



**November 16th, 2025**

**Generosity Sunday**

**GUESTS,** Welcome to our faith community. To learn more about us please visit our website at [www.unionucc.org](http://www.unionucc.org) or like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/unionneffs](https://www.facebook.com/unionneffs). Let us know you're here by completing the Welcome Card in the racks in front of you.

### **Vision Statement**

UNION UCC: RELEVANT, ENGAGED, and GROWING

### **Mission Statement**

Our church is a diverse family of believers, spiritually united in Christ, rooted in a rich heritage and growing with vitality into the future. We proclaim God's word, nurturing and inspiring dedicated Christian discipleship through worship, education, pastoral care, fellowship, and outreach within our community and the world.

***No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here.***

***Union UCC is an Open and Affirming (ONA) Community.***

Lay Readers: 8 am– Rosalie Snyder 10:30 am– Dan Topp  
Ushers: 8 am– Connie Gioielli, Dixie Gross, Debbie Romig  
10:30 am– Donna Christman, Gloria Toner, Deb Wenner, Doug  
Brace, Marianne Kitzmiller, , Brian Horwith, Maryann Puia,  
Greeters: Dale & Maria Brace, Gene & Christina Thrash  
Sound: Pat Sorg

## **Prelude Music**

All Creatures of Our God and King  
Ralph Vaughan Williams  
**Blake Hoppes, piano**

## **Welcome to Union UCC! Welcome & Announcements**

**We often share parts of worship responsively.**

**Phrases in Bold = All Read**

**Phrases NOT in bold = Leader**

## **Call to Worship**

One: We join together, each with different needs.

**All: God meets every need with blessing.**

One: We join together, each with different gifts.

**All: God welcomes every gift as blessing.**

One: We have come together to dream God's dream.

**All: No gift is too small, no dream is too big. Amen.**

## **Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

One: Jesus' generosity at the table grounds our community and our connection. He welcomed all and shared equally with all, even with those who would eventually betray him. As we strive to follow him, we so often fall short of an inclusive community. How can we dream God's dream if we are missing people at the table? In this time of reconciliation, we invite God to welcome us all again.

**All: Gracious God, we know that only when everyone has a seat at the table, can we glimpse your dreams for us as a church community. Forgive us when we think some gifts are better than others or when we leave people behind. Bring us together again in generosity and hope. Amen.**

One: Jesus offered his body, so that we might be the body of Christ. In his gift, all of our gifts are blessed. In God's great love, we are free to dream again. Amen.

## **Song**

Spirit, Fill Me    Parmeter Dyer  
Sing! Prayer and Praise    #4

**Spirit come, and fill me,  
Fill me with your peace,  
Fill me with your joy and your love.  
Spirit come and show me,  
Show me how to care,  
Show me how to share your light.**

### **Greeting**

**Peace be with you!  
Let us pass the peace of Christ with one another.**

**\*Please rise in body or spirit to greet each other and for the first song.**

**\*Hymn #495 Called as Partners In Christ's Service  
Black Hymnal/New Century Hymnal**

**Called as partners in Christ's service,  
Called to ministries of grace,  
We respond with deep commitment  
Fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing  
Side by side and friend with friend,  
Equal partners in our caring  
To fulfill God's chosen end.**

**Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,  
Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
Let us follow, never faltering,  
Reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and women, richer, poorer,  
All God's people, young and old,  
Blending human skills together  
Gracious gifts from God unfold.**

**Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,  
In a small or global sense,  
Help us bear each other's burdens,  
Breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision,  
Words of challenge, said with care,  
Bring new power and strength for action,  
Make us colleagues, free and fair.**

**So God grant us for tomorrow  
Ways to order human life  
That surround each person's sorrow  
With a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living,  
Our compassion to increase,  
Messengers of faith, thus giving  
Hope and confidence and peace.**

**Please be seated.**

**Sundays at 10:30am: Worship Children's Church** for ages 3-grade 5. Kids start in worship with their family and are invited forward for a children's time. They then leave with Ms. Nikki and return before worship is over. They will return to worship before it's over and if not, please pick up your children in Room 100. If you want your child to stay in worship with you, please let them know.

**Song:** Go, Make a Difference      Angrisan/Tomaszek  
Sing! Prayer and Praise #199

**Go make a difference.  
We can make a difference.  
Go make a difference in the world.  
Go make a difference.  
We can make a difference.  
Go make a difference in the world.**

**Also on Sundays 9:15-10:15 am**, ages 3 to grade 7. Kids are invited to the Education Hour with Ms. Nikki and Leaders.

**Watch for God First Wednesdays and other events too!**

**8:00 & 10:30 Music Offering:** We Are Convinced  
Words based on Phillipians 1:6  
Words & Music by Mark Hayes  
**Heritage Choir & Horizon Choir**

### **Scripture**

Prayer: God brings us together in word. We are grateful to be part of  
God's story. God brings us together in stewardship. We are  
grateful to be part of God's community.  
God brings us together in a vision for the future. We are grateful to be  
part of God's dream. Amen.

## **1 Corinthians 11: 23-26**

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

### **SONG**

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love    Scholtes  
Gold Hymnal #677

**We are one in the spirit we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the spirit we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**Message    Pastor Kris**

**Prayers of the People**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **SONG**

How Great Thou Art    Hine  
Gold Hymnal #2 Hymns for the Family of God

### **CHORUS**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;  
How great Thou art,  
How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;  
How great Thou art,  
How great Thou art!**

# NEWS ABOUT THE MINISTRY AND MISSION OF GOD'S CHURCH AT UNION

## Dreaming God's Dream Moment from our Financial Leadership Team : John Harting

**Music Offering:** All Hail the Power      Tune: Coronation, Oliver Holden  
**Blake Hoppes, piano**

### Invitation to the Offering

In church, we pass the offering plate like we pass the bread and cup. We give what we can to the plate, and we receive everything from the bread and cup. They both sustain our community. We celebrate every gift today as this morning's offering is received.

**Ambassadors (everyone!):** Share our news, events, and spirit on social media and with your friends, family, and neighbors.

That's what keeps us relevant, engaged, and growing!

**Watch for Union UCC merchandise soon!**



Thank you for all the ways that you help us make God's dream a reality at Union UCC.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING** <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z51X/home> or **QR code**. Single or ongoing donation with credit/debit card. Help with fees if you can.

**FREE Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app.** Look for our church Union United Church of Christ, Neffs, PA and register your information to contribute.

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

**Cash or checks to "Union UCC"** Place in Sunday's offering plate with a member offering envelope or guest envelope (in the seat racks).

Please reach out to Don Penrod or Pastor Kris if you have questions or if you'd like to learn more about other giving options or legacy gifts to Union.

Electronic Giving



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Venmo



### \*Offering Response

A Thousand Amens    Tim Timmons

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly Host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost**

**Unfailing love comes with the morning  
It's Your faithfulness we sing at night  
It's Your kindness Lord that leads to our healing  
All glory to our maker and a thousand amens.**

### **Dedication to God of our Generosity**

Holy God, you are the head of our table, and we are grateful for all your gifts. Use what we have shared today to further your dream of a table wide enough for all. Amen.

### **Benediction**

May God, the author of community;  
Christ, the giver of all good gifts, and the Holy Spirit,  
the inspiration of our dreams, go with you. Amen.

**\*Hymm** Dream God's Dream      Sirchio

#### **CHORUS**

**Dream God's dream**

**Holy Spirit, help us dream...**

**Of a world where there is justice, and where everyone is free**

**To build and grow and love**

**And to simply have enough**

**The world will change when we dream God's dream**

**I'm dreaming of a world where the color of one's skin**

**Will mean less than what's within the person's heart**

**A world where water's clean, and where air is safe to breathe**

**And every child born has enough to eat.**

**(Chorus)**

**I'm dreaming of the call God is offering to me**

**How to use my energy and my best gifts**

**To do the work of Christ -- to say, God please use my life**

**To spread Your healing love -- and to live your Truth**

**(Chorus)**

**I'm dreaming of the way that I want my life to go**

**I've got hopes and I've got goals I'd like to meet**

**I'm reaching for the stars, but I won't forget the scars**

**Of Christ who died to show that the Dream's for all...**

**(Chorus)**

**Postlude Music:** Waltz Op. 64 No. 2 in C# minor    Frederick Chopin  
**Blake Hoppes, piano**

# EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

| Offering<br>(e-giving, envelopes, and plate)                            |               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Last Week                                                               | \$11,550.00   |
| <i>Calendar Year 2025 (Jan-October)</i>                                 | \$300,763.00  |
| <i>Calendar Year 2024 (Jan.-October)</i>                                | \$320,290.00  |
| Change from Last Year                                                   | -6.1%         |
| Budget FY 2025-2026 ( <i>July-October</i> )                             | \$ 118,500.00 |
| Actual Fiscal Year-to-Date ( <i>July-October</i> )                      | \$113,985.00  |
| Difference in Giving vs. Budget                                         | -3.8%         |
| <i>Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes</i> |               |

| Attendance Last Week |    |
|----------------------|----|
| 8 AM                 | 56 |
| 10:30 AM             | 97 |
| Online Views         | -  |
| Sunday School        | 9  |
| God First            | 30 |
| Faith on Tap         | 38 |
| Breathe              | 8  |

| 2025 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank: |                         |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Last Week:                                       | 115 lbs<br>\$125        |
| YTD                                              | 4,415 Lbs<br>\$1,460.00 |

Neighbors in Need: \$630.00

## Presentations to the Glory of God

**In Memory of Rick Morehouse  
by Rich & Barbara Carinci**

**Good News Sponsor**– for \$20 help us cover the costs of advertising on social media, mailings, and local papers.

**Children's Bulletin Sponsor**– for \$8 cover the cost of bulletins for children. Send to Union UCC through your offering envelope or online marked Spread the Good News or Children's Bulletin. Contact Sarah to sign up for a certain date or to sponsor in honor or memory of someone.