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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 <u>online here.</u>

Medícal

Liam, Sophia, Jason with cancer, Albert to gain strength, good test results for a grand-daughter, Paulette with cancer, Mark, Amanda's dad, Barbara with her surgery, Dolly with broken arm, Parents with covid, Ruth and her family, Chuck fighting cancer

General

Josh in the Air Force training, Dylan in the Navy, Gabe in the Army, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, return of the hostages, peace in the world, pray for the tornado victims, prayers for Roma and family, Dean, Irene's Family, a Nana, health and safety for Kait & her baby, sister for healing and strength, Lucas and Stella, sister for strength and courage, Violet and Randy, Dorothy, Rusty, Diane, Rob and Brad, Thank you for the pastors and music minister for all their extra ministry this week, Mike and Donna

Blessings

Congratulations and blessings to Katie Schnecker and Glen Muth on the birth of **Tyler James Muth** on Thursday, March 13th. Grandparents are Janet and Terry Muth.

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.

Sunday Worship at 8am and 10:30am in church and online

what r u up 2? this Lent, Holy week, and Easter? Get up to something with Jesus instead of giving something up this Lent.

SUNDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
MARCH 3	MARCH 10	MARCH 17	MARCH 24
Lent 3, Baptism	Lent 4, Festival Community Choir directed by Matt Gerry and Blake Hoppes and FMSC Event Weekend	Lent 5, Youth Group Leads Worship, Do You Love Your Neighbor?	Lent 6, Palm Sunday
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
MARCH 28	MARCH 29	MARCH 31 🐰	April 7
6-8pm Pot Luck Meal (Basement), Worship with Communion Bring a casserole, side ish, or dessert to share. Note: no online option	7pm Good Friday, Communion	Easter Sunday 6:30am Sunrise in the Grove 8am & 10:30am Worship with Communion	Easter Joy Continues with music by Stacy Gabel



Sunday, April 7- Stacy is an accomplished performer with a passion for writing songs with catchy lyrics and memorable melodies. When not in the studio recording, Stacy can be seen performing at festivals, wineries, resorts and theatres. She enjoys connecting with her audience, leaving each show with new

friends and putting a smile on everyone's face. At 10:30 worship kids will stay in church to learn her original song "At the Zoo-oo-oo".



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. <u>April 2 : The Importance of Planning Ahead for Senior Care Options with</u> <u>Carol Frawley, Community Relations Director of CarePatrol of LV &</u> <u>Upper Bucks</u> Union UCC's Consistory and Leadership Planning Team Affirm Our Mission Statement, Core Values, and Vision Statement by Registering to be an Open and Affirming (ONA) Church in the United Church of Christ.

The following statement was approved and celebrated by our Consistory on February 20, 2024.

UNION UCC'S OPEN AND AFFIRMING STATEMENT

Our church is a diverse family of believers, extending extravagant welcome and hospitality to all. We affirm that all people are created in God's image and all are worthy of God's love and grace, treating all people with compassion, respect and dignity.

We inspire dedicated Christian discipleship to include persons of every age, gender, race, national origin, faith background, marital

status and family structure, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, physical, cognitive, or emotional ability, economic, educational, and social status, and political and cultural background.

We treasure the spiritual gifts of everyone, welcoming all into full membership, leadership, employment, ministry, mission, fellowship, worship, sacraments, rites, responsibilities, and blessings of the life of Union UCC.

As we grow with vitality into the future, we commit ourselves to the ongoing work of being an Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ. We celebrate and honor diverse theological and biblical interpretations as we strive to remain spiritually united in Christ. We will reach out with love to any and all people who enter our doors seeking God with faith in Jesus Christ our Savior.

Save the Date! We're Installing Pastor Carrie! Sunday, April 14th at 8am and 10:30am Worship

Please join us to celebrate the completion of her work to be licensed by the Penn Northeast Conference to serve as our Pastor of Visitation and as a chaplain at St. Luke's Hospital. We will recognize her in worship and celebrate her at a special coffee hour. Lots of great music in worship this day too with our Festival Choir directed by Matt Gerry with Blake Hoppes.

0000 OUR NURSERY IS OPEN! 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.



VBS 2024

June 24-28 6-8PM

Dinner available at 5:30pm



Volunteers and participants can sign up at <u>https://</u> vbspro.events/p/events/unionucc

GOD FIRST WEDNESDAYS Wednesday, May 1 5:30-7:30pm

5:30-6:30pm Supper Menu: Chicken fingers, fries, brownies. 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 Pastors Kris & Carrie 7:15-7:30 Worship together

Sign up here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4CA8A823A7FA7-48527326-godfirst Or email/text a staff member. Do your best to sign up - but if you miss signing up, just come.

> Future Dates: Last One! May I Putting God First on First Wednesdays

SAVE THE DATE for our NEXT Labyrinth Retreat Sunday, April 14th 4pm-7pm at Union UCC, Memorial Hall Starting with Appetizers and Snacks. Bring a food to share. Wear cozy clothing, plan to wear socks/take your shoes off.

A labyrinth is not a maze. There is only one path to the center and back out. Labyrinth walking is an ancient practice used by many different faiths for spiritual centering, contemplation, and prayer. Praying with a labyrinth is a form of walking meditation, **a physical expression of the interior journey towards God.** Like a pilgrimage, forms of walking meditation give **us time and space to listen and respond to God's love and grace.**

Sign up here: <u>https://</u> www.signupgenius.com/ go/5080E4CA8A823A7FA7-47987849-labyrinth



Pastor Kris, Pastor Carrie, and Roni Gerry

Country Sale BAKE SALE HELPERS AND BAKERS Saturday, June 1 This event will be outside in the grove and baked goods will be sold in the grove stand.

We're looking for bakers who will help us provide tasty treats for our Country Sale.

Some items will be sold whole and others will be cut for single serving sale. Please bring your items in disposable pans. We will cut and portion them. We need pies, cakes, cupcakes, cookies, apple dumplings, muffins, brownies, fudge, bar cookies, snack mixes.

We prefer items that don't need to be refrigerated.

We can always use sugar free and gluten free options.

Please drop off your baked goods on Friday at the church 9am-2pm or on Saturday in the grove by 9am.

Use this link to sign up or email Sherry Penrod at slpbakes19@gmail.com or contact the church office.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4CA8A823A7FA7-48528445-baked We also need volunteers to work shifts (1-4 hrs.) at the bake sale 8am-1pm. Please reach out to Sherry Penrod at <u>slpbakes19@gmail.com</u> if you'd like to help out or with any questions.

Fridays from 9:30 to 11am- April 5, (NO April 12), 19, 26 Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15am – April 7, (NO April 14), 21, 28.

Study of Acts 1-6 with Pastor Carrie

Acts is the perfect book for a God-is-still-speaking church, as many issues in Acts are important for us in the church today: leadership and conflict, cultural diversity and inclusiveness, the use of wealth, and the relationship between church and state, to name just a few. Beyond that, Acts is full of rollicking good stories and adventures.

Wouldn't it be great if the Book of Acts helped churches today recapture the excitement and adventure of following Jesus? Watch out -- it could happen.

Note: In addition to these gatherings there is an adult group that meets on God First Wednesdays on the first Wednesday of the month. The night starts with supper (you can join or skip) at 5:30 with small groups starting at 6:30-7:30pm. See more detailed post. Dates: Feb 7, March 6, May 1 (No Jan or April).



UNION UCC: RELEVANT, ENGAGED, and 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.

Our Leadership Planning Team and Consistory met in January and received updates from our Marketing Team, the Open and Affirming (ONA) process, and Pastor Carrie's input on wellness and mental health initiatives.

Rev. Bonnie Bates, Penn Northeast Conference Minister joined us to help integrate the work we have done and create a plan for for what's next.

Each LPT team member has been asked to serve on 1 of 3 teams: Architect interviews and design process with LPT and congregation, Capital Campaign and Financial piece of next steps, and Purpose and Why of Renovating Memorial Hall.

Our next day long retreat is on Saturday, March 16th. Thank you church for affirming and supporting our core values of extravagant welcome, spiritual growth, and being open and affirming.

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





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Venmo

Cash or checks (to "Union UCC") Place in the offering plate with a member offering envelope or guest envelope (in the seat racks) on Sundays or drop in the mail if you're not in person.

Contact the church office or Pastor Kris if you have questions or if you'd like to learn more about other giving options or legacy gifts.

Union UCC: Relevant, Engaged, and Growing...Because of YOU!



Wesley Buskirk, Everly Neubert, Rowan Kuharik, Addison Recker, Bailey Recker, Michael Strack



All youth grades 6ith thru 12th are invited to join us for a day of fun and food in the Youth Room! When: April 20, 2024 Time: 1pm-3pm *bring your favorite snack/ dessert to share with everyone*

Sign up below <u>https://</u> www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F48AEAD2BA2FE3-<u>47783434-spring</u>



Open Sunday School 2024 Schedule!

All Youth (8th thru 12th grade) are invited to join us During education hour (9:15am-10:15am) for a time dedicated just to them! Snacks, beverages, and

fun!

April 14, April 28

Join us on any or all of the above dates in the Youth Room (rm 15, basement)

High School Happy Hour

All Youth (9th thru 12th grade) are invited to join us 2 times a month for our gathering of high schoolers. We meet after 10:30am worship in the Youth room (or on Zoom). Join us for conversation, fellowship, and a TON of laughter! All are welcome! Upcoming Dates (2024):

April 7, April 21, May 12 (final gathering/lunch)





Youth Group Summer Plans!

All youth grades 6th thru 12th are encouraged to join us! Bring your friends too! June 12, 2024 (6pm-8:30pm) "Kick Off Summer Game & Rita's Night

July 9 & July 23, 2024 (6pm-8pm) "Grove Hang-Out Nights" August 17, 2024 (6pm-9pm) "Movies & Sundaes Night"

Make sure to get on our email list to get the most up-to-date- information on Youth Group Activities.



Help support VBS and Christian Education by purchasing some delicious Butter Braids! Each Butter Braid is \$15. This fundraiser will take place March 23rd-April 7th. Pick up will be Tuesday, April 23rd, 5-7pm. If there are any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with Tiffany at dired@unionucc.org.



Family Fun Event April 13th

5-7pm



Email Ms. Tiffany at dired@unionucc.org to sign up.

PNEC Ambassador Corner

Lenten Activities offered by your Conference PNEC Lenten Prayer Gatherings

The **4 PA UCC Conference Ministers** and UCC Staff Members will lead weekly prayer gatherings during Lent on Wednesdays from 12:00-12:30pm from now through March 20th. They are also holding weekly Bible study on Wednesdays during Lent at 7 PM. The dates and topics are:

28–United Church of Christ; **3/6**–Lent in Context; **3/13**–The Priesthood of All Believers; **3/20**–Communion

If you are interested, please email Patty at the Conference office, <u>pattyr@pnec.org</u>, to receive the link for the study.

All PA Conferences joint meeting June7-9, 2024. Communication booklet is being prepared for this event. Be a part of the future of PA United Church of Christ!

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me, Janice Metzger, at <u>jemrenaissinc@aol.com</u> & 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.

SUMMER WORSHIP PLAN

At Consistory's meeting in February they decided on this plan for Summer worship.

There will only be a 10:30am worship service starting on June 9 through September 1.

There will NOT be 8am worship starting on June 9 through September 1. We will have outdoor worship in the grove at 10:30am on the following Sundays:

June 30, July 14 and 28, August 11 and 25.

We will worship in the church if the weather does not cooperate on these Sundays.

Holy Grounds Coffee Hour

Enjoy some coffee, tea, juice, hot chocolate, and snacks on Sundays in Memorial Hall after both worship services.

Upcoming Hosts: April 7– Sunday Staff April 14– Fellowship Committee

April 21– FLT April 28– Worship Committee



Pastor Kayli's Sabbatical Journey

Every five years, our pastoral staff is allowed the opportunity to get 12 weeks of sabbatical time. This is a time of rest and spiritual rejuvenation. Last summer, I

took my first 4 weeks of sabbatical, and this May & July I will finish out my time. During my time away (**May 13-June 9 & July 1-July 28)** I plan to find ways to reconnect to my spiritual growth and journey. I'm

hopeful to find creative outlets that will connect my desire for creativity with my spiritual well being. I'm grateful for the opportunity to rest my body, mind, and soul to be able to better serve the wonderful people of Union UCC.



UCC Night at the Iron Pigs

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

Friday, July 19 7:05 pm (Doors open at 5:45 pm)

Stephen Kareha



Only \$30/person! 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 inthe offering plate but MUST be

in an envelope marked <u>Iron Pigs Tickets.</u> Payments can be made by Cash, Check, or Venmo

(Make Checks Payable to Steve Kareha)

Bring your friends and family!



Faith on Tap

Korny's Tavern at Kornfeind's

Market

Wednesday, April 24 6:30-8:30pm

God. Conversation. Food & Drink. At Korny's.

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.

7pm-8pm on Tuesdays in the Sanctuary April 30

Led by Pastor Kris, Roni Gerry, and Carrie Beleno



New Members from Pastor Kris

New members come to us with a variety of faith experiences and backgrounds as well as a variety of interests, passions, and schedules. Maybe you have been visiting us or other churches for a long time and are still wondering if this is a fit or the right time to make a commitment to join us formally. Or maybe you visited here a few times and knew right away this is your place.

In our effort to honor this diversity, we'd like to offer you a few options of continuing this conversation.

1.You can join as a member at any time. Complete the information form (attached or use the link) and return it to the office or to me. Reach out to me to schedule a time to meet. We can then welcome you as a new member on whatever Sunday you choose at your convenience.

2. The other option (or in addition to the first option) is to attend a new member gathering. This is a chance to meet with me and with other members and hear why they love their church and love to serve God here.

Our next gathering for new members is on Sunday, April 14th at 11:30-12:30 in Memorial Hall where coffee hour is. You would be received in church on Sunday, April 21st at 8am or 10:30am worship. We hope both options will give you a chance to meet some new friends, get some more information about us, and ask your questions.

To let us know you are interested, please complete this information form by using this link: <u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/</u> <u>e/1FAIpQLSeXM2pHU6Pnwd020Rpm-o8BV6-eWUoxPe2fxpZnBawImYe2-</u> <u>g/viewform</u>

Or you can contact the office for a paper copy.

We want to do whatever we can to support you in your spiritual journey here and in the community.

Please let me know where you are in your discernment and how I can support you. Call or email me anytime.

Baptisms: We offer baptisms during worship at the 10:30 service every other month. Our next date is **May 19**. 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 <u>administrator@unionucc.org</u>. The pastors will work with you if the scheduled dates are a conflict.

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.

Food and Toiletry Donations: You're invited to bring non perishable food and toiletry donations at anytime to help our local food bank. Place items in the shopping cart in the lobby. Needed items: cereal, soup, pasta/sauce, peanut butter/jelly, vegetables, fruit, toothpaste/brush, shampoo, deodorant, soap, baby items. Thanks!

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My Children: Ray, Dawn, Jen, & Jolene

Alex, Cade, Liam

The Christman Family

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Grandchildren: Carolyn, Alexa, Ethan, & Clay

Our Grandchildren

Grandchildren

Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

My sons: Darren and Jordan

Our Children & Grandchildren

Dorothy Reph







UPlifting Messages We have been collecting messages from each other every Sunday. May your hearts be lifted up. Happy Easter!

grateful for our welcoming church and celebrating becoming ONA giving thanks life's adventure and the beauty of the small things friendships made here at Union UCC the caring of our pastors for our church family I am glad you are here (someone said this to me at church and it warmed my heart.) God's love for you is greater than any pain you might feel. there is light, keep going smile God loves you thank you for supporting the YMCA warming station, it is critical slay the day queen! God heal the hearts of those who are sad and lonely sometimes the darkest nights are the bridges to the brightest tomorrows please pray for those with mental health struggles thank you to our UCC leaders learn how to love yourself the way God loves you, you are worthy feelings are like waves, no feeling is permanent, it will not last forever, it will get better choose love and peace you are enough your life may be the only bible somebody reads freedom of religion everywhere you matter i matter we matter in a world of turmoil and division know that God has a plan keep the faith God is love and will prevail kindness is everywhere thank you for being you music sparked my faith inside me what if you are right where you are supposed to be

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God is bigger than anything, with Him, all things are possible you do not know if you do not try give my daughters love that i didn't get be a kind person God is love, love is God for teachers giving their all every day for successful basketball games let go and let God believe in yourself and open yourself up to others pray for peace be true to yourself Be strong and courageous for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go - Joshua 1:9 be kind to yourself you got this when you're overwhelmed avoid looking at the big picture, instead, take baby steps and celebrate your success big and small you are not alone you are loved you are special you are not yellow starbursts, you are pink you are amazing and unique i am thankful for you and this time we share offer freedom for people to be who they are and love who they love without apology or fear just when you think there is no more hope and you are ready to give up, give it one more chance and God will give you a message and the strength you need thanksgiving and celebration for being welcomed spread love and kindness through the world loving your neighbor doesn't mean just those that live next to you, but are everywhere giving thanks for this church and feeling at home do not be afraid, I am with you always look up life is goo laughter is good for the soul soitis every day is a gift open it and enjoy it own your tomorrow never quit the team that keeps fighting for good and standing up for what's right don't lose hope you are loved we are better together UCC Neffs is welcoming

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God is love and He loves you have hope in the Lord and stay strong be kind and show grace to yourself you are stronger than you know, let God guide you God's always here for you no matter what every day brings new choices thinking of you makes God smile life has its ups and downs, life has its seasons, through it all, God is with you, even if you don't ask for help you never know much a small gesture can mean to others there are days when small acts of kindness helped me get through i am thankful to live in a country where we are free to express ourselves, without fear of reproach, punishment, or shame, a country where freedom really means free. we live by rules but those rules are meant to help and guide us for the good. God bless America have hope in the Lord and stay strong go with God and God will go with you you are loved kindness is free proud of you! dream God's dream love. no exceptions remember in the tough times it's not a bad life, just a bad moment you have so many gifts to share share them with the world one day is day one develop success from failures once you choose hope anything is possible hope for new beginnings, challenges & commitment Family Promise great work at getting students and families out of homelessness Jesus is our homie all the friendships we've made at church let the music raise you up we have such loving and supportive pastors and staff peace, love, and understanding come when we let God's light in our hearts open your hearts and mind, let his light enter you believe you can be anything grateful for the youth that remind me to plug in and refill my cup you are not alone you are loved i am busy counting my blessings you are enough

UPlifting Messages

you've got this smile it's free be kind grateful for our welcoming church and celebrating becoming ONA giving thanks for life's adventure I am glad you are here (someone said this to me at church and it warmed my heart.) God's love for you is greater than any pain you might feel. Be strong and courageous for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go - Joshua 1:9 God's love chases after you Jesus wants to walk with you through everything don't forget to pray be still and know that I am God like Bartimaeus, Jesus asks us, what do you want me to do for you? Tell him. rest in the arms of God this church loves you God grant me the serenity to accept the things i can't change, courage to change the things i can, and the wisdom to know the difference rise above the storm and you will find sunshine you're so loved, more than you can imagine don't let the past affect your future you are amazing just as you are God is good thank you Jesus for walking with me thanksgiving for all union ucc is doing with our youth impossible is for the unwilling if your wings are broken please take mine until yours can open too because I'm gonna stand by you yay! we're an open and affirming church officially! way to go seniors on youth sunday, you're awesome you are so loved love your neighbor so proud of union's wonderful youth under the mentorship of pastor kayli even in your darkest moments stars continue to shine you are stronger than you know you are beautiful and wonderfully made love one another spring flowers are popping up you are so loved