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ANNOUNCEMENTS AUGUST 16, 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.

Medical Issues/Cancer: Dorothy, Patsy, Rose Marie, Marie, Carolyn, Shirley, Nancy, Sonia, Bobbi, Charlie, Rosemary, Phyllis, Marilyn, Harrison and Lynn, Eleanor, Christine and Gary, Denise, Victoria, Ferne, brother in end stage ALS, Mikey, Fawn, Jillian, David facing a procedure, Frank who is dealing with diabetes and vision issues, Veronica, Sharon, Amber and Scott's baby, neighbor Linda, Emily, Ann, Christina, Stanley, Gale, Mary going through chemotherapy, Luke, Barbara, Traci, Janet, Nancy

General Prayers: Patty for peace and strength, Eugene's family, Jess, Isabella, and Mickey and their family, Gabe, Max and Jared, Sherri and granddaughter Autumn, Paula, for the various ways that we are struggling with Covid issues, continued healing for Nancy, hope, strength & healing for Jack, Kris for hope & strength, Emily, Kathryn, strength for all teachers.

Thanksgiving: our Consistory, Pastors and Staff as they lead us during this time, for fresh vegetables and fruit and farmers, the faithful generosity of our church family, the chance to worship together in person, friends, Abe

Hospitals: Dorothy Reph at Muhlenberg, Ann Fortney at LVCC
Harry Burger wants you to know that he now lives at At Home at Parkland 4315 Washington St. Schnecksville, PA. Feel free to reach out to him.

Congratulations and blessings: on the birth of **Madeline Marie Newtz** on August 11, 2020 to Liz and Joe Newtz. Grandparents are Sue and Larry Todd.
On the birth of **John Stephen Gacesa IV** to Carol and John Gacesa on August 10, 2020. Grandparents are Jim and Edie Fella.

Hospital Information: Pastors are still not allowed to visit church members when they are in the hospital, however, we'd like to be able to call on the phone and pray with you or your family. Currently most chaplain offices are no longer able to provide us with accurate information by church code. We suggest that if you or a loved one is in the hospital that you or a family member contact the church office directly to let us know. Better yet, please use our email or cell phones to contact a pastor directly. We don't want to miss the chance to walk through this time with you. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We will continue to offer online worship through Facebook, our website, and Youtube. Please join us there every Sunday. We are now posting the service at 8am. Join us then or any time after that on Sunday or during the week. Bulletins and announcements are posted through links on these pages too.

If you are not able to go online, we are glad to mail you a paper bulletin of the service each week, this includes weekly announcements. Contact Marissa in the office if you'd like to receive the bulletin in the mail or receive our weekly emails. 610-767-6961
administrator@unionucc.org

You can now listen to our service by phone by calling 610-410-9595

You can view the weekly bulletin and announcements on your phone by scanning the QR Code below. (open your camera app, point at code, and tap to open link)



August 23 Outdoor worship at 10:30 in the Grove, Online worship posted at 8 am.
CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC MUST GO ON! Join your church family for our annual picnic, with a few upgrades. Sunday August 23. 10:30am worship will be held in the Grove, featuring the musical stylings of Bev Conklin and the BC Combo, following all social distancing guidelines. After worship, stick around for a pre-made bagged lunch made by Kornfeind's (vegetarian and gluten free options available) as well as some music...almost like a mini Blues Night Out! If the weather doesn't cooperate...come by anyway for some lunch and a smiling face to greet you on the North (Neffs) side parking lot covered patio.

August 30 Outdoor worship at 10:30 in the Grove, Online worship posted at 8 am.

September 6 Outdoor worship at 10:30 in the Grove, Online worship posted at 8 am.

September 13 Outdoor worship at 10:30 in the Grove, Online worship posted at 8 am.
Guest Speaker: Vicki Mayk, Union UCC Member and Author *Growing Up On The Gridiron: Football, Friendship and the Tragic Life of Owen Thomas*, chronicles the short but extraordinary life of a young man who grew up attending Union UCC. Owen was the son of our late pastor emeritus, the Rev. Thomas N. Thomas, and his wife, the Rev. Kathy Brearley. After his death by suicide in 2010, Owen's case became a significant part of the research that linked playing football with the traumatic brain condition CTE. The book tells the story of Owen, his family, teammates, friends, and coaches and explores the health concern he helped to illuminate. The book is also about the intoxicating na-

ture of football culture in the United States, where the sport is a gift passed down from generations, fathers to sons, brother to brother. Few leave the game behind. Vicki Mayk has been a member of Union UCC since 2010. A former reporter for the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, she has enjoyed a 35-year career in journalism and public relations. She has reported for newspapers in New Jersey and Pennsylvania and her work has appeared in national and regional magazines. She's been the editor of three university magazines, most recently at Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. She worked closely with the Thomas family and Owen's friends to write her book, which being published Sept. 1 by Beacon Press. Visit Amazon.com (and choose Union UCC as your charity on Amazon Smile) or your favorite bookstore to purchase her book.

Vicki will also be leading a discussion on *Growing Up On The Gridiron: Football, Friendship and the Tragic Life of Owen Thomas* on October 18 and 25 at 9:15am at Union UCC. This will be a zoom gathering. Contact Pastor Kris for the log in information to join us online or by phone.

[A complete letter was mailed, emailed and posted. Please be sure to read the rules and guidelines to worship in person.](#)

Calling all 8th graders!! Letters have been sent out inviting you to join in this years confirmation class. If you haven't received your letter or know someone who may be interested in joining us, please let Pastor Kayli know so she can get you all the information. All information can be found on our website as well. Orientation will happen on September 20, 2020 at 9:15am.

FOOD AND TOILETRY COLLECTION- Please share your donations to help support our neighbors at the Northern Lehigh Food Bank and Lehigh Conference of Churches. Come to Northside (Neffs) parking lot, and drop off your donations in the large boxes under the porch entranceway. Collections will take place every Sat. and Sun. from 8 – 4. The Mission Committee will deliver your donations on a regular basis. Items needed include: cereals, cake & brownie mixes, jelly, peanut butter, canned soup/veggies, pasta, condiments, hand soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush/toothpaste and toilet paper.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATIONS As you shop for school supplies please consider donating additional supplies to area agencies. You can share your donations on the North Porch (where the food and toiletries are being collected) on Saturdays and Sundays. Items needed include: pens and pencils, crayons, markers, wirebound notebooks, and folders.

Community and church groups have been cancelled until further notice. 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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OUTDOOR YOGA: Yoga is a beautiful mind-body practice to ease stress and find balance on and off the mat. Learn how to connect breath to movement and “move” better in your body. This all level class will be held outside in the beautiful grove. Dates: August 20 & 27 Time: 6-7pm Bring: your own mat, blocks and a strap (if you have), a beach towel, water, a pen (to sign in/waiver weekly), a mask. Payment: \$8 drop in fee (with a portion of proceeds given back to church each class) preferred payment links: Venmo: sharon-schnyder OR PayPal: paypal.me/sharonschnyder however cash or check in an envelope accepted as well. *Following Governor's guidelines regarding COVID-19 masks are to be worn for arrival and departure but can be removed for practice and we will adhere to social distancing. We do have access to pavilion in case of rain but If I need to cancel class I will post it to my website: 1asanama.blogspot.com, to a Facebook post thread and perhaps an email.

Excercise Classes in the Grove Wednesdays 8/19, 8/26, & 9/2 **PiYo Live** is a music driven fitness class that combines elements of yoga and Pilates to strengthen and sculpt your body using your own bodyweight. \$5 Time: 7-7:45 pm. Core & More is designed to strengthen and tone the body core using a variety of exercises and weights. \$4 Time: 8-8:30pm Things to bring: yoga mat, water, sweat towel, light weights (core & more) a pen (to sign in/waiver weekly), a mask To pay online using PayPal use the following link <https://paypal.me/tiffanylakatoshfitne> Cash and check are also accepted but must be in a sealed envelope. If I need to cancel class I will post it to my Facebook page (Tiffany Lakatosh Fitness), Instagram (tiffanylakatoshfitness) and send an email. Teacher: Tiffany Lakatosh Contact her with questions: tiffanyfitness@yahoo.com *Following Governor's guidelines regarding COVID-19 masks are to be worn for arrival and departure but can be removed for class and we will adhere to social distancing.

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	\$10,331
Calendar 2020 (Jan-June)	\$183,538
Calendar 2019 (Jan-June)	\$201,052
Change from Last Year	-8.7%
Budget (July-June)	\$492,000
Actual (July-June)	\$470,023
Giving vs. Budget	-4.5%
<i>Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes</i>	

2020 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank:	
Last Week:	\$40
Total YTD:	5,645lbs, \$2,240