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ANNOUNCEMENTS NOVEMBER 28, 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: Veronica, Gary, Chester, Scott, Tommy, Mackenzie, Allison, Bonnie, Bertha, Sharon and Mark, Richard, Beth, Lucy, Jillian, David, Joe, Scott, Rob, Sue, Jacquie for strength facing brain surgery, Janice going through radiation and chemo, Beth, Alta with MS, Bruce facing medical decisions, Harry for strength following surgery, Sherry, Elaine, Tony in treatment, Lisa for continued improvement, Alta with MS

General Prayers: Sharon, Bob, Debra, and Bertie, Jack, Chris, Russ, Carrie, Ryan and Jake, Kyle, Jim, Ollie, a sister, Vic and Sherry, Charlie, Joe, Rose and Tom, peace and comfort for a sister, Mabelyn, Luis, Lucy, Terry facing surgery, Jacquie for healing and strength, healing for Hannah after her surgery, Peggy, Katie, sister for peace and comfort, those mourning the loss of loved ones

Thanksgiving: Brussel sprouts, God's harvest, supportive family and friends

Hospitals: SL Muhl– Ralph Ebert

Thoughts and Prayers: with the family and friends of **Bertha Blose** who passed on November 20, 2021. A memorial service was held on November 24, 2021 in the Heintzelman Funeral Home, Inc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Masks Required in Sanctuary and Building

Sunday Worship at 8am and 10:30am in the Sanctuary

December 5 Rev. Patience Retirement Celebration and Coffee Hour,

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates, PNEC Minister

December 12 2nd Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 12 at 7pm Parkland Chorale Holiday Concert

Seating is limited, tickets required - contact church office to reserve.

December 19 Lessons and Carols by

Interrupted Silence & Community Choir

CHRISTMAS EVE in the Sanctuary

Masks Required, Registration Required, Limited Seating (200 max)

Overflow seating in Memorial Hall with Screens (40 max)

FM Radio Station Available in your car in the parking lot

Everyone who requires a seat needs to be registered.

Use this link to register:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4CA8A823A7FA7-christmas2>

If you need assistance contact the church office.

Wednesday, December 22 at 7pm Christmas Eve Service,
Candlelight and Communion, Special Music

Thursday, December 23 at 7pm Christmas Eve Service,
Candlelight and Communion, Special Music

Friday, December 24 at 3pm, 5pm, and 8pm Christmas Eve Service,
Candlelight and Communion, Special Music
Interrupted Silence Ensemble at 3pm and 5pm

December 26 -No 8am Worship, Only 10:30am Worship

January 2 – No 8am Worship, Only 10:30am Worship

January 9 – 8am and 10:30 Worship, Communion, 401G Sunday

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 in 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.

Choir Horizon Choir - Rehearsals every Sunday at 9:15am in the choir room.
Heritage Choir - Rehearsals every Sunday at 7:15am in the choir room. High School Choir - 8th through 12th grade after the 10:30 service in the choir room. Kids Choir - kindergarten through 7th grade @ 6pm and we'll continue to meet every Tuesday in the choir room.

Bakers Needed for Lights in the Grove on Saturday, December 4th 3-5pm.

Raindate Sunday, Dec 5 3-5pm. We would love it if you could make some baked goods for this event. Could you make a batch or two of: Rice Krispie treats (individually wrapped), Christmas cookies (a snack bag of 6 small cookies or an individually wrapped large cookie), brownies (individually wrapped), or your favorite recipe of any kind of Chex Mix recipe (individual portions in a snack bag size -half of a sandwich size bag). We always need a Gluten Free option too. Please label your items if they include nuts or peanut butter. Please deliver items to the grove food stand that Saturday anytime after 12noon until 3pm. If you If you need to deliver items on Friday, drop them off at the church office 9am-3pm. Please sign up and help us share some Christmas cheer with our church and community. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e4ca8a823a7fa7-bakers>

Meditation Gatherings by Zoom with Pastor Kris Looking for a way to deal with stress? Trying to be more mindful in your life? We start each session with a time to check in with each other and share a topic or discussion question. Kris leads us in a guided meditation for 20-30 minutes. After the meditation, folks can stay to talk or quietly leave. If you're interested in joining us contact Kris at pastorkris@unionucc.org. **Dates: Tuesday, December 7 7-8:00pm, and Tuesday, January 11 7-8:00pm.** We are meeting virtually by zoom. Here's the link. [https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89386319277?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89386319277?pwd=UFFTRVJxdXVDZ0VFWndyY1d4cGIFQT09)

[pwd=UFFTRVJxdXVDZ0VFWndyY1d4cGIFQT09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89386319277?pwd=UFFTRVJxdXVDZ0VFWndyY1d4cGIFQT09)
Meeting ID: 893 8631 9277 Passcode: 411524

Golden Times— Strolling Strings will be coming **Dec. 14th!** We will meet at 11 am in Memorial Hall and have a bagged lunch to go.

Food Bank- Union UCC provided 200 five pound bags of potatoes to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank for their Thanksgiving food distribution on Nov 20.

STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFTS In the tradition of giving gifts to friends and loved ones, our church has traditionally expressed our love and appreciation for our hard-working pastors and staff by presenting each with a monetary gift. If you'd like to share in this gift, please send a check payable to Donna Christman at 5820 PA Rte 873, Slatington, PA 18080 and mail to her at **no later than Sunday, Dec 15.** You may also place it in the Church and Ministry mailbox near the church office. Any questions, email Donna at dec12221@hotmail.com. Thank you.



UNION UCC IN NEFFS PRESENTS

LIGHTS IN THE GROVE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4TH
3-5PM

RAINDATE SUNDAY, DEC 5TH 3-5PM

FREE admission

Donate new hats, gloves or scarves for the 6th St Shelter.

- ◆ Live Christmas Music by Blake Hoppes
- ◆ Lights by Christmas Decor
- ◆ Crafts for everyone, assemble here or take home.
- ◆ Hot Chocolate and Snacks to Go
- ◆ Santa! Bring your letter or write one here to deliver to him today.

Enjoy the lights! They will be on every night in December!

Sponsors: Larry Wehr in Memory of Carlton and Velma Wehr
Phil and Julie Wehr in Celebration of Christmas at Union UCC

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Bring a chair, masks optional, practice safe distancing.



Share the joy of Christmas with our **Members on our visitation list.**

You can also sponsor a **Poinsettia for our church services** during the Christmas Christmas Eve week in memory of a loved one, or in honor of someone.

The cost of a Poinsettia is \$8.25. Please fill out the form below and return the form and payment (please make the check payable to Union UCC) and put it in the offering plate, or put the form and payment in the mail and address it to: Union UCC Poinsettia Plant Order PO Box 66 Neffs, PA 18065-0066. You can also order on our website under online giving. https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=wWsk24ZWJSTZKsGd1RMKlg0BDvsSG3VIWQCPJNNxDsupkiY7JlDavDsozUE7KG0nFx2NSoS8LdUKGuGuF396vbT7q8tlCbXgdMlwdBGTvl4mXHubq5Z7ap5JVmPErc4ZeYHCKCZhESjGNQmZ5B-6dxzFIXYKd1yijB29TOHwCL9I=&ver=3

Deadline for ordering Poinsettias is Sunday, November 28, 2021

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

\$8.25 each



I would like to sponsor _____ plants for the Home Bound

I would like to sponsor _____ plants for the Sanctuary. I will pick up my Poinsettia plant **after a Christmas Eve service on Dec 22nd, 23rd, and 24th.**

(Please circle one) YES NO

Envelope Number _____ Total amount enclosed _____

Sponsor's Name _____

Telephone # _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Faith on Tap

God, Beer, and Conversation

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

Monday, November 29th

6:30-8:30pm

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

Cost: Your drink (Beer, Wine, Iced Tea, Water), FREE Admission
Sign up to save your spot. Use the link below. Space is limited.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4CA8A823A7FA7-faith4>

"A great place to share questions and meet others while I'm working on my relationship with the church."



"What a good night out!
No kids!! And food for the soul."



"Thanks for FOT, it's an interesting concept you are exploring."



"The 401G idea really has me thinking about my spiritual portfolio."

Led by **Joe Kornfeind**, the owner of Kornfeind's Market and Business Professor at Muhlenberg College, and

- **Kris Snyder-Samuelson**, Senior Pastor at Union UCC in Neffs.