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ANNOUNCEMENTS SEPTEMBER 12, 2021



OUR PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN THIS WEEK

To share a prayer request you may use the yllow prayer slips found in the racks in your seats and hand it to a pastor.

<u>Medical Issues/Cancer:</u> Scott with cancer and his young family, David, Shelby, Veronica, Carolyn for her upcoming Surgery, Emily, Vic, Wilbur, Ralph, Lucille, Beth, Carolyn recovering from surgery, Gary with cancer, Brett and Jess undergoing cancer treatment, Chester

General Prayers: 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, Brett and Family, Carolyn, renewed good health for Katie, healing for Nancy, peace and comfort for Russell and his family, safe travels for family and friends, a baby for Katie and Jake, family guidance, Jim, Jimmy, little Ollie for a good outcome, school board members and superintendents making hard decisions right now regarding the safety of our children, healing for Chris's grandson with Covid and on a vent, Mary Reinert Dugan on the passing of her husband.

Thanksgiving: Grateful for COVID vaccines, health care workers and school staffs.

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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

UPDATE:

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

Sanctuary Guidelines Worship Fall 2021 (Starting September 12)

We will open the church at 7am, with worship services at 8am and 10:30am. Please go to the welcome tables at each door for your bulletin and to share your offering (and to pick up Communion) before entering the sanctuary.

Masks are required for worship on Sundays, church group meetings, and all events and gatherings inside the building for everyone over the age of 3 regardless of vaccination status.

Pews will be marked to allow for 3 feet of distancing. Please sit in open areas only. The balcony will be open.

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.

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

Sunday, September 19

Sunday, September 26 Harvest Home, New Members Received, Education Hour Resumes

Sunday, October 3 Worldwide Communion, Children's Church Resumes at 10:30

<u>New Member Gatherings:</u> Our next new member sessions will be on September 12 and 29 at 9:15-10:15am in the Memory Room (2nd floor). Contact the office if you plan to attend. To share your questions and interest in learning more contact Pastor Kris <u>PastorKris@unionucc.org</u>

Baptisms We offer baptisms during worship at the 10:30 service every other month when we meet in person. Our next dates are Sunday, November 7 and January 10. Families can sign up to have their children baptized during the worship service in the sanctuary or in a private service with family and pastors. To sign up: Call the church office at 610-767-6961 or email Marissa Haney at <u>ad-</u><u>ministrator@unionucc.org</u>

Confirmation Letters Have Been Sent! All youth in 8th 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 pastorkayli@unionucc.org . We are looking forward to an amazing year! 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 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. Bakers - Would you be able to donate a baked good for the BBQ Bash on Saturday, September 25th? We are looking for cakes, cupcakes, cookies, brownies, muffins, bar cookies. No pies, please. We always like to have 1 sugar free option and 1 Gluten Free option. Please do not precut, our volunteers will take care of that. If possible, please use a disposable tray. Items can be dropped off on Friday, September 24 9am-3pm at the church office (call first 610-767-6961) or on Saturday, September 25th (the day of the event) from 1-4 pm in the grove. Sign up Here: https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/5080e4ca8a823a7fa7-baked6 or email Pastor Kris.

<u>Little Lambs Nursery:</u> The nursery is open to families who may need to use it. It will not be overseen by staff or volunteers at this time. Parents and adult family members are responsible for their children. We will provide the livestream of worship for you while you utilize the room. Please sign in on the clipboard and use the bin for used toys. Thank you for understanding and being flexible during this time.

Mum Sponsors



Harvest Home will be celebrated on Sunday, September 26, 2021. Bring your canned goods, produce, cut flowers, cornstalks, herbs, ect.

Food collected will be given to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank

We will be sponsoring the purchase of Mums for display. Place an order by filling out the form below. Make checks payable to Union UCC or order on our website under "Give Online" or by clicking <u>here.</u> Deadline to sponsor is **September 12TH.**

•I would like to sponsor # _____ potted Mum (s) for a HOMEBOUND MEMBER.

•I would like to sponsor # _____ potted Mum (s) for DISPLAY (you may pick up your mums after the Sept. 26 10:30am service)

I will pick up my mums following the service _____YES___NO

Giver (envelope) Number _____

Total # of Mums _____ x \$6 per Mum = Total \$ _____

Sponsor's Name:

In Honor of:

In Memory of:



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 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.

BACKYARD BBQ BASH

PIG OUT at Union UCC's

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

 \checkmark Lorah's Pig Roasters and Chicken Dinners



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