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## ANNOUNCEMENTS AUGUST 8, 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:** Jillian, Charlie, Linda, Loyanne, Sherrie, Tom and Beverly, Darlene, Edna, Angie and her family, Al, June, Frances, Dorothy, Edna, Elaine, Gary and Deb, Scott with cancer and his young family, David, Shelby, Veronica, Carolyn for her upcoming Surgery, Emily, Vic, Johanna, Wilbur, Ralph, Lucille, Beth, Carolyn recovering from surgery, Gary with cancer

**General Prayers:** Krista, Emma, and Maple, comfort and peace for Pam and her family, Nancy for healing, healing of my mother's eyes, Sue, those with mental health struggles, safety for Donna, peace for Kay, peace & comfort for family and friends of Jean Romberger, Peace and comfort for Nick's family and friends in their grief on his passing, Prayers for Nancy Wanamaker's family and friends on her passing, Peace, strength, and answers for Sharon, Bob, Debra, and Bertie, Healing, peace and strength for Jack, Chris, and their families, Peace and comfort for Russel and Jean's family and friends, Russ, Carrie, Ryan and Jake, Direction and guidance for Kyle, the family of John Fels on his passing

**Thanksgiving:** Grateful for COVID vaccines, family and friends, summer vegetables and fruit, new friends, for surviving a heart attack

**Thoughts and prayers:** to the family and friends of John "Jack" A. Fels III, who passed on July 28, 2021. Services were held on Wednesday, August 4th.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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](mailto:administrator@unionucc.org)

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

**UPDATE:** We will no longer be signing people in before worship.

Please continue to visit the welcome tables to receive your bulletin (and communion) and to share your offering.

**In Person Sanctuary Worship at 10:30am**

**Sunday, Aug 22**

We will open the church at 10am, worship starts at 10:30am. Please go to the welcome tables for your bulletin and to share your offering (or pick up communion elements).

Masks are preferred, but optional for those who are vaccinated. We ask that those NOT fully vaccinated wear masks in the building at all times.

Pews will be marked to allow for 3 feet of distancing. Please sit in open areas only. The balcony will be closed. On Communion Sundays, we will continue to use the prefilled communion cups of grape juice and a gluten free cracker. Please use the ziploc bag to take your garbage with you. For now, there will not be congregational singing. Special music will be provided by soloists and instrumentalists.

Please gather with others for conversation outside of the building. The pastors will greet you outside on the porches.

We hope to evaluate and edit these precautions when vaccination rates continue to increase, COVID (and variant) numbers continue to decrease, and guidelines are updated for churches and our region. There is no guarantee of complete safety from transmission of the COVID-19 virus, but we will continue to do our best to keep our members, friends, and families as safe as possible. We are grateful for the love of this church family and for God's love which sustains and carries us during this challenging time.

~ The Pastors and Consistory of Union UCC

**Starting September 12**

**In Person Sanctuary Worship at 8am and 10:30am**

**Note: Our new air conditioning system has the recommended air scrubbing system.**

**Masks will be optional, pews will be arranged for 3 ft of social distancing.**

**August 15**– Sarah Ayers and James Supra in the Grove at 10:30am

**August 22**- In person Sanctuary Worship at 10:30am

**August 29**– Bev Conklin & the BC Combo perform at our Baby Blues Night Out in the Grove at 10:30am

**Youth Group and College “Camp-Out”**- August 10 (Rain date Aug 11) 6-8pm All youth and college kids are invited to an evening of fun with some fireside treats including hotdogs, beverages, and a better than normal s’ mores station!

**Calling ALL Youth Entering 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**: It’s your time to shine! By now, you should have received an invitation to Acolyte for the upcoming program year. If you are interested, please be sure to return your RSVP cards by August 8. We will have an acolyte training on August 22 after worship in the sanctuary! If you have any questions please contact Pastor Kayli ([pastorkayli@unionucc.org](mailto:pastorkayli@unionucc.org)), Susan Glosan, or Julie Wehr.

**Confirmation Letters Have Been Sent!** All youth in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or older (who have not been confirmed) are welcomed to join our confirmation class, and should have received their information packets in the mail. We will have an orientation class on September 19, 2021 @ 9:15am in Fellowship Hall (or on zoom). If you have not received your letter, or would like to join our class, please contact Pastor Kayli ([pastorkayli@unionucc.org](mailto:pastorkayli@unionucc.org)). We are looking forward to an amazing year!

**HAPPY HOUR IN THE GROVE**– **Wednesday August 18 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.

**Pastor Thomas’s Graveside Stone** has been installed. His wife Kathy Brearley has asked us to let you know this. His birthday is on August 15<sup>th</sup>. After worship on that Sunday you are welcome to join us at the graveside with Kathy to share in a time of prayer. We’ll gather there when worship is over, around 11:30am. Pastor Thomas was the Senior Pastor here for 30 years.

**School Supply Donations** We will start to receive your donations of school supplies in August. Please bring them to church during the week and place them in the donations boxes on the porch or bring them to worship on Sundays. You can also order items online from our wish list that will be delivered to our church by using these links: [tgt.gifts/schoolsuppliesforlocalstudents](https://a.co/91PgSEu) <https://a.co/91PgSEu>

We will continue to collect items through the end of September. **Items needed include**: Backpacks, lunch bags, pencils, erasers, pens, markers, crayons, glue sticks, spiral notebooks, pencil cases, kids scissors, and Target gift cards (\$10-\$20).

**Students, Educators, School Workers** – Bring your backpack and/or yourself to worship on Sundays September 12, 29, and 26 and we will bless you and your school year. Students will also receive a gift.

**St. John's UCC Slatington** is presenting a summer concert featuring Marian Johnson on August 15th at 4 pm at our church. She will be accompanied by our Music Director, Gary Stokes.

# MOMENTS WITH MS. TIFFANY

CHILDREN WILL BE INVITED TO  
JOIN MS. TIFFANY AND HER  
HELPER DURING 10:30 WORSHIP IN  
THE GROVE FOR A STORY AND  
CRAFT ON SUNDAYS STARTING  
JULY 11, 2021 UNTIL AUGUST 22, 2021.

## Story Schedule

AUGUST 8, 2021 THE BERENSTAIN BEARS  
AND THE BIG QUESTION  
AUGUST 15, 2021 THE LORD'S PRAYER  
AUGUST 22, 2021 THE WORLD NEEDS  
MORE PURPLE PEOPLE



Youth Helpers are welcome to attend by just walking over.  
We need 1 adult helper each week. Email  
[dired@unionucc.org](mailto:dired@unionucc.org) to sign up.



# **BABY BLUES NIGHT OUT**

Bev Conklin & the BC Combo

**Sunday, August 29 at  
10:30am Worship  
followed by lunch.**

Enjoy some of your  
favorite Blues Night Out  
music and food.

Music Funded by: Funds of Lasting Gifts

Lunch hosted by: Phil & Julie Wehr and the  
Blues Night Out Crew



# FAITH ON TAP

## TASTE TEST THE PERFECT BREW FOR LIFE

Kornfeind's Market & Pub  
2228 Old Post Rd, Coplay

**Monday, August 23 6:30-8:30pm**

Meet us outside on the porch.

If it rains, we'll be inside at the pub.

Park in the back of the store and enter from there.

Cost: Your drink, FREE Admission

Sign up to save your spot. Space is limited.

Use the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e4ca8a823a7fa7-faith2>

## God, Beer, and Conversation

Wine, iced tea & water too.



Did you know Radical  
Wine (from  
Lehighton) supports  
local animal shelters  
and rescues?



Good things happen when we sit down at the same table with good people and talk honestly about things that matter and that give our lives meaning.

Led by **Joe Kornfeind**, the owner of Kornfeind's Market and Associate Dean of Business at Muhlenberg College, and **Kris Snyder-Samuels**on, a pastor at Union UCC in Neffs.



# SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATION COLLECTION

Helping our local students.

**August-September**

Donations can be dropped off in the donation boxes on the porch or brought to worship on Sundays.

We are collecting items such as backpacks, lunch bags, pencils, erasers, pens, markers, crayons, glue sticks, spiral notebooks, pencil cases, kids scissors, and Target gift cards (\$10-\$20)

Items can be purchased online and sent directly to the church by using one of the links below

**Target** [tgt.gifts/schoolsuppliesforlocalstudents](https://tgt.gifts/schoolsuppliesforlocalstudents)

**Amazon** <https://a.co/91PgSEu>



## EDUCATION BLESSING

**On Sunday September 12, 19, and 26 we will be blessing students, teachers, and school workers.**

Each student who attends the blessing will receive a small gift to celebrate a new school year.

*PIG OUT at Union UCC's*

# BACKYARD BBQ BASH

*September 25, 2021*

*4:00–8:30 pm*

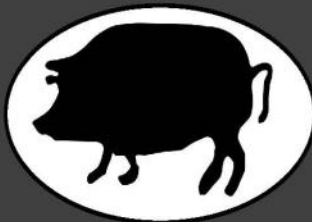
**Neffs Church Grove**

**Free Admission**

✓ Live Music by **TimeWhys** (5:30-8:30)

Music of the 60's and 70's

✓ Lorah's Pig Roasters and Chicken Dinners



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