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ANNOUNCEMENTS JANUARY 31, 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 and Chris, Arlene and Beverly, Jane, Dorothy, Susan, Sherrie, Sue, Paul, a daughter and her family, Nancy for strength, peace, and healing after surgery, Darren for strength & healing as he battles COVID, Joe for continued healing. All the people battling COVID, their families, their nurses, doctors, Sharon's family, young adult, Joan, Gloria, Tara, Kay, Lauren, Lou, Mary, my brother, Bob, who has Alzheimer's and is not eating well, and losing weight, peace and relief from sadness for my mom who is mourning the loss of one brother and in fear of losing another.

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, Pat, teachers who are teaching virtually and in the classrooms in this difficult time, and for their dedication to the students, Teresa on the loss of her sister

Thanksgiving: Thank you God for holding our lives and us, grateful for COVID vaccines.

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

February 7,14,21,28 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.

February is the month of LOVE! Receive some love and share some love!
Sunday Drive-Through in February Feb 7, 14, 21 and 28 11:30am-12:30pm

Stop by at the church parking lot (North/Neffs side) and see Pastors Kris and Kayli. We will be masked and handing out communion (for you to take at home) and offering an individual blessing or prayer. The Welcoming Committee will have a goodie bag for you too. This is also a good time to drop off your soup donations for Souper Bowl Sunday and any other food or toiletry donations for the month. If the weather is awful, we will cancel and post it on Facebook or you can call or email us to check.

Rev. Patience will be available on these days and times by phone for anyone who wants to call in for a blessing or a time to pray. 610-248-5587

You are welcome to call any of the pastors anytime to set up a time to talk or visit. We send our love and prayers. We're here for you.

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

February 5, 12, 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.

February 19,26 March 5,12,10, and 26 The Passion Play with Rob Fuquay. Travel to Oberammergau, Germany as we learn about Jesus' last days and how this story is presented in this town each year since 1634. 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. PUIA- Mrs. Maryann Puia is serving as our Interim Director of Christian Education. We meet online every Sunday during the Education Hour, 9:30-10:00am (Preschool– 4th grade) 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. **February 9, March 9, April 13**

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. **February 16 Shrove Tuesday, March 16, April 20**

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.

2021 ENVELOPES- The 2021 envelope packets have all been mailed out. If you have not received yours, please contact the church office. Members on the e-giving program do not receive envelopes. Please use the initial envelope in your packet to offset the cost of printing and mailing the envelopes. We have been so grateful for members mailing in their donations in their envelopes on a regular basis to support the missions and ministries of Union UCC. We are equally grateful to those on our e-giving programs. Thank you, The Financial Leadership Team

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS! The Neffs UCC Preschool is offering a \$250 Scholarship to a graduating senior who plans on continuing their education. The senior must be a graduate of the preschool and submit an essay by March 1st. The essay should be 500 words or less in which the applicant tells about themselves, their future plans, and a preschool memory. Application forms are available online at neffsuccpre-school.org.

JOB POSTING: Minister of Faith Formation for Children and Families

Union United Church of Christ is looking for a welcoming, enthusiastic, and creative person who is able to engage and encourage our students and families in learning and practicing the Christian faith. This position focuses on serving and leading nursery age through elementary school age children and their families. Together with other staff and committees, the Minister of Faith Formation for Children and Families creates a vision and implements a plan for faith formation throughout all aspects of church and daily life. We are looking for someone to help us discern how the church can continue to meet the spiritual needs of children and families in meaningful ways as we evaluate our current model and make changes for a future model. Part-time, 18-20 hours/week, on-site office hours required but flexible, hours required for scheduled events on evenings and weekend, Sunday morning hours required. Other meetings required include staff meetings and committee meetings. Compensatory time available for busier and lighter times. Salary commensurate with education and experience. Hourly Rate. See Indeed.com for more information.

Easter Flowers

FOR THE HOME VISITATION MEMBERS
AND GROVE

Let us share this Joy of the Easter season with our Home Visitation Members. Sponsor a Tulip and assure them that we include them within our Church Family for \$9.00 per plant.

You may also purchase flowers for our Grove on Easter morning "In honor of" or "In memory of" someone - you may pick up after the Easter Service on April 4. The cost is still \$9.00.

Please print and return your information on the form below with your payment (checks payable to Union U.C.C.) and mail to the church office no later than Sunday, February 22, 2021.

I would like to sponsor an Easter lily for (please mark your choices):

HOME VISITATION MEMBER(S)

GROVE*

Sponsor's Name: _____

Homebound Tulips _____ Display Lilies _____

Display Tulips _____ Display Hyacinths _____

Display Daffodils _____

Total Number of Plants _____ Total amount enclosed is \$ _____

Envelope # _____

Phone/Cell Number: _____

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

*I will pick up my flower after worship service on Easter Sunday.
(Please circle one) YES NO

Watch for the envelope in the February Newsletter

CWS BLANKETS

Showing God's love to all: a tale of two churches

Congregations around the world host CWS Blanket offerings to live out a mission to serve God's people near and far; and that's exactly how two congregations in Washington state became connected.

First Presbyterian Church of Everett has been hosting "Dinner at the Bell" for 18 years. This weekly event is for low-income families, veterans, homeless, people with addictions – any community members in need - all are welcome. Along with a hot meal, guests receive blankets and hygiene kits.

"A lot of places push homeless people away, and it is nice for churches to open their arms to help people," said Amanda, a guest at "Dinner at the Bell."

In the same city, only five miles away, Cascade View Presbyterian Church fundraises for the blanket ministry of CWS so that organizations and churches like First Presbyterian can serve those in need.

"We have a church that believes strongly in how God calls us to love and reach out," says Pastor Luke Hyder of Cascade View Presbyterian. "We as a church want to make tangible differences for those in need."

One church gives money so the other can give blankets, and together they give hope and a tangible reminder of God's love.

Hope is powerful, especially in times like these. Will you answer the call to serve God's people and give hope today?



Donate today to provide CWS Blankets to warm the hearts and hands of people in need. Scan this QR code or visit cwsblankets.org/bulletin to make a secure donation and learn more about your gift in action.

Scan Me!

"And don't forget to do good and share with those in need."

— HEBREWS 13:16

2020 was challenging, but congregations stepped up and provided **101,472** CWS Blankets and Kits to families impacted by the pandemic, hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding and other crises including homelessness and poverty.

Here's how *your* gift helped in 2020:



Blankets	21,855	Hygiene Kits	39,855
School Kits	32,820	Cleanup Buckets	6,942

To view the full 2020 Shipping Report, visit cwsblankets.org/stories-and-reports

You can show God's love and provide hope to your neighbors by making an online donation today at cwsblankets.org/donate. Each \$10 gift provides a blanket and enables someone to see and feel God's love in their lives.

"We love to reach out and help those locally but we also love to reach out to CWS who in turn reaches out to those around the world. And when you have that helpless feeling during these times, I can look at what CWS is doing and can say, 'Hey, I can support that!'"

— REV. LUKE HYDER,
CASCADE VIEW PRESBYTERIAN
EVERETT, WASHINGTON