

JUNE WORSHIP

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.

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!

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.
Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy God's creation in worship.
We will worship in the church if the weather does not cooperate on these Sundays.

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.



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



SPECIAL MUSIC BY BEN ANDERSON in worship and after worship. <https://bentylermusic.com/>

A New Jersey-native, Ben has played in various bands while in Albany, NY and Boston, MA before finding himself in a small corner of the Lehigh Valley. His pop-based melodies and emotionally-driven lyrics have landed him many opportunities, opening for national acts including Guster, Simple Plan, Tyler Hilton, Ludacris and Collective Soul among others. Ben is putting more focus back into songwriting while fine-tuning his indie folk/pop style

He and Ashley and their two children, Lillian and Beckham, are members here and we are blessed that he shares his music so generously with us.

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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?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89415703773?pwd=RmVJS2JRSC9BUng4aXZCVDRxRVdSQQT09)

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May 15, 2023 Consistory Actions:

These notes reflect items that needed action and approval by Consistory. Standing and routine items are reported by Committees and Staff throughout the newsletter. A complete copy of the Consistory minutes can be found in the church office.

- To move forward with the Feed My Starving Children program with selecting a date for April 2024
- Hiring Matt Gerry as Instrumental Director, he will work with Mitchell Roth the current Assistant Instrumental Director
- The request for funds from FOLG Wotring Fund to balance the budget was approved. The budget was then approved as presented.
- Request for funds from FOLG for outreach items for the Neffs Bank 100th Anniversary was approved

UNION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Neffs, Pennsylvania

Anticipated Income for July 2023 thru June 2024**Contributions, Current and Benevolent:**

	Income Budget	
	2022/2023 fcst	2023/2024
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	<u>\$537,792</u>
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Anticipated Expenses for July 2023 thru June 2024**Facilities and Office Equipment**

	Expense Budget	
	2022/2023 fcst	2023/2024
Church Building / Property	\$61,940	\$75,850
Office Equipment	\$6,575	<u>\$6,903</u>

\$82,753

Employee Salaries

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

Employee Expenses

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

Mission and Outreach

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

Leadership

Gifts / Materials / Golden Times	\$3,080	<u>\$3,475</u>
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\$3,475

Programs

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

Office Expenses	\$12,830	\$14,160	<u>\$14,160</u>
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Total Operating Expenses	\$475,080	\$537,792	<u>\$537,792</u>
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Total Income less Expenses	\$6,950	\$0
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BLUES NITE OUT

will return this summer, for one night, and one night only to the Neffs Church Grove on Saturday, August 26.

Mark you calendars now to attend this community favorite event.

All of the favorite foods will be back in 2023



One Great Hour of Sharing - It's time to share

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is one of four special offerings of the United Church of Christ. This annual special offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the United Church of Christ within Our Churches Wider Mission (OCWM).

In Galatians, the Apostle Paul encourages followers of Jesus to generously help and care for others. Though there is great need in the world and we can grow weary because we do not know how to help, God's spirit energizes us to help.

You can make a difference. Your generosity makes all the difference. Your gifts to OGHS provide immediate aid and long-term support to people experiencing hunger, thirst, disaster, or crisis around the world.

Collections for OGHS will take place in June, to make a donation, please use the special envelope included in this newsletter. This may be mailed to the church office, or dropped into the collection plate. Donations may also be made online.

Thank you for supporting this annual mission collection.

From the Mission Commission

Thank you for your generous support during the Easter Mission collection. Donations of over \$1,000 will support Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh Valley, and over \$1,000 will support the Jubilee Breakfast program in Allentown. Both missions will provide love and support to local families, our financial support definitely makes a difference in the community.

Each year, earnings from the Urffer Fund in the Funds of Lasting Gifts is provided to missions outside of the church who deal with improving the lives of children. This year the Mission Committee approved \$720 to sponsor two young adult girls living in Zimbabwe, Africa, through the Church World Service program. Bethany Children's Home in Womelsdorf, PA will receive \$900 for their children's programming, and \$837 will be provided to the UNICEF Humanitarian aid organization.

Thank you to the Urffer Fund, one of the individual funds within the Funds of Lasting Gifts endowment fund.

Spreading God's Love to the World.

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.

Pastor Kris's Summer Reading List

I love to read, especially during the summer. This summer I'm reading **Reorganized Religion by Bob Smietana**. It's a look at how religion is changing in America and how people of faith are finding new ways to imagine what religion can look like.

I'm also reading **Eager to Love by Richard Rohr**. It's a look at Saint Francis of Assisi and his commitment to live an alternative way to follow Jesus, one that disregarded power and privilege and held fast to the narrow path of the Gospel.

I always try to read some kind of fiction in the summer too, I haven't found that book yet.

Tell me what you're reading? I'm always looking for recommendations! It's ok, you can recommend anything, no judgement from me.

Most importantly, I hope that the summer brings you renewal of body, mind, and spirit. You're in my prayers.

From the Property Committee

Summer is coming soon, but let's think back to the beautiful spring we experienced. God's beauty was all around as all of the flowers and trees awakened from their winter hibernation. The daffodil's in the grove, and all of the other flowers were spectacular this year. Then the flowering dogwood trees, cherry trees and magnolia's took over for a few weeks, providing for a colorful outdoor experience. Let's not forget about the green grass, growing fast from all of the rain showers, even the dandelion's provided some color, until the fertilizer kicked in. Yes, Spring is always a special time around Union UCC's property.

The yearly maintenance of the property continues, the oil burner cleaned, fire extinguishers inspected, AC units of the sanctuary serviced, gutters cleaned, flower beds cleaned and mulched, everything in order as summer arrives. Thank you to the many contractors who perform various skills to keep our property in good shape.

The large project for this year will be the exterior painting of the main sanctuary. Landmark Painters of Nazareth will be onsite for a few weeks this summer to perform the painting of the exterior woodwork of the church and metal stair railings. A high lift machine will also be onsite to reach to the upper parts of the sanctuary. This project is being funded through the Funds of Lasting Gifts endowment fund, thank you to all involved to allow for this major project to happen.

A second smaller project will be the removal and replacement of five older windows located in the basement hallway across from the Preschool Rooms. Newer windows with better insulating values that match the other windows of the property will be installed by Simock Construction of Neffs.

Honoring the Past, Building for the Future.



FAITH FORMATION

FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Contact: Tiffany Lakatosh

Email: 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/xcAGfpuoH17wt3v5>

Mornings with Ms. Tiffany

SUNDAYS DURING 10:30AM SERVICE
MAY 21ST - AUGUST 20TH



KIDS ARE INVITED TO JOIN MS. TIFFANY AND HER
HELPERS FOR CRAFTS, ACTIVITIES, STORIES, AND FUN!

We will not have Mornings with Ms. Tiffany on June 11th

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)



Mornings with Ms. Tiffany Story Schedule

May 21st - God's Dream

May 28th - The Day When God Made Church

June 4th - Being Thankful

June 18th - KeeKee's Big Adventures in Athens, Greece

June 25th - From Caterpillar To Butterfly

July 2nd - The Case Of The Lost Temper

July 9th - It's Mine

July 16th - KeeKee's Big Adventure in Rome, Italy

July 23rd - Who Is Coming To Our House

July 30th - The Earth Is Good

August 6th - The Invisible Web

August 13th - I Am Brave

August 20th - The Sunflower Parable

We will not have Mornings with Ms. Tiffany on June 11th

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

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Union UCC, Neffs Youth Group

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

June 2023 Edition

Pastor Kayli (pastorkayli@unionucc.org)

Summer is here!

As the temperatures rise, we are excited for all the possibilities that this summer holds for us! We have some things in the works that are built just for all of our youth!

We hope you'll join us this summer for fun times and great memories!



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>

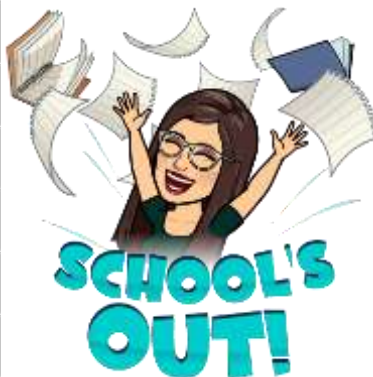
CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Many blessings and love to all of our graduates!
Your hard work paid off and you are onto a great new adventure! We are so proud of you!!

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll

decide where to go..."

— Dr. Seuss, Oh, the Places You'll Go!



Preschool News



This past month in the 4's class we watched caterpillars grow, spin a chrysalis, and emerge as butterflies. We then released them on a picture-perfect spring morning. It is the ideal metaphor for this past school year as we watched all of our students grow and change from the hesitant, quiet students of September into the confident, fully-engaged students of May. Now it is time to release them and watch as the 4's and Pre-K students fly off towards new adventures in kindergarten. We will miss all of those families moving on, but look forward to welcoming back those remain for another year. The preschool will be closed to normal hours through August, but you may reach out to us via email at preschool@unionucc.org.

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 many 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)



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

PNEC Ambassador Corner

The Spring Conference Meeting of the Penn Northeast Conference was held Saturday, April 29th at St. Thomas UCC in Bethlehem and via Zoom. The theme was Health, Renewal, Restoration. [59] churches were represented. The Keynote speaker during morning worship was Rev. Cindy Garis August, Senior Pastor at Colonial Park UCC, Harrisburg. She also gave a workshop on mindfulness and provided many resources for rest, relaxation and stress relief, including body and breath prayers.

Union UCC was recognized for having given more than \$10,000 to Our Churches Wider Mission [OCW] and also for being a 5 for 5 church, meaning we support all five of the Conference offering opportunities, OCWM, Neighbors in Need, One Great Hour of Sharing, Strengthen the Church and the Christmas Fund. Well done!! The Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates, our Conference Minister, gave a report on the Conference. 2022 was a fruitful year. Missions continue to be supported such as The PA Council of Churches, Lehigh Conference of Churches, Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, MS, Phoebe Ministries, and the National Church which provides help with the search and call process, resources and educational and ending racism support. Even with COVID reaching endemic levels, hybrid meetings and worship are not going away. There is tech help available through the Conference if any congregation needs it. The Conference also provides/has provided, Leadership training, Scholarship, GEM and YEA funds, programs such as PNEC Ambassadors, Community of Practice, deals with issues such as justice, discernment and visioning and, along with the Penn Southeast Conference, they maintain international partnerships with Cuba, Germany, Guatemala, Japan and South India. 2023 will bring opportunities to covenant and collaborate with ecumenical, interfaith and UCC partners. She also gave a brief summary of her Sabbatical and expounded on the importance of having this time for clergy persons.

An update on the Keystone Study Group, discerning if the four PA UCC Conferences should meld into one PA Conference, was given. 'We're stronger together' is the mantra. They are considering what can be done locally vs. what can be done as a Commonwealth. How could things be done differently? What can we do together that we can't do apart in the mission for Jesus Christ? What is the why? We're stronger as a Keystone Conference!

Financially, 2022 was a strong year mainly due to a \$50,000 estate gift and resources received from the closing of Hope UCC in Allentown. A thank you to all persons and congregations that gave to OCWM. It was noted that \$16,554.40 was sent in relief to Ukraine.

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.

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.

Union UCC Night at the Iron Pigs Only \$28/person!



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

Friday, July 28 7:05 pm (Doors open at 5:45 pm)

TO ORDER TICKETS OR FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT 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.**

Stephen Kareha
@Stephen-Kareha



venmo

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

Bring your friends and family!



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!

A poster for 'Broadway Night in the Grove'. The background is dark blue with white stars and yellow spotlights at the top. A red marquee with white lights contains the text 'BROADWAY NIGHT IN THE GROVE'. Below the marquee, the dates 'July 14 - 7pm' and 'July 15 - 7pm' are written in white. At the bottom, it says 'Get Tickets on Facebook or Eventbrite'. Stylized green trees are at the bottom. A QR code and a 'SCAN ME' button are in the bottom right.

BROADWAY NIGHT IN THE GROVE

July 14 - 7pm July 15 - 7pm

Get Tickets on Facebook or Eventbrite



SCAN ME

A poster for 'Backyard BBQ Bash'. The background is light brown wood grain. On the left is a red and white checkered picnic blanket. The title 'Backyard BBQ Bash' is in bold black text. Below it is a paragraph of text. On the right is a black and white line drawing of a charcoal grill with flames and smoke.

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





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



Faith on Tap **God, Beer, and Conversation**

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

Tuesday, June 20th

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

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



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

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."

Lyonel Marcus Allen Anderson Jr.
pictured with parents Maryssa and
Lyonel Anderson

Lilly Mae Selig pictured with parents Tara &
Justin, big brother Cooper and sponsors,
Colleen Dwyer and Ryden Philbin

Wyatt Gabriel Ruch pictured with
parents, Jessica and Barrett Ruch

April & May Baptisms

Our next dates are Sunday, July 16, 2023 and September 17, 2023

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

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.



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

Leonard Nuss passed on April 23, 2023. Services were held on April 28, 2023 in the Heintzelman Funeral Home.

Donations were made in memory of Veronica Fabian by Nancy and Joseph Herzog, Jo Ann Koehler, Phil & Julie Wehr, Gary and Cynthia O'Brien, Lloyd & Ardith Kuhns, Lana Reitz, Richard & Barbara Christman, Cynthia & Larry Hertzog, Stanley & Beatrice Christoff, Lawrence & Margaret Oberly, Denise Teles-Carl, Sallyann Madden, Patrick Madden, John Fabian, George & Leoma Kern, Lonnie Christoff, John & Gail Hanzel, Barry & Arlene Webb, Jill Schlosser, Imperial Auto Sales & services, Inc./c/o Mark J. Liska, Gladys Kuhns, Richard Hartenstine, Jr., Bill & Eileen Grannetino, Susan & Donald Rumble, Larry Lentz & Janice Herzog, Richard & Barbara Carinci, John & Deborah Romig, Dawn Dengler, Daniel & Debra Topp, Diane Pesola, Robert Scott & Dana Schaeffer, Drinda Zimmerman, Paula Munjoine, Mrs. Bonnie Herzog, Terry Schaller, Brian & Karen Selig, Ted & Lynn Lopsonzki, Melvin & Rosemarie Haffner, Douglas & Claire Kern, Daniel & Gail Herzog, Jeannette Smith, Luther & Martha Lutz, Wilbur & Linda Romig, Wes & Maria Beltz, Donald & Marlene Steffy, Suzanne Schneider, Elizabeth Soltis, Edwin & Lynn Soltis, Fred & Deb Sanek, Nancy & Andre Ceranek, Louise & Larry Moyer, Brenda & Gary Matesg, Craig & Kathy Adams, Fellowship Committee

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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 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

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

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. To sign up: Call the church office at 610-767-6961 or email Marissa Haney at administrator@unionucc.org

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.