



January 28, 2023
Beyond the Horizon
Because of You Stewardship
Sunday Moment
10:30 Semi-Annual Meeting
8:00am & 10:30am Worship

BREAD, BATH & BEYOND

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!
— 2 Corinthians 5:17

GUESTS, Welcome to our faith community. To learn more about us please visit our website at www.unionucc.org or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/unionneffs .

Let us know you're here by completing the Welcome Card in the racks in front of you and hand it to a pastor or drop it in the offering plate. Feel free to call or email a pastor.

Vision Statement

UNION UCC: RELEVANT, ENGAGED, and GROWING

Mission Statement

Our church is a diverse family of believers, spiritually united in Christ, rooted in a rich heritage and growing with vitality into the future. We proclaim God's word, nurturing and inspiring dedicated Christian discipleship through worship, education, pastoral care, fellowship, and outreach within our community and the world.

***No matter who you are or where you on life's journey,
you are welcome here.***

Lay Reader: 8am Michael Roth, 10:30 Don Penrod
8am Ushers: Cliff James, Carol James, Michael Haftl, Daniel Haftl
10:30am Ushers: Jim Lane, Jason Klinger, Al Stubbmann, Karen Misera, Claire Kern, Gene Thrash, Marlene Blose, Dale Blose
Greeters: Carol Pope, Ron Pope, Johanna & Greg Zellner
Sound: Dawn Dengler

***Please stand in body or spirit.**

Prelude Music

Intermezzo in A Major, Op. 118, No. 2

Johannes Brahms

Blake Hoppes

Welcome

At the Dawn — Threshold Moment

Leader: We use this cultural word-play in our series title, “Bread, Bath & Beyond,” to remember that the most basic transforming experiences of our faith — communion (bread) and baptism (bath) — are the starting points for life “beyond” our limitations. Let’s make this year one of amazing transformations — for our lives, for our community, for our world!

["On the Edge of Tomorrow"](#) by guest artist, Ken Medema

Leader: The scriptures today tell of the calling of fishermen on the shores of the Sea of Galilee to leave their work and follow Jesus. He is calling them to work they probably never in a million years imagined themselves doing. For years they had sailed that sea, perhaps never thinking what was beyond the horizons, beyond the distant shores. Where is Jesus calling us that just might be beyond the horizons we now see for ourselves?

Solo/Choir: Standing on the edge of tomorrow,
standing on the edge of adventure,
Standing in the place of discov’ry,
learning every step on the way.
Thankful for the pathways behind us,

looking to the future before us,
Guided by the Spirit among us,
standing at the dawn of the day.
Standing at the dawn of the day.

**ALL: God Beyond our Knowing
and yet right here in our midst,
steer us through the uncharted waters of our lives
into new discoveries of purpose and passion.**

**Guide us, Holy Spirit,
Nudge us, Teacher Jesus.
Love us, Holy One.
Amen.**

**ALL: Standing on the edge of tomorrow,
standing on the edge of adventure,
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The Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ, the Dawn of the New Day, be
with you now!

And also with you!

Will you greet those around you with this great news,
"It is the dawn of a new day! So be it!"

Please stand in body or spirit.

***Opening Hymn**

#172 Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult
Black Hymnal/New Century Hymnal

**1. Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day that voice still calls us,
saying, "Christian, follow me."**

**2. As of old, Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,
Turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus' sake.**

**3. Jesus calls us from worship of the treasures we adore,
From each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."**

**4. In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
Jesus calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."**

**5. Jesus calls us! By your mercies,
Savior, may we hear your call,
Give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all.**

Please be seated.

THERE ARE PROMISES

There are promises

For you and me

In the B-I-B-L-E

All God's promises

We can See

In the B-I-B-L-E

I'm gonna stand up tall

And spin around

Jump up high

And shout out loud "woo hoo"

There are promises

For you and me

In the B-I-B-L-E



10:30 Children's Time with Ms. Tiffany and Friends

10:30 Worship Children's Time

Children's Church – during 10:30am Worship for ages 3-grade 5. Kids start in worship with their family and are invited forward for a children's time, They then leave with Ms. Tiffany and return before worship is over.

Kids are invited to the Education Hour and Faith Formation for All Ages – 9:15-10:15am on Sundays, ages 3 to grade 7.

Children will be in **Room 100** and will return before worship is over. If worship ends early, parents are welcome to meet their children downstairs.

Music Offering Psalm 8 (How Majestic Is Your Name)
Dave Clark & Cliff Duren, Arr. by Cliff Duren

8:00 Heritage Choir

10:30 Horizon Choir

Gospel Good News: Beyond Belief

Mark 1: 14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

The Message Pastor Kris

Because of You, Our Church Changes Lives – Moment by John Harting, from the Financial Leadership Team

NEWS ABOUT THE MINISTRY AND MISSION OF GOD'S CHURCH



OFFERING

Thank you for the many ways you give of yourself to God's ministry and mission here at Union.

Because of YOU our church changes lives....

Here are some of the ways you can share your financial generosity at Union.

• **ELECTRONIC GIVING** <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-751X/home> or use the QR code with your cell phone.

Choose an

ongoing regular donation or a single donation with your credit or debit card. (Help us with fees if you can.)



Vanco

• **FREE Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app**

Look for our church Union United Church of Christ, Neffs, PA and register your information to contribute.

• **Venmo @unionuccneffs** Make a donation or pay for a fundraiser or event. Complete “What’s this for?” See QR code.



Venmo

• **Cash or checks (to “Union UCC”)** Place in the offering plate with a member offering envelope or guest envelope (in the seat racks) or drop in the mail if you’re not in person.

Contact John Harting (610-799-2508) or Don Penrod (610-972-8719) or Pastor Kris if you have questions or if you’d like to learn more about other giving options or legacy gifts to Union.



Musical Offering

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Helen H. Lemmel

Blake Hoppes

Please stand in body or spirit.

*** Offering Response**

Praise God, the One whose presence grounds;

Praise Jesus Christ, whose love surrounds;

Praise Holy Spirit, life resounds;

Praise Three in One, beyond all bounds!

Please be seated.

Prayers of the People and Invitation to the Water

Shepherd Me, O God

Leader: God who commands us to leave behind the nets of earthly wealth and reputation, we hear your call to go beyond the edges of our known world and embrace the unknowns of tomorrow. We give thanks for your Holy Spirit that breathes life into our sails and nudges us forward with the wings of a new dawn. Help us to trust in your boundless grace and to know that you are with us on this journey.

For the faithful all over the world, that all who love you may be united in your mission.

Seeking transformation beyond our familiar ways, we sing and pray,

Shepherd Me, O God

Marty Haugen

Shep - herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

For the peoples and leaders of the nations, that they may be reconciled one to another in pursuit of your justice and peace.

For all who suffer from prejudice, greed, or violence, that the heart of humanity may radiate with your tenderness.

Seeking transformation beyond our limited understanding, we sing and pray,

***Shepherd me O God,
beyond my wants,***

***beyond my fears,
from death into life.***

For all in need because of famine, flood, or earthquake, that they may know the hope of your faithfulness through the help of others.

For the land, the sea, the sky — for your whole creation, which longs for its redemption that we may live with respect for your creation and use your gifts with reverence. Seeking transformation beyond our limited understanding, we sing and pray,

***Shepherd me O God,
beyond my wants,
beyond my fears,
from death into life.***

For all who suffer the pain of sickness, loneliness, fear, or loss, that those whose names are in our hearts, in the hearts of others, or known to you alone, may receive strength and courage. We pray for those on our prayer list and for those on our hearts and minds.

Seeking transformation beyond our limited understanding, we sing and pray,

***Shepherd me O God,
beyond my wants,
beyond my fears,
from death into life.***

O Jesus, light of the world, be a morning star above for us, a radiance within us, and the shining brightness all around that transforms our lives in love. And all God's people say and

pray

The Lord's Prayer

**ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

Words for Going Forth

Each week we feature a poem written about going beyond the horizon. This week the poem is by [Dr. Antony Theodore](#):

*I wait for the moments
in which your horizon
becomes my horizon,*

*your concern
becomes my concern,*

*your attitude becomes
my attitude.*

*Only then you can change
this world through me.*

Benediction

And so now go forth and contemplate the horizon you are called to move beyond, trusting that there is more in store for you than you can perceive or know all at once.

Go forth from this *terra firma*
firm in the knowledge that Christ is before you,
behind you, above you, beside you, and within you
as you soar towards distant shores
or simply drift in God's boundless grace.

Keep on, my friends,
sustained by the Bread of Life,
washed in the Grace of Christ,
moved beyond your wildest imaginings.

Amen.

***Closing Hymn #539 Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant**
Black Hymnal/New Century Hymnal

**1. Won't you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?**

**Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant, too.**

**2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are travelers on the road;
We are here to help each other
go the mile and bear the load.**

**3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the shadow of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow**

till we've seen this journey through.

**5. When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.**

**6. Won't you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant, too.**

**10:30 Worship SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
CONGREGATION**

Union United Church of Christ, Neffs, Pa
Eric Minnich, Consistory President presiding

For those of you at home:

Please log in or call in to our zoom meeting. There is a waiting room, please be patient until someone lets you into the meeting.

Please mute yourself once you are in the meeting. We may ask you your name in order to identify everyone present and be sure that we have a quorum. The agenda and other documents were emailed to you or will be available to see on your screen. Thank you for being a part of the work that we do as God's church.

Join Zoom Meeting

**[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89185501034?
pwd=7bLaPn2bjWBQlhXcudTOmwhPaUHRBV.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89185501034?pwd=7bLaPn2bjWBQlhXcudTOmwhPaUHRBV.1)**

**Meeting ID: 891 8550 1034
Passcode: 828096**

Postlude Music

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

George C. Stebbins

Blake Hoppes

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 include:

Jan 28– Christian Ed

Feb 4– Boy Scouts

Feb 11– SouperBowl Lunch

Feb 18– Confirmation Class

Feb 25– Church & Ministry



Deciding What to Give

While there are many ways to support the congregation, our annual campaign provides a chance to think in a particular and prayerful way about the choices we make with our money in support of the church.

Without your gifts, we would not be able to engage in the programs, projects, ministry, and worship experiences that define our community life. Deciding how much of our income to donate to charitable organizations can be difficult. We encourage our community to think of giving as a percentage of annual income.

The average gift to charitable causes in our country is 2% of annual income (per household). It is hard to imagine what our world would look like without these generous gifts that do so much good. Fortunately, we are not being asked to consider what the world would be without these gifts! Instead, we are being asked to imagine what just 1% or more might make happen! How many more lives can be changed because you and I have decided to grow in

our own giving? Imagine more people being able to say, “**Because of you, our church changes lives**”.

We are each on a journey toward abundant generosity. What next step can you take in your generosity journey?

Every gift to our congregation helps strengthen who we are and what we can do together. Because of you, our church changes lives.

CONSIDER YOUR PLEDGE AS A PERCENT OF YOUR MONTHLY INCOME.

Annual Income	Monthly Income	2%	3%	4%	5%	10%
20,000	1,667	33	50	67	83	167
25,000	2,083	42	63	83	104	208
30,000	2,500	50	75	100	125	250
35,000	2,917	58	88	117	146	292
40,000	3,333	67	100	133	167	333
45,000	3,750	75	113	150	188	375
50,000	4,167	83	125	167	208	417
60,000	5,000	100	150	200	250	500
75,000	6,250	125	188	250	313	625
100,000	8,333	167	250	333	417	833
125,000	10,417	208	313	417	521	1042
150,000	12,500	250	375	500	625	1250
200,000	16,667	333	500	667	833	1667

On average, Americans give 2% of their income to charity. Giving even 1% more of annual income to charity would be transformative for our congregation and other Organizations doing good in our community.

Because of **You** our church changes lives.

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	\$8,173.00
Calendar Year 2023 (Jan.-Dec.)	\$ 403,460.00
Calendar Year 2022 (Jan.-Dec.)	\$ 408,693.00
Change from Last Year	-1.3%
Budget FY 2023-24 (July-Dec.)	\$ 228,270.00
Actual Fiscal Year-to-Date (July-Dec.)	\$ 207,436.61
Difference in Giving vs. Budget	-9.1%
<i>Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes</i>	

Attendance Last Week	
8 AM	30
10:30 AM	103
Education Hour	14
Online Views	284
Breathe	12

2023 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:	
Last Week:	\$100, 100lbs
Total YTD:	\$100, 1,100lbs

Presentations to the Glory of God

**Way to go Youth Group on our soup event!
Pastor Kris**

Be a sponsor for \$20, send to Union UCC through your offering envelope or online marked Spread the Good News or \$8 for Children's Bulletin. Contact Marissa to sign up for a certain date or to sponsor in honor or memory of someone.

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