

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, October 1, 2023

Rev. Kris Penrose Snyder, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Kayli L. Freeman, Associate Pastor  
Tiffany Lakatos, Faith Formation Minister of Children  
Carrie Beleno, Pastor of Visitation  
Mr. Blake Hoppes, Minister of Music

Marissa Haney, Church Administrator  
Barbara Carinci, Financial Manager  
Payge Haydt Sunday Set-up  
Hannah and Ryleigh Minnich Sunday Set-up  
Bryce and Luke Thrash, 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 place in offering plate or submit [online here](#).

### *Medical*

Sharon and Mark, Bill and Marilyn, my husband's health and healing, healing from recent operation, prayers for my father, new medicine to help my grandson, Barbara, Diane, Jamie, Marlene, Dorothy, Susie, Linda, Maria, Mary Ellen, mother with dementia, Elaine, baby Jacob, continued recover for mom, Jerry for healing with cancer, a coach and dad battling brain cancer, Brad, Carol, Harvey, Jillian, Joe, Aunt Doris on Hospice,

### *General*

Direction in life, adjusting to losing mom, clarity and guidance, to continue to provide faith-filled opportunities at our church, to start a family, good health, to develop my spiritual, mental, and physical health, adjusting to senior years, to listen to God and trust his path for me, continued health and happiness, health and strength, empty nest and caring for parents, extended peace and love for all, continued prayers after loss of husband, learning to say no/stretching myself too thin, for Josh applying to the Air Force, for Dylan in the Navy, strength through transitions, sister for healing, Jerry, children during divorce, thankfulness for answered prayers, thanksgiving for strength and good friends, Dottie and her family, strength for Jeff and kids Ryan, Krista, Emma, and Frank as they grieve, Thanksgiving for family and dear friends, Dean, thanksgiving for friends who help us share blessing of life and grief, healing for Rich and strength for Kathy, healing for Connie and Rick, Hawaii fire victims, a family member who has lost her way

**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.

# October Worship

All worship services are in person and streamed online.

- OCT 01 8AM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP - Holy Communion
- OCT 8 8 AM & 10:30AM WORSHIP -
- OCT 15 8AM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP - Healing/ Pray with a Pastor
- OCT 22 8AM & 10:30AM WORSHIP - New members received, CROP Walk/  
Sneaker Stroll
- OCT 29 8AM & 10:30AM WORSHIP - All Saints
- NOV 05 8AM & 10:30AM WORSHIP - Festival Choir and lots of music!



**Holy Grounds Coffee Hour on Sundays:** Enjoy some coffee, tea, juice, hot chocolate, and snacks on Sundays in Memorial Hall after both worship services.

Upcoming hosts:

10/8– Fellowship Committee

10/15– Christian Ed

Meditation and Prayer Gatherings with Pastor Kris  
Looking for some peace and ways to decompress?  
We meet by zoom monthly for meditation and prayer.

## Union UCC Community

Tuesdays 7-8pm

September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12

Zoom Link: [https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87680378046?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87680378046?pwd=QmozYWJFemjOVENCdWJlBzRpbDVIUT09)

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Meeting ID: 876 8037 8046 Passcode: 954906

OR

## Penn Northeast Conference Community

Thursdays at 12noon

September 14 and 28, October 12 and 26, November 9 and 30

Zoom Link: [https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81188127483?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81188127483?pwd=TzdmTFplaXVtMjRQSHY1K1hOdKv2dz09)

[pwd=TzdmTFplaXVtMjRQSHY1K1hOdKv2dz09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81188127483?pwd=TzdmTFplaXVtMjRQSHY1K1hOdKv2dz09)

Meeting ID: 811 8812 7483 Passcode: 348630

I'll lead us in various readings, scripture, and prayer practices like breath prayer and centering prayer, as well as meditation practices from the Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction, Buddhist, and Christian traditions.

Sign up at [PastorKris@unionucc.org](mailto:PastorKris@unionucc.org)

You are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions,  
whatever your schedule allows.

# golden times

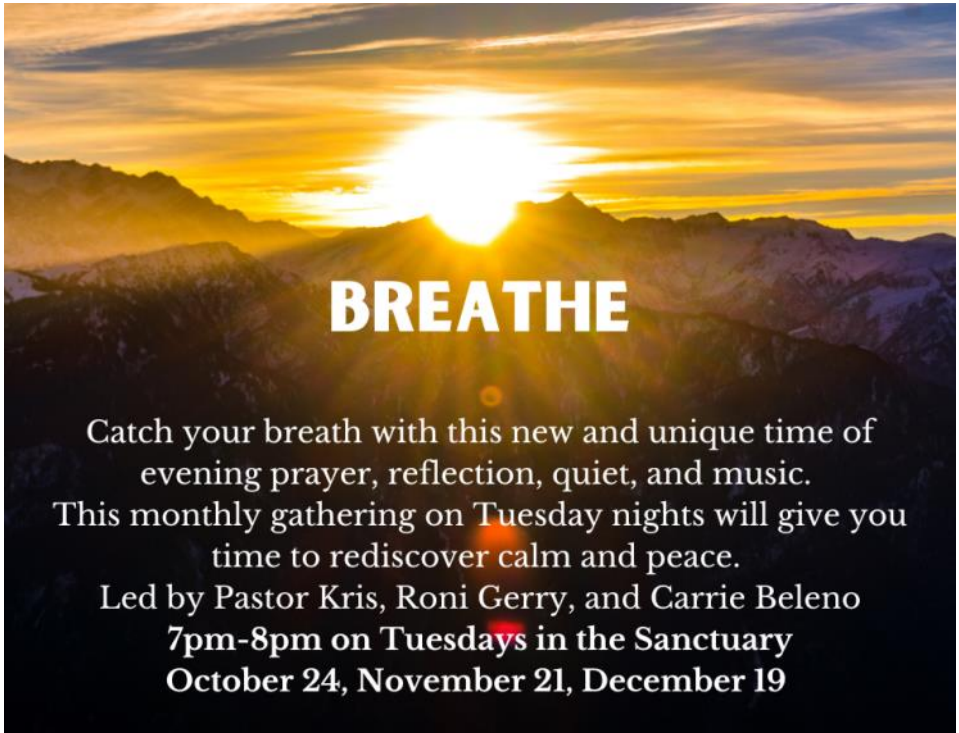
Golden Times is a gathering for our senior adults. Everyone is welcome, including friends. We start at 12noon with lunch (often soup, salad, and a sandwich) and then have a program until about 1:30pm. There is no charge to attend. Your support of the budget and the Funds of Lasting Gifts provides the events and luncheon.

Contact the church office if you'd like to receive postcard mailing reminders.

We also collect monthly items for the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.

Oct. 3 is an art project with Rev. Jamison Baxter from Phoebe Ministries.

Future dates: 10/3, 11/7, 12/5



## BREATHE

Catch your breath with this new and unique time of evening prayer, reflection, quiet, and music. This monthly gathering on Tuesday nights will give you time to rediscover calm and peace.

Led by Pastor Kris, Roni Gerry, and Carrie Beleno  
**7pm-8pm on Tuesdays in the Sanctuary**  
**October 24, November 21, December 19**

### Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve (Eve) - Friday, December 22 at 7pm, Candlelight, Carols, and Communion

Sunday, December 24 – No morning services at 8am or 10:30am

Christmas Eve at 3pm, 5pm, and 8pm Candlelight and Carols, Communion at 3pm and 8pm

Sunday, Dec 31, No 8am worship, 10:30am Worship

Sunday, Jan 7 8am and 10:30 Worship, Communion

UNION UCC  
TRUNK OR TREAT

JOIN US FOR A SPOOKTACULAR FAMILY FRIENDLY HALLOWEEN EVENT!

OCTOBER 21, 2023

1 PM – 3 PM

AT UNION UCC GROVE PARKING LOT

JOIN US AND UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH, WHICH IS JUST A SHORT WALK AWAY, FOR A SAFE FAMILY FRIENDLY HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION!

WOULD YOU, YOUR BUSINESS, OR AN ORGANIZATION YOU ARE ASSOCIATED WITH LIKE TO DECORATE A CAR AND BE PART OF THE HALLOWEEN FUN?

REGISTER AT

[HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/10COF4DACA723A7FC1-TRUNK2#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COF4DACA723A7FC1-TRUNK2#/)



**SNEAKER STROLL**

We will be having our annual Sneaker Stroll to raise money for the local Crop Walk on October 22nd during Sunday School and Children's Church.

Please remember to wear sneakers.

A donation would be greatly appreciated and can be put in an envelope marked Sneaker Stroll.

WALK TO FIGHT HUNGER IN THE LEHIGH VALLEY AND AROUND THE WORLD!

WANNA...



Need someplace to be on Sundays at 9:15am?

**Join us for "Open Sunday School" in the Youth Room!**

Youth 8th thru 12th are invited for a time to hang-out and have a "coffee hour"

dedicated just to them!

No need to sign up! Just be there!

October 29, November 12, December 10

9:15AM-10:15AM



HANG OUT?



**PNEC SLEEP OUT FOR HOMELESSNESS**

When: October 14-15, 2023

Where: UCC Greenawalds, Allentown

More information to come!

Let Pastor Kayli know if you are interested



## Faith on Tap

**Korny's Tavern**  
**at Kornfeind's Market**  
**2228 Old Post Rd, Coplay**  
**Wednesday, Oct 11 6:30-8:30pm**

Park in the back of the store and enter from there.  
Cost: Your drink (Beer, Wine, Iced Tea, Soda, Water)  
Complimentary Kornfeind's Food  
Sign up if you can, or just join us.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4CA8A823A7FA7-44392103-fotoct>

**God. Conversation. Food & Drink.**  
**In your favorite neighborhood bar.**



Hosted by **Joe Kornfeind**,  
Owner Kornfeind's Market and  
Business Professor,  
• and **Kris Snyder**, Senior  
Pastor, Union UCC, Neffs  
and other guests.



## Lights in the Grove

**Saturday, December 2nd**  
**3-5pm**  
**Raindate, Sunday, December 3rd**

FREE ADMISSION  
DONATE HATS, GLOVES, SCARVES FOR THE 6TH ST SHELTER

- CRAFTS FOR EVERYONE
- HOT CHOCOLATE AND SNACKS
- CHRISTMAS MUSIC
- SANTA! BRING YOUR LETTER OR WRITE ONE HERE.

ENJOY THE LIGHTS THROUGHOUT DECEMBER

*Union UCC*

*5550 Route 873 Neffs*

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LIGHTS BY CHRISTMAS DECOR

# Roni Fabian Memorial Fundraiser

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15**

**12:30-2:30**



Roni was a beloved member of Union UCC and gave of herself generously to our church community. She fought a courageous battle against breast cancer and now her family and friends are inviting us to participate in a fundraiser in her memory.

**With the help of The CHEMO Bag ([www.thechemobag.org](http://www.thechemobag.org)) we will be assembling CHEMO bags for ADULTS undergoing treatment.**

Here's how you can help:

- Donate these items (for Adults) and place them in the box in the lobby: Adult coloring books, Crayons, Bottled water (8 oz.), Ginger, green and peppermint tea, Hard candy and chewing gum, Journal, Knitted (cotton or acrylic) beanie hats, Lap blanket 50" x 60" (adult-type patterns only), Lip balm, Nail Files, Pens, Puzzle Books, Selection of notecards, Thick soft socks, Travel-size hand and body creams, Travel-size hand sanitizer, Travel/purse size tissue.
- Donate financial gifts - checks to "Union UCC" memo line "Roni Fabian." Money will be used by The CHEMO Bag to purchase more supplies in bulk.
- Help assemble the bags on October 15th at church 12:30-2:30.

**Sign up here if you'd like to volunteer on Oct 15:**

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4CA8A823A7FA7-roni>**

**ALL SUPPLY AND FINANCIAL DONATIONS ARE DUE  
no later than OCTOBER 1.**

*Thank you for helping us celebrate Roni and support others.*



**UNION UCC, NEFFS (MEMORIAL HALL)**

**Women's Pot-Luck Brunch Saturday, October 7th  
9am-11am at church, bring a food item to share.**

Is anyone interested in helping Pastor Kris  
host this event? Contact her.

Come to share your work or hobbies and network and  
connect with each other.

Let's catch up and decompress together.

We'll also talk about some ideas for future events.

Sign up here

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4CA8A823A7FA7-womens2>

or email [pastorkris@unionucc.org](mailto:pastorkris@unionucc.org).

**Women's Retreat Weekend  
April 12-14, 2024**

Trout Lake Retreats, Stroudsburg

Cost: \$175. \$88 deposit due now/before January 1. \$87  
balance due March 3.

Payment plans and financial assistance available.

Checks to Union UCC, Memo Line – Women's Retreat

Friends and Family members are welcome too.

Help us meet our minimum needed of 25 people.

Leader and more Info: Pastor Kris



**GREATER ALLENTOWN CROP  
HUNGER WALK:**

**\*\*\*Sunday, October 22, 2023,\*\*\***

1:30 p.m., with registration beginning at 1:00 p.m.  
at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA  
18104

**Register, donate, or find more information**  
about the life-saving work of Church World  
Service: [www.crophungerwalk.org/allentownpa](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/allentownpa)





### UNION UCC: ENGAGED, RELEVANT, GROWING

Our Steering Without Oars group has been meeting since May 2022. They were the first to step into our boat! In October 2022 we invited 40 more leaders in our church to join us and formed the Leadership Planning Team. We have been meeting almost monthly looking at and creating a vision for God's ministry and mission at Union. In June 2023 we presented all of our work to Consistory who agreed to partner with us in our next steps.

**We invite you, beloved church community, to get into the boat with us.**

**Join us for a congregational forum and special coffee hour on:**

**Sunday, September 24th at 9:15-10:15am or 11:30am-12:30pm In Memorial Hall**

**OR Sunday, October 1 at 9:15-10:15am or 11:30am-12:30pm In Memorial Hall**

In Mathew 14: 22-31 a storm comes when the disciples are in a boat. Jesus walks on the water toward them and tells them to take heart and not be afraid. Peter challenged Jesus and Jesus invites Peter to walk on water too.

Peter got scared and when he began to sink, he asks Jesus to save him and Jesus didn't hesitate.

Jesus reached down and grabbed Peter's hand.

**This is an exciting time for Union!**

**It's time to grab Jesus' hand and step out of the boat, together.**

**We can't wait!**

Pastor Kris, Pastor Kayli, Consistory Officers: Eric Minnich, Don Penrod, Janice Metzger, Marianne Kitzmiller and the LPT/Consistory



**GOD FIRST WEDNESDAYS<sup>®</sup>**  
**October 4 5:30-7:30pm**

5:30-6:30pm Supper  
 6:00-6:30 Children's Choir with Blake  
 (All kids are welcome but not required.) Non Choir  
 kids hang with Ms. Tiffany and families.  
 6:30-7:15 Kids with Ms. Tiffany (Parents can join or  
 go with adults.)  
 Youth Group with Pastor Kayli  
 Adults with Pastor Kris  
 7:15-7:30 Worship together

Signup here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4CA8A823A7FA7-godfirst2>  
 Or email/text a staff member. Do your best to sign up - but if you miss signing up, just come.

**Future Dates: Nov 1, Dec 6, Feb 7, March 6, April 3, May 1**  
**Putting God First on First Wednesdays**





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## UNION UCC NIGHT WITH THE PHANTOMS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

7:05PM

(DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM)

**Tickets: \$25.00 each**

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

TO ORDER TICKETS OR FOR MORE INFO PLEASE  
CONTACT STEVE KAREHA.

Stephen Kareha  
@Stephen-Kareha

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



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Cash, Check, or Venmo  
(Make Checks Payable to Steve Kareha)

**Bring your friends and family!**

Presented by Union UCC Men's group

**Baptisms:** We offer baptisms during worship at the 10:30 service every other month. Our next date is **Nov 12 and Jan 14**. 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](mailto:administrator@unionucc.org). The pastors will work with you if the scheduled dates are a conflict.

**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.**

**Hearing Assistance System:** We have a wireless system on a table, as you enter from the lobby foyer. Please see an usher or a sound team person to assist you. You will need a receiver pack (turn it on) and ear piece (if you don't have a hearing aid) or a t-coil cord (if you have a hearing aid that is t-coil compatible.) Plug this into the receiver. At the end of worship, please return both pieces to the table and place the receiver back into the charger. Thank you to the Schlosser Family & Funds of Lasting Gifts for supporting this effort.

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