



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE AT CHURCH AND ONLINE

June 1 will be the last Sam worship service for the summer. Starting June 8 we will only have 10:30 worship. Sam 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), July 27 (Christmas in July), August 10 (Church Picnic), August 24 (Last one!). Bring your favorite chair or blanket or enjoy a bench under the trees or a table under the pavilion.

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

Build Your Own Sundae

June 29, 2025

Join us after 10:30am worship in the Grove

Hot dogs, Snacks, Ice Cream & ALL THE TOPPINGS

Sponsored by:
Welcoming Committee

BLUES NITE OUT

Saturday, August 23



All of the favorite foods will be back!

Bands sponsored by:
Henry Lumber Co
The Law Offices of Steckel and Stop

FAITH & FOOD TRUCKS

FOOD TRUCKS 4:30-8PM
FREE MUSIC 5:30-8PM

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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May
Baptism

Jensen, Sawyer, and
Paisley Gruber with
parents Travis and
Taylor Gruber



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



VENMO @unionuccneffs

DRIZZLE

5040 ROUTE 873
SCHNECKSVILLE

FUNDRAISER AT DRIZZLE ICE CREAM

THURSDAY, JUNE 26
12NOON TO 9PM

EAT ICE CREAM ALL DAY!

15% of all sales will raise funds for the Breakfast Bunch summer breakfast/lunch program for kids in Slatington at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Drizzle offers Kreider's Hand Dipped Ice Cream (Lancaster County), soft serve, Flavorburst (soft serve), Italian Ice, and Penn State Creamery Ice Cream. Sundaes, milkshakes, & banana splits too!



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



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.



Thank you Marissa Haney, Office Administrator:

We are sad to announce that Marissa, our office administrator has resigned. She has accepted a job at another company. We hate to see her leave us. She has been an awesome part of our staff and team for 6 years. But we wish her all the best in this new chapter of her career. She's also going to become a Grandmother in June!

We thanked her in worship on Sunday, May 18th. Congratulations and blessings, Marissa!

Marissa has graciously agreed to continue to help us during the transition while we do interviews. She will not be in the office during the day. We ask for your patience and prayers for the staff and our leaders as we move through this time of change. The job will be posted on Indeed.com. Please pray for our search and the person God calls to serve as our next team member too.

If you know of someone who might be interested in the position have them apply through Indeed.com.

Semi-Annual meeting

Dear Church Family,

I'd like to invite you to attend our Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 22, 2025 following the 10:30 AM service. This meeting's agenda will focus on the approval of the FY2026 Budget as well as a review of the audit report for the Funds of Lasting Gifts.

Your participation and engagement in this process supports our programs and mission while ensuring our financial vitality moving forward. Please take this opportunity to meet with our Financial Leadership Team and become informed.

The meeting will be held in person, but a Zoom option will be available to view the meeting (voting must be done in person). I look forward to seeing you on June 22nd and working together to better serve God and our greater community.

May God continue to bless our church family and those we serve.

Respectfully,

Eric Minnich

Consistory President

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84558856773?pwd=2bbjnv8Lvg7XDNIOjN3Njbu6sG8QAH.1>

Meeting ID: 845 5885 6773

Passcode: 123911

UNION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Neffs, Pennsylvania

Anticipated Income for July 2025 thru June 2026Contributions, Current and Benevolent

General (Weekly Envelopes and Plate)
Improvement Fund
Communion
Mission and Outreach
Lent and Good Friday
Harvest Home, Thanksgiving and Christmas
Program Income
Preschool Contribution
Miscellaneous (Building Donations, Interest)
Fundraisers
Special Gifts / Reserve Fund
Funds of Lasting Gifts

Income Budget

<u>2024-2025 fct</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>	
\$379,490	\$392,500	
\$8,840	\$8,500	
\$7,370	\$7,000	
\$10,780	\$7,500	
\$2,130	\$2,500	
\$16,380	\$17,500	
\$4,460	\$3,900	
\$900	\$1,800	
\$13,090	\$12,800	
\$15,810	\$15,000	
\$30,870	\$62,900	
\$24,830	\$38,500	
\$514,950	\$570,400	<u>\$570,400</u>

Total Income BudgetAnticipated Expenses for July 2025 thru June 2026Facilities and Office Equipment

Church Building / Property
Office Equipment

Employee Salaries

Pastor
Financial Manager
Church Office Administrator
Visitation Pastor
Interim Coach and Consultant
Minister of Faith Formation
Marketing Support
Associate Pastor
Minister of Music
Nursery Attendant
Instrumental Director
Instrumental Asst Choir Director
Facility Caretakers

Employee Expenses

Health Insurance (net of Pastor's contributions)
FICA
Pension Dues
Miscellaneous

Mission and Outreach

OCWM
Phoebe
Lancaster Seminary
Bethany
Five for Five
Lehigh Co. Conf. of Churches
Northern Lehigh Food Bank
Mission Discretionary

Leadership

Gifts / Materials / Golden Times

Programs

Worship
Education
Fellowship and Evangelism
Flowers / Bulletins

Office Expenses**Total Operating Expenses****Total Income less Expenses**

<u>2024-2025 fct</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>	
\$82,820	\$82,600	
\$5,985	<u>\$6,403</u>	\$89,003
\$99,380	\$102,359	
\$21,640	\$22,399	
\$33,480	\$37,126	
\$21,640	\$24,683	
\$0	\$0	
\$21,890	\$22,566	
\$0	\$0	
\$54,150	\$55,778	
\$28,390	\$29,245	
\$0	\$0	
\$2,250	\$0	
\$3,450	\$5,700	
\$20,660	<u>\$28,395</u>	\$328,250
\$25,740	\$27,957	
\$24,450	\$25,981	
\$22,460	\$22,139	
\$7,020	<u>\$9,885</u>	\$85,962
\$7,400	\$7,400	
\$4,770	\$4,770	
\$1,075	\$1,075	
\$240	\$240	
\$600	\$600	
\$1,200	\$1,200	
\$1,200	\$1,200	
\$310	<u>\$300</u>	\$16,785
\$3,600	<u>\$3,500</u>	\$3,500
\$7,890	\$10,850	
\$9,410	\$11,150	
\$5,460	\$6,000	
\$1,600	<u>\$3,500</u>	\$31,500
<u>\$16,620</u>	<u>\$15,400</u>	<u>\$15,400</u>
\$536,780	\$570,400	<u>\$570,400</u>
(\$21,830)	\$0	

From the Property Committee

Summer is coming soon, but let's think back to the beautiful spring we experienced. God's beauty was all around as all the flowers and trees awakened from their winter hibernation. The daffodils in the grove, and all the other flowers were spectacular this year. Then the flowering dogwood trees, cherry trees and magnolias took over for a few weeks, providing for a colorful outdoor experience. Let's not forget about the green grass, growing fast from all the rain showers, even the dandelion's provided some color, until the fertilizer kicked in. Yes, Spring is always a special time around Union UCC's property.

The yearly maintenance of the property continues, the oil burner cleaned, fire extinguishers inspected, AC units of the sanctuary serviced, gutters cleaned, flower beds cleaned and mulched, everything in order as summer arrives. Thank you to the many contractors who perform various skills to keep our property in good shape

Reminder to church members looking to hold a special event in the grove this summer, dates are going fast, please contact the church office to book a special family event. The grove is a special place for parties, showers, reunions and more.



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



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!

Google form: <https://forms.gle/pcpHdnAsM7uNypM17>

From Pastor Kris - So much to celebrate, thank you faithful members!

In the Fall we celebrated our members who have been members for 40 or more years. This Spring we celebrated members who have been here for 20-39 years. Thank you to those who did video interviews:

Randy and Dede Bilger, Dave and Sharon DiPaolantonio, Eric Minnich. Dennis Foster, Dave and Dolly Mulcahy, Dan and Dep Topp, Karen Nuschke, Ron and Johanna Pope, and Deana Correll.

Margie and Malcolm Mackenzie also shared these reflections:

1) Our elementary age daughter was invited by a friend who was a Union member to attend Sunday School with him and liked it. She then proceeded to enjoy the wonderful children's program the church offered. She enjoyed it so much that we decided to go to a few services and found it was a good fit for our family.

UnionUCC has always been a source of community and comfort for us all these years. We are appreciative of all the church has done to be engaging and offering so many opportunities for spiritual, social and personal growth. The church always has a sense of history and permanence, while still evolving to be the progressive, inclusive and compassionate church it is today.

2) We have many memories of meaningful holidays, services in the grove and certainly the beautiful musical offerings Union has always encouraged its members to participate in.

Mac was pleased to have contributed to the congregation by serving on the Board of Governors and Consistory, he came away with a sense of appreciation for the work involved with running the church. Before retiring from working at the bank down the road Margie remembers hearing the wonderful church bells at noon. It was a reminder of our church and God's love at midday.

3) We keep faith by going for walks and observing God's care for all things through the beauty and orderliness of the natural world and giving thanks for it.

4) My favorite hymn is Abide With Me, because it asks for nothing but God's presence throughout our life until the end of it. Mac's favorite is This is My Father's World.

5) Our words of wisdom would be to become an attentive listener in our relationships with each other. People teach us who they are through our interest in them and in turn we learn who we are and find commonality. May God bless our congregation and leaders for many more years of faithful service.

Thank you for loving and serving God at Union UCC for all these years.

*Here I am, Lord, Is it I Lord? I have heard
you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me, I will hold
your people in my heart.*

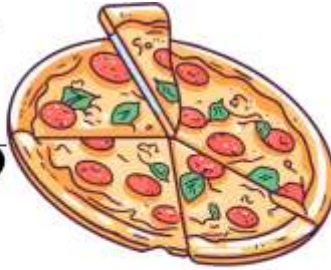




FAITH FORMATION

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

FAMILY PIZZA & GAME NIGHT



June 11th
6pm-8pm



To register, visit
<https://forms.gle/h25imSdundpLVTEUA>
or scan the QR code.

KIDVENTURE SUMMER

May 25th to August 31st

During the 10:30am worship 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 VBS 2025

JUNE 23-27
6PM-8PM

DINNER AVAILABLE AT 5:30PM

Children in Preschool to 7th grade are invited to be participants. Teens 8th grade and older and adults are invited to volunteer.

Participants and volunteers can register online at <https://vbspro.events/p/unionucc>



"As human beings, our job in life is to help people realize how rare and valuable each one of us really is, that each of us has something that no one else has or ever will have something inside that is unique to all time. It's our job to encourage each other to discover that uniqueness and to provide ways of developing its expression." - Fred Rogers

Union UCC, Neff's Youth Group

"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." – Walt Disney

June 2025 Edition

Pastor Kayli (pastorkayli@unionucc.org)

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



Youth Group Summer Grove Hang-Outs

Youth Group Summer Grove Hang-Outs

6pm-8pm

June 18

July 9

July 23

August 8

All youth grades 6th thru 12th are invited to join us for a time to hang out in the grove. Drinks and cool treats will be provided. Bring your friends for a time to just enjoy Summer together!

If it rains—we'll move into the Youth Room

Congratulations Class of 2025!

Adventure Is Out There! You're all part of a very different group of kids. You were either starting high school or finishing it during a global pandemic. So much of your adventures were different than your peers...and as always you persevered! We are so incredibly proud of all of our graduates! The journey is just beginning, keep turning the pages in your story!

One Great Hour of Sharing - It's time to share

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is one of four special offerings of the United Church of Christ. This annual special offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the United Church of Christ within Our Churches Wider Mission (OCWM).

In Galatians, the Apostle Paul encourages followers of Jesus to generously help and care for others. Though there is great need in the world and we can grow weary because we do not know how to help, God's spirit energizes us to help.

You can make a difference. Your generosity makes all the difference. Your gifts to OGHS provide immediate aid and long-term support to people experiencing hunger, thirst, disaster, or crisis around the world.

Collections for OGHS will take place in June. To make a donation, please use the special envelope included in this newsletter. This may be mailed to the church office or dropped into the collection plate. Donations may also be made online.

Thank you for supporting this annual mission collection.



UPCOMING HOSTING WEEK: September 28 - October 5, 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



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.

Thank you to our team for finishing our community needs assessment interviews. We learned so much and can't wait to find new ways to be the church in our community! Over the Summer, this information will be reviewed along with the mapping information we received from our consultant and we will work on integrating it with our marketing plan and case statement for visioning and implementing ministry and mission goals. After 2 years of work, we are taking a break from the major pieces of the Leadership Planning Team process for a sabbath rest and to honor the challenging time we are in. We have postponed doing a feasibility study for renovating Memorial Hall from the Fall of 2025 until sometime in 2026. Continue to pray for God's guidance and blessing as we seek to be relevant, engaged, and growing here in Neffs.

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

From the Mission Committee

Thank you for your generous support during the Easter Mission collection. Donations of over \$1,500 will support The Chemo Bag and over \$1,500 will support World Central Kitchen. Both missions will provide love and support to families during special times in their lives. Our financial support makes a difference in the world community.

Each year, earnings from the Urffer Fund in the Funds of Lasting Gifts is provided to missions outside of the church who deal with improving the lives of children.

This year, the Mission Committee approved donations of \$1,000 to the Special Olympics of the Lehigh Valley, \$1,000 to Bethany Children's Home, and \$800 to the Civic Theatre's Children's summer camp.

Each year, earnings from the Mattern Family Humanitarian Needs Fund is provided to missions across the globe to provide families some of the basic requirements of food, clean water and shelter.

This year, the Mission Committee has approved donations of \$500 to each of the following missions: Parkland CARES food Pantry, Meals on Wheels of the Lehigh Valley, Lehigh Conference of Churches, Community Action of the Lehigh Valley, Second Harvest Food Bank, Sixth Street Shelter, Victory House of Lehigh Valley.

Thank you to the Urffer Fund and the Mattern Fund, individual funds within the Funds of Lasting Gifts endowment fund for Spreading God's Love to the World.



PRESCHOOL NEWS

MAY 2025 ● WWW.NEFFSUCCPRESCHOOL.ORG ● PRESCHOOL@NEFFSUCC.ORG



May is quickly wrapping up as I write this, and with it comes the end of the school year. The last days of school and graduation are only a week away, and the students are brimming with energy and excitement! The end of a school year is always bittersweet, as we know the students are ready to fly the coop and head off to kindergarten, but we will also miss being a part of their lives. We have watched them grow and develop over the course of one, two, and sometimes three years, and we have grown attached to them and their families. Each unique personality leaves a mark on our hearts that lasts forever. This group of students and families will hold an extra special place in my life as they are the last classes entrusted to my care as a teacher!

THANK YOU!

I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks for the generous donations to our recent bowl-a-thon fundraiser. We are incredibly grateful for your contribution. Your willingness to support our cause means the world to us.

This week was Teacher Appreciation Week. The parents and I purchased gifts and treats for the teachers, in the hope that they know how much we appreciate them! However, no amount of snacks and supplies will ever be enough to express how profoundly grateful I am for their dedication, creativity, and loving natures. They make our school a truly special place.

I wanted to take this opportunity to express my profound gratitude to the Neffs UCC Preschool Board, who have supported and guided me throughout my first year as director. As well, I want to thank the Church staff and members for allowing us to be part of this truly amazing community. I look forward to many more years of connection and collaboration!

The staff, students, and I wish everyone a
HAPPY, SAFE, and HEALTHY summer!
We will see you again in September!

PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

The Neffs Preschool Board of Directors is pleased to announce their 2025 scholarship winner. This \$250 scholarship is given every year to a high school senior who is planning on higher education and started their educational career at Neffs Preschool. The applicants are required to complete a 500 word essay in which they discuss themselves, their future plans, and a preschool memory. Congratulations to Emily Hoysan, a senior at Parkland High School who plans on pursuing a degree in Speech Therapy.

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.



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Neffs, Pennsylvania

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, October 19th at 11:30-12:30 in Memorial Hall where coffee hour is. You would be received in church on Sunday, October 26th 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.

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Mission Thank You's

Thank you for the generous gift of \$2,045 to the CWS Blankets program. As families and communities around the world recover from emergencies and struggle in the face of unprecedented challenges, you are standing with them. Now more than ever, we are so grateful for your generous support.

Your contribution provides warmth, comfort, and hope to neighbors near and far. It provides comfort to our neighbors who have lost homes or are struggling in the face of extreme challenges. Around the world, your support means relief and hope.

Because of you, Church World Service can respond when disasters occur, and support is needed. Thank you for your compassion.

Sincerely, Church World Service.

Thank you for your generous \$5,000 donation which was used to purchase supplies to fill 240 "Bags of Hope" for cancer patients during the recent April 27 packing event. These bags will be provided to new patients during the month of May.

Through your donations, you are helping us ensure that people in the Lehigh Valley and surrounding areas, who are impacted by cancer, are provided with a comfort bag at their first Chemo infusion session. The bags provide not only comfort items, but support and strength throughout their journey.

Sincerely, The Chemo Bag - Caring, Helping, Encouraging, Motivation, Others



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

Sylvia "Sally" Kern passed on May 10, 2025. Services were held on May 27, 2025 at the Heintzelman Funeral Home.

Look for these opportunities to return in September:

Breathe – a monthly service of prayer, scripture, music, singing bowls, Communion, and a quiet chance to catch your breath.

Labyrinth Walks – at various times, open houses to stop by and retreat mornings or evenings.

Faith on Tap – a night of God, Food, and Drink at Kornfeind's Tavern with church and community friends.

God First Wednesdays - the first Wednesday night of the month 5:30-7:30pm is a time to put God first with activities for everyone, includes supper to start and a closing time of worship.

Adult Education Classes on Friday mornings 9:30-11am and Sunday Morning 9:15-10:15am

Golden Times

Sunday School during Education Hour

Confirmation Class



UNDUE
Medical Debt

PASTOR KRIS IS TURNING 60!

I'm throwing a party and you're invited!
Here's the catch ~ It's a Fundraiser

Help me fulfill my dream of erasing medical debt. Over 100,000,000 adults nationwide have medical debt that negatively impacts their lives.

For pennies on the dollar we can change this!
Every \$10 donated relieves \$1,000 on average of medical debt for people in financial need.

Lehigh Valley churches did this last year and raised \$25,000 and erased \$3 million worth of debt.

Learn more about the agency's work at: unduemedicaldebt.org



AUGUST

9

5PM - 8PM

KORNFEIND'S MARKET

2228 OLD POST RD, COPLAY
PARK IN THE BACK

- Food & Drinks
- Raffle
- Music

ABSOLUTELY NO BIRTHDAY PRESENTS ALLOWED! RSVP BY JULY 27

SIGN UP HERE to attend: <https://bit.ly/4dIP0re>

Donate Here - NOTE: "Medical Debt"
Venmo @unionuccneffs
OR <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z51X/home>
choose: Medical Debt Fundraiser
OR cash or checks to "Union UCC"
OR donate at the event.

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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	\$453,764.00	\$90,284.00	\$544,048.00
Expenses	\$429,157.00	\$88,627.00	\$517,784.00
4-30-2025	\$19,925.00	\$30,854.00	\$50,779.00

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 **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 administrator@unionucc.org 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.