



— Union UCC —

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, June 8, 2025

Rev. Kris Penrose Snyder, Senior Pastor
Rev. Kayli L. Freeman, Associate Pastor
Tiffany Lakatos, 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, a mother with her health care issues, Jaden and his family, parents health, peace and love in this world, a grieving husband on the passing of his wife, Brad with cancer, Family promise families, April undergoing cancer treatments, , In memory of Sherol, Dorothy, David, Susie and Barbara with health issues, Dawn on the loss of brother, Jamie, Jenn, and Thomas on the loss of a friend, Our Country, Deb for a successful surgery & recovery, Brad, Robbie, Husband's recovery & strength, Sister and brother-in-law for strength and healing, Daughter for strength and healing, Lucas and Stella, Dan undergoing cancer treatments, Celebrating graduates, Memory of Sherol and April, Co-workers facing employment uncertainties as a result of federal funding, Cheri for a good medical outcome, A loving friends mother battling a brain tumor

Congrats and Blessings

To Allison Fella and Christopher Ignatz who were married on June 7, 2025. Grandparents are Jim and Edie Fella.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE AT CHURCH AND ONLINE

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.

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

OGHS

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is one of four special offerings of the United Church of Christ. This annual special offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the United Church of Christ within Our Churches Wider Mission (OCWM).

You can make a difference. Your generosity makes all the difference. Your gifts to OGHS provide immediate aid and long-term support to people experiencing hunger, thirst, disaster, or crisis around the world.

Build Your Own Sundae

June 29, 2025

Join us after 10:30am worship
in the Grove

Hot dogs, Snacks, Ice Cream
& ALL THE TOPPINGS

Sponsored by: Welcoming Committee





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 FY2026 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

*See budget on page 6

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



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

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| <p>FRIDAY, JUNE 13 SHAKESPEARE IN THE GROVE BY DESALES UNIVERSITY 7-8PM Truck: Vince's Cheesesteaks 11am-8pm</p> | <p>SUNDAY, JUNE 22 VALERIE BORMAN TOOTSEE THE CLOWN AND FRIENDS Truck: Buns on the Go</p> | <p>SUNDAY, JULY 13 STEEL CREEK Truck: The Iron Grille Truck & The Udder Bar</p> | <p>SUNDAY, AUG 17 WOODSIDE AVENUE Truck: Grumpy's Food Truck</p> |
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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!

We thanked her in worship on Sunday, 18th. 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.

If you know of someone who might be interested in the position have them apply through Indeed.com.

UNION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Neffs, Pennsylvania

Anticipated Income for July 2025 thru June 2026

Contributions, Current and Benevolent:

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| General (Weekly Envelopes and Plate) |
| Improvement Fund |
| Communion |
| Mission and Outreach |
| Lent and Good Friday |
| Harvest Home, Thanksgiving and Christmas |
| Program Income |
| Preschool Contribution |
| Miscellaneous (Building Donations, Interest) |
| Fundraisers |
| Special Gifts / Reserve Fund |
| Funds of Lasting Gifts |

Income Budget

| 2024-2025 fct | 2025-2026 |
|---------------|-----------|
| \$379,490 | \$392,500 |
| \$8,840 | \$8,500 |
| \$7,370 | \$7,000 |
| \$10,780 | \$7,500 |
| \$2,130 | \$2,500 |
| \$16,380 | \$17,500 |
| \$4,460 | \$3,900 |
| \$900 | \$1,800 |
| \$13,090 | \$12,800 |
| \$15,810 | \$15,000 |
| \$30,870 | \$62,900 |
| \$24,830 | \$38,500 |

Total Income Budget

\$514,950 \$570,400 **\$570,400**

Anticipated Expenses for July 2025 thru June 2026

Facilities and Office Equipment

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| Church Building / Property |
| Office Equipment |

| 2024-2025 fct | 2025-2026 |
|---------------|----------------|
| \$82,820 | \$82,600 |
| \$5,985 | <u>\$6,403</u> |

\$89,003

Employee Salaries

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| Pastor |
| Financial Manager |
| Church Office Administrator |
| Visitation Pastor |
| Interim Coach and Consultant |
| Minister of Faith Formation |
| Marketing Support |
| Associate Pastor |
| Minister of Music |
| Nursery Attendant |
| Instrumental Director |
| Instrumental Asst Choir Director |
| Facility Caretakers |

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| \$99,380 | \$102,359 |
| \$21,640 | \$22,399 |
| \$33,480 | \$37,126 |
| \$21,640 | \$24,683 |
| \$0 | \$0 |
| \$21,890 | \$22,566 |
| \$0 | \$0 |
| \$54,150 | \$55,778 |
| \$28,390 | \$29,245 |
| \$0 | \$0 |
| \$2,250 | \$0 |
| \$3,450 | \$5,700 |
| \$20,660 | <u>\$28,395</u> |

\$328,250

Employee Expenses

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| Health Insurance (net of Pastor's contributions) |
| FICA |
| Pension Dues |
| Miscellaneous |

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| \$25,740 | \$27,957 |
| \$24,450 | \$25,981 |
| \$22,460 | \$22,139 |
| \$7,020 | <u>\$9,885</u> |

\$85,962

Mission and Outreach

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| OCWM |
| Phoebe |
| Lancaster Seminary |
| Bethany |
| Five for Five |
| Lehigh Co. Conf. of Churches |
| Northern Lehigh Food Bank |
| Mission Discretionary |

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| \$7,400 | \$7,400 |
| \$4,770 | \$4,770 |
| \$1,075 | \$1,075 |
| \$240 | \$240 |
| \$600 | \$600 |
| \$1,200 | \$1,200 |
| \$1,200 | \$1,200 |
| \$310 | <u>\$300</u> |

\$16,785

Leadership

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| Gifts / Materials / Golden Times |
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| \$3,600 | <u>\$3,500</u> |
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\$3,500

Programs

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| Worship |
| Education |
| Fellowship and Evangelism |
| Flowers / Bulletins |

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| \$7,890 | \$10,850 |
| \$9,410 | \$11,150 |
| \$5,460 | \$6,000 |
| \$1,600 | <u>\$3,500</u> |

\$31,500

Office Expenses

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| <u>\$16,620</u> | <u>\$15,400</u> |
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\$15,400

Total Operating Expenses

\$536,780 \$570,400 **\$570,400**

Total Income less Expenses

(\$21,830) \$0

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.



DRIZZLE



Ice Cream

**5040 ROUTE 873
SCHNECKSVILLE**

FUNDRAISER AT DRIZZLE ICE CREAM

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

12NOON TO 9PM

EAT ICE CREAM ALL DAY!

15% of all sales will raise funds for the Breakfast Bunch summer breakfast/lunch program for kids in Slatington at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Drizzle offers Kreider's Hand Dipped Ice Cream (Lancaster County), soft serve, Flavorburst (soft serve), Italian Ice, and Penn State Creamery Ice Cream. Sundaes, milkshakes, & banana splits too!





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.

Look for these opportunities to return in September:

Breathe – a monthly service of prayer, scripture, music, singing bowls, Communion, and a quiet chance to catch your breath.

Labyrinth Walks – at various times, open houses to stop by and retreat mornings or evenings.

Faith on Tap – a night of God, Food, and Drink at Kornfeind's Tavern with church and community friends.

God First Wednesdays - the first Wednesday night of the month 5:30-7:30pm is a time to put God first with activities for everyone, includes supper to start and a closing time of worship.

Adult Education Classes on Friday mornings 9:30-11am and Sunday Morning 9:15-10:15am

Golden Times for Senior Adults

Sunday School during Education Hour on Sundays at 9:15 for all ages

Confirmation Class

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.

♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥ Douglas Brace - doug@dougbrace.com ♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥



Step Into Serving At Union UCC
We're in this together.



Find opportunities at:

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

Or contact a pastor, staff member, or the church office.

- Looking for meaning and purpose?
- Wanting to put your faith into action?
- Hoping to make a difference in the lives of others?

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 SUMMER

May 25th to August 31st

During the 10:30am worship 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.

Thank you to our team for finishing our community needs assessment interviews.
We learned so much and can't wait to find new ways to be the church in our community!
Over the Summer, this information will be reviewed along with the mapping information
we received from our consultant and we will work on integrating it with our marketing
plan and case statement for visioning and implementing ministry and mission goals.

After 2 years of work, we are taking a break from the major pieces of the Leadership
Planning Team process for a sabbath rest and to honor the challenging time we are in.
We have postponed doing a feasibility study for renovating Memorial Hall from the Fall
of 2025 until sometime in 2026. Continue to pray for God's guidance and blessing as we
seek to be relevant, engaged, and growing here in Neffs.

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, October 19th at 11:30-12:30 in Memorial Hall where coffee hour is. You would be received in church on Sunday, October 26th 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 next dates are **July 20, 2025 and September 21, 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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