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ANNOUNCEMENTS NOVEMBER 22, 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, Jim facing surgery, Pastor Pete Goguts, Friend who's Mother & sister were both diagnosed with cancer, Larry and Chris, Alrene and Beverly, SueAnn, Jane, Dorothy, Susan, Sherrie, Jane, baby Hazel

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, giving God thanks for our Consistory which has had done a wonderful job thoughtfully and prayerfully making decisions during this time.

Prayers and condolences to the family and friends of **Ann L. Fortney**, who passed away on Friday, November 13, 2020. Private services were held on Tuesday, November 17, 2020.

Hospital Information: Pastors are 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 Online only. Sanctuary Open House has been cancelled due to concerns regarding Covid.

Enjoy the lights in the grove throughout December. They will be on every night.

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 Worship only online for Dec 6, 13, 20 & 27 Look for us in the sanctuary and enjoy this year's decorations. Log in on our website/youtube channel or Facebook page or call in by phone to listen 610-410-9595. Contact the office if you need help.

Sunday, December 20th Alathea Shares the Spirit of Christmas with us!

Back for their 7th time, Mandee and Cristi join us from their studio in Tennessee to help us capture all of the gifts of the season that fill up our spirits and senses. www.alathea.com

Christmas Sanctuary Open House

Sunday Dec 20 at 1pm

Tuesday Dec 22 At 7pm

Wednesday Dec 23 AT 7pm

Visit our beautifully decorated sanctuary for a 30 minute worship service with communion, scripture, candles, prayer and song. Masks and social distancing required. Doors open 30 minutes prior. You must register to attend. Attendance is limited to 75.

Sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e4ca8a823a7fa7-sanctuary1> or call the church office 610-767-6961.

CHRISTMAS EVE IN THE GROVE

4PM AND 6PM

Christmas Story with Candlelight, Communion and Carols

You must register to attend. Pre-register online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e4ca8a823a7fa7-christmas> or call the church office 610-767-6961. Bring a chair, mask and blanket. We're hoping to have an FM radio system in place so that you can stay in your car to listen, watch for updates.

ADULT CLASS OFFERINGS -Friday Adult Class with Pastor Kris. Contact Pastor Kris or the church office for the Zoom information to log in or 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: 11/29, 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. In December we'll be learning the Sign Language for the song This Little Light of Mine.

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, January 12, February 9**

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. **December 15., January 19, February 16 Shrove Tuesday**

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.

STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFTS- In the tradition of giving gifts to friends and loved ones, our church had traditionally expressed our love and appreciation for our hard-working pastors and staff by presenting each with a monetary gift. If you'd like to share in this gift, please send a check payable to Donna Christman at 5820 PA Rte 873, Slatington, PA 18080. Please mail no later than 12/16. You may also contact the church office to drop off or give to Donna at service on Dec. 20th. Any questions, email Donna at dec12221@hotmail.com

2021 ENVELOPE PACKETS– Please pick up your packets in Memorial Hall, along with those of family members, neighbors or friends. The more envelope packets picked up, the more we save on postage costs. Special dates and times that the building will be open for you to enter Memorial Hall from the North side, large parking lot doors.

Sunday Nov 22	10-12 pm
Sunday Nov 29	12 - 2 pm
Sat & Sun Dec 5 & 6	12 - 2 pm
Sat & Sun Dec 12 & 13	12 - 2 pm
* Sunday Dec 20	12:30 - 2 pm
* Tuesday Dec 22	6:30 - 8 pm
* Wed Dec 23	6:30 - 8 pm
Thursday Dec 24	3 - 7 pm
Sunday Dec 27	12 - 2 pm
Wed Dec 30	5 - 7 pm

* see other info for open house registrations

Envelopes not picked up in 2020 will be mailed out the first week of January 2021. Please do not use the new envelopes until 2021, everyone gets new numbers each year. Members who use the e-giving program do not receive envelope packets.

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

CONSISTORY MEMBERS NEEDED– We are looking for 2 people (1 male, 1 female) to fill open positions on the Consistory. It is a 3 year term that starts in February. We meet the 3rd Monday of every month and currently meet by Zoom. If you are interested in serving, please contact Pastor Kris Pastorkris@unionucc.org or Aften Hamm unycorn12@msn.com

**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
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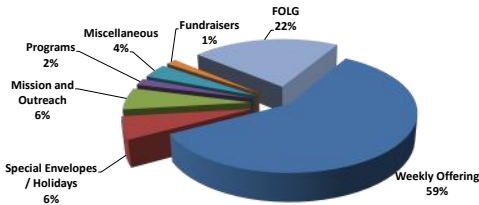
Office Administrator – Marissa Haney administrator@unionucc.org

Financial Manager – Barbara Carinci financialmanager@unionucc.org

Union United Church of Christ – Narrative Budget

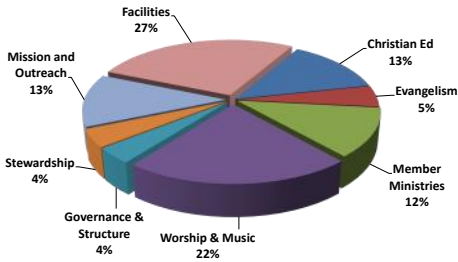
The following is a summary of the church's total income and expenses for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

Contributions, Special Offerings and Gifts



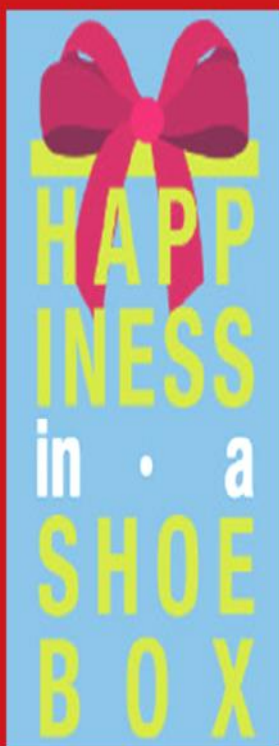
- Regular **Weekly Offering** are gifts received through envelopes and plate offerings and comprise the majority of our income (59%)
- Allocations from the **Funds of Lasting Gifts** (FOLG) target specific program, education, and evangelism needs per bequest guidelines and comprise an important portion of the church's total overall income (22%)
- **Special Envelopes**, including holiday giving, comprise 6% of our income while gifts received through the special **Mission and Outreach** and other mission envelopes and activities are about 6% of our income
- **Miscellaneous** contributions include building rent and donations, interest earnings, and other gifts and comprise 4% of our income
- **Program** giving includes gifts from our education programs such as Sunday School and Preschool (2%)
- **Fundraisers**, although a small percentage (1%), are an important component of our income

Where our Stewardship Giving Goes



- **Worship and Music** in our weekly and special services comprise a significant portion of overall spending (22%)
- **Christian Education** provides a variety of educational programs, events and activities for all ages to learn about Christian faith and comprises 13% of overall spending
- Our **Mission and Outreach** giving is focused on helping those in need, both in the local community and the world. Our support includes OCWM, local mission agencies and food banks, and other mission projects (13%)
- Our **Member Ministries** seeks to nurture, support and connect members in a variety of programs and ministries through numerous groups and committees (12%)
- **Evangelism** is focused on sharing the good news of the Gospel and comprises 5% of our spending
- **Stewardship** includes staff time and programs focused on how best we can use our time, talent, and resources in giving back to God and the Church (4%)
- **Governance and Structure** includes managing our staff and participating in the PNEC (4%)
- Spending on **Facilities**, the church building and property, is significant at 27% of overall spending but is critical in maintaining the church, its properties, and physical possessions, along with providing for the weekly/monthly operational costs.

- 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

www.unionucc.org 5550 Route 873 Neffs

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