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## ANNOUNCEMENTS DECEMBER 13 , 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, Pastor Pete Goguts, Friend who's Mother & sister were both diagnosed with cancer, Larry and Chris, Arlene and Beverly, Jane, Dorothy, Susan, Sherrie, Jane, baby Hazel, Jeff, Sandy, Heather, Jon, Hadley, Carter, Jolly, Jackson, Alleigh, Logan, Jane, Dave and Dolly, Sue, Paul, Emily facing surgery, a daughter and her family, Nancy for strength, peace, and healing after surgery, Darren for strength & healing as he battles COVID in Utah& his wife ,children ,parents and siblings.Joe for continued healing. All the people battling COVID, their families, their nurses, doctors, Sharon's family, young adult

**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, Jane and Katie

**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, thank God for Lights in the Grove.

**Hospitals:** Katie Mericle at DuPont Hospital

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](mailto:administrator@unionucc.org)

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

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

**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 20<sup>th</sup> Alathea Shares the Spirit of Christmas with us!**

Back for their 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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. Stay in your car and tune your FM radio to 103.2 to listen.

**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 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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: 12/27. Watch your email for the log-in and our virtual classroom or contact Pastor Kayli ([pastorkayli@unionucc.org](mailto:pastorkayli@unionucc.org)) for the info.

**EDUCATION HOUR WITH MRS. PUJA**- 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](mailto: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. **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**

**POINSETTIA SPONSORS-** This year we will not have the opportunity to sponsor flowers to decorate the sanctuary. We do need sponsors for our Homebound members. If you would like to be a sponsor for the flowers we deliver to them, the cost is \$8 per flower. Thank you!

**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.

NL FOOD BANK- 200 - five pound bags of potatoes were donated to the NL Food Bank for their Christmas Food distribution on Sat Dec 12. Thank you for supporting the Mission and Outreach envelopes in your packet. The Mission Committee

**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](mailto: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.

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.

**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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## *Poinsettia Sponsors*

THIS YEAR WE WILL NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPONSOR FLOWERS TO DECORATE THE ANCTUARY. WE DO NEED SPONSORS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A SPONSOR FOR THE FLOWERS WE DELIVER TO THEM, THE COST IS \$8 PER FLOWER. THANK YOU!

**PLEASE SEND CHECK TO CHURCH OFFICE AND INCLUDE IF THEY ARE SPONSORED IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF SOMEONE.**



# 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](mailto: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.)



GET AWAY FROM IT ALL WITH MINDFULNESS MEDITATION

**VACATIONS BY KRIS**

**Tuesday, January 26th 7-8:30pm**

**Zoom Gathering. Log in opens at 6:45, please log in by 6:55pm.**

Need a vacation but can't take one? When is the last time you were able to get out of town to a secluded island beach or to a stunning mountain by a lake? Join me as I lead you through a time of refreshment and renewal without leaving your home. Set aside your stress and schedule and share in this mini-retreat. Learn about meditation or take time to enjoy your existing practice. Feel nourished even when you can't take a real vacation.

Hosted by Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuels, Union UCC, Neffs

Sign Up here: [www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e4ca8a823a7fa7-vacations](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e4ca8a823a7fa7-vacations)

Or call 610-657-6007 Sign ups close on Sunday, January 24th.

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This event is free. Feel free to make a donation to the Penn Northeast Conference as a note of appreciation for their support.