

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, September 17, 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, granddaughter with eye problems, 99 year old mom with health problems, mother with dementia, Elaine, baby Jacob, a moms upcoming surgery and testing, Jerry and a friend with cancer, a coach and dad battling brain cancer, Brad, Carol

General

To continue to live as normal life as possible, to get through difficult times and a period of adjustment. 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, last step in getting my Master's degree, strength with changes occurring with family, 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, Katie to forgive, Monique and her husband to accept God, Alison to believe, healing for Sammy Sasso Ohio State University wrestler, prayers for cousin Jack's family and friends as they mourn his passing, comfort and peace for Nancy's husband Jeff and kids Ryan, Krista, Emma, and Frank, Thanksgiving for family and dear friends

September Worship SCHEDULE



SUN 03 SEPT	10:30 AM WORSHIP ONLY Labor Sunday
SUN 10 SEPT	8 AM & 10:30AM WORSHIP 9:15 Education Hour Returns
SUN 17 SEPT	8AM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP 10:30 Baptism, Children's Church
SUN 24 SEPT	8AM & 10:30AM WORSHIP Harvest Home
SUN 01 OCT	8AM & 10:30AM WORSHIP Holy Communion

All worship services are in person and streamed online.

Our new worship series, "Come to the Table," will invite us to dine with Jesus. But not just for the sake of eating, or even Holy Communion, but to come to a table where he fed people as well as challenged them to acts of hospitality that reflect God's way of love, peace, grace, and joy. Welcome to the table!

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: 9/17- Sunday Staff
9/21 & 10/1- Consistory and Leadership Planning Team/ Congregational Forum
10/8- Fellowship Committee

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?pwd=QmozYWJFemJOVENCdWJlBbzRpbDVlUT09>
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?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

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

golden times

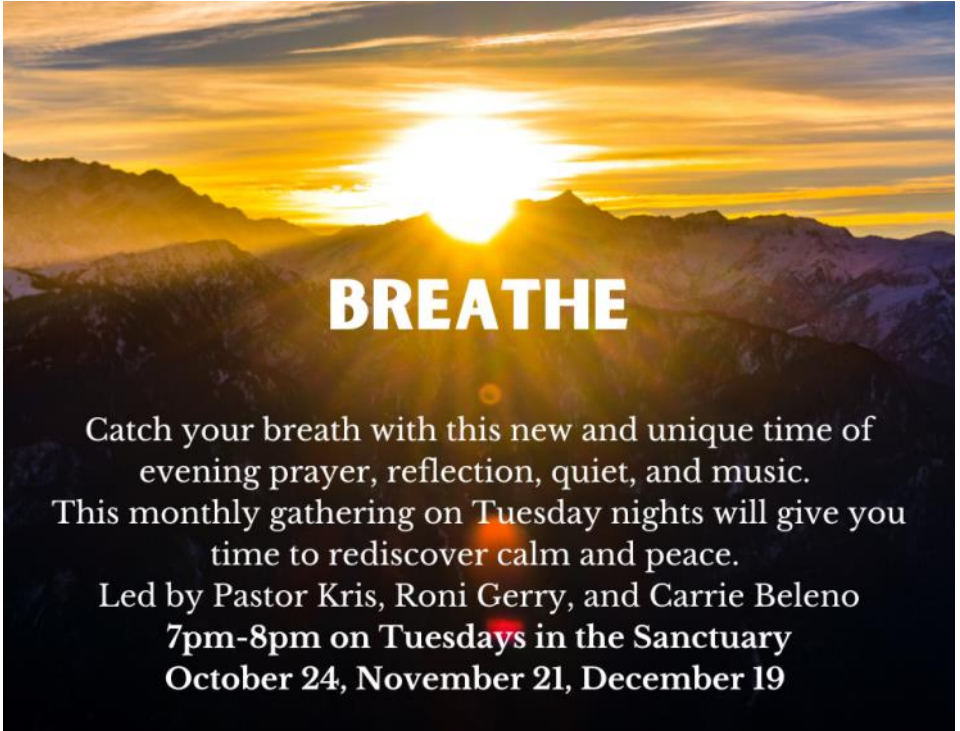
Golden Times is a gathering for our senior adults. Everyone is welcome, including friends. We start at 12noon with lunch (often soup, salad, and a sandwich) and then have a program until about 1:30pm. There is no charge to attend. Your support of the budget and the Funds of Lasting Gifts provides the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

Y.A.T. LUNCH AND FUN

All youth are invited to the YAT Lunch and fun! We'll eat yummy food, plan some fun things, and spend time together

When: September 24, 2023

Time: 11:30am-1:00pm

Sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f48aead2ba2fe3-yat1>



LET'S DO
LUNCH

SAVE THE DATE



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

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?

PIG OUT at Union UCC's
Backyard BBQ Bash



September 23, 2023 4-8:30 pm
Free Admission

NEFFS CHURCH GROVE

UNION UCC, 5550 ROUTE 873, NEFFS, PA 18065 610-767-6961

LIVE MUSIC BY TIMEWHYS (5:30-8:30)

Music of the 60's and 70's

LORAH'S PIG ROASTERS AND CHICKEN DINNERS

\$11, includes Fries, Cole Slaw, & Drink

Band Sponsored by Heintzelman Funeral Home

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.

HARVEST HOME

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023



Please bring your garden gifts on Sunday morning before either church service. These items will be for our display and then given to people served by the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.

Suggestions:

Squash
Peppers
Apples

Pumpkins
Tomatoes
Corn

Beets
Potatoes
Pears

Fill up your paper bag with donations to bring anytime before September 24th. Items will go to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.

Suggestions:

Cereals: Raisin Bran, Cheerios, Wheaties

Pastas: Spaghetti, Penne, Macaroni

Canned Vegetables: Corn, Baked Beans, Olives

Canned Soup: Chicken Noodle, Tomato, Broccoli

Canned Fruit: Peaches, Pears, Baby Formula

Good Stuff: Peanut Butter, Jams, Jello mix

Bakery: Cake Mixes, Brownie Mixes



THANK YOU GOD FOR GIFTS TO ENJOY AND SHARE!

**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](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4CA8A823A7FA7-womens2)

or email 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



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) 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)

PNEC Ambassador Corner

Keystone Study Group – Communications Summary*

The sixth meeting of the Keystone Study Group* took place Friday, June 16, 2023. Guided by the Spirit, the study group whole-heartedly affirms the possibility of becoming ONE Keystone Conference. In our May and June meetings, we clarified WHAT a Keystone Conference would look like. We were mindful of all the ways a Keystone Conference can serve, support, challenge and unite our diverse faith communities and ministries. In all we addressed, we aimed to imagine a vibrant way of being the Body of Christ in our areas.

Participants in all four conference meetings both affirmed and expressed important reflections about a Keystone Conference. Overall, meeting attendees shared energy, enthusiasm and support for continuing our study and work toward recommendations for Conference leaders and congregations. Our consensus remains, **“Together we are stronger! The Keystone Conference.”**

*Excerpted from Communications from the Keystone Study Group, a study and discernment group of the 4 PA area UCC Conferences – Penn West, Penn Central, Penn NE, and Pennsylvania SE. Pastor Kris is a member of this discernment group.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me, Janice Metzger, at jemrenaissinc@aol.com & please put Union Ambassador in the subject line. As your PNEC Ambassador, I want to help Union members feel

Hawaii Wildfire Support

DONATE
Hawai'i 2023 Wildfires Relief Fund
bit.ly/hcuccrelief
We are working with our churches on Maui to distribute funds to those in need in devastated areas.
We are praying with Maui.
HAWAII CONFERENCE
www.hcucc.org

The United Church of Christ, along with Global H.O.P.E. Ministries, stands in solidarity and prayer with our siblings in Hawai'i. We have a strong UCC presence on the islands. Please join us in praying for the people of Maui and Hawai'i Island, the families of the 36 people lost, and all those involved in search and rescue efforts.

More information and updates, including how to donate to their relief efforts here: <https://bit.ly/454ZvKi>

Or you can write a check/donate to

“Union UCC” with Hawaii in the memo line and drop it with your offering here at church.



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[®]
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



3626 Route 309 Orefield, PA 18069 (610) 398-8999
<https://theredtomatopizzeria.com/>

THE RED TOMATO IS FIGHTING HUNGER AND YOU CAN HELP!

Sep 29, 30, & Oct 1

TAKE OUT, DINE IN, or DELIVERY. *
If you order food this weekend The Red
Tomato they will donate 5% to Feed My
Starving Children.

*Not available through 3rd parties like GrubHub or
DoorDash.



Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is a Christian
nonprofit dedicated to providing nutritious meals to
children around the world. FMSC estimates at least
10,000 children die each day from causes related to
undernutrition.

Your purchase will
help Union UCC
host a meal pack-
ing event that will
make 100,000
meals.

Partner with us in
making a difference
in the lives of
children.

If you'd like to
make an additional
donation go to:
[https://
give.fmssc.org/
campaign/2403-
049mi-neffs-pa-
lehigh-valley/
c508364](https://give.fmssc.org/campaign/2403-049mi-neffs-pa-lehigh-valley/c508364)

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www.unionucc.org

FMSCevent@gmail.com
610-767-6961

Thank you and thank you
Red Tomato!

Baptisms: We offer baptisms during worship at the 10:30 service every other month. Our next date is **Sept 17 and Nov 12**. 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: 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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