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ANNOUNCEMENTS JUNE 6, 2021

George DeNardo, Sunday Set-up AJ DiPaolantonio, Night Lock-up Mrs. Maria Beltz, Mr. Ori Handwerk, Facility Caretakers **CONSISTORY OFFICERS** *President:* Aften Hamm, VP: Jason Klinger, *Secretary:* Teri Fekula, *Treasurer:* Marianne Kitzmiller

OUR PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN THIS WEEK

Please <u>click here</u> to put a prayer request in. The pastors will include your prayers in their daily devotions and in next week's worship bulletin.

<u>Medical Issues/Cancer:</u> Joe for continued healing. Sharon's family, Gloria, Kay, my brother, Gary, Marianna, Jess, Brett and family, Joyce, Stanley, Jillian, Charlie, Linda, Loyanne, Dorothy Reph and her family, Sherrie, Tom and Beverly, Darlene, Edna, Angie and her family, Al, June, Frances, Dorothy, Edna, Elaine, Tawson, Gary and Deb, Scott with cancer and his young family, David, Shelby, Veronica, Carolyn for her upcoming Surgery, Emily

<u>General Prayers:</u> Strength and rest our students and educators and school staffs, 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, Liz, family healing, and harmony, Al, Leona, Joyce, friends battling cancer, all suffering from the pandemic, struggling families, Pat, Dorothy, Rose Marie, Nancy, Roberta, Sonia and Carolyn, Peggy for healing, Jim and his family, Mike and his family, Nagi's family in Gaza, Denise, Lisa, Carolyn

Thanksgiving: Grateful for COVID vaccines, thanksgiving for mothers and fathers

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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Through the Summer we will have Worship in the Grove at 10:30am on Sundays. If you would like to stay in your car, tune your FM Radio to 102.3 FM to listen to the service.

We will continue to offer online worship through Facebook, our website, and Youtube. 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

Our staff, pastors and volunteers appreciate your support and patience during this challenging time. We hope to return to the sanctuary on September 12th for both 8am and 10:30am worship. We give God thanks for each of you and for this community of faith. Be the Church wherever you are.

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 **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 and on Zoom.** <u>https://zoom.us/j/97519016333?pwd=c2NURVR4UUJuYUE5ZWpyRGpERThtUT09</u> Meeting ID: 975 1901 6333 Passcode: 379181

June 20-Worship in the Grove 10:30am Music by Gerry Music Studio Students

June 27 – Ice cream Sundae Sunday after Worship

All events: Plan to sign in, wear a mask, and practice 6 feet of social distancing. Please wear your mask while you are signing in and walking throughout the grove and around others. You are welcome to remove your mask when you arrive at your set with your household members. Bring a chair.

<u>YOUTH GROUP IN THE GROVE-</u>June 18, 6-7:30pm. Join us for fun and games in the grove All youth 6-12 grade. Friends welcome. Contact Pastor Kayli pastorkayli@unionucc.org with questions.

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 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. Sign-up information can be found in Weekly Updates Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Maryann Puia @ <u>dired@unionucc.org</u> June 16th – Science Theme with Experiments June 30th – Nature Theme with a visit from Lehigh Valley Zoo

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.

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.

Do you play an instrument? If so, please contact Mitchell Roth, our new Instrumental Choir Director. He will help to organize players to play special music or hymns and to play on special occasions like Veterans Day and Christmas.

Mitchell Roth mqroth2005@gmail.com (484) 633-1152

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!

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