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# ANNOUNCEMENTS OCTOBER 4, 2020

# OUR PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN THIS WEEK

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:** Nancy for healing, Patti for peace ,strength, & healing; Nikki & her family as they give strength to her Mom, Fran, Frances for healing ,strength & peace. Lisa's Mom for strength as she battles cancer. Strength for Ann, ,strength for Kathy, Peggy for strength & healing, healing for Marilyn, healing & strength for Bertha, Jeff for guidance with testing, a baby for Katie & Jake, Jack for healing, healing for Janet, For Gale who has cancer and is undergoing surgery, a friend and her teen daughter who was just diagnosed with juvenile diabetes, June recovering from surgery, Larry, Floyd, Jim facing surgery, Pastor Pete Goguts, Chester, Dennis and Denise.

**General Prayers:** safety for all those abused especially children, peace & strength for Kathy, strength for Jenn in her upcoming move, for those that grieve the loss of loved ones, strength and rest our students and educators and school staffs, prayers for this election, Nancy, Jack, Jeff, Fran, Marilyn, Richard going to Iraq to serve, Richard and Lisa, awareness for our leaders to be kind and respectful to all people, strength and calmness for Kathryn, Ann for guidance and peace.

**Thanksgiving:** Thanksgiving for MaryEllen,& Abe, giving God thanks for this church family. For Katie Mericle and Keaira Lutz for their impressive persistence in making their gold award park projects a reality, equal rights and compassion for all, thankfulness for all the prayers for baby Autumn now home and doing well, thanks and appreciation to Carol Pope and the Helping Hearts for the beautiful mum.

#### Hospital: Jim Beers at LVHN Cedar Crest

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)



October 11 Outdoor worship at 10:30 in the Grove, Online worship posted at 8 am. October 18 Outdoor worship at 10:30 in the Grove, Online worship posted at 8 am. October 25 Final Outdoor worship at 10:30 in the Grove, Online worship posted at 8 am.

<u>SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR</u> The pastors and various committees will host an online virtual coffee hour every Sunday at 11:30am-12noon. The information to log on or call in by zoom will be provided in the weekly emails. Contact Marissa for assistance.

Hosts: October 4 Fellowship Committee October 11 Welcoming Committee October 18 Helping Hearts October 25 Consistory

#### FRIDAY ADULT CLASS WITH PASTOR KRIS

**October 9 9:30-10:30am** The Soulwork of Clay – A Hands-On Approach to Spirituality by Marjory Zoet Bankson This series will add to what we are studying in worship on Sundays as we learn about the prophet Jeremiah. No book required, but you might like to buy some clay to enjoy (any kind will do!)

**October 16 and 23 9:30-10:30 Vicki Mayk**, church member and author of Growing Up on the Gridiron: Football, Friendship, and the Tragic Life of Owen Thomas. You do not need to come to both sessions or have read the book to be part of this conversation.

#### SUNDAY ADULT CLASS WITH PASTOR KRIS

#### October 4 & 11 9:15-10:15am

The Soulwork of Clay – A Hands-On Approach to Spirituality by Marjory Zoet Bankson This series will add to what we are studying in worship on Sundays as we learn about the prophet Jeremiah. No book required, but you might like to buy some clay to enjoy (any kind will do!)

**October 18 & 25 9:15-10:15 Vicki Mayk**, church member and author of Growing Up on the Gridiron: Football, Friendship, and the Tragic Life of Owen Thomas. You do not need to come to both sessions or have read the book to be part of this conversation.

Contact Pastor Kris or the church office for the Zoom Information to Log in or Call in to join us.

#### TUESDAY CHURCH NIGHTS ON ZOOM ( CONTACT PASTOR KRIS OR THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR LOG IN INFORMATION)

**Meditation Gatherings** Looking for new ways to handle stress? Want to try mediation or work on deepening your practice? Join us on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 7-8 pm. October13, November 10, and December 8

**Happy Hour** Pastors Kris and Kayli will offer a time to catch up, hang out, laugh and relax together from 7-8 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. October 20, November 17, and December 15.

#### WOMEN'S EVENTS

Super Heroes Gathering Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm You are a super hero, but even super heroes need ways to fuel up. Let's meet in the Grove for a time to catch up with each other. We'll plan some games and activities for fun and a time to pray and meditate together to renew our spirits. If you want to stay later to walk through the grove or visit longer, feel free. Rain date: Sunday, October 25 1-3. Bring a chair and wear a mask. It's free. RSVP with PastorKris@unionucc.org by Sunday, October 18 if possible, but walk ins are always welcome.

Save Saturday, November 14th on your calendars for our virtual retreat morning from 9:30am-12noon. Wear your jammies, bring your hot chocolate, and gather together for some workshops and chances to learn and catch your breath. Event will be free but registration will be required. Watch here and in the Sunday bulletin for more info.

**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.

<u>**CROP WALK**</u> - This year's Allentown's Crop Walk will be a virtual walk on Sunday Oct 11. John Snyder-Samuelson will be speaking during service on Sunday Oct. 4. Special envelopes marked Crop Walk will be in the bulletins on Sunday Oct 4 & 11 for the congregation to support John, and all of the Union UCC virtual walkers, please bring some extra cash for this special donation. Envelopes can be placed in the special Crop Walk milk jugs located at the check in tables or in front of the stage. Thank you for supporting Lehigh Conference of Churches and the annual Allentown Crop Walk. The Mission Committee

<u>TRUNK-OR-TREAT! -</u> Union UCC and Union Evangelical Lutheran would like to invite all children to our ninth annual TRUNK-OR-TREAT on Saturday October 31, 2-3pm. This year all trunk-or-treaters will remain in their cars and DRIVE from one church parking lot to the other through a HAUNTED CEMETERY! Goodies will be distributed at just a few designated points in a minimal-contact manner. Social distancing will be observed. We are looking for individuals or families to dress up and bring our cemetery to life! If you can help please contact Chrissy Shivok at <u>chrisdan@ptd.net</u>. We will also need candy donations to fill goody bags; look for a labelled box placed at the grove-side entrance to place your donations.

**DO YOU PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?** - If so, please contact Mitchell Roth, our new Instrumental Choir Director. He will help to organize players to play special music or hymns and to play on special occasions like Veterans Day and Christmas. Mitchell Roth mqroth2005@gmail.com (484)633-1152.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

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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