

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, December 18, 2022

Rev. Kris Penrose Snyder, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Kayli L. Freeman, Associate Pastor  
Tiffany Lakatosh, Faith Formation Minister of Children  
Carrie Beleno/ Susan Glosan, Interim Pastors of Visitation  
Mr. Blake Hoppes, Minister of Music

Marissa Haney, Church Administrator  
Barbara Carinci, Financial Manager  
Kiel Baer/ Payge Haydt Sunday Set-up  
AJ DiPaolantonio, Night Lock-up  
Maria Beltz./ Ori Handwerk, Facility Caretakers

CONSISTORY OFFICERS President: Eric Minnich, VP: Jason Klingler, Secretary: Janice Metzger, Don Penrod,  
Treasurer: Marianne Kitzmiller

## THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

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. Or submit [online here](#).

### *Medical*

Veronica, Barry, Debbie, Connie, Janice, Rich and Peggy, Ed, baby Leah, Robert, Jim and Rosann, Mary Lou, Barbara, Dorothy, Marlene, Sherrie, Susie, Joan, Tina, Gino, brother-in-law with early Alzheimer's, Ed, Grace, Vic, Ruth, a dad recovering from a stroke, Colleen, Donna, Bruce, Tommy, Dave, Rick, continued healing for wife's eyes, Jenn's dad, a successful surgery and quick recovery for George, Alta

### *General*

Susan for healing, continued improvement for Lisa's health, healing Alison's father with Parkinson's, daughter for wisdom and strength, sister and brother in law for peace, comfort, and healing, a husband on his job search, all hungry people to find food, Jake's family in their grief, answers and relief for mom, New Tripoli Fire Company. Peace for all who grieve, a mother to include her son, thanksgiving for Katie and Jake's baby girl Olivia, a baby for Caroline and Nathan, healing for Sharon, Mom

**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.

**Sundays 8:00 am and 10:30am in the Sanctuary and Livestream on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/unionneffs> or on Facebook and Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/c/UnionUnitedChurchofChristNeffsPA> anytime during the week.**

REFLECTING *The Sacred*

DECEMBER WORSHIP

**Sundays, December 4, 11, and 18 at 8am and 10:30am**

**Friday, December 23 at 7pm, Christmas Eve Worship Candlelight and Communion**

**Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve Worship**

**3pm Candlelight and Communion**

**5pm Children's Choir, No Communion**

**8pm Candlelight and Communion**

**Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day No 8am Worship, Only 10:30am Worship**

**Sunday, January 1 New Year's Day No 8am Worship, Only 10:30am Worship**

**Sunday, January 8 8am and 10:30am Worship with Communion, Young Adult Sunday**

Pick up a copy of the book *Everything Is Sacred* for inspirational daily readings.

Copies are in the lobby on Sundays or in the bin on the South side entrance during the week.

### **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 18**. You may also place it in the Church and Ministry mailbox near the church office. Any questions, email Donna at [dec12221@hotmail.com](mailto:dec12221@hotmail.com). Thank you.

**Offering Envelopes for 2023** – Members: please pick up your new year offering envelopes on the stage in Memorial Hall on Sundays or call the church office to get them during the week. If we missed you and your envelopes are not there, let us know. Thank you for your support of God's church and God's work here at Union.

Please do not use the new envelopes until 2023, everyone gets new numbers each year. Members who use the e-giving program do not receive envelope packets.

# Staff Update from Pastor Kris

Thank you to Susan Glosan and Carrie Beleno for serving as our Interim Pastors of Visitation for the last year. You have done a wonderful job at caring for our church family and continuing this important ministry. Susan ended her responsibilities at the end of December and will continue her seminary training.



**As of January 1, Carrie Beleno will start as our permanent Pastor of Visitation.** She will be the primary pastor who visits our members and follows up with care. Her primary responsibility is caring for those on our visitation list. She will also share hospital visits with Pastor Kayli. Pastors Kris, Kayli, and Carrie rotate sharing calls and visits with a variety of other lists of members. Carrie will continue to organize our

Helping Hearts and Communion Ministers, Golden Times, and support our current adult offerings. We plan to create new ministry opportunities and programming for adults too.

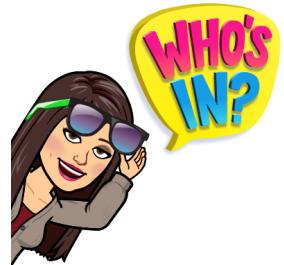
Here's a little more info about Carrie:

Carrie was previously an elementary teacher, principal, and reiki master/teacher and spiritual life coach, owning her own healing center in Bethlehem. She has a M.Ed. in Educational Development and Strategies. She is also currently a hospital chaplain for St. Luke's University Hospital Network. Carrie lives in Washington Township with her husband Tony and three rescue cats. They have a son Marc who lives in NYC and a daughter Gianna and her husband Bill who live in Schnecksville with their adorable twin boys Billy and Albie. They keep her spare time busy! She just finished up several years of working as a reiki/meditation teacher at the Cancer Support Community and continues to direct plays at Pennsylvania Playhouse.

This calling has been cultivated for years and she is excited and blessed to share the next chapter of ministry with the congregation and staff at Union UCC! You can reach Carrie at this email: [vispastor@unionucc.org](mailto:vispastor@unionucc.org)

**College Age/Young Adult Sunday!** Calling all college age/young adults to help lead our annual Sunday to celebrate and honor you. **January 8, 2023**, both 8:00am and 10:30am worship, is all about you and we need your help. Play music, lead liturgy, read scripture, help with offering...you name it, you can do it! Sign up using the link by January 1, 2023 :

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f48aead2ba2fe3-young1>



## New Conference Ambassador program

Some church members may not be aware that Union UCC is one of 127 churches of the Penn Northeast Conference [PNEC] in Pennsylvania and that the PNEC, in turn, is one of 36 Conferences in the UCC National Church. Or, members may be aware, but not know what the Conference really does and what benefits and opportunities exist within the Conference.

So, the PNEC has initiated an Ambassador program to help congregations and members feel more connected to it. I, Janice Metzger, am the current Ambassador and will be periodically communicating news of Conference events and programs. Be on the lookout for these and if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at [jemrenaissinc@aol.com](mailto:jemrenaissinc@aol.com) & please put Union Ambassador in the subject line. I look forward to helping Union members feel more connected to the Conference and the wider church.



The poster features a light blue background with white snowflakes. At the top, the text "INTERRUPTED SILENCE" is written in a stylized font with a blue and white graphic above it, and "VOCAL ENSEMBLE" is written below it. In the center, a marquee sign with a red border and white lights contains the text "BROADWAY NIGHT" in large, gold, block letters, with "IN NEFFS" in smaller red letters below it. Below the marquee, the event details are listed: "January 14 - 7pm & January 15 - 3pm", "Memorial Hall - Union UCC in Neffs", and "\$15 General Admission Tickets". At the bottom, there is a QR code, a "SCAN ME" button, and social media icons for Facebook and Instagram. The background of the bottom section shows a winter landscape with snow-covered trees and mountains.

INTERRUPTED SILENCE  
VOCAL ENSEMBLE

**BROADWAY NIGHT**  
IN NEFFS

January 14 - 7pm & January 15 - 3pm  
Memorial Hall - Union UCC in Neffs  
\$15 General Admission Tickets

Tickets are available via Facebook & Eventbrite  
or at the door

@interruptedsilenceensemble  
Contact: [interruptedsilenceensemble@gmail.com](mailto:interruptedsilenceensemble@gmail.com)

SCAN ME



### Phantoms Ice Hockey Game

Union UCC goes to the rink on Saturday, January 28. 7:05pm Game vs. Hershey Bears. Tickets are \$25/person. Payment: Cash, check (made out to Stephen Kareha – drop or mail to church), Venmo (@Stephen-Kareha), or Paypal (@skareha).




# MR. PASTIE FUNDRAISER

Orders Due February 5th

Pickup February 24th

The Pasties come in a variety of flavors to choose from. Pasties will come frozen and can be warmed in the oven whenever you would like a quick and easy meal. Each Pastie is 12oz. The price is \$8 per Pastie. Order forms will be available soon. The proceeds from this fundraiser will help us purchase supplies for the kids, support our birthday ministry for Bethany Home, and so much more!

If you have any questions contact Tiffany at [dired@unionucc.org](mailto:dired@unionucc.org).



**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL  
AND NO CHILDREN'S  
CHURCH  
DECEMBER 25TH &  
JANUARY 1ST**



Youth Group

### High School Happy Hour

All youth grades 9th-12th are invited to join Pastor Kayli and Deana Correll for a time dedicated just for you! We meet twice a month in the Youth Room (basement rm 15).

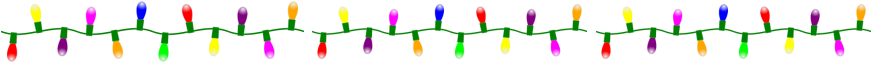


**Upcoming Dates:** December 18

**Talking Points:** Holy Trouble Makers and Unconventional Saints

**Time:** 11:30am-12:30pm **Zoom or In Person** Zoom Meeting ID:826 3087 5999

Passcode: 645635



**SAVE THE DATE(S)**

**January 28, 2023:** Phantoms Game  
(contact Steve Kareha)

**February 9, 2023:** Confirmation  
Retreat (@Church)

**February 21, 2023:** Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake Supper

**March 19, 2023:** Youth Sunday  
(theme TBD)



Have any fun ideas for the upcoming year? Want to get more involved? Let Pastor Kayli know!



Union UCC now has Venmo! You can now make donations, pay for events, and support the church through this platform. Please be sure to include in the “What it’s for” line what your Venmo is supporting. You can either search for **@unionuccneffs** or scan the QR-code. If you have any questions, please reach out to Barbara Carinci .

This year the Christmas Mission Offerings will be divided to The Allentown Rescue Mission and the Laurel House. Please support these two mission organizations by using the Christmas Mission Offering envelope in your envelope packet, or blank envelope marked - Christmas Mission, or donate online at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z51X/home>  
Thank you, the Mission Committee.



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# Helping Meals

WE ARE LOOKING TO BEGIN DELIVERING HELPINGMEALS AGAIN! IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PREPARING, DELIVERING, SHOPPING OR BAKING FOR OUR FOLKS WHO MAY NEED A BIT OF COMFORT DURING A HEALING TIME IN THEIR LIVES, PLEASE REACH OUT TO:

PAM MINNICH PJP.EDRN@GMAIL.COM OR CONNIE GIOIELLI C\_GIOIELLI@YAHOO.COM AND LET THEM KNOW YOU'RE INTERESTED.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO KICKSTARTING THIS MUCH-NEEDED MINISTRY IN THE NEW YEAR!

The Rev. Alan Miller, remembered by colleagues as a joyful and effective builder of relationships in the ministries of the United Church of Christ, died Dec. 2, in High Point, N.C. He was 70. Memorial services will be held at [Jordan United Church of Christ](#), in Allentown, Pa., on Friday, Jan. 6, 2023, at 11 a.m.

## Golden Times

*Golden Times is a gathering for our senior adults. Everyone is welcome, including friends. We start at 12noon with lunch (often soup, salad, and a sandwich) and then have a program until about 1:30pm. There is no charge to attend. Your support of the budget and the Funds of Lasting Gifts provides the funds. Contact the church office if you'd like to receive post card mailing reminders.*

*Upcoming dates: March 7, April 4, May 2.*

### **Women's Retreat \* April 28-30, 2023 \* Trout Lake Retreats, Stroudsburg**

Cost: \$150. \$75 deposit due now, \$75 balance due March 5.

Payment plans and financial assistance available.

Checks to Union UCC, Memo Line – Women's Retreat

Friends and Family members are welcome too. Help us meet our minimum of 25. Leader and more Info: Pastor Kris

Baptisms: We offer baptisms during worship at the 10:30 service every other month. Our next date is **January 15, 2023**. There is a pre-baptism zoom session with the pastor the week before. Sign up by calling the church office at 610-767-6961 or emailing Marissa Haney at [administrator@unionucc.org](mailto:administrator@unionucc.org). The pastors will work with you if the scheduled dates are a conflict.

New Member Session: Are you thinking about deepening your faith commitment to Union UCC? To share your questions and interest in learning more about our church family contact Pastor Kris [PastorKris@unionucc.org](mailto:PastorKris@unionucc.org)

### Coffee Hour Update

We're working on bringing back coffee hour, woot! Part of the delay has been that during the last 2 years our Sunday Set Up Staff have become the people to cover our livestream equipment. As we're working on getting more volunteers to help with that Sunday morning piece, we're looking to bring coffee hour back.

**December** – we're asking committees to bring **Christmas cookies** and snacks on **Dec 18**. Please drop them off in the sacristy kitchen. There will be snacks, juice, and water.

**January** – we hope to bring back coffee, hot water, and weekly hosts bringing food and cheer.

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[Facebook.com/unionneffs](https://www.facebook.com/unionneffs)

### 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:

- Press Intercom Button
- Release to Listen
- Open door