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## ANNOUNCEMENTS SEPTEMBER 19, 2021



### OUR PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN THIS WEEK

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

**Medical Issues/Cancer:** 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, Scott with cancer

**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, Ebert and Schmidt families on the loss of their Mother/ Grandmother, healing for my sister with breast cancer, Peggy and Larry, Nancy, Chris's grandson

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

**Hospitals:** Tom Moser at LVCC

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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:

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

#### **Sanctuary Guidelines Worship Fall 2021**

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

**Little Lambs Nursery:** 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.

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

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

**New Member Gatherings** Our next new member sessions will be on October 31 and November 7 at 9:15-10:15am in Memorial Hall. Contact the office if you plan to attend. To share your questions or interests in learning more contact

[PastorKris@unionucc.org](mailto:PastorKris@unionucc.org)

**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 [administrator@unionucc.org](mailto:administrator@unionucc.org)

**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://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 25<sup>th</sup>? 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 pre-cut, 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.

**Celebrate our Seminary Graduate Ashley Werkheiser!** She has been called to Christ UCC Schoenersville and will be ordained and installed there on October 2, 2021 at 1pm. The church is located at 5050 Airport Rd., Allentown. Please join in the celebration.

**Family Promise Fundraisers:** 1. Oct. 2 Harvest of Hope Designer Purse Bingo. Tickets are \$20 for 20 games. The festival will be at Jordan UCC 11am-4pm. Bingo is 11am-1pm. 2. Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Shopping Pass on Oct. 20. \$5 gives you 25% off your purchases plus a chance to win a \$100 Boscov's gift card. Look for Family Promise volunteers on Sundays for tickets.

### **Rev. Patience Announces Her Retirement**

Rev. Patience is turning that certain age in October and has announced her retirement as our Pastor of Visitation. We are very happy for her as she anticipates this next chapter in her life. But, we are sad to see her leave us. She has faithfully served as our first Pastor of Visitation for the last 15 years. She will continue to serve here through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. We will plan to celebrate and thank her on a Sunday in worship in December. In the meantime, please participate in a card and gift shower to honor her ministry among us by sending your card and gift to Donna Christman at 5820 PA Rte 873, Slatington, PA 18080 by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Checks made to "Donna Christman." You are also invited to drop off your cards and gifts on Sundays in the offering plate as long as they are clearly marked for Donna Christman/Rev. Patience. Please take this time to thank Rev. Patience with best wishes, words of gratitude, and stories about how her ministry has been meaningful to you and your family. We have been blessed by her presence of leadership as a pastor and we look forward to receiving your words of appreciation as well as the chance to celebrate her work here.

### **History of the Pastor Of Visitation Position**

When Pastor Thomas Thomas was called here as pastor in 1984 he was the only pastor on staff for this large church. A few years later he and the church leaders realized that an Associate Pastor position needed to be created in order to cover all of the pastoral responsibilities for this growing and healthy congregation. Union UCC called a few part-time associates in the transition and then called Janice Dey as the first full-time Associate. She served here for nine years. In this interim several part-time pastors helped Pastor Thomas who focused on pastoral care. After a 2-year interim, Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelsan was called as the Associate Pastor. Shortly after she began her work here, she and Pastor Tom realized that the church had grown in its focus on children and youth ministries and now needed to focus on their ministries with older adults. They created the Pastor of Visitation position to help meet those needs and Pastor Kris created the Helping Hearts and Communion Ministers groups to support the position and the care being provided to our adults. In September of 2006 Rev. Dr. Patience Stevenson was called as our first Pastor of Visitation. She has been serving in a variety of ways averaging 10 hours a week with a focus on caring for our members on our visitation list, supporting and organizing our Helping Hearts and Communion Ministers, leading our Golden Times monthly senior adult gathering, sharing hospital visits and general member care with the other pastors, officiating at funerals, assisting in worship monthly, and preaching quarterly. She also helped to organize our Green Team and our care for God's creation efforts. We look forward to building on the wonderful foundation of pastoral care, programming, and spiritual nourishment that Rev. Patience has provided to so many of us.

### **Search Committee for the Pastor of Visitation**

The Consistory has called the following people to serve on the Search Committee: those from Church and Ministry – **Donna Christman, Ardith Kuhns, Teresa Dalrymple, Eric Minnich, Aften Hamm** and additional members – **Rev. Bill Metzger, Dan Topp, Phil Wehr, Carrington Smith, Pastor Kayli, and Pastor Kris.**

We will keep you posted on the timeline and progress of our process.



# 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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