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ANNOUNCEMENTS DECEMBER 27, 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, 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, Joan

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 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: Kay Bagenstose at LVHN Tilghman

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.

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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

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

Sunday Worship Online Only - 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.

January 3 New Year Communion at home. This is the Sunday we invite you to make your Faith Commitments to the ministry and mission of Union UCC. We are not doing Faith Commitment cards this year. We give God thanks that Because of You, Union UCC inspires hope, faith, joy and generosity. Thank you, thank God.

January 10 "God Is Holding Your Life" series starts on the Psalms. Private Baptisms, yay babies!

January 17 Healing Service, Pray with a Pastor

January 24 11:30am LIVE Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting by Zoom. Watch emails for details to log in online or call in by phone (Just like we did in June 2020).

January 31 Church Family Worship

Adult Class on Fridays, via Zoom 9:30-10:30am

January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19 (Read a chapter each week.)
Everything Happens for A Reason (and Other Lies I've Loved) by Kate Bowler
Kate Bowler, a professor at Duke University school specializing in the prosperity gospel, was living a "blessed" life: At thirty-five, she had a great job, a loving husband and a new baby. Then she is diagnosed with Stage IV colon cancer. Forced to reckon with her mortality, she faces the limits of the prosperity gospel and the can-do spirit it celebrates. Is illness a moral failure? What does it mean to die in a society that insists everything happens for a reason Kate is stripped of this certainty and discovers that without it, life is hard but beautiful in a way it never has been before. Contact Pastor Kris for a book and the zoom info.

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. 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. 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. 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. **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.

2020 DONATIONS- In order for donations to be credited to 2020, please be sure to have them delivered to the church office no later than Monday, December 28th. Please remember to not use the 2021 envelopes until January 1, 2021. Yearly donation statements for total amounts \$200 and higher will be mailed out by January 20th. If you wish to have a donation statement for amounts under \$200, please contact Barbara Carinci in the church office or email her at financialmanager@unionucc.org.

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 Dec 27 12 - 2 pm

Wed Dec 30 5 - 7 pm

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.



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

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

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