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OUR PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN THIS WEEK

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNE 7, 2020

Please <u>click here</u> to put a prayer request in. The pastors will include your prayers in their daily devotions and in next week's worship bulletin.

Medical Issues/Cancer: Dorothy, Patsy, Rose Marie, Marie, Carolyn, Shirley, Nancy, Sonia, Bobbi, Charlie, Rosemary, Charlotte, Laura, Robin, Phyllis, Marilyn, Harrison and Lynn, Nancy, Eleanor, Christine and Gary, Denise, Victoria, Ferne, brother, Sueann, Fawn, Mikey.

General Prayers: those who have lost loved ones, leaders making decisions regarding COVID, for conversations and actions that will end racism, for our church family and all communities of faith.

Thanksgiving: grateful for local farmers and food banks doing all they can to support the community, our teachers and educators, all the nurses and doctors who are taking care of our loved ones.

Prayers and blessings: To the friends and family of **Raymond Hoffman** who passed on Monday, June1, 2020. Private services were held.

To the friends and family of **Norman Hunsicker** who passed on Tuesday, June 2, 2020. Service to be held on Monday, June 8.

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.

June 14 Online Worship at 10:30am LIVE Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting at 11:30am by Zoom. Watch for directions to log in online or by phone.

June 21 Online Worship at 10:30am Celebrating the fathers and men of Union UCC. **June 28 Online Worship at 10:30am**

Virtual Coffee Hour by Zoom

After Worship June 7 and June 28 (no June 14 due to Semi-Annual Meeting and no June 21 due to Father's Day) 11:30 AM –12noon

Watch for a separate weekly email with the zoom info or contact one of the pastors for login information. Bring your snacks and coffee and see your friends. We miss you!

PRAYER VIGIL

On **Sunday, June 14, 2020 at 2 pm**. The Penn Northeast Conference is asking our UCC churches to hold A Prayer Vigil for Peace and Justice. **Please join me on the front steps of our church to pray together. Bring a candle to light.**

Each of our UCC congregations across the conference and the country, utilizing good social distancing and protection guidelines (wear a mask), are asked to gather outside their church buildings to hold lighted candles, offer prayers for peace, and stand in solidarity with our siblings of color.

Our mobilization of nearly 5,000 congregations makes a huge impact on the spiritual health of our nation and speaks to our willingness to act in faithfulness. - Pastor Kris

Children's News

Rocky Railway VBS 2020 has been derailed until 2021.

<u>Sunday School and Children's Church</u> coin exchange is postponed until fall. Put your coins in a safe place!

Youth and Young Adult News

<u>Graduates</u> Congratulation's to our 2020 graduates. Please note the list was printed prior to all information being obtained. If you were missed please let Pastor Kayli know. <u>Young Adults</u> (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).

Groups

<u>MEDITATION GATHERINGS</u>— 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 date: June 9 and 23. Pastor Kris and Carrie Beleno.

IRON PIGS GAME-Church Trip to the Iron Pigs is cancelled. John Snyder-Samuelson will be in contact with those that have purchased a ticker.

GOLDEN TIMES— June gathering is cancelled.

UNION UCC'S FIRST FITNESS FUSION FESTIVAL - Cancelled.

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!

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.

FOOD AND TOILETRY COLLECTION- To help support the Northern Lehigh Food Bank and Lehigh Conference of Churches, we will begin collections of food and toiletries. Please drive to the large northside parking lot, and drop off your donations in the large boxes under the porch entranceway. Collections will take place every Sat. and Sun. through June 28 from 8 - 4, just drive by and drop off, the Mission Committee will deliver to both agencies on a regular basis. Items needed include: cereals, cake & brownie mixes, jelly, condiments, hand soap, toothpaste and toilet paper. Local families continue to be served by both agencies, your donations continue to make a difference in their lives. Thank You, The Mission Committee.

<u>Mission Moment</u>: One of our young adults, **Nate Kern**, is training for a triathlon in July in memory of his friend **Kyle Burkey** who died by suicide. Please show your support by cheering him on and praying for him as he trains. If you are able to make a financial donation here's the information: Donations to the Jed foundation can be made in our effort at <u>donate.jedfoundation.org/fundraiser/2727444</u> Donations for the KB Memorial Scholarship Fund can be made at <u>gofundme.com/f/iron-mind-fund</u>

<u>Friday, June 12th at 7pm Watch Party</u> with Pastors Kayli and Kris – **Just Mercy** movie. This is a good movie to continue the conversation about racism in America. Watch for a separate email with zoom info this week.

Summary: In 1989, idealistic young Harvard law graduate Bryan Stevenson travels to Alabama hoping to help fight for poor people who cannot afford proper legal representation. He meets with Eva Ansley and founds the Equal Justice Initiative, then travels to a prison to meet its death row inmates. He meets Walter "Johnny D." McMillian, an African-American man who was convicted of the 1986 murder of Ronda Morrison, a white woman.

Community and church groups have been cancelled through the end of June. 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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