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ANNOUNCEMENTS APRIL 26, 2020

OUR PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN THIS WEEK

Please [click here](#) to put a prayer request in. The pastors will include your prayers in their daily devotions and in next week's worship bulletin. We invite you to take this list home and include it in your prayers during the week as well.

Medical Issues: Maverick, Traci, Johanna, Harry, Shirley, Mel, Ron and Sueann, Marlene, David, Fawn, Rhonda, Sally, Tami, Eleana, Bertha, Carolyn, Lynn and Jeanne, Norman, Jean, Traci and family, Friend Nancy with cancer, Martha, Luther, Cheryl and Leia, Hilda

Life's Challenges: health care workers, essential workers, those without work, people who feel unsafe going to work, families that have lost loved ones to this virus, everyone dealing with stress and anxiety, the Stahley and Schlosser family on the loss of their father and grandfather Glenn, Fred Wagner and family on the passing of his dad. Helen Lewis and Carol and their family on the loss of Helen's brother Rick, Roger and Deb Moyer on the passing of Deb's father, Gloria Christman Toner and her family on the passing of her husband

Gratitude: flowers in our grove, Easter joy, finding ways to be grateful, heart pictures of our church family, worry stones to help us ask God to hold our hearts and worries.

Tawson Lee Schmidt was born on April 16th to Shannon and Travers Schmidt. Grandparents are Kelly and Keven Ebert. Congratulations and blessings!

Congratulations **Sueann Hregician** who has been promoted to Senior Manager of the management team at her job at Allen Organ. Blessings on your new position.

If you are in the hospital, please notify a pastor or church office or ask a family member to do so. Please be sure to give the hospital our **church code (511)**.
If we missed you during your hospital stay, let us know 610-767-6961.

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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Look for us on our Facebook page, website, Instagram page, and Youtube channel.
If you can't be there at 10:30am, you can watch anytime after that.

April 26 Worship Online at 10:30am

May 3 Online worship at 10:30am, Celebrating our Confirmands

May 10 Online worship at 10:30am, Guest Preacher Rev. Allan Kramer-Moyer, Celebrating the women and moms in our church family

Children's News

Congratulations to **Dimitri Shivok, Zoey Slade, Gavin Gross and Sabastian Young** for completing their First Communion Class. It was our very first ZOOM First Communion Class, where they learned the how's, why's, when's, what's and where's of communion. They will be able to celebrate their first communion virtually. We can't wait until we are all together again to celebrate communion together in person.

GRATITUDE CHALLENGE: We challenge you to jot down three things a day that you are grateful for. Our VBS friends can look for God Sightings. Look for the positive, the silver lining, what makes you smile! Snap a picture of a God Sighting or a picture of your gratitude list for the day and send it to us. Send to 484-262-9470.

Youth and Young Adult News

Youth Group Virtual Hang-outs! Next Youth Group Virtual Hang-out is **Tuesday April 28, 2020**. 6th-8th grade 7pm-8pm, 9th-12th grade is 8pm-9pm. Join us for some fun away from school work!

Youth Sunday!! Youth Sunday has been postponed until May 31. Our hope is that those who signed up to participate on the original date, will be available on May 31. Seniors, you'll still need to write your sermons. Look for emails with more information.

Youth Group T-Shirt Sales! We will continue to sell t-shirts when we can be together again. T-shirts are \$6.00 with proceeds benefitting the youth group. Thank you to Dylan Kuntz for designing the artwork on the front.

Young Adults (ages 18-35) are welcome to join in our Computers, Coffee, and Conversation. A virtual group that gathers to discuss TED talks or podcast episodes, how they relate to where we are in life, and how our faith shapes that. If you'd like more information or would like to join the group, please contact Pastor Kayli (pastorkayli@unionucc.org).

Friday Morning Adult Class with Pastor Kris 9:30 am-10:30am **Online—contact Pastor Kris to log in.** May 1 chapters 5&6

The Grace of Les Misérables, author and pastor Matt Rawle

MEDITATION GATHERINGS— Looking for new ways to handle stress? Want to try or deepen your meditation practice? **Join us online—contact Pastor Kris to log in.**

Future dates: May 5 and 19. Pastor Kris and Carrie Beleno.

COUNTRY SALE—The country sale on May 2 is cancelled this year.

UNION UCC'S FIRST FITNESS FUSION FESTIVAL — Saturday, June 13th from 9am-12pm - This event is free and will offer 30 minute classes on Zumba, Yoga, Pilates Yoga Fusion

and Reiki/Meditation. You are invited to sign-up for 1 or more than 1 class. There will be light, nutritious snacks and drinks along with wellness vendors available for healthy lifestyle information and purchases. We hope to see you for some exercise, networking and to help you learn something new about wellness. Please contact Jenna Hoffert (484-695-6223 or jenna_stout@yahoo.com) with questions, to register for a fitness class or to sign-up as a vendor.

IRON PIGS GAME-Church Trip to the Iron Pigs will be on Saturday, June 27th for a 6:30 p.m. game. John Snyder-Samuels has 45 out of 66 tickets still available. Please contact him at 484-809-3815 if you are interested. Cost per ticket is \$11.

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SEWERS AND HELPERS. Karla Bachl works at Lehigh valley Hospital and is collecting home made masks for hospital staff there. She has placed a bin on the south (Schnecksville) porch at church for your donations. All patterns and fabric are accepted. Here's one link to use for making the masks. There are several out there.

<https://vimeo.com/user11252937/review/399305630/8e27c1181c> Thank you!

FOOD BANK Union UCC provided 215 five pound bags of potatoes to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank for their Easter Distribution of food on Saturday April 4. Thank you for supporting Union UCC's mission to the community.

HELPING MEALS MINISTRY

Thank you Amy McCoy! Amy has been the coordinator of our Helping Meals ministry for the last several years. She has been the voice and face of this important ministry and has always done an excellent job coordinating volunteers and the needs of our members. We cannot thank her enough for her devotion and care. **Amy, thank you for being a blessing to our church family.**

Welcome to Pam Minnich and Connie Gioielli who will be our new coordinators.

Please contact them if you'd like to be added to the list to help cook and deliver meals. Pam Minnich (Pjp.edrn@gmail.com) Connie Gioielli (c_gioielli@yahoo.com) We are always looking for people who can make a meal for our families when they face a challenging time. You can also donate a Weis or DiFiore Restaurant card and give it to the church office for a pastor to share with a family. You would probably only need to help about 4-5 times a year. **If you are in need of meals, please contact one of the pastors.**

CLOTHING SHED- The clothing shed will be closed for a few weeks. They are not able to accept any new donations at this time. Please do not leave any bags or donations outside of the bin.

FROM THE FINANCIAL LEADERSHIP TEAM-Good news....Union UCC is the recipient of a federal loan under the Paycheck Protection Program established under the recently passed CARES act. The intent of the Program is to help small businesses, including organizations like the church, to sustain their ongoing operations and keep their staff employed. Importantly, the act allows for a portion of the loan to be forgiven as long as the proceeds are used to cover eight weeks of payroll costs and other costs like utilities and rent. For Union UCC, it is estimated that approximately \$50,000 of the loan proceeds related to our payroll and utility costs (**about 70% of the total loan**) can be forgiven....a huge help in keeping our staff employed during these critical few months

We are using postcards, emails, Facebook, and Sunday's online worship to help share information. We are also mailing the bulletin to those who might not be online. If you'd like to receive the bulletin by mail, or if you'd like to receive our weekly emails, please contact Marissa at the office 610-767-6961 or administrator@unionucc.org.

Community and church groups have been cancelled through the end of May. The building will remain locked.

If you need something from our office, staff, or pastors please do not stop by but call or email us instead. Church Office 610-767-6961

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Easter Flowers

Thank you for sponsoring Easter flowers for our members on the visitation list and/or to decorate the sanctuary. Your thoughtful generosity is such a blessing to us.

The flower order has been cancelled from our vendor due to the Corona Virus. We are sorry they won't be available for you.

If you'd like to use your order to sponsor Mums in September, we will be glad to transfer your donation to do so. You can also get a refund. Please contact Marissa at 610-767-6961 or administrator@unionucc.org to let her know your preference.