



UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8am and 10:30am at church and online



Please SEND PASTOR KRIS or PASTOR KAYLI pictures of you and your loved ones making heart hands to use in worship on Sundays.
Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number... — Acts 2

May Worship

- May 4- Confirmation Day
- May 11- Mother's Day, Last Day of Sunday School and Children's Church
- May 18- 10:30 Baptism
- May 25- Memorial Sunday

June Worship

- 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

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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), August 10 (Church Picnic). Bring your favorite chair or blanket or enjoy a bench under the trees or a table under the pavilion.

COUNTRY SALE

CHURCH & COMMUNITY WIDE YARD SALE

Bakers - We need pies, cakes, cupcakes, cookies, muffins, brownies, fudge, bar cookies, snack mixes. We prefer items that don't need to be refrigerated. Some items will be sold whole and others will be cut for single serving sale. Please bring your items in disposable pans, we will cut and portion them. Please drop off your items on Friday 9am-2pm in the grove stand or Saturday by 9am. Use this link to sign up here: <https://bit.ly/4j121bJ>

Or contact Sherry Penrod slpbakes19@gmail.com or call the church office.

If you are interested in volunteering for a shift of an hour or more at the event, please contact:

Food Prep during week or Kitchen serve and sales at the event - Diane Schaller dschaller59@gmail.com

Bake Sale Table - Sherry Penrod slpbakes19@gmail.com

Grill Guys - Scott Nagle ssnagle@ptd.net

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

UNION UCC,
NEFFS GROVE
5550 ROUTE 873, NEFFS PA

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BREATHE

TUESDAYS
ONCE A MONTH
IN THE SANCTUARY

MAY 13 AT 7PM



*Catch your Breath
...with God*
*Prayer * Meditation * Music * Communion*
*Led by Ron Gerry, Pastor Carrie
and Pastor Kris*

GOD FIRST WEDNESDAYS

**God First Wednesdays
Supper, Small Groups, Worship
Wed, May 7, 5:30-7:30pm**

Final God First of the Year

Pot Luck Meal

May Missions

The special mission project for the whole month of May is to collect boxed cereals for the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.

Every Summer, the food bank provides extra kid's packs to the children of local food bank families, stuffed with peanut butter, jelly, soup, canned fruit, and lots of extra goodies. Each supporting church of the food bank provides certain goodies to make over 120 kid's pack.

This year, in addition to our normal goodies, Union UCC will be providing 2 extra boxes of cereal to each child. Our challenge to you is to fill the shopping cart and the foyer area of the church with CEREAL, all brands, all flavors, all box sizes. Our goal is to collect a minimum of 300 boxes of CEREAL, can we do this? YES, we can. Start shopping now and bring to church the whole month of May.

Each box of cereal goes a long way in providing nutrition to children during the summer months. You do make a difference.

Thank you, the Mission Committee.

EVERYONE IS INVITED GOD FIRST POT LUCK MEAL!

Join us for God First Wednesday (a time to be with God on Wednesdays) We'll start with a meal, break into small groups for all ages, and finish with a time of Worship

When: May 7, 2025

Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm

Menu: POTLUCK (we'll provide the drinks and hotdogs, you provide the sides and desserts)

Adult Faith Formation
Classes with Pastor Kris and Pastor
Carrie

Fridays from 9:30 to 11am May 2,
May 9 (last class)
Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15am May 4,
May 11 (last class)

**Field Notes for the Wilderness: Practices
for an Evolving Faith by Sarah Bessey**

Sarah Bessey is an expert at faithfully stumbling forward. As a New York Times bestselling author and co-founder of Evolving Faith, the foremost community for progressive Christians, she has been trusted by thousands of people to pursue a reconstruction of faith centered on compassion, truth, and inclusion. Bessey has found a deeply underserved and underestimated remnant in the wilderness of Christianity who are still devoted to Jesus, deeply rooted in the Gospel, fascinated with Scripture, and committed to reimagining their faith.

Field Notes for the Wilderness guides us through multiple principles to live by for an evolving faith, including

- practicing wonder and curiosity as spiritual disciplines
- mothering ourselves with compassion and empathy
- making space for lament and righteous rage
 - finding good spiritual teachers
- discovering what we are for in this life, and moving in that direction

In this groundbreaking and nurturing book, Bessey becomes a shepherd for our curiosity, giving us a table for our questions, tools to cultivate what we crave, and a blessing for what was—even as we leave it behind.

Summer Coffee Hour

Sundays after 10:30 worship.
Stop by the lobby (Grove on Outdoor Worship Sundays) for some cool lemonade, juice, water, and a snack and visit with friends and pastors.

Anyone is welcome to bring fruit, baked goods, or snacks to share anytime!

Tai Chi in the Grove

Wednesdays in July
(July 9, 16, 23, 30)
6-7pm
\$15 drop-in

Union UCC Grove
Cash/check/venmo to instructor:
Alice Perry

OUR NURSERY IS OPEN!

PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS ARE WELCOME TO STAY WITH THEIR LITTLE ONES IN OUR NURSERY ON SUNDAYS.

LISTEN TO AND WATCH WORSHIP TOGETHER WHILE YOU SNACK, PLAY, AND REST.

Creative Practices Group Meeting

Bring your ideas, creativity, openness and any supplies you'd like to work with. No experience needed. This is non-judgmental space for creative exploration. The time can be spent in the way you need. No RSVP needed. Meets upstairs in Memorial Hall, Union UCC, North.

Contact: Tara Henninger
tara.henninger@gmail.com

MAY 4

1-3pm

creative
adjective — *brilliant*
An ability to create something new, unique, and useful. Creativity will increase the spirit and motivation of your life.

From the Property Committee

Spring is here, flowers are blooming, grass is growing, a great time to get out and enjoy a walk in our church grove and the surrounding trails in the woods. God's beauty is always here for everyone to enjoy.

Improvement projects are starting to happen around the church property. New windows are being installed in Room 100, the Nursery and the small adjoining bathroom. The old original windows from 1957 are being replaced with new Pella Windows to match the windows installed around the rest of the buildings. Simock Construction is performing all of this work.

Over in the grove, Selig Electricians have removed two of the older wooden light poles which hold up the string lights. Two new metal poles are being installed, with lights and new concrete bases. The string lights will then be reinstalled to these new light poles. The one wooden pole was damaged during one of the winter storms in February.

Both of the projects are being funded through earnings from the Holben Fund in the Funds of Lasting Gifts endowment fund. We are blessed and grateful for the support of the trustees and the families who provided financial gifts to the Funds of Lasting Gifts.



Summer events in the Grove!
FAITH & FOOD TRUCKS
FOOD TRUCKS 4:30-8 FREE MUSIC 5:30-8 PM

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* Free Kids Activities and playground
*Prayer and a Message *Cool Dessert Treats for Sale

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

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PNEC Ambassador Corner

Keystone Conference News

This is from the Keystone Working Group Communication Team regarding transitioning into the Keystone Conference...

Rooted in our resurrection hope with the start of Spring, the Keystone Working Group is preparing more detailed organizational plans and processes to guide us in the transition activity of tasks.

Updates were shared by task groups, with the Governance team holding town halls on the proposed Constitution and Bylaws to be presented at all 4 Conference Spring meetings. A Staffing Letter of Intent has been shared with all current staff to give notice by April 1 if interested in any of the new conference positions, either transitional or settled. Legal updates were shared regarding the New Transitional Board and the Historical Boards, comprised of 4 persons elected from each conference to guide our transition as The Keystone Conference. The preliminary boundaries for the 3 regions of The Keystone Conference were established with number of congregations and geography considerations, to be released in early April.

Financial updates continue to focus on the 2026 Draft Budget and consideration for staffing needs. We remain committed to holding the tension of long-held memories of ministry and how God is guiding us into the future. We celebrate who we have been and the resources God has given to empower sustained and new ministries.

As we become the Keystone Conference, a new communications ministry will contain a website and social media presence. This team will share important press releases to the General Church, partner organizations, our ministries and congregations of the Keystone area. A process for creating a conference logo with input and design elements submitted from all across our area is forthcoming.

The process for General Synod hearings and question and answer session was reviewed. For the General Synod Sunday (July 13), all congregations will have access to a bulletin insert and liturgy for every place to be in prayer for the anticipated vote, affirming that Together We Are Stronger!

ALSO – IN PNEC

We hosted members of the PNEC at their Spring meeting on Saturday, May 3, 2025! Doug Brace and I were Union UCC delegates to that meeting. Look for info regarding the meeting in the June newsletter.

If you have any general Conference questions, please feel free to reach out to me, Janice Metzger, at emrenaissinc@aol.com & please put Union Ambassador in the subject line. As your PNEC Ambassador, I want to help Union members feel more connected to the Conference and the wider church.

Golden Times

Golden Times is a gathering for our senior adults. Everyone is welcome, including friends. We start at 12noon with lunch (often soup, salad, and a sandwich) and then have a program until about 1:30pm. There is no charge to attend. Your support of the budget and the Funds of Lasting Gifts provides the funds. Contact the church office if you'd like to receive post card mailing reminders. We also collect monthly items for the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.

May 6: "Preschool Fun and Games"
(Last gathering until Fall)

Faith on Tap

Thursday, May 29
6:30-8:30pm



God. Conversation. Food & Drink.

Korny's Tavern at Kornfeind's Market
2228 Old Post Rd, Coplay

Park in the back of the store and enter from there.
Cost: Your drink (alcohol and non-alcohol options)
Complimentary Kornfeind's Food.
Sign up if you can, or just join us.

SIGN UP HERE:
<https://bit.ly/3YhviXg>



Hosted by **Kris Snyder**, Senior Pastor, Union UCC, Neffs & **Joe Kornfeind**, Kornfeind's Market and Business Professor.

Thanks Kornfeind's Market!



"Let's Spice It Up!"

The Christian Education Committee is hosting a fundraiser featuring specialty dips and wine slush mixes. Not only will you enjoy these delicious treats, but they also make great gifts! We have a variety of dip options, including spicy, savory, and dessert flavors!

We will be selling the dips and mixes after all services from now until May 18th. Online ordering is also available at <https://forms.gle/WF3rHUBdi8RxDD4i6>.

****Pricing:****

- Single packs: \$6 each
- Four-pack combos: \$20

Payments can be made by cash or check, and all payments are due on or before May 18th.

The expected pick up date will be June 15th.

If you have any questions, please contact Tiffany at dired@unionucc.org.

We are still in awe of how amazing our basket social was a few weeks ago! Special thanks to all the amazing businesses that generously offered donations for the event. We could not have done it without these businesses, our amazing congregation, and the support from well beyond our walls. Because of this generosity, we were able to raise \$8,391! We have donated \$1,000 to Iron Pigs Charities in memory of Veronica Fabian (who's love and dedication ran this basket social event for many years). The rest will be used towards the mission and ministry of Union UCC! Thank you again to everyone!



UCC Night at the Iron Pigs



In the Picnic Patio! **Included:** All-you-can-eat buffet & great seats along the 3rd Base Line

Friday, June 20, 7:05 pm Doors open at 5:45 pm

Only \$30/person!

TO ORDER TICKETS OR FOR MORE INFO CONTACT STEVE KAREHA.

717-514-8881 or s.kareha@gmail.com

Stephen Kareha

@Stephen-Kareha

ORDERS can be emailed or dropped at the church office or in the offering plate but **MUST** be in an envelope marked:

Iron Pigs Tickets.

Payments can be made by Cash, Check, or Venmo

(Make Checks Payable to Steve Kareha)

Bring your friends and family!



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Graduating in 2025?

Let us celebrate your accomplishments!

If you're graduating from High School, College, Grad School, or BEYOND...we want to celebrate you! Submit your

information via the Google form below or the information form in your bulletin.

Then join us in worship on June 8, 2025 to honor you!

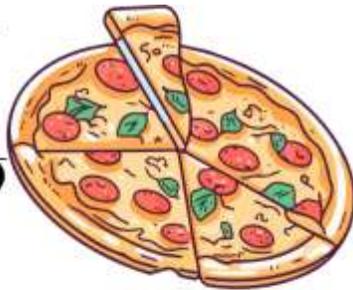
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FAITH FORMATION
FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES
Contact: Tiffany Lakatosh
Email: dired@unionucc.org

No Children's Church on May 4th. Last day of Education Hour and Children's Church is May 11th.

FAMILY PIZZA & GAME NIGHT



June 11th
6pm - 8pm



To register, visit <https://forms.gle/h25imsdundpLVTEUA> or scan the QR code.

SATURDAY, MAY 10TH, 4-6PM



REGISTER USING THE QR CODE OR VISIT
[HTTPS://M.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/#1/SHOWSIGNUP/10C0F4DACA723A7FCI-56048918-NERF](https://m.signupgenius.com/#1/showsignup/10c0f4daca723a7fci-56048918-nerf)

VBS 2025

June 23-27 6pm-8pm

MAKER FUNFACTORY

Created by GOD
Built for a Purpose

Volunteers and participants can register online at <https://vbspro.events/p/unionucc>

KIDVENTURE SPRING & SUMMER

May 25th to August 31st

During the 10:30am service, children are warmly invited to join Ms. Tiffany and friends on an inspiring adventure to discover the wonderful teachings of God and Jesus.



Union UCC, Neff's Youth Group

"If you are always trying to be normal, you'll never know how amazing you can be." - Maya Angelou

May 2025 Edition

Pastor Kayli (pastorkayli@unionucc.org)

Youth Group Goes Mini-Golfing!

Youth Group Takes on Rolling Hills Recreation

Saturday
May 17, 2025

3:00pm



All Youth & Friends (grades 6th thru 12th) are invited to join us as we "take-on" Rolling Hills Recreation for some mini-golf and ice cream after.

We'll meet at to play, and enjoy some ice cream when we're done playing!

Please RSVP by May 15 if possible

When: May 17, 2025

Time: 3pm

Where: Rolling Hills Recreation (4565 Spring Hill Dr, Schnecksville, Pa 18078)

Sign-Up Here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F48AEAD2BA2FE3-56173050-ygmini>



Congratulations to the 2025 Confirmation Class!

These 2 amazing youth are being confirmed on May 4, 2025!

Lucas Maxwell

Tricia Schwarz

YAT Summer Lunch

All Youth (6th thru 12th grade) are invited to join us for our End of School Y.A.T. Summer Lunch! We'll eat some yummy foods, maybe some special treats, and tons of fun.

When: June 8, 2025

Time: 11:30am-1:00pm

Where: Youth Room

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F48AEAD2BA2FE3-56189076-yatsummer>

End of School

Y.A.T. Summer Lunch

June 8, 2025

11:30am-1:30pm

Youth Room





Congratulations to
Madison Flueso &
Chevelle Humanick
For completing their First
Communion class and taking their
first communion on April 17, 2025.

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.fmsc.org/lehigh> or make checks out to FMSC and include our event number 2510-090MI.



We are also partnering with The Red Tomato Pizzeria to raise funds for our meal packing event.

From when they open **Friday May 9th until they close Sunday May 11th**

📍 3626 Route 309 Orefield, PA 18069

☎ 610-398-8999

✉ info@theredtomatopizzeria.com

The Red Tomato will donate a portion of all sales to help us reach our fund-raising goal. Please consider supporting our event by ordering and help spread the word to friends and family. Each FMSC meals costs 29 cents so each dollar raised goes a long way.

(Third parties such as DoorDash, Uber Eats, ect. Not included.)



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.

In April we will be heading out into the community interviewing neighbors, businesses, agencies, schools, and more to learn about what they think our community's strengths and challenges are and how our church can support the community in new ways.

The Architect Team is getting close to revealing draft design plans for renovating the lobby, the south entrance canopy, and Memorial Hall.

Watch for a chance to see those plans soon!

Summer 2025 will host new events in our grove: Shakespeare in the Grove from DeSales and 3 Faith and Food Trucks events with bands, a message, kids activities, and food trucks.

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



Sight & Sound Theatre - NOAH
Saturday November 1st 7:00 PM

by Perkiomen Tours

Departure Time: 2:00 pm at Union UCC, Neffs

Return Time: 11:30 pm at Union UCC, Neffs

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



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Dominic Vito Barone II baptized on March 30, 2025 , pictured with Karlie and Dominic Barone

Joanna DiFiore became a new member on April 27, 2025, pictured with Alfonso and Luca Di Fiore



Dale and Marla Brace became new members on April 27, 2025



Victor and Sarah Hunsicker and Morgan Everett became a new members on April 27, 2025



Yoga in the Grove

AN OUTDOOR YOGA SESSION TO LET YOU CONNECT WITH NATURE

Yoga is a beautiful mind-body practice to ease stress and find balance on and off the mat. Learn how to "move" better in your body. This all level class will be held outside in the beautiful grove of Union UCC

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.

UNION UCC'S OPEN AND AFFIRMING (ONA) STATEMENT

Adopted February 2024

Our church is a diverse family of believers, extending extravagant welcome and hospitality to all. We affirm that all people are created in God's image and all are worthy of God's love and grace, treating all people with compassion, respect and dignity.

We inspire dedicated Christian discipleship to include persons of every age, gender, race, national origin, faith background, marital status and family structure, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, physical, cognitive, or emotional ability, economic, educational, and social status, and political and cultural background.

We treasure the spiritual gifts of everyone, welcoming all into full membership, leadership, employment, ministry, mission, fellowship, worship, sacraments, rites, responsibilities, and blessings of the life of Union UCC.

As we grow with vitality into the future, we commit ourselves to the ongoing work of being an Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ. We celebrate and honor diverse theological and biblical interpretations as we strive to remain spiritually united in Christ. We will reach out with love to any and all people who enter our doors seeking God with faith in Jesus Christ our Savior.



Thank you for your faithful generosity and for all that you do to help our church be
Relevant • Engaged • Growing

ELECTRONIC GIVING <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z51X/home> or use the QR code with your cell phone. Choose an ongoing regular donation or a single donation with your credit or debit card. (Help us with fees if you can.)

FREE VANCO MOBILE FAITH ENGAGEMENT APP Look for Union United Church of Christ, Neffs, PA and register your information to contribute.

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

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

Contact John Harting (610-799-2508) or Don Penrod (610-972-8719) or Pastor Kris for questions or to discuss legacy and estate gifts to Union UCC.



Electronic Giving



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**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, May 18th at 11:30-12:30 in Memorial Hall where coffee hour is. You would be received in church on Sunday, May 25 or June 1 at 8am or 10:30am worship.

We hope both options will give you a chance to meet some new friends, get some more information about us, and ask your questions.

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-q/viewform>

Or you can contact the office for a paper copy.

We want to do whatever we can to support you in your spiritual journey here and in the community.

Please let me know where you are in your discernment and how I can support you. Call or email me anytime.



UPCOMING HOSTING WEEK: May 18-25, 2025

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



Our blessings and prayers go to the friends and families of those who have passed.

Janice Herzog passed on April 1, 2025. Services were held on April 7, 2025 at Union UCC.

Memorial contributions made by Bruce & Ruth Miller, Farrell Snyder, Peter & Nancy Herzog, Daniel & Gail Herzog, Gwen Herzog, Dennis & Barbara Rechter, Gladys Kuhns, John & Debbie Romig, Darrel Correll, Susan Tough, Douglas Yeager, Don & Sherry Penrod, James & Carol Beers, Darrell & Barbara Beers, Charles & Carol Mesics, Dan & Debra Topp, Carol & Ronald Hausman, Bonnie Herzog

Ronald Simock passed on April 7, 2025. Private services were held at the convenience of the family.

Beth Cherry passed on April 21, 2025. Services were held April 26, 2025 at Union UCC.

Congratulations Confirmation Class 2025

Confirmands	Parents	God-Guides
Lucas Maxwell	Krista & Benjamin Maxwell	Kristin Ploeger
Tricia Schwarz	Kelly Paulhus & David Schwarz	Ryleigh Minnich

From the Cemetery Commission

Part-time employment opportunities are available for caring for the Union Church Cemetery. Duties include the mowing of the cemetery property, weed eating around the memorials, preparing for and oversight of burials and cremations, prepare foundations for memorials, and general maintenance of cemetery grounds and property.

Candidates shall enjoy working outdoors, in all weather conditions, be familiar with lawn mowing equipment, be able to lift 50 pounds and perform light digging and raking of ground. Please contact Union Church Cemetery secretary/ treasurer Phil Wehr at 610-767-3657 for more information.

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Financial Report

Fiscal Year	Operating Fund	Designated Funds	Grand Total All Funds
7-1-2024	-\$4,682.00	\$29,197.00	\$24,515.00
Income	\$413,662.00	\$69,899.00	\$483,561.00
Expenses	\$379,475.00	\$69,372.00	\$448,847.00
3-31-2025	\$29,505.00	\$29,724.00	\$59,229.00

Designated Funds category includes offerings for NIN, Mother's Day, OGHS, Lenten, Advent, Improvement Fund, Flowers, Directory, Bulletins, Phoebe Campaign, & special gifts.

Donate, Recycle and Help Your Church

As you are cleaning out closets and cabinets be sure to keep Union UCC in mind. Bring your donations at any time to the bin in our grove. The church receives a certain amount of money for each pound that is donated. Items that are usable are resold or recycled. You are also helping to save the amount of things that end up in a landfill by donating your items this way. Recycle Local's goal is to help agencies have 0% waste.

Items accepted include: clean and dry clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, towels, drapes, pillow cases and stuffed animals. Place all items in plastic bags. NO furniture, rags, pillows, toys, or household goods.

This is one more way to give and support the mission and ministry of God's church at Union UCC. Thank you.

New Member Sessions We encourage you to make a deeper commitment to your faith by joining us as a member. Contact Pastor Kris PastorKris@unionucc.org to sign up. See page 14 for more information.

Dual Member Status Dual membership is available to people who wish to join our church but who want to also maintain membership at another church. Dual members will have the same rights and duties as a member. According to our Constitution members are required to commune and donate yearly. We look forward to continuing to welcome new members into the Christian journey with our faith family here at Union UCC.

Baptism We offer baptisms during worship at the 10:30 service every other month. Our next dates are **May 18, 2025 and July 20, 2025**. There is a pre-baptism zoom session with a 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.

Weddings To begin the process of scheduling your pre-marriage sessions and wedding at church/a venue and/or with one of the pastors call the church office at 610-767-6961 or email Marissa Haney at administrator@unionucc.org.

There is information on our website, forms to complete are downloadable. More information on the site: <http://www.unionucc.org/resources> for New Member, Baptism, and Wedding forms.

Room or Hall Use for Members You may reserve church space for personal use like family gatherings by contacting Marissa in the office () to see if your date is available, to complete the necessary forms, to learn the guidelines and process, and to pay the donations needed. One time use donations are \$60 plus a \$25 for cleaning. We do not offer room use to non-members at this time.