**October 11th, 2026**
**Show Us**
**Healing Service (Pray with a Pastor)**

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

**Lay Reader**
8:00am - Rosalie Snyder 10:30am- Doug Kuntz
**Greeters**
George & Val Borman, Melissa Kohler, Judy Kern
**Ushers**
8:00am- Kerry Snyder, Tom Anderson, Larry Todd,Lorie Hackett
10:30am- Janice Metzger, Julie Johnson, Karen Nuschke, Ralph & Connie Gioielli, Carol James
**Sound**
Pat Sorg

*"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."*
*- Jesus (The Gospel according to John)*

**The scene is set. Jesus gathers at the table with his disciples to break bread and break the news that this is their Last Supper together. Alarming fear, bitter betrayal, and tension-laden uncertainty fill the room. In the midst of this unsettling moment, the Gospel of John records Jesus' "famous last words." Central among these was the commandment to love one another. How do we survive, or even thrive, in times like these? We put love into action, replacing "othering" with "neighboring."**

**Prelude Music**

Wade in the Water

Traditional African-American Spiritual; *Public Domain*

**Jazz Ensemble: Mike Baer, guitar;**
**Malcolm Mackenzie, bass; Blake Hoppes, piano**

**WE PREPARE THE TABLE**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**We often share parts of worship responsively.**
**Phrases in Bold = All Read**
**Phrases NOT in bold = Leader**

**The Invitation**
**Threshold Moment**

*Leader:* Welcome back for our worship series that features Jesus' "famous last words" from the table of his last meal as recounted in the Gospel of John. For the disciples, it had been three years of watching the actions of Jesus–his teaching, his healing, his feeding, his redeeming love. But the disciples still can't seem to understand. "Show us God," they say at that table. So Jesus tries to help them understand that whenever they have witnessed his actions, they have seen God. Then he offers a shocking statement of trust in those who will carry on after he is gone: they will do works like these and even greater. Anyone who asks for assistance to carry out love-in-action in the name of Jesus, will be his Body, his Love, multiplied many times over throughout the world. Incredibly, Jesus trusts us to do this work.

**ALL Sung:**
**Let there be peace on earth**
**And let it begin with me.**
**Let there be peace on earth**
**The peace that was meant to be.**
**With God our creator,**
**we are family.**
**Let us walk with each other**
**In perfect harmony.**

Your responses are in bold…

There is so much to fix about this world.
**We wonder what we have to give that would make any difference.**
Like Jesus' disciples, sometimes we are not sure what to do.
**It feels like a daunting task.**
But Jesus reminds us that just sitting down to have a meal is one way to be God's love.
**We are called to give in the ways we can, treating each other…**
As neighbors,
**As neighbors.**
Not "others."
**Not "others."**

*Leader:* Let us pray:

Forgive us when we doubt our ability to give of ourselves
for the sake of love.
Help us to embrace that Jesus has shown us all we need to know
and God's love is already in us as we are in God's love.
Even though it feels like a difficult thing to do,
help us to give–not hoard,
help us to serve–not judge,
help us to reach out–not pull back,
help us to risk reciprocal relationship
so all will know the gift of God's presence.

In this moment we ponder those we find difficult to understand,
that we consider "others"…

… and in this moment we imagine them as neighbors who,
like us, have needs and fears and the desire for safety, sustenance,
and love.

Jesus, in your name we ask for the courage to let go of fear
in order to love fully and extravagantly. Amen.

**ALL Sung:**
**Let peace begin with me,**
**let this be the moment now.**
**With every step I take,**
**let this be my solemn vow.**
**To take each moment,**
**and live each moment,**
**In peace eternally.**
**Let there be peace on earth,**
**and let it begin with me.**

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## SHARING PEACE

*Leader:* We can give peace to one another through our generous actions and our gracious spirits. In worship we extend that peace to one another as a way to practice extending ourselves to each other.

The peace of Christ be with you.
**And also with you.**

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

***Hymn #107** Amazing Grace
Gold Hymnal / Hymns for the family of God
John Newton, 1779; Public Domain

**Amazing grace!**
**How sweet the sound**
**That saved a wretch like me!**
**I once was lost, but now am found;**
**Was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,**
**And grace my fears relieved;**
**How precious did that grace appear**
**The hour I first believed.**

**The lord had promised good to me**
**His word my hope secures**
**He will my shield and portion be**
**As long as life endures**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares**
**I have already come**
**'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far**
**And grace will lead me home**

**Please be seated.**

## WE LAY THE FEAST

**10:30 Children's Time – Invite Children Forward**

**ALL SING:**
**This is My commandment that you love one another,**
**that your joy may be full.**
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**that your joy may be full.**
**This is My commandment that you love one another,**
**that your joy may be full.**

**Children's Church • Ages 3 to Grade 5 • Sundays at 10:30 a.m.**

Children begin worship with their families and are invited forward for Children's Time with Ms. Nikki. They then leave with Ms. Nikki and return to worship with their families before the service ends.

**Education Hour • Ages 3 to Grade 7 • Sundays 9:15–10:15 a.m.**

Children are invited to join Ms. Nikki and our Education Hour leaders in Fellowship Hall.

**Our Nursery is Open!** Parents are welcome to stay with their little ones in our nursery during church. Listen To and watch worship together while you snack, play, and rest.

**Music Offering:** Old Time Religion
Traditional Spiritual; *Public Domain*
**Jazz Ensemble**

**Scripture Reading**
*John 14: 8-14*

*Reader: "Rabbi," Philip said, "show us Abba God, and that will be enough for us." Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and still you don't know me? Whoever has seen me has seen Abba God. How can you say, 'Show us your Abba'? Don't you believe that I am in Abba God and God is in me? The words I speak are not spoken of myself; it is Abba God, living in me, who is accomplishing the works of God. Believe me that I am in God and God is in me, or else believe because of the works I do.*

*The truth of the matter is, anyone who has faith in me will do the works I do— and greater works besides. Why? Because I go to Abba God, and whatever you ask in my name I will do, so that God may be glorified in me. Anything you ask in my name I will do.*

**The Message:** Show Us  Pastor Kayli

**WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE**
**Prayers of the People**

**ALL SUNG:**
**Love, love, love one another**
**Love one another for God is love.**
**Love, love, love one another**
**Love one another for God is love.**

*Leader:* Prayer is one way we stay connected to the way of love through Jesus. The disciples were understandably anxious about Jesus leaving them. But just as Jesus prayed to God on a regular basis, and especially in troubling moments, we also go to God in prayer to remember, to experience, the presence of God with us. This is a great gift that Jesus left his disciples and gives to us–the assurance that we are never left alone. And so let us prepare our hearts for prayer by being reminded that love comes from God.

**Love, love, love one another**
**Love one another for God is love.**
**Love, love, love one another**
**Love one another for God is love**.

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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.**

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

**Ambassadors (everyone!)**: Share our news, events, and spirit on social media and with your friends, family, and neighbors. That's what keeps us relevant, and growing!

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
*Relevant • Engaged • Growing*

**Music Offering: What a Friend We Have in Jesus**
Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1855; Tune: Converse, Charles C. Converse, 1868
*Public Domain*
**Jazz Ensemble**

## Dreaming God's Dream

NO GIFT TOO SMALL, NO DREAM TOO BIG.

**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.

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**Please stand in body or spirit.**

**All Sung:**
**Praise God, the Source who makes us one,**
**Praise Jesus Christ, beloved Son.**
**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!**
**Our gifts we give as we've been led,**
**all bodies, minds, and spirits fed.**
**Help us show love,**
**Here as above,**
**alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*(Tune LASST UNS ERFREUEN)*

**Dedication Prayer**

**All: Loving God,**
**we dedicate these gifts with grateful hearts. May they help us build a community of welcome, justice, compassion, and belonging. Use what we share to lift up those who are hurting, amplify voices that are often unheard, and bring hope where it is needed most. Bless these gifts and all who give, that together we may live out your call to love our neighbors and work for a more just and caring world.**

**The Mandate: Love in Action**

*Leader:* As we prepare to go from this place with our closing hymn/ song, we remember Jesus' words of trust that he gave his disciples and gives to us, encouraging us to believe that we can multiply love in this world manyfold as we each give in the ways we can. Let us say this together:

**"The truth of the matter is,**
**anyone who has faith in me will do the works I do—**
**and greater works besides."**

**The Blessing**

Leader:
Receive this blessing:

God, who created you ready for relationship,
be with you as you seek to love in the midst of difficulty.

Jesus, who showed you the way,
be with you as you seek to love like him.

The Spirit, who will never leave you lonely,
give you capacity for love that surprises even you.

In the name of the Three-in-One,
go out to be Love-in-Action
this week and for all time. Amen.

**PRAYERS WITH A PASTOR**

**During the postlude you are invited to come to the railing if you would like to have a pastor pray with you or to receive a blessing. Pastors will offer a blessing of anointing oil on your Hand or forehead.**

***Hymn** I Will Bless The Lord at all Times
#677 Gold Hymnal/Hymns for the Family of God
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**I will bless the Lord at all times,**
**He's good**
**I will bless the Lord at all times,**
**He's good**
***Repeat***

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

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

**Postlude Music: I Surrender All**
Judson Wheeler Van DeVenter & Winfield Weeden *Public Domain*
**Jazz Ensemble: Mike Baer, guitar;**
**Malcolm Mackenzie, bass; Blake Hoppes, piano**

Altar Design Team: Kathy Bonsell, Claire Kern, Deb Topp, Pastor Kris

Worship Theme: "*Adapted from www.worshipdesignstudio.com/ neighbor in collaboration with https://campaignforkindness.com/.*

# EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

| Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate) | |
|---|---|
| Last Week | $12,176.00 |
| *Calendar Year 2026 (Jan.-Sept.)* | $ 289,863.00 |
| *Calendar Year 2025(Jan.-Sept.)* | $ 274,871.00 |
| Change from Last Year | **5.5%** |
| Budget FY 2026 (July-Sept.) | $ 89,702.00 |
| Actual Fiscal Year-to-Date *(July-Sept.)* | $ 88,570.00 |
| Difference in Giving vs. Budget | **-1.3%** |
| *Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes* | |

| Attendance Last Week | |
|---|---|
| 8 AM | 52 |
| 10:30 AM | 102 |
| Confirmation Class | 8 |
| Faith on Tap | 45 |
| Breathe | 12 |

| 2026 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank: | |
|---|---|
| Last Week | $25, 450 Lbs |
| YTD | $625, 3,520 Lbs |

| FMSC |
|---|
| $1, 863.00 |

## Presentations to the Glory of God

*Spread the Good News*

**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.*