

November 22nd, 2026
Thanksgiving Sunday
Baptism 10:30am
Confirmation Class Leads Worship

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
Confirmation Class
Greeters
Brynn & Jon Buskirk, Sally Saltzer, Devon Kuharik
Ushers
8:00 AM- Edie Fella, Dixie Gross, Debbie Romig
10:30 AM- Donna Christman, Deana Correll, Deb Wenner, Doug Brace, Marianne Kitzmiller, Brian Horwith, Maryann Puia
Sound
Dawn Dengler

Prelude Music

Give Thanks, Now Thank We All Our God

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WE PREPARE THE TABLE

Welcome & Announcements

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

Call to Worship Cali Monahan

Leader: Jesus reminds us that when we care for the hungry, welcome the stranger, visit the lonely, and stand alongside those who suffer, we are serving Christ.

ALL: We come to worship the God who is found among the overlooked, the vulnerable, and the forgotten.

Leader: Faith is more than words we speak; it is love made visible through our actions.

ALL: May our worship inspire us to feed the hungry, care for the hurting, welcome the stranger, and work for justice.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God whose love knows no boundaries and whose presence meets us in every neighbor.

ALL: We come with open hearts and willing hands, ready to worship, ready to serve, and ready to love as Christ has loved us.

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.

Prayer Of Adoration And Confession Juliette Kareha

Leader: Gracious and Loving God, we praise you for a love that reaches beyond boundaries, embraces every neighbor, and calls us to see your presence in one another. You meet us in the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the sick, and those who are too often forgotten or pushed to the margins. You remind us that our faith is not measured only by the words we pray, but by the love we put into action.

And yet, O God, we confess that we do not always see. We turn away when compassion feels inconvenient. We remain silent when justice calls us to speak. We overlook the needs around us, forgetting that every person is worthy of dignity, care, and belonging.

Open our eyes to recognize Christ in our neighbors. Soften our hearts to respond with compassion. Give us the courage to challenge injustice, welcome those who feel excluded, and share what we have with those in need. May we become a community where love is practiced, grace is freely offered, and every person knows they are valued and never alone.

We offer this prayer in gratitude for your unending love and in hope for the world we are called to help create.
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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God's Open Arms and Our Union UCC Welcome

Leader: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
ALL: You are welcome here.

Leader: Welcome to this place and time of worship, prayer, and service.

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

***Hymn #6 This Is My Father's World** *Leslie Monahan's Favorite Hymn*
(Hymns for the Family of God, Gold Hymnal)
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This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings and 'round me rings The music of the spheres
This is my Father's world. I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and tress, of skies and seas, His hand the wonders wrought

This is my Father's world, The birds their carols raise
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise
This is my Father's world; He shines in all that's fair
In the rustling grass I hear His pass, He speaks to me everywhere

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet
This is my Father's world; the battler is not done
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

Please be seated.

8am Music Offering: In Gratitude We Come
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Heritage Choir

10:30am Music Offering: Love One Another
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Youth Choir

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.

There will be no Sunday School or Children's Church on 11/29. Activity bags will be available in the lobby for both services.

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

Sacrament of Baptism

Amelia Fay Groller, child of Gabriela (Vitorino) & Cody Groller
Sponsors; Carson Groller & Catarina Vitorino

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:
All: We promise our love, support, and care.

All Sung:
I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
With a faith to suit you well;
I'll be there in case you wander off and find where demons dwell.
I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

Scripture Reading Isaac Brace
Matthew 25:31-46

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'
Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'
Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'
And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The Message: Pastor Kayli

Prayers for Others and Ourselves Dimitri Shivok

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.

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.

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

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

Faith Commitment Cards

Please complete and return your Faith Commitment Card by January 24 by placing it in the offering plate, or in the box at the sanctuary entrance, or by completing it with the link: https://bit.ly/faithcommitment26-27

THERE OUR HEARTS WILL BE

OUR OFFERINGS to GOD

Thank you for all that you do and all that you are to help create a church that is relevant, engaged, and growing!

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Ways to give financially:
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 Pastor Kris if you have questions or if you'd like to learn more about other giving options like legacy or estate gifts to Union UCC.

"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also..." – Matthew 6:21

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

8am Music Offering All Hail the Power
Tune: Coronation (Oliver Holden, 1793) Public Domain
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10:30am Music Offering Hallelujah
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Ben Anderson

Please stand in body or spirit.

***Song**
Praise God, the Source who makes us one,
Praise Jesus Christ, beloved Son.
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)

***Prayer of Dedication**

Leader: Matthew 6: 21 says, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

All: Generous God, we know that faithful stewardship is not primarily about money—it is about placing our hearts in your hands, trusting that where our hearts go, our lives, choices, and resources will follow. Together, as a community shaped by grace, we will ask: Where is our treasure? How can our hearts more fully align with yours? Let our giving reflect our deepest values and commitments. Align our actions with our commitment to love and serve wholeheartedly. Transform, heal, and renew our hearts. May our generosity be rooted, joyful, and Spirit-led we pray, Amen.

Sending Chase Tibak

Go now with open hearts and willing hands. May you see Christ in the hungry, the stranger, the hurting, and those too often forgotten. May you choose compassion over indifference, welcome over exclusion, and justice over comfort. And may your faith be known not only by the words you speak, but by the love you share. Go in peace. Amen.

***Hymn #677 They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love**
Gold Hymnal/Hymns for the Family of God
Ryleigh Minnich and Kerry Snyder's Favorite Hymn
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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

REFRAIN:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land

REFRAIN

We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each mans dignity and save each man's pride

All praise to the Father from whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes use one

REFRAIN

Postlude: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
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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	$4,590.00
Calendar Year 2026 (Jan.-Oct.)	$ 319,577.00
Calendar Year 2025(Jan.-Oct.)	$ 300,763.00
Change from Last Year	**6.3%**
Budget FY 2026 (July-Oct.)	$ 116,012.00
Actual Fiscal Year-to-Date *(July-Oct.)*	$ 118,285.00
Difference in Giving vs. Budget	**2.0%**
Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes	

Attendance Last Week	
8 AM	45
10:30 AM	87
Confirmation Class	8
Faith on Tap	32
Breathe	12

2026 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:	
Last Week	$25, 1,000 Lbs
YTD	$650, 4,545 Lbs

Presentations to the Glory of God

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.*