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ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY, FEB 20, 2022



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: Veronica, Gary, Chester, Scott, Tommy, Mackenzie, Allison, David, Scott, Rob, Sue, Beth, Alta with MS, Sherry, Elaine, Tony in treatment, Lisa, Rich, Deb and John, Alex, Jim, Brian recovering from surgery, for sister Missy, Tony, Deana, mother Billie, Beth facing cancer surgery, Lucy recovering, Frank, David knee replacement, Doug, Eric, Shirley with broken bones, Barry recovering from surgery, Kay

General Prayers: peace and comfort for a sister, Mabelyn, Luis, Lucy, Jacquie for healing and strength, Peggy, Katie, sister for peace and comfort, prayers for a daughter, Nancy for continued healing, Izzy, Sam, healing for Richard, Stella

Hospitals:

Worship and Bad Weather Cancellations: In case we need to cancel worship services due to bad weather please look for information on our Facebook page, our website, and WFMZ. We don't typically cancel worship or Sunday classes, but if we do we will post it at these places and do our best to still provide a livestream option. Take care, be safe!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

February 27 Communion, New Members Received

Looking Ahead:

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: Join us on Tuesday March 1, 2022 for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. This event is take-out only, and will be available from 5pm-7pm. Enjoy your favorites: pancakes, sausage, and donuts...no cooking by you required! This event will be ticketed, to help us plan food. Pick up tickets after worship on Sundays during February! Event is free, donations welcomed. Thanks to the Fellowship Committee for sponsoring this event.

Wednesday, March 2nd Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion 12noon and 7pm

Christian Education:

Dr. Seuss Sunday- on February 27, 2022. Everyone is encouraged to dress up as their favorite Dr. Seuss Character! All Sunday School classes will meet in Fellowship Hall at 9:15am to enjoy a fun Dr. Seuss filled morning!

Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser- Our annual fundraiser will take place 2/21/2022-3/7/2022. Brochures will be available soon.

Youth Group:

Calling all youth! Grades 6th-12th!- It is that time of year where we celebrate and honor our youth with a Sunday dedicated specifically to YOU! We need your help to make this day great! Sign up to read, play music, preach (12th grade only) and so much more! This year is in-person. Use the link to sign-up!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F48AEAD2BA2FE3-youth8>

Cookie Baking Competition & Sanctuary Decorating: Are you the best cookie decorator out there? Can you use those skills to also decorate our sanctuary for Youth Sunday? Youth grades 6th-12th will be doing both on **March 19 @ 12pm-3pm**. We'll decorate the sanctuary while our cookies cool. Bring your best skills, and show us what you got! Use the link to sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f48aead2ba2fe3-cookie>

Meditation Gatherings by Zoom with Pastor Kris Join us for a time of quiet, relaxation, and support. Each session includes a time for several meditation practices as well as a chance to share and discuss. If you have questions contact Kris at pastorkris@unionucc.org. We start at 7pm and meet until 8pm.

Dates: Tuesdays, March 8, April 12, May 3. We are currently meeting virtually by zoom. Here's the link. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89386319277?pwd=UFFTRVJxdXVDZ0VFWndyY1d4cGIFQT09>

Meeting ID: 893 8631 9277 Passcode: 411524

Women's Retreat Weekend April 22-24, 2022 Trout Lake Retreats, Stroudsburg
Cost: \$145 \$75 Deposit due now, \$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.**

Adult Faith Formation classes- Freeing Jesus Diana Butler Bass Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence Fridays 9:30-11am, Room 5 Feb 25, Sundays 9:15-10:15 Room 5 Feb 20, 27

Please contact Pastor Kris if you'd like to join us in person or virtually by zoom or if you'd like a copy of the book if you can't join us.

Baptism We offer baptisms during worship at the 10:30 service every other month when we meet in person. Our upcoming dates are February 27, March 13, 27, and May 15. 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

Church Office Hours

Mondays Closed for Office Staff

Tuesday-Friday Office Open 9:15-1pm

Call/email for appointments with Pastors

All of our schedules change, it is still best to call ahead.

Urgent Pastoral Matters: Contact Pastor cell phones.

To enter the building:

Press Intercom Button

Release to Listen

Press to Speak

Open door promptly

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.



2022 Vacation Bible School Volunteer Sign Up

I would like to help in (please circle all that apply):

Imagination Station	Grade Level Crew Leader
Bible Story	Age Level _____
Music	Preferred area _____
Skits	Teen Helper (8th grade +)

Daily Meal (before VBS 5-7pm)

To Help in Vacation Bible School
(June 20 – June 24, 2022 6:30-8:30pm)

SIGN UP NOW!

Name _____

T-shirt size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL

Email _____

Phone _____

All volunteers need current child abuse and criminal checks. (We can help you submit forms at no cost!)

Any questions, contact Tiffany Lakatosh (dired@unionucc.org)

Please return this form to the church office or Tiffany's mailbox.

Staff Updates From Pastor Kris, Consistory, and Church and Ministry Interim (Temporary) Plan for Pastor of Visitation Ministry

The Pastor of Visitation Committee made this recommendation which Church and Ministry and Consistory approved at their meetings in February. Since posting the Pastor of Visitation position in November, we have not received any appropriate resumes of applicants. Pastor Kris and the search committee created an interim plan for 6 months starting Feb 6 (with 30 days' notice given by either party) while they reinvest in reaching out to potential permanent candidates. She has approached members Carrie Beleno and Susan Glosan to serve.

FINANCIALLY THIS PLAN FITS WITHIN THE REALM OF WHAT CONSISTORY ALREADY APPROVED FOR THE PERMANENT POSITION IN TERMS OF HOURS AND BUDGET. OUR MAIN GOAL IS TO SUPPORT PASTORS KRIS AND KAYLI IN THEIR WORK AS WELL AS CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ONGOING PASTORAL CARE FOR OUR MEMBERS.

THE PASTOR OF VISITATION SEARCH COMMITTEE

Carrie Beleno – previous educator and school principal, Reiki Master, owner of healing center. Has led women’s retreat days and meditation sessions here. Currently on Helping Hearts as a volunteer. Currently doing Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at St. Luke’s starting in January (training required for chaplains and those seeking ordination). She’s Interested in getting more experience and helping the church. 4-6 hours/week.

- Focus on Visitation list, hospitals/follow up, call list – shared with other pastors and other interim.
- Special focus – organizing Helping Hearts and Communion Ministers for Easter Flower and Communion and coordinate Golden Times program in May and June (with assistance of other pastors)
- Emergency assistance as needed/negotiated with other Pastors
- Funerals – assist for experience, cover only as needed/negotiated with other pastors
- Assisting in worship as time allows.

Susan Glosan – currently Moravian Seminary student, chaplaincy program. Needs to fulfill some pastoral care visits for classwork this semester. Has been active here in a variety of ways as musician, acolyte coordinator, and preacher. Interested in getting more experience and helping the church. 4-6 hours/week.

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- Special focus – preaching 3 times/once a month for separate time and stipend (April, May, June)
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- Funerals – assist for experience, cover as needed/negotiated with other pastors
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CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR
NEFFS UCC PRESCHOOL

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

MONDAY, MARCH 28TH | 4-8PM
837 LEHIGH LIFESTYLE CTR, WHITEHALL, PA, 18052

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **BGVTANK**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

Easter Flowers

FOR THE HOME VISITATION MEMBERS AND SANCTUARY

share the Joy of Easter with our Home Visitation Members. Sponsor a flower that will be delivered by volunteers for \$9.00 per plant.

You may also purchase flowers for our Sanctuary on Easter morning "In honor of" or "In memory of" someone - you may pick it up after the Easter Service on April 17.

Please print and return your information on the form below with your payment (checks payable to Union U.C.C.) and drop in offering bins or mail to the church office no later than Sunday, March 13, 2022. Flowers may also be ordered on our website under online donations.

I would like to sponsor an Easter flower for (please mark your choices):

HOME VISITATION MEMBER(S) SANCTUARY*

Sponsor's Name: _____

Homebound Tulips _____ Display Lilies _____

Display Tulips _____ Display Hyacinths _____

Display Daffodils _____

Total Number of Plants _____ Total amount enclosed is \$ _____

Envelope # _____

Phone/Cell Number: _____

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

*I will pick up my flower after worship service on Easter Sunday.

(Please circle one) YES NO

This year we will celebrate Blanket Sunday all of February and be collecting in a different manner.

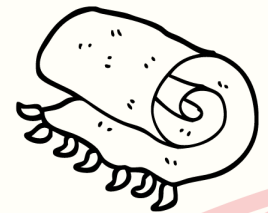
Blanket Sunday
All February!

Donations of cash or check may be made through the special envelope included in February's newsletter, marked "Blanket Sunday" and "Souper Bowl Sunday" Please mark your donations accordingly and mail to the church, or drop in the collection totes on Sundays.. Blankets cost \$10 each, you may support one blanket, or many blankets, all up to you.

Please support this important annual mission project, our goal is to collect over \$2,000.

Thank you, the Mission Committee

Spread our love
and God's love
to the World





Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

When: Tuesday, March 1, 2022
Time: 5pm-7pm

Stop by Memorial Hall for our
"traditional" Shrove Tuesday
Meal to take home
Pancakes, Sausage, Donuts!
The event is free, but donations
welcome
Tickets Available after worship
in the lobby

This event is sponsored by the Fellowship
Committee



Sing Your Way Home
Choral Concert

March 19, 2022 7pm

Union UCC

Neffs, PA

\$10 Tickets

wayhome.eventbrite.com

INTERRUPTED SILENCE
VOCAL ENSEMBLE

