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#### 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.

<u>Medical Issues/Cancer:</u> Veronica, Gary, Chester, Scott, Tommy, Mackenzie, Allison, Bonnie, Jillian, David, Scott, Rob, Sue, Janice going through radiation and chemo, Beth, Alta with MS, Bruce facing medical decisions, Sherry, Elaine, Tony in treatment, Lisa for continued improvement, Deb and John, Beverly with cancer, Missy with recurrent breast cancer, Alex

<u>General Prayers:</u> Sharon, Bob, Debra, and Bertie, Jack, Chris, 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, prayers for a daughter, Nancy for continued healing

**Thanksgiving:** Supportive family and friends, the music of the season

Hospitals: SL Muhl-Joan Ebert

<u>Thoughts and prayers</u> to the family and friends of **Gerald Blose** who passed on December 7, 2021. Services were held on December 10, 2021 in the Heintzelman Funeral Home, Inc.

To the friends and family of **Harold Remaley** who passed on December 8, 2021. Services will be held on Monday, December 13, 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 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.

<u>Golden Times</u>—Strolling Strings will be coming **Dec. 14th**! We will meet at 11 am

in Memorial Hall and have a bagged lunch to go.

<u>Food Bank-</u> Union UCC provided 200 five pound bags of potatoes to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank for their Thanksgiving food distribution on Dec. 11 <u>The 2022 envelope packets</u> Envelope packets for 2022 are ready for pick up in Memorial Hall, Please find yours along with those of family members, neighbors or friends. The more envelope packets picked up, the more we save on postage costs. Please do not use the new envelopes until 2022, everyone gets new numbers each year. Members who use the e-giving program do not receive envelope packets. Your financial support is greatly appreciated all year long to continue the many and varied missions and ministries of Union UCC. The Financial Leadership Team.

<u>Women's Retreat Weekend April 22-24, 2022</u> Trout Lake Retreats, Stroudsburg Cost: \$145 \$75 Deposit due January 9, \$70 Balance due April 3, Payment plans and financial assistance available. Checks to Union UCC, Memo Line – Women's Retreat. Friends and family members are welcome. Leader and more Info: Pastor Kris, NOTE: If you already paid for this retreat in 2019, your spot is reserved, but still confirm with Kris. If you are no longer able to attend, we can only give a refund if someone new signs up to fill your spot.

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 <a href="dec12221@hotmail.com">dec12221@hotmail.com</a>. Thank you.

#### Looking for a way to honor or remember someone you love?

## We are always looking for SPONSORS for Bulletins and Spread the Good News.

Spread the Good News \$20 Children's Bulletins \$8,

Contact Church Office 610-767-6961, Marissa at administrator@unionucc.org

If you are in the hospital, please notify a pastor or church office or ask a family member to do so. Please be sure to give the hospital our **church code (511)**. If we missed you during your hospital stay, let us know 610-767-6961.