

# APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8am and 10:30am at church and online

I will bow down toward your holy temple in awe of you. -Psalm 5:7

**Sunday, April 6 – Lent 5**

**Sunday, April 13 – Lent 6 Palm Sunday**

**Thursday, April 17 – Maundy Thursday**

Potluck Supper, Worship & Communion (Basement Hall)

**Friday, April 18 – Good Friday**

Worship & Communion (Sanctuary & Online)

**Sunday, April 20 – Easter Worship & Communion**

6am Sunrise (Cemetery– NO Online)

8am & 10:30am (Sanctuary & Online)

Mimosas and Snacks with the Bunny on the Front Lawn After Church

**Sunday, April 27 – Easter Joy Continues**



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Join us on April 12, 2025 (rain date April 13) for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. All kiddos from infant thru age 10 are welcomed to participate

Please pre-register your children via the Google Form: <https://forms.gle/RHyCRckvL6APDHtr5>

OR the registration form in your weekly bulletins

Please register no later than April 6, 2025 \*REGISTRATION REQUIRED\*

### Easter Egg Hunt Donations!

Fellowship Committee can't do the egg hunt without your help. Please consider donating pre-wrapped candy to be put in plastic eggs.

**NO PLASTIC EGG DONATIONS PLEASE!!**

All donations needed by Sunday, April 6, 2025





# BREATHE

TUESDAYS  
ONCE A MONTH  
IN THE SANCTUARY

APRIL 8 AT 7PM

MAY 1 AT 7PM



*Catch your Breath  
...with God*

*Prayer \* Meditation \* Music \* Communion*

*Led by Ronl Gerry, Pastor Carrie,  
and Pastor Kris*

## Meditation and Prayer Gatherings by Zoom with Pastor Kris Snyder from Union UCC, Neffs Union UCC, Friends, and Penn Northeast Conference Community

Tuesdays 7-8pm  
April 22, May 6

Zoom Link: [https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87680378046?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87680378046?pwd=QmozYWJFemJOVENCdWJBbzRpbDVIUT09)  
pwd=QmozYWJFemJOVENCdWJBbzRpbDVIUT09  
Meeting ID: 876 8037 8046 Passcode: 954906

Share in readings, scripture, prayer practices like breath prayer and centering prayer, and meditation practices from the Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction, Buddhist, and Christian traditions.

Sign up with me at [PastorKris@unionucc.org](mailto:PastorKris@unionucc.org).  
You are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions, whatever your schedule allows.



### Mission Thank you from Allentown Warming Station

We hope this message finds you well. We wanted to take a moment to extend our gratitude to you to the congregation of Union UCC for your generous gift to the Allentown Warming Station last April. Your support means so much to us, especially during the coldest months, when the need is so great.

This season, we have seen a 18.38% increase in the number of individuals seeking shelter, and over 2,300 meals have already been served. The Y's Warming Station is committed to providing a safe and welcoming place for those facing homelessness, and just last week, we saw the highest number of occupants to date. With 60 beds available, we welcomed 70 guests, turning away no one. To accommodate this increased need, we implemented cots in the hallway to ensure everyone had a place to rest.

Thank you again for your critical support in making this possible. Your kindness is truly helping us continue to serve our neighbors in their time of need.

**Adult Faith Formation**  
**Classes with Pastor Kris and Pastor**  
**Carrie**

**Fridays from 9:30 to 11am April 25, May 2, May 9 (last class)**  
**Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15am April 27, May 4, May 11 (last class)**

Field Notes for the Wilderness:  
Practices for an Evolving Faith  
by Sarah Bessey

Sarah Bessey is an expert at faithfully stumbling forward. As a New York Times bestselling author and co-founder of Evolving Faith, the foremost community for progressive Christians, she has been trusted by thousands of people to pursue a reconstruction of faith centered on compassion, truth, and inclusion. Bessey has found a deeply underserved and underestimated remnant in the wilderness of Christianity who are still devoted to Jesus, deeply rooted in the Gospel, fascinated with Scripture, and committed to reimagining their faith.

Field Notes for the Wilderness guides us through multiple principles to live by for an evolving faith, including

- practicing wonder and curiosity as spiritual disciplines
- mothering ourselves with compassion and empathy
  - making space for lament and righteous rage
  - finding good spiritual teachers
- discovering what we are for in this life, and moving in that direction

In this groundbreaking and nurturing book, Bessey becomes a shepherd for our curiosity, giving us a table for our questions, tools to cultivate what we crave, and a blessing for what was—even as we leave it behind.



*Faith on Tap*  
**Wednesday, April 30**  
**6:30-8:30pm**

*Thanks Kornfeind's Market!*

**Korny's Tavern at Kornfeind's Market**  
**2228 Old Post Rd, Coplay**

**God. Conversation. Food & Drink.**

**What Can the Church Learn from Taylor Swift?**  
**Guest Leader: Rev. Kimberly Berenotto**  
Discover what Taylor Swift and her fans can teach the institutional church about cultivating community and authentic participation and engagement. Pastor Kim is the pastor of Longswamp UCC in Mertztown and also attended the Eras Tour.

**Park in the back of the store and enter from there.**  
**Cost: Your drink (alcohol and non-alcohol options)**  
**Complimentary Kornfeind's Food. Sign up if you can, or just join us.**

**SIGN UP HERE:**  
**<https://bit.ly/4iHjtRP>**

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

**Knitters and crocheters:**

We are looking for folks to make baby blankets to share with our families when they have a child baptized. Size around 32" by 32" and gender neutral colors like sage, white, yellow, and multi colors and must be soft. We also need a few larger ones every year for older children. Contact Pastor Kris if you are able to help with this ministry of wrapping our kids in Union UCC love!



## PNEC Ambassador Corner

### Keystone Conference News

The transition towards the Keystone Conference is in full swing. Town Hall meetings were held in March and April and much work is being done in preparation for the merger. One final step for approval will be when the proposal will be taken up this July by the UCC General Synod 35 in Kansas City, MO. I will communicate the results of that vote then.

In the meantime, here are some key points about how the financial situation will change after Keystone is ratified:

[Note: PNEC will not be a Conference anymore but will be an Association]

For **2025**, congregational and Individual gifts to OCWM funds stay in the PNEC and fund our staffing, programs. And support from Congregational or Individual gifts to *Friends of PNEC* for **2025** also stay in PNEC to support conference programming.

For **2026**, Congregational and Individual gifts to OCWM funds will go to the Keystone Conference for staffing, program and support; but Congregational and Individual gifts to *Friends of the Association* (was Conference) in **2026** will stay with PNE to provide funding for association programming and services.

Support for Committee on Ministry work in 2025 is supported by PNEC while support for Committee on Ministry work in 2026 is supported by the Keystone Conference

### ALSO – IN PNEC

We, Union UCC, will be hosting members of the PNEC at their Spring meeting on Saturday, May 3, 2025! Doug Brace and I will be Union UCC delegates to that meeting.

If you have any general Conference questions, please feel free to reach out to me, Janice Metzger, at [jemrenaissinc@aol.com](mailto: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.



## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**For the last few years the last Sunday for 8am worship was June communion Sunday.**

**This year, that date will be June 1. SO June 1 will be the last 8am worship service for the summer – resuming the Sunday after Labor day.**

**Starting June 8 – we will only have 10:30 worship for the summer.**



### 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 6—Christian Ed
- April 13—Mission Committee
- April 20—Easter Sunday
- April 27—Fellowship Committee

Monday, March 17, 2025, Consistory Actions:

These notes reflect items that needed action and approval by Consistory. Standing and routine items are reported by Committees and Staff throughout the newsletter. A complete copy of the Consistory minutes can be found in the church office.

- Request from Property & Maintenance to approve funds from FOLG for winter damage in the grove and for office furniture for Pastor of Visitation
- Request from Mission to approve funds from the Urffer Fund for Special Olympics, Bethany Children's Home, & Civic Theater Children's Camp and for funds from the Mattern Humanitarian Fund for Parkland CARES, Meals on Wheels, Lehigh Conference of Churches, Community Action of the LV, Second Harvest, Sixth Street Shelter & Victory House
- Church & Ministry requested approval for vacations for Pastor Kris - 5/31/25-6/7/25 and for Pastor Kayli - 7/28/25-8/3/25. They also requested approval for Susan Glosan becoming a Member in Discernment with PNEC for pursuing Ordination.
- Request from Financial Leadership Team to approve funds from the Mattern Music Fund for the bands for Faith and Food Trucks this summer and from the Non-designated Fund for start-up event costs for same

All of the above requests were approved unanimously.

### **From the Mission Committee**

#### **May Missions - Cereal - Cereal - Cereal**

The special mission project for the whole month of May is to collect boxed cereals for the Northern Lehigh Food Bank. Every Summer, the food bank provides extra kid's packs to the children of local food bank families, stuffed with peanut butter, jelly, soup, canned fruit, and lots of extra goodies. Each supporting church of the food bank provides certain goodies to make over 120 kid's pack.

This year, in addition to our normal goodies, Union UCC will be providing 2 extra boxes of cereal to each child. Our challenge to you is to fill the shopping cart and the foyer area of the church with CEREAL, all brands, all flavors, all box sizes. Our goal is to collect a minimum of 300 boxes of CEREAL, can we do this? YES, we can. Start shopping now and bring to church the whole month of May.

Each box of cereal goes a long way in providing nutrition to children during the summer months. You do make a difference. Thank you, the Mission Committee.

#### **Chemo Bag packing event**

Union UCC will hold a Chemo Bag packing event on Sunday April 27 after the 10:30 service in Memorial Hall. We held a successful event two years ago in honor of Veronica Fabian, so we decided to hold another packing event this year. The plan is to pack 200 Chemo Bags which will then go to patients in the Lehigh Valley area upon their first chemotherapy visit. Union UCC will provide the needed funds for the Chemo Bag organization to purchase all of the supplies needed to make 200 bags.

How can you help? Provide a financial donation to the Easter Mission offerings this month. Sign up to help on Sunday April 27, talk with John Fabian, Phil Wehr, or anyone on the Mission Committee. Look for more information in the bulletins the two weeks before Easter.

**From the Property Committee**

Spring is here, time to visit our church grove. Thousands of daffodils will be blooming soon for everyone to enjoy. Other flowers and trees will also be coming alive in the church grove and woods. Come and visit God's natural beauty during this special time of the year. Take a walk through the woods, sit on one of the benches or in the gazebo and re-energize your spirit, bring the kids for some fun on the swings and the playground., or have a simple picnic lunch. Our church grove and woods are here for everyone to enjoy.

Are you thinking of holding a special party in the church grove this summer? Start planning ahead by contacting the church office and talk with Marissa on dates that are available. Use of the grove facilities are for members of Union UCC, with a rental fee due upon reservation of the grove.

The grove is a great place for graduation and birthday parties, family reunions, baby and bridal showers or special events. Rental of grove is rain or shine.



*Creative Practices Group Meeting*

Bring your ideas, creativity, openness and any supplies you'd like to work with. No experience needed. This is non-judgmental space for creative exploration. The time can be spent in the way you need. No RSVP needed. Meets upstairs in Memorial Hall, Union UCC, Neffs.

Contact: Tara Herringer  
tara.herringer@gmail.com

APRIL 6  
MAY 4  
JUNE 8  
1-3pm

**creative**  
adjective — /kr'eɪvɪv/  
An ability to create something new, unique, and useful. Creativity will enhance the spirit and recollections of your life.



**GOD FIRST WEDNESDAYS and WEDNESDAY NIGHTS at Union**

God First Wednesdays  
Supper, Small Groups, Worship  
Wed, April 2 5:30-7:30pm

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS at Union**  
Adult Small Group on The Chosen  
(Season 4)  
April 2, 9, 16, & 23 (not 30)

Final God First Wednesday: May 7  
(potluck dinner)

**THE CHOSEN  
Wednesdays At Union**



WEDNESDAYS AT UNION

**THE CHOSEN**  
WEDNESDAYS IN APRIL  
6:00PM-7:30PM

Everyone is welcome to join us on Wednesdays during the month of April as we explore the stories of Jesus' life as depicted in the hit series **The Chosen**. In the fall, we focused on the first 3 seasons of the series. During April we will focus on Season 4.

Once the 4-week series is over, and you feel like you're wanting more, you can explore the series on Amazon Prime Video or at [thechosen.tv/en-us](http://thechosen.tv/en-us)



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**FUNDRAISER DETAILS**

**4688 A Broadway, Allentown, PA 18104**

**April 24, 2025 4PM - 8PM**

**If ordering online, please follow these instructions:**

- 1** Start your order at [order.redrobin.com](https://order.redrobin.com) and select the restaurant above.
- 2** In the menu, go to the category labeled "Fundraisers (To-Go Only)" and click on that item.
- 3** Click the "add" button, and then "add to bag."
- 4** Add your meal items and check out.
- 5** Arrive at Red Robin, come in, say hi, grab your food and be on your way! If your location has curbside pick-up, we can bring it to your car too!

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**FAITH FORMATION**  
FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES  
Contact: Tiffany Lakatosh  
Email: dired@unionucc.org

No Sunday School or Children's Church on April 20th.

# Mini Golf & Ice Cream Family Event

Saturday, April 26th at 1pm

Hillside Mini Golf  
3219 Cherryville Rd  
Northampton



Register at <https://forms.gle/BwkP2k88FgrbnXmr8>

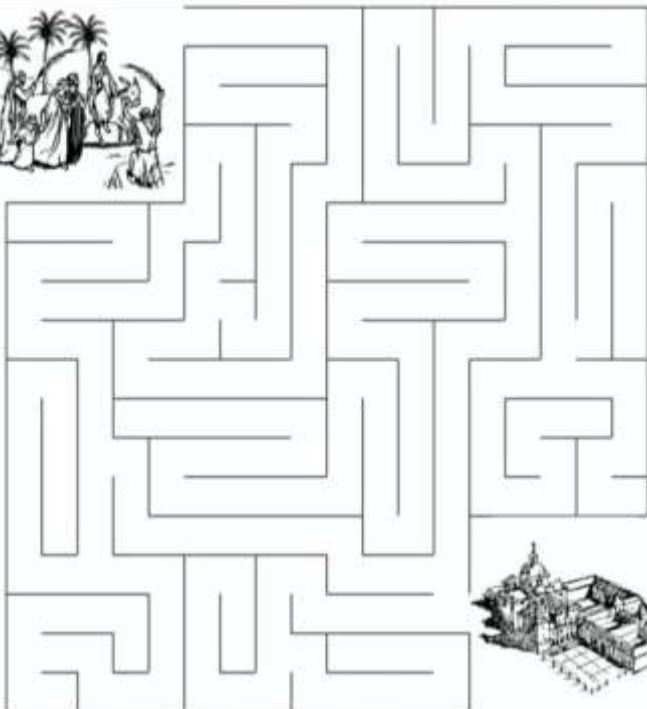


# First Communion Class

When: April 12, 2025  
Time: 11:30am-12:30pm



Register at <https://forms.gle/AudM7U3ftpAzzMFq6>



# VBS 2025

June 23-27 6pm-8pm

## MAKER FUNFACTORY

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Built for a Purpose

Volunteers and participants can register online at <https://vbspro.events/p/unionucc>





# Union UCC, Neffs Youth Group

"If you are always trying to be normal, you'll never know how amazing you can be." - Maya Angelou

April 2025 Edition

Pastor Kayli (pastorkayli@unionucc.org)

Thank you to all of the amazing youth that participated in Youth Sunday 2025! Your spirit, energy, and love of church has radiated and was felt by everyone! We are already looking forward to 2026!!!





Here's a paper copy you can hand to a pastor or mail to the church office.

Descriptions are at <https://www.unionucc.org/ministries-committees/>

Name:

Email:

Phone:

**Which Committees or groups are you interested in?**

**(Circle all that apply)**

Consistory

Christian Education

Welcoming

Fellowship

Worship

Financial Leadership Team

Mission

Property and Maintenance

Helping Hearts/Communion Ministers

Youth Group

Children's Ministry

Choirs and Worship Music

**Which volunteer opportunities are you**

**interested in? (Circle all that apply)**

Organizing the effort to sell Union UCC merchandise like shirts, hats, mugs, and pens.

Donating a baked good to a church event.

Newsletter Assembly (weekday)

Staying in touch/visiting with those who have health challenges or are unable to attend worship.

Volunteering at a grove event with set up, food serving, ticket sales, clean up.

Family Promise Volunteer - meals, hosting supper, overnight.

Or you have another idea?



## Relevant • Engaged • Growing

Our Leadership Planning Team (LPT) and Consistory continue to meet on the 3rd Monday of the month at Consistory meetings and on Saturday mornings about every other month.

In April we will be heading out into the community interviewing neighbors, businesses, agencies, schools, and more to learn about what they think our community's strengths and challenges are and how our church can support the community in new ways.

The Architect Team is getting close to revealing draft design plans for renovating the lobby, the south entrance canopy, and Memorial Hall.

Watch for a chance to see those plans soon!

Summer 2025 will host new events in our grove: Shakespeare in the Grove from DeSales and 3 Faith and Food Trucks events with bands, a message, kids activities, and food trucks.

Please talk to one of us if you'd like to join one of these teams or to learn more:  
Pastor Kris, Pastor Kayli, Pastor Carrie, Consistory Officers: Eric Minnich, Ron Pope, Janice Metzger, Marianne Kitzmiller, and the LPT/Consistory

Our next Feed My Starving Children Meal Packing Event will take place October 10-12. To achieve our goal of packing more than 100,000 meals we will need 500 volunteers and will have to raise \$30,000 to pay for the ingredients. Volunteer registration will begin in September and fund-raising efforts have already begun. Last year our meals went to support children in Ukraine. To support this event please reference our event number 2510-090MI for use the QR Code below.



## First Communion Class

When: April 12, 2025

Time: 11:30am-12:30pm



Calling All 1st Graders

(or 2nd thru 7th graders who haven't participated yet)

You are invited to join Ms. Tiffany and Pastor Kayli for our First Communion Class!

Saturday April 12, 2025

11:30am-12:30pm

We will gather in the Sanctuary

Please use the Google Form to register

RSVP no later than April 10, 2025

Sign Up Here: <https://forms.gle/Gc77xdW798Vd64h59>

Families and children are encourage to partake in their first communion at our Maundy Thursday worship opportunity. If you have questions please contact Ms. Tiffany ([dired@unionucc.org](mailto:dired@unionucc.org)) or Pastor Kayli ([pastorkayli@unionucc.org](mailto:pastorkayli@unionucc.org))



“Spring’s greatest joy beyond a doubt is when it brings the children out.”  
— Edgar Guest

The best thing to happen in the last month, according to Neffs’ students: We have been playing outside on the playground again! Our students (and teachers) are so happy to have warmer weather finally! The students took advantage of the last few really cold days by having an animal pajama party! Each class celebrated the culmination of their month-long animal explorations by bringing stuffed animals to school, wearing cozy pajamas, and doing special activities, like reading to and dancing with their stuffed animal guests!



The students in our Four-Year-Old Preschool Classes worked as a group to create very impressive Leprechaun traps last week! Unfortunately, the tricky leprechauns couldn’t be caught! Luckily, the students helped to get our classrooms back in order and their teachers rewarded them for their kindness!



PreK worked in small groups to create leprechaun traps.

They had to use SO many collaboration skills for this project! One of the funniest things I’ve heard all year was overheard during this class period. One of our cuties, when expressing their frustration with their teammate, said to me, “I did explain it all. I said the whole thing in my head!” If only we were all mind readers buddy! I was really impressed with and proud of this class for their hard work and maturity!



Our Three-Year-Old Preschool Classes created some lovely rainbow artwork this month! They

learned about rainbow order and learned a rainbow color song. They also had a blast playing in the Farmer’s Market dramatic play center that our teachers created! Our ‘play room’ was once again transformed for a few weeks! The students in all of the classes bought fruits and vegetables, flowers, seeds, egg, honey, and more! They took turns being the customers and also had the chance to be the market owners! The students used non-fiction books and seed catalogues to enhance their learning in the dramatic play area as well!



Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year is open! We have availability in both our Three Year Old Preschool Classes and our PreK Class. We also have just a few spaces left between both of our Four Year Old Preschool Classrooms. We will continue to take applications until our classes are full! If you, your family, or your friends are interested in enrolling a child and would like more

information please email us [preschool@unionucc.org](mailto:preschool@unionucc.org) or call the preschool office at 610-767-5327.

## UNION UCC'S OPEN AND AFFIRMING (ONA) STATEMENT

Adopted February 2024

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.



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**FREE VANCO MOBILE FAITH ENGAGEMENT APP** Look for Union United Church of Christ, Neffs, PA and register your information to contribute.

**VENMO** @unionuccneffs or QR code. Make a donation or pay for a fundraiser or event. Complete "What's this for?"

**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.

Contact John Harting (610-799-2508) or Don Penrod (610-972-8719) or Pastor Kris for questions or to discuss legacy and estate gifts to Union UCC.



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# COUNTRY SALE

## CHURCH & COMMUNITY WIDE YARD SALE

- Have Stuff that you want to get rid of?
- Purchase a Vendor Space: \$21
- One Space per family -- Spaces limited
- Vendors sell and keep profit
- Each space includes an area 15' wide x 15' deep
- \* Rain or Shine
- \* Breakfast, Lunch and Baked Goods will be sold
- \* Everyone is welcome!



**SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025**  
**8:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**UNION UCC,**  
**NEFFS GROVE**  
**5550 ROUTE 873, NEFFS PA**

If you have any questions or are interested in renting a space, please email Sheila Nagle, [ssnagle@ptd.net](mailto:ssnagle@ptd.net), or contact the church office, 610-767-6961.

Country Sale Space Reservation contracts may be found on the church web site [Unionucc.org](http://Unionucc.org), or you may pick one up in the church office. Set up: May 31 6:30am-8am



## UPCOMING HOSTING WEEK: May 18-25, 2025

serving children and families experiencing homelessness

### Every child deserves a home.

We need your help hosting families in our church building 4 weeks a year.

- Help with set up and tear down.
- Cook and deliver a supper one night during the week. (5:30-6pm)
- Visit with families, serve supper, and clean up. (5:30-9pm)
- Host overnight (In your own area 8:45pm-6:30am).
- Assist with food shopping during the week.
- Offer financial support through your church donations marked "Family Promise."



#### Why do I volunteer?

Jesus tells us to love God and to love our neighbors. This is a great way to do both while helping families get back on their feet.

~Kerry Snyder

Please contact Kerry Snyder (610) 737-7768 or Rosalie Snyder (610) 597-9302 with questions and to sign up. Other Steering Team members: Ralph and Connie Gioelli, Dennis Foster, Phil and Julie Wehr, Susan Glosan



Our blessings and prayers go to the friends and families of those who have passed.

Diane Solt passed on February 23, 2025. Services were held on February 27, 2025 at the Heintzelman Funeral Home.

Gloria Ringer passed on March 6, 2025. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at Fellowship Community (3000 Fellowship Dr., Whitehall, PA 18052) in the Zentz Community Center. Family and friends may pay their respects from 9:30-10:30 a.m. prior to the service. Interment will follow the service at Union Church Cemetery, Neffs

**Watch for new Summer events  
in the Grove!**

**SHAKESPEARE  
IN THE GROVE**  
FRIDAY, JUNE 13  
DeSales  
University

**FAITH & FOOD TRUCKS**  
5:30-8  
SUNDAY, JUNE 22  
SUNDAY, JULY 13  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

\*Live Music \*Featured Food Truck  
\*Kids Activities \*Prayer and a Message  
\*Cool Dessert Treats

**Another chance to invite friends & the community  
to enjoy our Grove!**

Sign up with Pastor Kris to volunteer. [pastorkris@unionucc.org](mailto:pastorkris@unionucc.org)  
Union UCC \* 5550 Route 873 \* Neffs

**From the Cemetery Commission**

**Part-time employment opportunities are available for caring for the Union Church Cemetery. Duties include the mowing of the cemetery property, weed eating around the memorials, preparing for and oversight of burials and cremations, prepare foundations for memorials, and general maintenance of cemetery grounds and property.**

**Candidates shall enjoy working outdoors, in all weather conditions, be familiar with lawn mowing equipment, be able to lift 50 pounds and perform light digging and raking of ground.**

**Please contact Union Church Cemetery secretary/treasurer Phil Wehr at 610-767-3657 for more information.**

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# Financial Report

Fiscal Year	Operating Fund	Designated Funds	Grand Total All Funds
7-1-2024	-\$4,682.00	\$29,197.00	\$24,515.00
Income	\$361,309.00	\$60,087.00	\$421,396.00
Expenses	\$327,949.00	\$57,675.00	\$385,624.00
2-28-2025	\$28,678.00	\$31,609.00	\$60,287.00

Designated Funds category includes offerings for NIN, Mother's Day, OGHS, Lenten, Advent, Improvement Fund, Flowers, Directory, Bulletins, Phoebe Campaign, & special gifts.

## Donate, Recycle and Help Your Church

As you are cleaning out closets and cabinets be sure to keep Union UCC in mind. Bring your donations at any time to the bin in our grove. The church receives a certain amount of money for each pound that is donated. Items that are usable are resold or recycled. You are also helping to save the amount of things that end up in a landfill by donating your items this way. Recycle Local's goal is to help agencies have 0% waste.

**Items accepted include: clean and dry clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, towels, drapes, pillow cases and stuffed animals. Place all items in plastic bags.** NO furniture, rags, pillows, toys, or household goods.

This is one more way to give and support the mission and ministry of God's church at Union UCC. Thank you.

**New Member Sessions** We encourage you to make a deeper commitment to your faith by joining us as a member. Contact Pastor Kris [PastorKris@unionucc.org](mailto:PastorKris@unionucc.org) to sign up. See page 14 for more information.

**Dual Member Status** Dual membership is available to people who wish to join our church but who want to also maintain membership at another church. Dual members will have the same rights and duties as a member. According to our Constitution members are required to commune and donate yearly. We look forward to continuing to welcome new members into the Christian journey with our faith family here at Union UCC.

**Baptism** We offer baptisms during worship at the 10:30 service every other month. Our next date is **Sunday, May 18, 2025**. There is a pre-baptism zoom session with a 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.

**Weddings** To begin the process of scheduling your pre-marriage sessions and wedding at church/a venue and/or with one of the pastors call the church office at 610-767-6961 or email Marissa Haney at [administrator@unionucc.org](mailto:administrator@unionucc.org).

There is information on our website, forms to complete are downloadable. More information on the site: <http://www.unionucc.org/resources> for New Member, Baptism, and Wedding forms.

**Room or Hall Use for Members** Members are now able to reserve the use of rooms in the church again. Contact Marissa in the office to see if your date is available, to complete the necessary forms, to learn the guidelines and process, and to pay the fees. One time use fees are \$60 plus a \$25 cleaning fee. We do not offer room use to non-members.