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ANNOUNCEMENTS MAY 2, 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, 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, Tandy, Darlene, Edna, Angie and her family, Al, June, Frances, Dorothy, Edna, Elaine, Tawson, Gary and Deb

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, 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, family healing, and harmony, Al, Leona, Joyce, Kim and her family as they grieve, Tomlin family

Thanksgiving: Grateful for COVID vaccines, signs of Spring, kindness and generosity of people.

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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 @ administrator@unionucc.org

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

May and June Sunday Worship will be at 10:30am in the Grove

May 2 Confirmation Day– Worship in the Grove at 10:30am, communion

May 9, 16, 23, and 20– Worship in the Grove 10:30am

June 6 (Communion & Graduate Sunday)

June 13 Worship in the Grove 10:30 am. Semi-Annual Meeting after worship. At this Semi-Annual congregational meeting, we will be presenting the Budget for review and approval. The budget is an important part of the business side of carrying out God's mission and ministry here. Please support us in this time by attending.

The meeting and worship will be livestreamed this day and we are working on creating a way for those who are at home to participate. Please watch for updates in our bulletin announcements on Sundays and on Facebook.

May God continue to bless and guide our church family as we love and serve God and our community.

Respectfully, Aften Hamm, Consistory President

June 20, and 27 Worship in the Grove 10:30am

June 27– Build Your Own Sundae Sunday after Worship

All events: Plan to sign in, wear a mask, and socially distance. Bring a chair. Online and phone worship will also be available.

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.

CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION- Sunday May 23rd following our 10:30 worship in the grove. Fire and Ice Science show/demonstration by Mad Science of the Lehigh Valley, show will start @ approximately 11:30. Bag lunch will be provided.

SVS– Summer Vacation Series- Sad there is no VBS this year? Join us in the grove for a new event....SVS....Our Summer Vacation Series. Be sure to mark your calendars! You do

not want to miss these Special Evenings! Dates: June 2, 16, 30 Time: 6-7:30
Join us for 1, 2 or all 3 evenings, children and families are invited to join the fun. Each night will consist of some music, a Bible Story and a special craft/demonstration
June 2nd – Tropical Theme with Canvas Painting
June 16th – Science Theme with Experiments
June 30th – Nature Theme with a visit from Lehigh Valley Zoo

Sign-up information can be found in Weekly Updates during the month of May
Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Maryann Puia @ dired@unionucc.org

HAPPY HOUR IN THE GROVE– Tuesdays June 8 and June 29 6:45pm-8:15pm

When is the last time you hung out with a pastor during Happy Hour? Now's your chance. Pastors Kris and Kayli will offer a time to catch up and relax together. Tell your friends you're joining us so that they show up too. Bring a chair or blanket, everyone is welcome. RSVP to one of us the day before if possible, if not just show up.

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.

Looking for a church family? Reach out to Pastor Kris (pastorkris@unionucc.org) if you would like to talk more about connecting with our church. Maybe you've been worshipping virtually with us or you're looking for some extra support or a way to grow in your faith or maybe you'd like to surround yourself with an awesome community. If you're ready to join us as a member, Pastor Kris is hosting coffee hour sessions virtually on May 2 at 9:15-10am and 12-12:45. Reach out to her or the office for the zoom info. We'd love to welcome you in worship in the grove on May 9 (or virtually). She can work with you on other dates as well. Union UCC is a great church with great people who love and serve God and others wholeheartedly. Welcome to the family!

Semi- Annual Meeting – June 13 following 10:30am Grove Worship

Please plan to attend and participate in our semi-annual meeting which will be held on Sunday June 13, 2021, following the 10:30 am worship service in the grove.

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Sound Team or Video Team Our sound team continues to do a great job supporting worship. They have been especially helpful this year when we've added things like the FM transmitter so folks can listen to worship from their cars and when we've worshipped outside in the grove from July-October last year and probably May-August this year. Normally we worship in the grove for 3 Sundays during the summer. Thank you sound team! **Karl Klinger, Mike Baer, Pat Sorg, Doug Albert, Drew Panner, Ian Henninger, and Blake Hoppes.** I am looking for more people to learn the sound system for outside and sanctuary worship. I am also looking for people who would like to assist us in our current video production for livestreaming and recording as well as for future plans. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Pastor Kris.

Staff Update from Pastor Kris

We have good news to share! The Search Committee presented **Tiffany Lakatosh** to Consistory for the position of Faith Formation Ministry for Children and Families (Formerly the Director of Christian Education) and they approved!

Tiffany is a member at Union UCC who grew up here and has raised her daughter, Miranda, here as well. She has served as a Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School teacher, and sang on our Saturday Night Alive team for several years. Currently she is a fitness professional that works with all ages throughout the Lehigh Valley and online.



She impressed us throughout the interview process with her enthusiasm, thoughtfulness, positive spirit, and her love for God and God's church. She has a heart and passion for working with children and families and a heart for working here.

Tiffany will start on June 1 and work with Maryann Puia (our Interim Director of Christian Education) through the month of June. We will introduce Tiffany to the congregation in worship on June 6th at 10:30 worship in the grove. We will thank Maryann for her service on Sunday, June 27th at 10:30 worship in the grove.

As part of this transition, we have also asked Kathy Bonsell to return as a consultant for 20 hours over the months of June-December.

Welcome Tiffany, thank you Maryann and Kathy!

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.

A Story for All Ages



This weeks dreamer: Marian Anderson

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Attention all high school, college, and beyond students who are graduating this year!

We know that this year has been weird for a multitude of reasons, but, we are so proud of all you have accomplished!

So let us know all about it!!! Fill out the google form with your Name, School you graduate from, future plans, etc...

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We will celebrate and honor our graduates during worship on June 6, 2021 @ 10:30am.

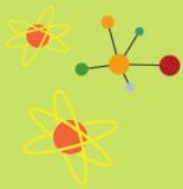
This year has been anything but normal, and in our attempt to be normal we still asked our 7th graders to be our acolytes. Though they were never able to light a single altar candle, we are still grateful and appreciative of their willingness to be our acolytes!

Thanks to: Alexis Baron, Carter Christman, Parker Haydt, Eve Horvath, Brayden Peters, Ella Stanek.

A special thanks also to Susan Glosan and Julie Wehr for rolling with punches and still supplying training (even in a video form).

We will be gathering next year's acolytes (current 6th graders) sometime in the future. Keep an eye on your mail to sign up!





CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION

FIRE AND ICE SCIENCE SHOW



by Mad Science of the Lehigh Valley

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