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ANNOUNCEMENTS NOVEMBER 15, 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: Healing for Marilyn, Jeff, Jack for healing, healing for Janet, For Gale who has cancer and is undergoing surgery, June recovering from surgery, Larry, Floyd, Jim facing surgery, Pastor Pete Goguts, Friend who's Mother & sister were both diagnosed with cancer, Larry and Chris, Alrene and Beverly, SueAnn, Jane

General Prayers: 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, Nancy, Jack, Jeff, Fran, Marilyn, Richard going to Iraq to serve, Richard and Lisa, strength and calmness for Kathryn, Ann for guidance and peace, Patty and her children, Sharon and her family, Judy's family and friends, strength for new parents Jillian and Jeff, Dave

Thanksgiving: Giving God thanks for this church family, thanksgiving for friends.

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.

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

November 22, Worship in the Grove & Tailgate Lunch. Bring a chair, blanket, mask, and toiletry donation for the Lehigh Conference of Churches. Sit on the grass or stay in your car for worship. Followed by Tailgate lunch-chili, sandwiches, hot dogs, and more (or bring your own food). Eat in the grove, tailgate by your car, or do take out. Grove worship guidelines with masks and distancing apply. Your 2021 Offering Envelopes, Reverse Advent Baskets, and Salvation Army Angel Tree Tags will be available to pick up, return your Holiday Hope Chest shoeboxes.

November 29 Sanctuary Open House– Scripture, Prayer and Music Visit the sanctuary for a 20 minute worship service with communion (offered in individual bags.) 50 people can attend. Masks and social distancing required. Doors open at 11:40am. You must register to attend. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e4ca8a823a7fa7-sanctuary>

Saturday, December 5, 3-5pm Lights in the Grove (Rain date: Dec 6, 3-5pm) Enjoy live Christmas music by Bobby Siegfried & Hillary Speck and Blake Hoppes. Lights, crafts for kids, snacks to go, and Santa! Free admission! Donate hats, gloves, and scarves for the 6th Street Shelter.

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR 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: November 15 Confirmation

ADULT CLASS WITH PASTOR KRIS

Explore The Sermon on the Mount! Explore the most popular sermon ever delivered! The Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7, contains some of Jesus' most profound and most memorable teachings. What might these teachings have meant to his disciples and to the others who first heard them? How do they enhance our reading of the rest of the Gospel of Matthew, and how do they speak across the centuries to listeners today? How, if we pay careful attention to his words, does Jesus provide us a road map to living as God would have us live? In *Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven*, Dr. Amy-Jill Levine introduces the major topics in the Sermon on the Mount, explains

historical and theological contexts, and shows how the words of Jesus echo his Jewish tradition and speak forward to reach hearts and minds today.

Friday Adult Class

Nov 20 9:30am-10:30am (no class Oct 30 and Nov 27)

Call in to join us.

HIGH SCHOOL HAPPY HOUR: All youth 9th-12th grade are invited to join in our “new” Breakfast Club Sunday gathering. Join us when you can or every time! It’s a chance to build your faith, talk real talk, and be together. We will meet via Zoom every other Sunday at 3:30pm-4:30pm. Dates: 11/15, 11/29, 12/6, 12/27. Watch your email for the log-in and our virtual classroom or contact Pastor Kayli (pastorkayli@unionucc.org) for the info.

EDUCATION HOUR WITH MRS. PUIA

Mrs. Maryann Puia is serving as our Interim Director of Christian Education. She and a team of awesome teachers and helpers are excited for this new adventure. You can sign up to join us at any time. We meet online every Sunday during the Education Hour, 9:30-10:00am (Preschool– 4th grade) If you sign up we’ll send you leaflets that include family activities for during the week. Children earn 5 coins for every attended session. If you are interested in having your child(ren) participate, please send an email to Marissa in the office at administrator@unionucc.org. Please include the best email to receive a ZOOM invite and your home address so we can send you a packet of the fall leaflets.

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. 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. November 17, and December 15.

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.

The congregation of St. John’s United Church of Christ in Slatington is inviting members of our community to a Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 26, 2020 from noon to 2 pm. This is our 19th annual dinner and, as in previous years, it is free to those who attend. Due to the unprecedented time we currently live in, this meal will be served as pick-up (with limited delivery available to shut-ins). There will be no sit-down service available. If anyone would like to

COMMUNITY NEWS

make a monetary contribution or donate a turkey or other menu needs for the dinner, call their church office at 610-767-5554.

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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EMAIL WARNING

Pastor Kris did not send you an email asking you for help or to buy gift cards. Spammers are at it again. An email went out appearing to be me. Please delete and do not respond. I was not hacked, it is a false email address that looks like me but it isn't. This has happened to several pastors this week- again. We did report it. When you receive these emails don't hesitate to contact the office before you respond. Thanks to all of you for checking. Take care, Pastor Kris

BECAUSE OF YOU

our church inspires

HOPE, FAITH, JOY, AND GENEROSITY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

10:30AM WORSHIP IN THE GROVE

WORSHIP IN THE GRASS ON THE PARKING LOT SIDE OR IN YOUR CAR.

Wear your mask and bring a chair and a blanket.
Summer grove worship guidelines apply.



Tailgate Lunch

Bring your own food or enjoy food from 3 Men and A Bagel.
Eat here or take it to go.

Chili, Bagel Sandwich meal, hot dogs and more!

FREE - please bring a toiletry donation to help others.

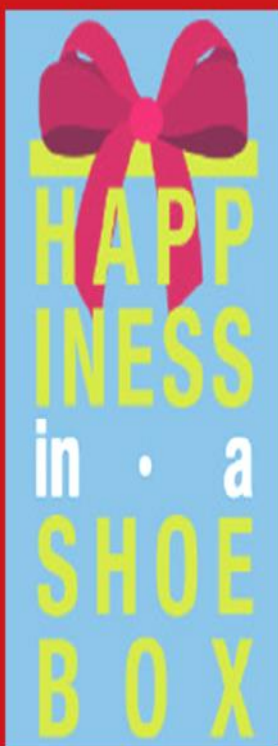
Today you can pick up: 2021 Offering Envelopes,
and our Christmas mission projects - Reverse Advent Baskets and
Holiday Hope Chest shoebox return, and Salvation Army Angel Tree Tags.

A time to give GOD Thanks

A time to give YOU Thanks



- Sign up through our Sign-up Genius.
- Shop for your boy or girl using the gift suggestion sheet found at: <https://volunteerlv.egnyte.com/dl/1Vr5HngZRm/> (The average box has a \$25 value.)
- Warp the top and bottom of your standard shoebox separately.
- Attach Gift Tag to the short side of the shoebox.
- Pack your shoebox.



PLEASE BRING YOUR FILLED and WRAPPED SHOEBOX TO OUR TAILGATE ON 11/22 OR DROP IN THE BOX AT GROVE SIDE DOOR ON 11/21, 11/22, 11/28, 11/29 (10am-2pm)

Sign up at:



Holiday Hope Chest GIFT TAG

(Please circle choices)

This gift box is: GIRL BOY GENDER NEUTRAL

Age: 2-3yrs 4-5yrs 6-8yrs 9-10yrs

www.volunteerlv.org





SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE

We are once again partnering with The Bethlehem Salvation Army to serve the neediest families with children during the Christmas season. Due to Covid 19 more families than ever are finding themselves in need. Although we won't have a physical tree set up this year, there will be 3 opportunities to obtain tags:

1st- **Nov. 22nd** from 10:30- 12:30 during the outdoor worship service/tailgate

2nd- **Nov. 29th** from 12:00 - 2:00 during the indoor Open House

3rd- Email or phone Deb Wenner and she will mail you a tag(s.) dwenner@ptd.net or (610)799-4584



Gifts can be returned to the doors by Memorial Hall on Sat. or Sun., Dec. 5th & 6th from 12:00 -2:00 OR on Sat. or Sun., Dec. 12th & 13th from 12:00- 2:00. A member of The Mission Committee will be on hand to receive your UNWRAPPED gifts. Please make sure your tag is attached to your gifts, & the estimated value is written on your tag where indicated. We will not be able to accept gifts after Sunday, Dec. 13th.

Because of the generosity of donors, last year The Bethlehem Salvation Army provided clothes & toys for the holidays to 805 children.

Thank you for your generosity, & helping to brighten the lives of these children!

The Mission Committee





UNION UCC'S HOLIDAY CHALLENGE

Reverse Advent Calendar

This year, we will be handing out baskets and advent calendars to interested families. The idea is to put something IN the basket each day of Advent. Put a sticker on your calendar each day you place something in the basket. Bring the filled basket back to church Christmas Eve 2-4 or at services. Also, on 12/27 12-2, 12/30 5-7. Help your family give to others every day of Advent. Baskets can be picked up on, 11/22 (Tailgate Sunday) or 12/5 (Lights in the Grove). You can use your own basket/box, if desired.

(Item Ideas: shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, pasta, canned goods, condiments, cake and brownie mixes, jello, pudding, cereal, socks, mittens, undies, children's books, crayons, toilet paper, etc.)



UNION UCC IN NEFFS PRESENTS

LIGHTS IN THE GROVE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH
3-5PM

RAINDATE SUNDAY, DEC 6TH 3-5PM

FREE admission

Donate new hats, gloves or scarves for the 6th St Shelter.

- ◆ Live Christmas Music by Bobby Siegfried & Hillary Speck, Blake Hoppes
- ◆ Lights by Christmas Decor
- ◆ Crafts for everyone, assemble here or take home.
- ◆ Hot Chocolate and Snacks to Go
- ◆ Santa! Bring your letter or write one here to deliver to him today.

Lights will be on every night in December!

Sponsors: Larry Wehr in Memory of Carlton and Velma Wehr
Phil and Julie Wehr in Celebration of Christmas at Union UCC

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Wear a mask, bring a chair, and practice safe distancing.