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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, Rich, Deb and John, Beverly with cancer, Missy with recurrent breast cancer, Alex, Jim, Brian recovering from surgery

<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, Izzy

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 **Dorothy Lakatosh** who passed on December 10, 2021.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES Masks Required in Sanctuary and Building Sunday Worship at 8am and 10:30am in the Sanctuary

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

The 2022 envelope packets 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.

SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 23 at the end of 10:30 Worship It is that time of the year where we come together to review the work of our Church Family. At this Semi-Annual congregational meeting, we will be presenting the reviewing the financials to date, reviewing our semi-annual audit and taking and/or presenting nominations for Consistory. This is not possible without your support. Please plan to attend and participate in our Semi-

Annual Congregational Meeting which will be held January 23, 2022 at the end

Zoom Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84305387826?

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of 10:30am worship in the church and on zoom.

Meeting ID: 843 0538 7826

Passcode: 757559

We sincerely thank each and every person who has supported our church. Please continue to support us in this time by being in engaged attendance. May God continue to bless our church family and those we are able to help! Respectfully, Aften Hamm Consistory President

Call for Prayer for Those Affected by Tornadoes in Kentucky

Friends, we woke this morning to the news that at least 5 states—Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri and Tennessee—were hit by tornadoes on Friday night. Among them, parts of Kentucky, particularly Mayfield, KY, were hardest hit. Sources report at least 70 dead in Kentucky alone.

We are writing both to ask you to hold in prayer those in our Conference in Kentucky who may have been affected by these deadly storms, and also all those in any place who have been affected by this natural disaster. For life and limb, property and security, we pray that God will be present to those who suffer and that God will motivate those of us who can help to offer the work of our hands, prayers, and donations.

Our Disaster Preparedness and Ministry Response Team (DPMRT) is already at work reaching out to area partners to see how and where we can provide aid. When we have details about ways you can help, we will share them via email and on our Facebook page. Until a plan for action solidifies, we invite you to donate to the IKC DPMRT by clicking the button, below. You will be directed to donate through PayPal to the IKC. When you process the PayPal donation, please be sure to add "DPMRT" to the field "Add special instructions to the seller" (refer to the screenshot included in this email

Your prayers and donations are a blessing. Thank you for your compassion.

With thanksgiving for your attention and assistance, Rev. Chad Abbott, Conference Minister Rev. Greg Denk, DPRMT chair and your IKC leadership

Donate Here:

http://ikcucc.org/connect/donate/

You can also give checks at church made to PNEC with DPMRT Kentucky in the memo line.



