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, mom's health, peace and comfort for Missie's family and friends, Nancy for healing

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.

Upcoming Worship

SUNDAY JUNE 4 8AM AND 10:30AM	GRADUATE SUNDAY
SUNDAY JUNE 11 10:30 WORSHIP ONLY	SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING at the end of 10:30 worship
SUNDAY JUNE 18 10:30 WORSHIP ONLY	CELEBRATING THE MEN IN OUR COMMUNITY/ FATHER'S DAY
SUNDAY JUNE 25 10:30 WORSHIP ONLY	OUTDOOR WORSHIP IN THE GROVE Build your Own Sunday Sundae Picnic Hot dogs, ice cream and more!

Future Dates:

July 9 – Blessing of the Animals Bring your family pet or a picture or stuffed animal to represent them and the pastors will bless them.

July 23 Christmas in July Favorite Christmas carols and a mission project of collecting socks& underwear to help others.

August 6 Communion

August 13 Church Family Picnic – Special Music in worship and after worship by the Patrick Kerssen Trio.

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.

Congratulations Class of 2023



High School Graduates

Emily Bachl

Graduating from Parkland High School. Plans to attend the University of Delaware studying Music Education.

Kiel Baer

Graduating from Lehigh Valley Charter High School. Plans on working and traveling post graduation.

Josh Baron

Graduating from Parkland High School. Joining the Air Force.

Marissa Christman

Graduating from Northwestern Lehigh High School. Plans to attend East Stroudsburg University majoring in Physical Education.

Jacquelyn Fekula

Graduating from Parkland High School. Plans to attend Schreyer Honors College at Penn State University.

Drew Filipovits

Graduating from Parkland High School. Plans to attend Hampden-Sydney College, majoring in economics while playing lacrosse.

Andy Hill

Graduating from Parkland High School. Plans to attend University of Pittsburgh David C. Frederick Honors College studying environmental sciences.

Congratulations Class of 2023



High School Graduates cont,

Alyssa Karpeuk

Graduating from LCTI with a Cosmetology license. Employment with Allure Salon & Spa.

Alyson Kistler

Graduating from Parkland High School. Plans to attend Bloomsburg University to study Business Management.

Cameron Kuntz

Graduating from Northern Lehigh High School. Plans to attend Mary Wood University to study music therapy.

Olivia Rice

Graduating from Parkland High School. Plans to attend Penn State Berks majoring in biochemistry and molecular biology.

Mitchell Roth

Graduating from Parkland High School. Plans to attend Lehigh University, majoring in statistics.

Jacob Solt

Graduating from Northwestern Lehigh High School and LCTI. Will be working as a Maintenance Apprentice with Niagara Bottling under their Maintenance Apprenticeship Program.



College Graduates

James Cipolla

Graduated from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science in Health Rehabilitation Sciences. Future plans are pursuing a Masters in Bioethics at OSU.

Shelby Hafler

Graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Will be starting career as an RN in Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital Pediatric ER.

Dylan Kuntz

Graduated from Lock Haven University with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. Joining the United States Navy; Naval Special Warfare (Navy SEAL).

Adam Klinger

Graduated from Syracuse University with a degree in Chemical Engineering. Will be working for Air Gas in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Julie Lane

Graduated from Millersville University with a Bachelor of Science in Music Industry with a concentration in Management and minor in General Business. Currently working part-time at Berks Arts doing their social media while continuing to look for another job in music and the arts.

Congratulations Class of 2023



College Graduates cont.

Katie Mericle

Graduated from Lehigh Carbon Community College with an Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education. Will be attending Kutztown University with a dual major in Special Education and Elementary Education.

Brooke Penrod

Graduated from Misericordia University with a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences. Will be continuing her education at Misericordia University to obtain her Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology.

Jacob Roth

Graduated from Penn State University, Schreyer Honors College with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. Will be attending Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law.

Jonah Zeilinger

(Grandson of Denis and Denise Rothroth)

Graduated from Purdue University with a BS in Civil Engineering. Accepted employment with Kimley-Horn Company in Indiana.

Semi-Annual Meeting

Dear Church Family,

I'd like to invite you to attend our Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 11, 2023 following the 10:30 AM service. This meeting's agenda will focus on the approval of the FY2024 Budget as well as a review of the audit report for the Funds of Lasting Gifts.

Your participation and engagement in this process supports our programs and mission while ensuring our financial vitality moving forward. The budget will be available to review between services on Sunday, June 4, 2023. Please take this opportunity to meet with our Financial Leadership Team and become informed.

The meeting will be held in person, but a Zoom option will be available to view the meeting (voting must be done in person). I look forward to seeing you on June 11th and working together to better serve God and our greater community.

May God continue to bless our church family and those we serve.

Respectfully,

Eric Minnich
Consistory President

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89415703773?pwd=RmVJS2JRSC9BUng4aXZCVDRxRVdSQT09>

Meeting ID: 894 1570 3773

Passcode: 704175

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UNION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Neffs, Pennsylvania

Anticipated Income for July 2023 thru June 2024

Contributions, Current and Benevolent:	Income Budget	
	<u>2022/2023 fcst</u>	<u>2023/2024</u>
General (Weekly Envelopes and Plate)	\$376,330	\$391,000
Improvement Fund	\$7,320	\$7,500
Communion	\$7,380	\$8,000
Mission and Outreach	\$9,710	\$7,500
Lent and Good Friday	\$3,400	\$2,000
Harvest Home, Thanksgiving and Christmas	\$16,040	\$18,300
Program Income	\$5,850	\$7,950
Preschool Contribution	\$900	\$900
Miscellaneous (Building Donations, Interest)	\$3,980	\$16,500
Fundraisers	\$9,010	\$7,500
Special Gifts / Reserve Fund	\$12,000	\$42,142
Funds of Lasting Gifts	\$30,110	\$28,500
Total Income Budget	\$482,030	\$537,792

Anticipated Expenses for July 2023 thru June 2024

<u>Facilities and Office Equipment</u>	Expense Budget	
	<u>2022/2023 fcst</u>	<u>2023/2024</u>
Church Building / Property	\$61,940	\$75,850
Office Equipment	\$6,575	<u>\$6,903</u>
		\$82,753
<u>Employee Salaries</u>		
Pastor	\$94,120	\$96,483
Financial Manager	\$18,470	\$20,800
Church Office Administrator	\$31,710	\$32,505
Visitation Pastor	\$13,580	\$20,194
Interim Coach and Consultant	\$0	\$0
Minister of Faith Formation	\$17,930	\$21,270
Dir. of Christian Education	\$0	\$0
Associate Pastor	\$51,290	\$52,576
Minister of Music	\$26,890	\$27,567
Nursery Attendant	\$200	\$1,205
Interim Faith Formation Director	\$0	\$0
Instrumental Asst Choir Director	\$1,220	\$5,700
Facility Caretakers	\$21,000	<u>\$30,034</u>
		\$308,334
<u>Employee Expenses</u>		
Health Insurance (net of Pastor's contributions)	\$21,310	\$23,861
FICA	\$22,650	\$24,460
Pension Dues	\$20,330	\$20,868
Miscellaneous	\$5,320	<u>\$10,255</u>
		\$79,445
<u>Mission and Outreach</u>		
OCWM	\$7,400	\$7,400
Phoebe	\$4,770	\$4,770
Lancaster Seminary	\$1,075	\$1,075
Bethany	\$240	\$240
Five for Five	\$600	\$600
Lehigh Co. Conf. of Churches	\$1,200	\$1,200
Northern Lehigh Food Bank	\$1,200	\$1,200
Mission Discretionary	\$300	<u>\$300</u>
		\$16,785
<u>Leadership</u>		
Gifts / Materials / Golden Times	\$3,080	<u>\$3,475</u>
		\$3,475
<u>Programs</u>		
Worship	\$7,880	\$9,540
Education	\$12,700	\$14,050
Fellowship and Evangelism	\$5,670	\$5,750
Flowers / Bulletins	\$1,600	<u>\$3,500</u>
		\$32,840
<u>Office Expenses</u>	<u>\$12,830</u>	<u>\$14,160</u>
Total Operating Expenses	\$475,080	\$537,792
Total Income less Expenses	\$6,950	\$0

FUNDRAISER AT DRIZZLE ICE CREAM

DRIZZLE



Ice Cream

5040 ROUTE 873
SCHNECKSVILLE

**Wednesday,
June 21
12pm- 9pm**

Join us for our next FUNdraiser at Drizzle Ice Cream in Schnecksville

15% of all sales will help us raise funds/benefit the Breakfast Bunch summer breakfast/lunch program for kids in Slatington. This program helps provide meals for kids who normally rely on school for meals and might need extra help during the summer months.

Drizzle offers Kreider Hand Dipped Ice Cream (direct from Lancaster County), soft serve, Flavorburst (soft serve), Italian Ice, and Penn State Creamery Ice Cream. They also have sundaes, milkshakes, banana splits, cones and dishes!

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 (Make Checks Payable to Steve Kareha)

Bring your friends and family!



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



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."



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

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

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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