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## ANNOUNCEMENTS MARCH 21, 2021

### 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:** Joe for continued healing. Sharon's family, Gloria, Kay, my brother, Denise, Gary, Marianna, Jess, Brett and family, Joyce, Stanley, Jillian, Charlie, Linda, Pastor Ritter, Loyanne, Dorothy Reph and her family, Susan Andrews, Sherrie, Tom and Beverly, Bobby, Tandy, Darlene facing surgery

**General Prayers:** Kathy, , strength and rest our students and educators and school staffs, Richard and Lisa, strength and calmness for Kathryn, Jane and Katie, Pat, comfort and peace for all who grieve, healing for Nancy, Jeff, Jack, healing and strength for those suffering from COVID 19, and strength for their families, Richard and his base serving in Iraq, Liz Norman, family healing, and harmony, all people in pain.

**Thanksgiving:** Grateful for COVID vaccines. Thanks for all those people with unsaid and often unknown names doing good deeds to help others unknown, for healing and new life, for the many people doing many acts of kindness to help each other get through this time

**Congratulations and blessings** to parents Lora and Jeff Frey on the birth of **Rowan Jeffrey Frey** on January 16, 2021. Grandparents are Sharon and Paul Schenkel.

**Prayers and blessings** to the family and friends of **Robert David Smith, Jr.** who passed on March 16, 2021. Services were held on Friday, March 19, 2021.

# 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

**March & April Sunday Worship will continue online and by phone.** Contact the office if you need help.

### **Sanctuary Quiet Times - Do you miss being in the sanctuary?**

Come and sit in the sanctuary for some quiet time and prayer. Stay for a few minutes or the whole hour. Doors will only be open for this hour. Attendance limited to 25. Sign up using the Sign Up Genius Link or call the office.

**Wednesdays at 12noon – 1pm March 24, Good Friday, April 2 12noon – 1pm, Sundays at 12 noon – 1pm March 14, 21, 28 with Music by Blake.** Enter using the north or south doors, the front doors will be locked. You will need to sign in, wear a mask and socially distance. Pastors will be here to greet you and say a prayer with you if you'd like.

### **Holy Week Open House Worship in the Sanctuary and Parking Lot**

Join us for a 30-minute worship service in the sanctuary (Attendance limited to 40) or the parking lot (using your FM Radio). Communion included. You will need to sign in, wear a mask, and social distance. **April 1 Maundy Thursday at 7pm, April 2 at 7pm Good Friday at 7pm**

**Easter in the Grove Event Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm** (Rain/snow date Sunday, March 28 2-4pm) Free Admission - bring a donation For Parkland Cares food Pantry. Most needed: Pancake mix, syrup, granola bars, canned meat, pasta, or veggies! Crafts for kids and adults to make or take home. Snacks to Go. Egg Hunt Prizes and Easter Bunny! Music, dancing and Thousands of Daffodils. Get your Palm Sunday Palms. Wear a mask, bring a chair, practice safe distancing.

**Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> Worship in the Grove (Sit outside with your chair) and Parking Lot (Sit in your car with FM Radio) 6:30am, 8am and 10:30am**  
**Includes Communion. Worship will be livestreamed online, too.**

If weather doesn't allow us to be outside, worship will be available online and by phone. You will need to sign in, wear a mask, and social distance. Attendance limit 150.

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

March 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 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. 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. 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](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.

### **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. **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. **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.

**Easter Mission: Lehigh Conference of Church and the Parkland Cares Food Pantry**  
Check donations may be made through the "Easter Mission" envelope in your envelope pack or in any envelope marked Easter Mission. Checks to "Union UCC" and mail them to church. Give online at <http://www.unionucc.org/resources/giving-and-sponsorship/ways-to-give/> for Easter Mission.

**Iron Pigs Update-** Due to limited seating at the Pigs games this year, we are going to push our church night at the Pigs off until June of 2022. Folks who already paid are still paid. We will be able to confirm a date with the Pigs by September of 2021.

**PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP-** The Neffs Preschool Board of Directors is pleased to announce their 2021 scholarship winner. This \$250 scholarship is given every year to a high school senior who is planning on higher education and started their educational career at Neffs Preschool. The applicants are required to complete a 500 word essay in which they discuss themselves, their future plans, and a preschool memory. Congratulations to Morgan Werley, a senior at Northwestern Lehigh High School who plans on pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice.

**FOOD BANK-**Union UCC provided 200 five pound bags of potatoes to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank for their Easter food distribution on Saturday March 20 Thank you for supporting the Mission and Outreach envelopes in your packet. The Mission Committee.



UNION UCC IN NEFFS



# EASTER IN THE GROVE

Saturday, March 27 2-4pm

Rain/snow date Sunday, March 28 2-4pm

FREE ADMISSION - BRING A DONATION FOR PARKLAND CARES FOOD PANTRY  
MOST NEEDED: PANCAKE MIX, SYRUP, GRANOLA BARS (REGULAR SIZE BOXES), CANNED MEAT, PASTA, OR VEGGIES

CRAFTS FOR KIDS AND ADULTS TO MAKE OR TAKE HOME.

SNACKS TO GO

EGG HUNT PRIZES AND EASTER BUNNY!

MUSIC, DANCING AND THOUSANDS OF DAFFODILS

GET YOUR PALM SUNDAY PALMS

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

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If you need something from our office, staff, or pastors please do not stop by but call or email us instead.

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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.



# *Watercolor in the Grove*

Linda LaDue will be returning to the Union UCC Grove to present a series of 5 watercolor classes on Spring Botanicals. We will be working in a pavilion and will observe spacing guidelines and wear masks. No experience is necessary.

COST: \$60

MONDAYS 7-9

APRIL 19, APRIL 26, MAY 3, MAY 10, MAY 17

RAINDATE: TUESDAY JUNE 1

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