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NNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, May 4, 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.

kindness, acceptance, tolerance and love, Jackie starting chemo, Sheila whose son just passed, a good friend having open heart surgery, Jillian as treatments continue, Bruce for a speedy recovery, Don for a pain free recovery, sister for peace and healing, daughter for wisdom and peace, Uncle Mark who passed, Parents' health, Aunt's health, peace and love for each and every person, Kate & Ed's house to be restored, healthy pregnancy for daughter in law, recovery for my son in law from surgery, Prayers for Rich, Rick, Tim, and Mike, Shirley, Elaine, father having open heart surgery, a friend who recently lost her mother and brother, a friend with Parkinson's, prayers for our military and for happiness as children embark on married life, health recover for mom

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.

GOD FIRST WEDNESDAYS God First Wednesdays Supper, Small Groups, Worship Wed, May 7, 5:30-7:30pm Final God First of the Year Pot Luck Meal

Adult Faith Formation Classes with Pastor Kris and Pastor Carrie
Fridays from 9:30 to 11am April 25, May 2, May 9 (last class)
Sunday from 9:15- 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.



Summer Coffee Hour



Sundays after 10:30 worship.
Stop by the lobby (Grove on Outdoor
Worship Sundays) for some cool
lemonade, juice, water, and a snack and
visit with friends and pastors.

Anyone is welcome to bring fruit, baked goods, or snacks to share anytime!





PNEC Ambassador Corner

Keystone Conference

The Keystone Working Group is working on the transition from (4) Conferences in the Keystone Conference. Details on governance, staffing, budget, communication and processes for the General Synod vote in July are being finalized. You can learn more in the May newsletter or visit https:// psec.org/keystone/.

ALSO - IN PNEC

We, Union UCC, will be hosting the Spring meeting of the PNEC 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 & 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.



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-(mqò
- 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."



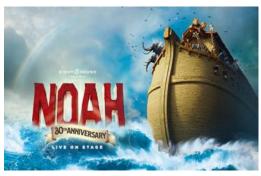
Why do I volunteer?

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



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: \$168.00 (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. The cost does not include Perkiomen Driver gratuity, suggestion is to give a few extra dollars added to the cost for 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



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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.

May 6: "Preschool Fun and Games" (Last gathering until Fall)

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)

Bring your friends and family!

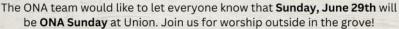


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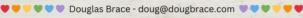
Open and Affirming (ONA) Team Update - Early 2025

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 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.







Are you ready to join the fight agaist hunger? If so join us in October as we pack more than 100,000 meals!

Out 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.fmsc.org/lehigh or make checks out to FMSC and include our event number 2510-090MI.



We are also partnering with The Red Tomato Pizzeria to raise funds for our meal packing event.

From when they open Friday May 9th until they close Sunday May 11th The Red Tomato will donate a portion of all 📞 610-398-8999 sales to help us reach our fund-raising goal. Please consider supporting our



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info@theredtomatopizzeria.com

event by ordering and help spread the word to friends and family. Each FMSC meals costs 29 cents so each dollar raised goes a long way. (Third parties such as DoorDash, Uber Eats, ect. Not included.)



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



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 Takes on Rolling Hills Recreation Saturday May 17, 2025 Q 3:00pm

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

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Y.A.T. Summer Lunch
June 8, 2025
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Youth Room



SATURDAY, MAY 10TH



4-6PM

REGISTER USING THE QR CODE OR VISIT HTTPS://M.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/#I/SHOWSIGNUP /10C0F4DACA723A7FC1-56048918-NERF



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.

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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.

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.lv/4i121bJ

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

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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 BY DESALES UNIVERSITY 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

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.

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TUESDAYS
ONCE A MONTH
IN THE SANCTUARY

MAY 13 AT 7PM



Catch your Breath ...with God

Prayer * Meditation * Music *Communion

Led by Roni Gerry, Pastor Carrie, and Pastor Kris





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 activites, 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

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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