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ANNOUNCEMENTS SEPTEMBER 5, 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: 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.

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

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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

September 12– Sanctuary Worship at 8 and 10:30am begins

New Member Gatherings: What brought you to our church? I was called as one

of the pastors 25 years ago. So sure, it's my job to be here. But, really, I'd probably be here even if it weren't my job. This church is rooted in love - It's a great church with people to walk with through the joys and heartaches of life. It's a great church that makes it safe to ask questions and dig deeper. It's a great church filled with kindness and respect. It's a great church that loves God and neighbor wholeheartedly. It's a great church. Are you looking for a family of faith? Check us out online on Sundays or in person in the sanctuary Aug 22, in the grove Aug 29 and Sep 5 at 10:30. We're back in the sanctuary every week starting Sep 12 at 8am and 10:30am. Or reach out to me to hear and share more. Blessings, Pastor Kris pastorkris@unionucc.org New Member gatherings are in person on Sunday, Sep 12 and 19 at 9:15am-10:15am. Contact Pastor Kris if you'd like to sign up or if you'd like a virtual option.

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 Pastor Kayli (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 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.

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 [here](#).

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:



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

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

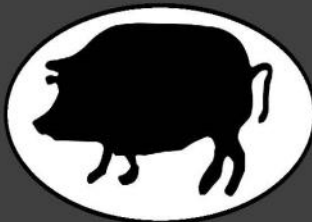
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Free Admission

✓ 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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