

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, October 15, 2023

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

Marissa Haney, Church Administrator
Barbara Carinci, Financial Manager
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, 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 recovery for mom, Jerry for healing with cancer, a coach and dad battling brain cancer, Brad, Carol, Harvey, Jillian, Joe, Ian, Jasmine, Edward, a friend with a brain tumor, baby Joseph in NICU

General

Josh heading to Air Force training, Dylan in the Navy, Gabe, 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, a family member who has lost her way, Kathy and Linda for Healing, a young man struggling with future plans, Israel and Palestine, Joan

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.

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| 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:

10/15– Christian Ed

10/22– Welcoming Committee

10/29– Church and Ministry

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

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 funds. Contact the church office if you'd like to receive post card mailing reminders. We also collect monthly items for the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.

Upcoming dates: 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

- Sunday, December 10th at 7pm– Parkland High School Chorale Concert
- Christmas Eve (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

Adult Faith Formation Classes with Pastor Kris

Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life by Richard Rohr
Father Rohr offers a new paradigm for understanding one of the most profound of life's mysteries: how our failings can be the foundation for our ongoing spiritual growth. He explores the two halves of life to show that those who have fallen, failed, or gone down are the only ones who understand "up." How do we grow spiritually and know spiritual joys in the midst of it all?

Sessions Fridays from 9:30 to 11am, October 6 and 13

Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15am, October 8 and 15

Why Did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha, and Mohammed Cross the Road?

Brian D. McLaren

In looking at other religions McLaren proposes ways to create benevolence and solidarity rather than rivalry and hostility going beyond tolerance by encouraging vigorous hospitality toward, interest in, and collaboration with others.

***Watch the bulletin for dates where we hope to meet with other faith leaders and visit other faith communities. Anyone can join us.**

Sessions Fridays from 9:30 to 11am- Oct 20, 27, Nov 3, Nov 10

Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15am - Oct 22, 29, Nov 5, 12

If you're unable to join us but want to read the books, there are copies available on the table in the lobby or contact Pastor Kris.

Have you wanted to learn about other religions?

Pastor Kris is organizing various trips to visit other places of worship. RSVP to her if you are interested in joining her, everyone is welcome. Watch for additional dates and places.

Friday, December 8th Congregation Keneseth Israel (A Jewish Community)
2227 W Chew St. Allentown, PA 18104 (near Muhlenberg)

<https://www.kilv.org/>

Arrive there at 6:15 for an introduction to Judaism and to learn about the service, 7:30 service, followed by snacks.

RSPV to Pastor Kris no later than Sunday, Dec 3.

Carrie Beleno, our Pastor of Visitation, is directing “Miracle on 34th Street” at the Pennsylvania Playhouse on Illick’s Mill Rd. in Bethlehem. We have reserved a block of seats for the December 3rd show, 3:00pm. Discounted tickets are \$22 each.

We would like to meet up at Assante restaurant in Northampton on the way home (5:30pm). Please let us know if you are interested in the show and dinner (so we can reserve seating), or just the show. Dinner cost will be on your own.

Please make checks payable to “PA Playhouse” and put them in Carrie’s mailbox, indicating your **name, phone, and number of tickets** on the envelope and **whether or not you’ll be joining us for dinner**.

Looking forward to a little Christmas “Miracle” and fellowship!

PNEC Ambassador Corner

Items of interest from the PNEC:

Did you know that the PNEConference offers several different financial resources? Well, they do!!

Gwilym T. Williams Scholarship Fund* [GTW] – provides financial assistance for students who are current UCC members within PNEC enrolled in a formal post-high school degree program for a career as either, a medical doctor, occupational or physical therapist, nurse [B.S.], ordained minister or certified teacher or educator.

GEM [Grants Energizing Mission] **Fund*** - grants are used as ‘seed money’ to help start or carry through to completion, local church mission and outreach projects. These projects should be proposed and administered by PNEC congregations and be intended to enhance and make more relevant the spiritual life and gospel mission of the churches of PNEC.

YEA Fund* – provides financial assistance for youth and youth advisors to participate in education and mission opportunities. Churches and individuals are welcome to submit applications to receive funding for educational and mission opportunities in which they have participated.

*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, 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 more connected to the Conference and the wider church.



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...



HANG OUT?

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



Confirmation Fall Retreat 2023

All Youth (grades 9th thru 12th) are invited to join us and help Pastor Kayli lead this year's confirmation class fall retreat! No need to stress...just come, be a leader, and have fun!

Lunch & Snacks provided

When: November 18, 2023

Time: 9:30am-4pm

Where: Grove (unless it rains)

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F48AEAD2BA2FE3-confirmation2>



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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

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Women's Retreat Weekend
New date and location!
April 26-28, 2024

Tuscarora Retreat Center, Mt. Bethel

<https://www.tuscarora.org/>

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.

Only 30 spots available!

It's always a great time away.

Leader: Pastor Kris

Planning Team: Donna Christman, Diane Schaller, Julie
Johnson, Sue Steinmann, Val Borman, Julie Wehr



**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





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[®]

5:30-7:30pm

5:30-6:30pm Supper

Menu: Hot Dogs/Mac & Cheese

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, May 1 (No Jan or April)
Putting God First on First Wednesdays**



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UNION UCC NIGHT WITH THE PHANTOMS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

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. 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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