



February 8th, 2026
Souper Bowl Sunday and Tailgate Lunch
Scout Sunday
Jazz Ensemble

GUESTS, Welcome to our faith community. To learn more about us please visit our website at www.unionucc.org or like us on Facebook at 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.***

Lay Readers

8 am– Michael Roth; 10:30 am– Pastor Kayli

Greeters

Nancy Jones, Eric Minnich, Gene & Christina Thrash

Ushers

8 am- Kerry Snyder, Tom Anderson, Larry Todd, Lorie Hackett

10:30 am- Janice Metzger, Julie Johnson, Karen Nuschke,
Ralph & Connie Gioielli, Carol James

Sound

Doug Albert

Welcome to our Scout Pack #57 of Union Lutheran and Union UCC!

We have amazing Cub Scouts in Pack 57 and Boy Scouts in Troop #57. Kids from both churches and the community are welcome. Reach out to our leaders for Cub Scout Pack #57, Greg Kuklinski (Committee Chair) and Chuck Albert (Cubmaster) at neffspack57@gmail.com

You can reach out to our Troop #57 leaders, Cory Grover (Committee Chair) and Jeff Phillips (Scoutmaster) at neffstroop57@gmail.com if you are interested in more information. Cub Scouts are for kids in K-5th grade and Boy Scouts from 6th grade to Age 18)

Prelude Music

I Keep Falling in Love with Him Lanny Wolfe

**Jazz Ensemble Blake Hoppes- Piano, Mike Baer- Guitar,
Malcolm MacKenzie- Bass, Andy Hill – Trumpet, Garet Hill – Alto Sax.**

Welcome to Union UCC! Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

We are called to bring a new understanding of God:
that God so loves the world.

We are the salt of the earth.

We are called to bring a new hope in God:
that God gives us new life.

We are the light of the world.

We are called to follow
the commandments and the law.

**The Law of God is to love God
and to love one another.**

Come, let us be the salt of the earth,
the light of the world.

**Come, let us love one another
with the love of God.**

**Let us join together in our love of God
to worship and follow Jesus.**

~ written by Rev Mindi, and posted on **Rev-o-lution**. <http://rev-o-lution.org/>

PRAYER

Exquisite and down to earth,
luxurious and everyday,
rare and commonplace:
this Christ calls his followers to be.

Called to invade
and infect the neighborhood,
making a difference by living in light and inviting others
to taste the goodness of God.
God invites us to be
beautiful and attractive,

to flaunt God's marvelous creation until all are drawn
to God's wonderful light.

~ written by Rev Liz Crumlish, and posted on the Church of
Scotland's **Starters for Sunday**

Response

Sending You Light Melanie DeMore

All Sung:

**I am sending you light to heal you,
To hold you.
I am sending you light
To hold you in love.**

**I am sending you light to heal you,
To hold you.
I am sending you light
To hold you in love.**

Greeting

Peace be with you!
And also 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 I Will Bless the Lord**

**I will bless the Lord at all times, He's good
I will bless the Lord at all times, He's good
I will bless the Lord at all times, He's good
I will bless the Lord at all times, He's good**

**He's good, so good, real good
And every day of my life
I'll bless the Lord, for He's good
(Repeat from the top)**

Please be seated.

10:30 Children's Time

SONG: This Little Light of Mine– call forward and leave

ALL SING:

**This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

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.

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!

Music Offering Every Time I Feel the Spirit Traditional Spiritual
Jazz Ensemble Blake Hoppes- Piano, Mike Baer- Guitar,
Malcolm MacKenzie- Bass, Andy Hill- Trumpet, Gareth Hill- Alto Sax

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:13-20

You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Scripture Response

#584 I am the Light of the World
Black Hymnal/New Century Hymnal

All Sing:

I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!
If you follow and love
You'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.

Message

Pastor Kris Lit for the Long Run

You are the light of the world, and it's no accident. The world needs your presence, grace, truth and endurance.

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.**

Prayer Response

Into the Night Dave Ray

**Tell me what is pure and undefiled
Which is the greatest of our Lord's commands.
But to love our God with heart and mind
And to love our neighbor hand in hand.**

Chorus

**For the widow and the orphan, for the broken and contrite,
To the shadows there has come a Light, and I will carry it into the night.**

**Tell me, what will show the world our faith?
What will demonstrate the Father's love/
His to guide; we must in turn obey
That our lives below may point above.
Chorus**

**Tell me, who will do what he has heard?
Who will follow as our Savior leads?
We must love each other not with words,
But with action and the proof of deeds.
Chorus**



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

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Music Offering: What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Joseph M. Scriven, Charles C. Converse

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*** Offering Response**

ALL Sung:

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing

Benediction

Our Enlivening God calls us to be salt —
to add flavor to the world.

Our Enlivening God calls us to be light —
to add illumination and beauty to the world.

Our Enlivening God calls us to be courageous —
**to respond to the needs of the world,
so that God's presence may be revealed
to all the world.**

Amen!

And Amen!

~ posted on the website of the **Caldwell United Methodist Church.**

***Closing Hymn**

#123 Draw the Circle Wide

Sing! Prayer and Praise

Chorus:

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.

**Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.**

**God the still point of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever in God's gracious arms.**

Chorus

**Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call.**

Chorus

**Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door.**

Chorus

Postlude: Draw the Circle Wide– Reprise

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EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)		Attendance Last Week	
Last Week	\$13,403.43	8 AM	
Calendar Year 2025 (Jan-Dec)	\$417,794.00	10:30 AM	Snow Day
Calendar Year 2024 (Jan. - Dec)	\$430,609.00	Sunday School	-
Change from Last Year	-3.0%	God First	-
Budget FY 2025-2026 (July-Dec)	\$227, 510.00	Faith on Tap	40
Actual Fiscal Year-to-Date (July-Dec)	\$230,290.00	Breathe	-
Difference in Giving vs. Budget	1.2%	2026 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:	
Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes		Last Week	\$100
		YTD	600 Lbs, \$200
		Blanket Sunday	\$1, 208.95
		Souper Bowl Sunday	\$340.00

Presentations to the Glory of God

Don & Marlene Steffy

In Memory of My Mother, Grace Schneck—Judy Solan

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