



— Union UCC —

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, May 18, 2025

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
Hannah and Ryleigh Minnich Sunday Set-up
Claire Puia, Miranda Brown Sunday Set-up
Bryce and Luke Thrash, Night Lock-up
Shelly & Ori Handwerk, Facility Caretakers

CONSISTORY OFFICERS

President: Eric Minnich, VP: Ron Pope, 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 the Offering plate.

Peace and love for each and every person, parents' health, Aunt's health, Kate & Ed's house to be restored, healthy pregnancy for daughter in law, recovery for my son in law from surgery, a friend with Parkinson's, prayers for our military, happiness as children embark on married life, health recover for mom, Suzanne & Annie, Donna and family on the loss Dave, Dan undergoing treatments, a mother with her health care issues, Jaden and his family, Brad receiving chemo, parents health, peace and love in this world

If you are in the hospital, please notify a pastor or the 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.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8am and 10:30am at church and online



Please SEND PASTOR KRIS or PASTOR KAYLI pictures of you and your loved ones making heart hands to use in worship on Sundays.
Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number... — Acts 2

May Worship

May 4- Confirmation Day
May 11- Mother's Day, Last Day of Sunday School and Children's Church
May 18- 10:30 Baptism
May 25- Memorial Sunday

June Worship

June 1- Communion
June 8- Graduate Sunday
June 15- Father's Day
June 22- 10:30 Semi-Annual Meeting
June 29- 10:30 Outdoor Worship in the Grove *Build Your Own Sundae Sunday * ONA Sunday



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June 1 will be the last 8am worship service for the summer. Starting June 8 we will only have 10:30 worship. 8am returns on September 7. Outside Worship in the Grove is at 10:30am on June 29 (Build Your Own Sundae Sunday), July 13 (Blessing of the Animals), July 27 (Christmas in July), August 10 (Church Picnic), August 24 (Last one!). Bring your favorite chair or blanket or enjoy a bench under the trees or a table under the pavilion.

Faith on Tap

Thursday, May 29
6:30-8:30pm



God. Conversation. Food & Drink.

Korny's Tavern at Kornfeind's Market

2228 Old Post Rd, Coplay

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/3YhviXg>



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

Thanks Kornfeind's Market!



Semi-Annual meeting

Dear Church Family,

I'd like to invite you to attend our Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 22, 2025 following the 10:30 AM service. This meeting's agenda will focus on the approval of the FY2025 Budget as well as a review of the audit report for the Funds of Lasting Gifts.

Your participation and engagement in this process supports our programs and mission while ensuring our financial vitality moving forward. Please take this opportunity to meet with our Financial Leadership Team and become informed.

The meeting will be held in person, but a Zoom option will be available to view the meeting (voting must be done in person). I look forward to seeing you on June 22nd and working together to better serve God and our greater community.

May God continue to bless our church family and those we serve.

Respectfully,

Eric Minnich

Consistory President

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84558856773?pwd=2bbjnv8Lvg7XDNIOjN3Njbu6sG8QAH.1>

Meeting ID: 845 5885 6773

Passcode: 123911

COUNTRY SALE **CHURCH & COMMUNITY WIDE YARD SALE**

Bakers - We need pies, cakes, cupcakes, cookies, muffins, brownies, fudge, bar cookies, snack mixes. We prefer items that don't need to be refrigerated. 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. Please drop off your items on Friday 9am-2pm in the grove stand or

Saturday by 9am. Use this link to sign up here: <https://bit.ly/4j121bJ>

Or contact Sherry Penrod slpbakes19@gmail.com or call the church office.

If you are interested in volunteering for a shift of an hour or more at the event, please contact:

Food Prep during week or Kitchen serve and sales at the event - Diane Schaller
dschaller59@gmail.com

Bake Sale Table - Sherry Penrod slpbakes19@gmail.com

Grill Guys - Scott Nagle ssnagle@ptd.net

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

UNION UCC,
NEFFS GROVE
5550 ROUTE 873, NEFFS PA



Summer events in the Grove!

FAITH & FOOD TRUCKS

FOOD TRUCKS 4:30-8 FREE MUSIC 5:30-8 PM

* Free Kids Activities and playground
*Prayer and a Message *Cool Dessert Treats for Sale

FRIDAY, JUNE 13 SHAKESPEARE IN THE GROVE <small>BY DESALES UNIVERSITY</small> 7-8PM Truck: Vince's Cheesesteaks 11am-8pm	SUNDAY, JUNE 22 VALERIE BORMAN TOOTSEE THE CLOWN AND FRIENDS Truck: Buns on the Go	SUNDAY, JULY 13 STEEL CREEK Truck: The Iron Grille Truck & The Udder Bar	SUNDAY, AUG 17 WOODSIDE AVENUE Truck: Grumpy's Food Truck
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Volunteers needed. Sign up here <https://bit.ly/3Y2paC1>
 or email pastorkris@unionucc.org.

*Bring a chair or blanket or enjoy our covered picnic area.

Union UCC * 5550 Route 873 * Neffs



Sight & Sounds - NOAH
Saturday November 1st
7:00 PM
by Perkiomen Tours
Departure Time:
2:00 pm at Neffs UCC
Return Time:
11:30 pm at Neffs UCC

Dinner at Hometown Kitchen, Quarryville, 1 hr. and 45 min to eat before the show departure at 5:45.

Cost: \$170.00 (adults) and \$130.00 children 12 and under, includes motorcoach transportation, family style lunch (Choice of One Salad, Two Meats, Three Vegetables, two Desserts Served with Vanilla Ice Cream, and Beverages), tax and gratuity for lunch and show. Includes Perkiomen Driver gratuity. Money due 7/22/25 - Need Minimum of 30 to have the trip. Checks should be made out to "Union UCC" or paid to the church venmo. Payment can be placed in Ron's mailbox across from pastors offices or given to the church office marked "Noah."

Questions and more details please contact
Ron Pope - ron.v.76@gmail.com or 484-695-9988

VENMO @unionuccneffs



Thank you Marissa Haney, Office Administrator:

We are sad to announce that Marissa, our office administrator has resigned. She has accepted a job at another company. We hate to see her leave us. She has been an awesome part of our staff and team for 6 years. But we wish her all the best in this new chapter of her career. She's also going to become a Grandmother in June!

Please come to church on Sunday, May 18th at 8am and 10:30am to thank her and wish her well. Congratulations and blessings, Marissa!

Marissa has graciously agreed to continue to help us during the transition while we do interviews. She will not be in the office during the day. We ask for your patience and prayers for the staff and our leaders as we move through this time of change. The job will be posted on Indeed.com. Please pray for our search and the person God calls to serve as our next team member too.

UCC Night at the Iron Pigs



In the Picnic Patio! **Included:** All-you-can-eat buffet & great seats
along the 3rd Base Line

Friday, June 20, 7:05 pm Doors open at 5:45 pm

Only \$30/person!

Stephen Kareha
@Stephen-Kareha

TO ORDER TICKETS OR FOR MORE INFO CONTACT
STEVE KAREHA.

717-514-8881 or s.kareha@gmail.com

ORDERS can be emailed or dropped at the church
office or in the offering plate but **MUST** be in an
envelope marked **Iron Pigs Tickets.**

Payments can be made by Cash, Check, or Venmo
(Make Checks Payable to Steve Kareha)



venmo

Bring your friends and family!

Open and Affirming (ONA) Team Update - Early 2025

It is amazing how quickly time goes by. One year ago in February 2024 is when Union became an ONA congregation! Thank you for your support as we take steps to show our community how we are ONA!

A reminder that being ONA is about opening our minds and hearts and including and accepting people that are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer (LGBTQ), as well as people that are of every age, gender, race, national origin, faith background, marital status, family structure, physical, cognitive, or emotional abilities, economic, educational, and social statuses, and political or cultural backgrounds. **EVERYONE!**

The ONA team would like to let everyone know that **Sunday, June 29th** will be **ONA Sunday** at Union. Join us for worship outside in the grove!

The team is also in the beginning stages of scheduling and organizing programming for the Fall and we look forward to sharing information about them as they are ironed out and get closer.

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Are you ready to join the fight against hunger?

If so join us in October as we pack more than 100,000 meals!

Our next Feed My Starving Children Meal Packing Event will take place October 10-12th. To achieve our goal we will need 500 volunteers and will have to raise \$30,000 to pay for the ingredients. Volunteer registration will begin in September and the fund-raising efforts have already begun. Last year our meals went to support children in Ukraine. To support this event please use the QR Code below, visit <https://give.fmssc.org/lehigh> or make checks out to FMSC and include our event number 2510-090MI.



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



Dates: Thursdays June 5th through September 25
Time: 6-7pm

Things to bring: yoga mat, a beach towel, water, strap and blocks(optional)

Payment: \$8 drop in (with a portion of proceeds given back to the church)

Preferred payment links: Venmo: sharon-schnyder OR PayPal: paypal.me/sharonschnyder however cash or check will be accepted as well.

Classes will be held rain or shine as we have access to the covered pavilion. I will however notify you on my blog (1asanamama.blogspot.com) and Facebook page if I need to cancel class for any reason.

Youth Group Goes Mini-Golfing!



All Youth & Friends (grades 6th thru 12th) are invited to join us as we "take-on" Rolling Hills Recreation for some mini-golf and ice cream after. We'll meet at to play, and enjoy some ice cream when we're done playing!

Please RSVP by May 15 if possible

When: May 17, 2025 **Time:** 3pm **Where:** Rolling Hills Recreation
 (4565 Spring Hill Dr, Schnecksville, Pa 18078)

Sign-Up Here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F48AEAD2BA2FE3-56173050-ygmini>

YAT Summer Lunch

All Youth (6th thru 12th grade) are invited to join us for our End of School Y.A.T. Summer Lunch! We'll eat some yummy foods, maybe some special treats, and tons of fun.

When: June 8, 2025

Time: 11:30am-1:00pm

Where: Youth Room

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F48AEAD2BA2FE3-56189076-yatsummer>





Graduating in 2025?

Let us celebrate your accomplishments!

If you're graduating from High School, College, Grad School, or BEYOND...we want to celebrate you!

Submit your information via the Google form below or the information form in your bulletin. Then join us in worship on June 8, 2025 to honor you! Google form: <https://forms.gle/pcpHdnAsM7uNypM17>

VBS 2025

JUNE 23-27 6PM-8PM
DINNER AVAILABLE AT 5:30PM



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



Those Interested in volunteering and those signed up to volunteer are invited to join us for a meeting on March 9th after the 10:30 service in the Youth Room.

KIDVENTURE SPRING & SUMMER

May 25th to August 31st

During the 10:30am service, children are warmly invited to join Ms. Tiffany and friends on an inspiring adventure to discover the wonderful teachings of God and Jesus.

FAMILY PIZZA & GAME NIGHT



June 11th
6pm-8pm



To register, visit <https://forms.gle/h25imSdundpLVTEUA> or scan the QR code.

UNDUE
Medical Debt

PASTOR KRIS IS TURNING 60!

I'm throwing a party and you're invited!

Here's the catch ~ It's a Fundraiser

Help me fulfill my dream of erasing medical debt. Over 100,000,000 adults nationwide have medical debt that negatively impacts their lives.

For pennies on the dollar we can change this!

**Every \$10 donated relieves \$1,000 on average of medical debt
for people in financial need.**

Lehigh Valley churches did this last year and raised \$25,000
and erased \$3 million worth of debt.

Learn more about the agency's work at: unduemedicaldebt.org

AUGUST

9

5PM -8PM

KORNFEIND'S MARKET

2228 OLD POST RD, COPLAY
PARK IN THE BACK

- Food & Drinks
- Raffle
- Music

ABSOLUTELY NO BIRTHDAY PRESENTS ALLOWED!

RSVP BY JULY 27

SIGN UP HERE to attend:

<https://bit.ly/4dIP0re>

Questions?

pastorkris@unionucc.org

Donate Here - NOTE: "Medical Debt"

Venmo @unionuccneffs

OR <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z51X/home>

choose: Medical Debt Fundraiser

OR cash or checks to "Union UCC"

OR donate at the event.



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

You Belong Here! Welcome home to Union UCC!

New Member Information 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 using 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, May 18th at 11:30-12:30 in Memorial Hall where coffee hour is. You would be received in church on Sunday, May 25 or June 1 at 8am or 10:30am worship.

To let us know you are interested, please complete this information form by using this link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeXM2pHU6Pnwd020Rpm-o8BV6-eWUoxPe2fxpZnBawlmYeZ-g/viewform>

Or you can contact the office for a paper copy.

4-6:30 pm

Becky
and the
Beasts

BLUES NITE OUT

**Saturday, August 23
4-10pm**

Union UCC Grove, Neffs

All of the favorite foods will be back!

*Bands sponsored by:
Henry Lumber Co*

The Law Offices of Steckel and Stop

7-10 pm

Sarah
Ayers

& James
Supra

Baptisms: We offer baptisms during worship at the 10:30 service every other month. Our upcoming date is **May 18 2025**. 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.

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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