

# JULY & AUGUST WORSHIP 10:30AM SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3RD

See detailed schedule below for times of worship and if we are inside the church or in the grove.  
All worship services are in person and streamed online on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/unionneffs>  
or Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/c/UnionUnitedChurchofChristNeffsPA>  
live or to watch anytime during the week.

JULY 2	AMERICA HERITAGE SUNDAY GUEST PREACHER: GEOFFREY BRACE
JULY 9	WORSHIP IN THE GROVE, BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - BRING YOUR FAMILY PET OR A PICTURE OR STUFFED ANIMAL TO REPRESENT THEM AND THE PASTORS WILL BLESS THEM.
JULY 16	BAPTISM, GUEST PREACHER: REV. DR. ALLAN KRAMER-MOYER
JULY 23	CHRISTMAS IN JULY - FAVORITE CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND A MISSION PROJECT OF COLLECTING SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR TO HELP OTHERS.
JULY 30	WORSHIP IN THE GROVE, GUEST PREACHER: REV. RANDY D'ANGELO
AUGUST 6	COMMUNION, GUEST PREACHER: GEOFFREY BRACE
AUGUST 13	WORSHIP IN THE GROVE, CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC, SPECIAL MUSIC IN WORSHIP AND AFTER BY JAZZ BAND, THE PATRICK KERSEN TRIO.
AUGUST 20	PRAY WITH A PASTOR
AUGUST 27	WORSHIP IN THE GROVE
SEPTEMBER 3	LABOR SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 10	8AM & 10:30AM WORSHIP, EDUCATION HOUR AND CHILDREN'S CHURCH RESUMES



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Join your church family on Sunday August 13, 2023 after 10:30am worship in the grove for a time of food, fun, and fellowship.



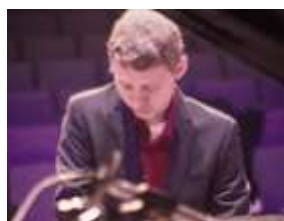
Hot dogs, turkey barbecue, snacks and beverages will be provided by the Fellowship Committee.

Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share!

Donations of cakes, cake mixes, cantaloupes, watermelons, and anything you feel is appropriate for the Cake Walk will be gratefully received. (Please label the item for the Cake Walk.)

Also remember prizes for BINGO!

With special music guest: The Patrick Kerssen Trio



Patrick Kerssen is a pianist and bandleader based in Bethlehem PA. He began performing professionally as a teenager and has since become extremely busy as a freelancer and educator, averaging over 200 performances each year throughout the mid-Atlantic region at music festivals (Musikfest, Christmas City Jazz Festival, COTA Jazz Festival, Berks Jazz Festival), jazz clubs (Deer Head Inn, Lafayette Jazz Bar, Jazz on Main, Vic's Jazz Lounge) and theaters/PACs (Sellersville Theater, Miller Symphony Hall, Sherman Theater, Mauch Chunk Opera House). His trio relies on tight arrangements heavily influenced by both the hard bop stylings of Bobby Timmons, Benny Golson, and Cannonball Adderley and the soul/R&B music of Ray Charles and Ramsey Lewis. Patrick also keeps busy accompanying high school and college soloists and groups, adjudicating the occasional high school jazz band competition, and serving as an artist lecturer and staff accompanist at Moravian University.

[www.patrickkerssenpiano.com](http://www.patrickkerssenpiano.com)



In June you received the following letter asking you to complete the information form and survey that was mailed with the letter. **If you haven't returned your form to the church office yet, please do so. Here's the online link to complete it:** <https://forms.gle/JEZM4v4EcZ29EktMA>  
Or you can contact the church office for additional paper copies to be mailed to you.

Dear Union UCC member,

As a valued part of the Union UCC community, we are reaching out to you to ask for a few minutes of your time to share your response and insight. *It is vital to us that you are experiencing a meaningful connection to your church and to our pastors, staff, leaders and friends at church. We have worked hard to learn and grow during the pandemic, and we are dedicated to discovering the best ways to be God's church in this time and place. Your presence and input are important to us.*

We need your help with the following:

Please provide us with your most current contact information by completing the form either by using the online link provided or by completing paper copies and returning them to the church.

Please be sure to include contact information for all family members.

Let us know that you are still committed to your membership and discipleship here. If you no longer desire to practice your faith with us at Union UCC, let us know. Perhaps you are worshipping somewhere else or have moved away. Let us know if you would like to maintain a dual membership here and somewhere else. If you have a concern, question, or idea and would like a pastor to reach out to you, please let us know that too.

We hope that you will continue to say 'yes' to serving and loving God here with us as a member of Union UCC and as a disciple of Christ.

Please answer the questions in the survey as we would love your feedback. Online link and paper copy included.

And most importantly, continue to participate in our life and work here in whatever ways fit your schedule and interests. Continue to hold Union UCC in your heart and prayers as you are in ours.

We will use your responses to update your contact information in our database, change your membership status if requested, evaluate your input and suggestions and share it with the Pastors and Consistory, and provide a general update on what we learn in future newsletters.

*Watch for an invitation from the Consistory and the Leadership Planning Team to join in their Steering Without Oars visioning work they have been doing. There will be congregational forums in September and October for you to learn more and share more of your input.*

Please complete the Contact Information Form and the Survey for each family member as soon as possible. If you need assistance in doing so, please contact the church office.

Thank you for your help and for being a part of our beloved Union UCC,

Eric Minnich, Consistory President; Don Penrod Vice-President; Marianne Kitzmiller, Treasurer; Janice Metzger, Secretary, Teresa Dalrymple, Church and Ministry, Chair and Pastors Kris, Kayli, and Carrie



Steering Without Oars Leadership Planning Team  
From Don Penrod shared at the Semi-Annual Meeting on June 11, 2023

Good morning! The Steering without Oars committee started meeting over a year ago and then the Leadership Planning Team (LPT) was formed and we met starting in October of 2022. Pastor Kris asked me to speak to you about our time together. I think I can condense the year into about an hour.....so buckle up and sit tight (Pause)....just kidding. My goal is to take you on a brief journey to help you better understand the work that has been done and what lies ahead for all of us.

The LPT is made up of your fellow congregants and Pastors Kris and Kayli. We have young and old members! It's what we do here...always looking for a diverse line of thought. Our focus...the core of our work boils down to how do we, as Union UCC, remain RELEVANT, ENGAGED, and GROW. Our church has been through so much in its rich history. I truly believe that our founders would be very proud of all we have accomplished and our continued growth. I'm not sure that they could have ever imagined that the church and organized religion would be at a crossroads like we are today. We are strong, but we cannot rest on our laurels. If we stop growing personally and as a church, our Savior's life and word dies with us. This bible passage sums up my thoughts: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."—Matthew 5:14-16 (ESV) Basically, we need to BE THE LIGHT!

Let's start from the beginning. During our first meeting, we introduced the idea of an elevator speech. It centers around 3 questions: What are we doing? Why are we here? How do we tell others? It gave us a chance to put into words how we feel about our church family, this beautiful building, and our faith...to describe our pride and love of Christ. Jason Klinger, by far, had one of the best elevator speeches. Let me invite him up here to read it to you....Jason. I challenge each of you to think of your own elevator speech. It is a great way to talk about our church and the passion you have for Union UCC.

Later that day we all got to play with Playdoh. We created little works of art as individuals, but then we got to come back and work together as a table to create something new. It was a great way to get our creative juices flowing...we definitely found out that some of us should not be art teachers! We ended the day by working with Joe Kornfeind on our Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats; usually called a SWOT analysis. Strengths and Weaknesses are things we have control over, and Opportunities and Threats are stuff that we don't have control over. Somethings were placed in multiple buckets; for example, technology was an Opportunity and a Threat. A strength was we are welcoming, and a weakness was that we are a very humble organization. We got to dig deeper into the list and really look at who we are as an organization. Ultimately, it will help to guide us as we identify areas that we need to work on and look for ways to grow.

In a later meeting, our group got together to have dinner and watch The Way movie. I highly recommend that you watch it. It is truly inspirational. It's all about family and friends and how we navigate this complex world we live in. The movie is all about a real pilgrimage...walking the Camino de Santiago. In the end, Tom, the main character, learns what it means to be a citizen of the world again. You might be asking, "well what does this have to do with our church and the LPT?" As Pastor Kris alluded to earlier, we are on our own journey...a boat without oars. We could be complacent and just wither on the vine or we could continue to grow just as our forefathers wanted and as Jesus asked of us. GO be the light!

When we got together for another meeting, Pastor Kris waved a magic wand and told us to think of our dreams and God's dreams as if there was nothing in our way...the sky is the limit...it was our miracle question. There were close to 100 ideas laid out and put up on the boards. We ultimately narrowed it down to four:

1. Memorial Hall Renovation
2. Van to reach younger, older and invite diversity into our congregation,
3. Youth building/safe space/community center
4. Staffing around social worker/health care advocate/mental health

These ideas may or may not come to fruition, but it gave us a chance to dream and think about "what if". If you remember, our new addition came from a very similar activity a few years back. Exciting things can and do happen when we work together.

During our next meeting, we wanted to get grounded again, so we discussed our Mission Statement and our Core Values. From there, we looked at our plan for Ministry and Mission and how we need to update and revise some of the plan. The team delved into each group's plan and broke them apart. It was determined that some groups will need to merge or be reinvented. Each committee will be tasked with creating 2-3 new initiatives for the year and they will report back to consistory and share their progress on an on-going basis. There was a lot of great energy around these activities. We have a great foundation to build upon and expand. Change is hard and difficult, but it is necessary. A diamond is not created until a piece of coal is put under immense pressure and heat, then it is cut, ground and polished. We are that unfinished diamond. We are using our Father's words to sculpt and polish us.

In May, the LPT worked on our WHY. Pastor Kris showed us a video clip from Michael JR—Know Your Why. Michael was talking to his audience and one of the members was a Director of Music. He asked the man to sing a verse or two of Amazing Grace. He did a really nice job. Michael then asked the guest to sing it as if he got shot in the back and like his uncle just got released from prison. When the guest sang it the second time, the hair on your body raised up. It was very powerful and moving! The WHY changed everything. This lesson was very impactful because we learned how having a WHY can drive you and keep you focused. It brings your passion to the front and helps lead you. Pastor Kris asked us what would you say if another church member asked us what we've been doing and WHY. We got together in smaller groups and wrote some ideas down and then we created a WHY statement. We shared them with the larger group and collected them for further use later. It's important to note that everyone's WHY will be different, but it will still bring us together. This diversity of thought is what makes us so special and unique. We respect each other's opinions and ideas even though they may not reflect our own thoughts and ideas. In today's society, this is something that needs to be mirrored and taught because it is almost becoming a lost art. In Matthew 7:12 (ESV), we are told, "so whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets." And in Ephesians 4:32, "be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

On June 19<sup>th</sup>, our team will be presenting all of our work and findings to Consistory. It will be an exciting time as we continue this journey of renewal and rebirth.

Let me leave you with one last bible verse that will remind us that we need to trust God with our future: Psalm 37:3-5 "Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act."

My ask is that you continue to be the light of his word. Come be a part of this journey! Embrace it! Engage in it! Grow with us and bring others along the way. Together we can be so much more. This church is at the center of this community and at the cross section of these roads for a reason...all roads point to us...our Savior's words and teachings are the way.  
GO AND BE THE LIGHT! Amen

Watch for an invitation to join Consistory and the Steering Without Oars Leadership Planning Team at Congregational Forums on September 24<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday School Starts  
September 10th

Children's Church  
Starts September 17th



## FAITH FORMATION

FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Contact: Tiffany Lakatosh

Email: [dired@unionucc.org](mailto:dired@unionucc.org)

## ALL AGES ART APPRECIATION EVENT

LEARN ABOUT THE ART  
IN THE FRONT OF OUR  
SANCTUARY AND CREATE  
YOUR OWN ART TOO.

JULY 22ND  
5-7PM

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS  
EMAIL MS. TIFFANY AT  
[DIRE@UNIONUCC.ORG](mailto:dired@unionucc.org)



## SUMMER FUN FEST

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12TH  
5PM-8PM  
IN THE GROVE

All ages are invited to join us for a fun family  
event. There will be a water blaster battle area,  
fun carnival-style games, and snacks.  
Please wear clothing that you are comfortable  
getting wet in and feel free to bring your own  
water blaster.

## LIFE SKILLS ZOOM SERIES *with Ms. Tiffany* EVERY MONDAY IN JULY 7-8PM

THIS INFORMAL SERIES IS DESIGNED TO PREPARE  
THOSE IN 6TH GRADE AND OLDER FOR THEIR FUTURE.

PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN THE  
FOLLOWING LIFE SKILLS

Cursive  
Handwriting

Financial  
Literacy

Basic First Aid

Healthy Living

Everyday  
Essentials

[HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/10C0F4DACA723A7FC1-LIFE#/?](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4daca723a7fc1-life#/)



## MORNINGS WITH MS. TIFFANY NOW-AUGUST 20TH

DURING 10:30AM WORSHIP WE WILL BE  
INVITING CHILDREN TO JOIN MS.  
TIFFANY AND VOLUNTEERS FOR A TIME  
DESIGNED JUST FOR THEM! THIS TIME  
WILL INCLUDE READING STORIES,  
CRAFTS, MOVEMENT, AND LOTS OF FUN!

# Union UCC, Neff's Youth Group

July



"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." – Dr. Seuss

AUGUST

July/August 2023 Edition

Pastor Kayli (pastorkayli@unionucc.org)

## Youth Group Summer Hang-Outs In the Grove

6pm-8pm



All Youth (6th-12th grade) are invited to join us in the Grove this summer! Each gathering will include games, snacks, and fun! If there is rain in the forecast, we'll meet in the Youth Room (rm 15, basement).

Dates:

July 7

July 19

August 9

BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR  
SOME IMPROMPTU YOUTH  
GROUP THINGS THIS

SUMMER...COOKIE

DECORATING, MINI GOLF,  
**MOVIE NIGHTS...THEY'LL POP**  
UP SO BE SURE TO GET ON OUR  
EMAIL LIST!



Pastor Kayli will be on sabbatical from July 3 thru July 31, followed by a week of vacation (back in office August 7)! She knows you're in good hands with all the adults who will help with hang-outs! If you need her, please text her and she'll respond when she best can! She'll miss all of you! Have a great summer!!!



Sleep-Over/Lock-In  
August 25 to August 26  
6pm-8am

Ever wanted to spend the night with your friends sleeping INSIDE the church? All youth are invited to this evening of fun! Once you're inside, you won't be allowed to leave (unless otherwise discussed). Bring your pillows, comfy clothes, sleeping bags, and your favorite snack to share! More information to follow!

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f48aead2ba2fe3-youth11>



## Neffs UCC Preschool

# WE ARE HIRING

»»»» JOIN OUR TEAM NOW! ««««

### We Are Looking For

## TEACHERS AND ASSISTANTS

### Requirements

- ✓ Teachers must have ECE or Elementary Ed Cert.
- ✓ Experience working with children
- ✓ Enjoy getting paid to have fun!
- ✓ Excellent collaboration skills necessary

### Additional Note

Must be able to provide current state mandated clearances. We will provide First Aid and CPR training.

### SUBMIT YOUR COVER LETTER AND RESUME HERE

preschool@unionucc.org

AND CONTACT US 510-767-5327

### For More Information

[www.neffsuccpreschool.org](http://www.neffsuccpreschool.org)

## PNEC Ambassador Corner

I listed resources offered by the PNEC in May's bulletins and am doing so again here. 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, Tithely – On-line Giving and Ecumenical Relations Mission Team [ERMT].

I am highlighting the **Mental Health Ministry Team\*** this month. It is important to erase the stigma of mental illness and this team helps to do that. It was established to provide resources and education to pastors and congregations on a variety of mental health concerns. 1. The WISE process, *Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive* and *Encouraging* to individuals identified with mental illness, through the UCC. 2. Education around counseling guidance and resources for ongoing counseling. 3. Breaking down the silos between community services and the local church. 4. Advocating for individuals with mental health conditions. 5. Addressing veterans and moral injury. 6. Providing resources for conversation and worship, and 7. Suicide prevention education

[\\*Excerpted from the Penn Northeast Conference of the United Church of Christ brochure](#)

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at [jemrenaissinc@aol.com](mailto: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.



### Calling All 8th Graders

The time has come! We will be forming our 2023-2024 Confirmation Class beginning in July and August. Every student entering 8th grade should/will receive a letter in the mail in early August with all the confirmation

information!

Keep your eyes peeled on the mail!

### 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.

# 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



610-844-8327



Eliot5779@gmail.com

## Grief Group Gathering

There are many expressions of grief and ways to support each other in the grieving and healing process. Pastor Carrie is exploring forming an 8-week Grief Group for our congregation and the community in the fall.

Details to come, but watch for more information and ways to sign-up.

## WELCOME NEW STAFF

Thank you Kiel Baer for serving as our Sunday Set Up person for the last 2 years. We wish you all the best as you graduate from high school!

Payge Haydt, who has served as the sub this past year, will now but the full-time Sunday Set Up Person.

Welcome to staff, Hannah and Ryleigh Minnich, who are now the sub.



**HANNAH MINNICH**

Hannah is a 11th grade student at Whitehall High School. Hannah is also a 7th generation member of this church. She is always looking for opportunities to volunteer. She is the vice president for serve club. A club that dedicates itself to serve the community. She is also a part of many other clubs and extracurricular activities. Hannah is a very active member of our church and is involved with the leadership planning team, youth advisory team, and youth group.

**RYLEIGH MINNICH**

Ryleigh is in 11th grade at Commonwealth Charter Academy. She volunteers at Neffs Volunteer Fire Company and just completed the EMT program. She is a 7th generation member at this church and is involved with the leadership planning team, youth advisory team, and youth group.



## Backyard BBQ Bash

Another local favorite band, TimeWhys will be back on stage for our annual Backyard BBQ Bash on Saturday Sept 23. Chicken and pork dinners from Lorah's Pig Roasters and other favorite foods and desserts will be available for all to enjoy. Keep this date open for a fun night in Neffs Church Grove



# Staff Update



Mitchell Roth graduated from Parkland High School and will be going to Lehigh University. We are excited that he will continue working with our student instrumentalists and playing in worship again this year as our Assistant Instrumental Director. During his senior year he played trumpet in District Band, District Jazz Band, Region Band, All State Jazz Band, All East Symphonic Band, District Orchestra, and Region Orchestra. Mitchell's work here will continue to focus on leading and organizing our student musicians on holidays and playing in worship with our choirs, Jazz Ensemble, and for special music.



Welcome to Matt Gerry our new Instrumental Director. In addition to his volunteer work with the Horizon Choir and Jazz Ensemble, as a staff person Matt will lead small group ensembles on holidays and organize our leader musicians. He will also work with our student musicians to play at non-holiday times as well as organize 2 festival choir events a year. He will provide solo and small group special music in the Summer and non-holiday times. Matt began his career as a professional musician at the age of 16, playing trumpet in a variety of jazz and classical venues. He and his wife Roni are the owners of the Gerry Music Studio teaching vocalists and instrumentalists of all ages throughout the area.



If you play an instrument at any level (kids or adults) contact one of our leaders so that you can share your music in worship.

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## UPCOMING HOSTING WEEK: NOVEMBER 26-DECEMBER 3



**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**



# 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](mailto: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



Our blessings and prayers go to the friends and families of those who have passed.

Louis S. Burdick passed on Sunday, June 18, 2023. A private service was held on June 23, 2023. Friends and family are invited to a celebration of life on July 8, 2023 at 2pm being held at Union UCC Neffs.

A donation was made in memory of Leonard Nuss by Donald & Marlene Steffy

Additional donations were made in memory of Veronica Fabian by Matthew and Dawn Reitz, Franklin Herzog, and Richard and Kathy Bonsell

## *Congratulations and Blessings*

Melissa Davis and Jim Bilger will be married  
on August 19, 2023



### Pastoral Sabbaticals

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

Starting July 2 Pastor Kayli will be using the 1<sup>st</sup> of her 3 months plus a week of vacation. She'll return August 7.

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# Financial Report

Fiscal Year	Operating Fund	Designated Funds	Grand Total All Funds
7-1-2022	(\$4,682.00)	\$5,953.00	\$1,271.00
Income	\$412,465.00	\$81,198.00	\$493,663.00
Expenses	\$388,262.00	\$83,025.00	\$471,287.00
4-30-2023	\$19,521.00	\$4,126.0	\$23,647.00

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

## Donate, Recycle and Help Your Church

As you are cleaning out closets and cabinets be sure to keep Union UCC in mind. Bring your donations at any time to the bin in our grove. The church receives a certain amount of money for each pound that is donated. Items that are usable are resold or recycled. You are also helping to save the amount of things that end up in a landfill by donating your items this way. Recycle Local's goal is to help agencies have 0% waste.

**Items accepted include: clean and dry clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, towels, drapes, pillow cases and stuffed animals. Place all items in plastic bags. NO furniture, rags, pillows, toys, or household goods.**

This is one more way to give and support the mission and ministry of God's church at Union UCC. Thank you.

**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** We encourage you to make a deeper commitment to your faith by joining us as a member. The next new member gatherings are **Thursday, October 12 at 7-8pm OR Sunday, October 15 at 9:15am-10:15am in Memorial Hall (Coffee Hour).** You will be received as a new member on Sunday, October 22 in worship. This time together is a great chance to share your questions and meet some other members. You only need to attend one of the sessions. Contact Pastor Kris [PastorKris@unionucc.org](mailto:PastorKris@unionucc.org) to sign up or if you have schedule conflicts.

**Baptism** We offer baptisms during worship at the 10:30 service every other month when we meet in person. Our next dates are Sunday, **July 16, 2023 and September 17, 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](mailto: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.

## 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.