

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas 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, 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, Jenn's dad, Alta

General

Susan for healing, continued improvement for Lisa's health, healing Alison's father with Parkinson's, a husband on his job search, healing for a friend recovering from a heart attack, healing in strength for parents and godmother, 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, Tom, Clark, Marie, Brad, aging parents, Sharon for healing, strength for Bob, peace for Lucy in her surgery, healing for a husband, friends for all who are alone.

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.



Upcoming Worship

Sunday, January	1	NO 8AM WORSHIP, 1030 WORSHIP ONLY
Sunday, January	8	8AM AND 10:30 WORSHIP. COMMUNION, LED BY OUR YOUNG ADULTS AND COLLEGE STUDENTS
Sunday, January	15	10:30 BAPTISM
Sunday, January	22	OUR MONEY STORY: RELEASE, 10:30 SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING
Sunday, January	29	5TH SUNDAY

Feb 12	Confirmation Class leads Worship! Souper Bowl Sunday & Tailgate Lunch
Feb 19	Communion Sunday, Healing Service (Pray with a Pastor)
Feb 21	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Feb 22	Ash Wednesday with Communion
Apr 9	Easter Sunday

Looking Ahead

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.

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.

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.

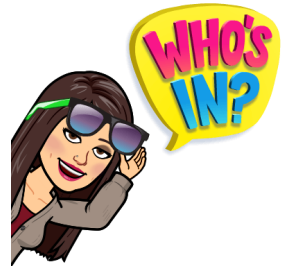
Here's a little more info about Carrie:

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

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>



Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, January 22
Following 10:30 Worship

Fellow Members of Union UCC,

It is that time of year where we come together as a congregation to review the work of our Church family. At this semi-annual meeting we will be reviewing the finances to date, reviewing our semi-annual audit and taking / 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 on Sunday, January 22, 2023 following the 10:30 service.

As we emerge into a post pandemic world, it is more important than ever that we as members engage with our church's mission and activities to ensure a healthy and vibrant future. I encourage you to attend this important meeting and help lead Union UCC into 2023 and beyond. The meeting will be held in person and there will also be a Zoom option for anyone who cannot join us in person.

I thank you all for your commitment and dedication throughout the past year and look forward to our collective service to God and our community in 2023.

May God continue to bless our church family and those we serve.

Respectfully,
Eric Minnich
Consistory President

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81918906059?pwd=TkZxdThSbFdtUks3Q2pacUNRRitKUT09>

Meeting ID: 819 1890 6059

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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






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Contact: interruptedsilenceensemble@gmail.com



SCAN ME




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UNION UCC NIGHT WITH THE PHANTOMS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28TH
7:05PM
(DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM)

Tickets: \$25.00 each


ORDERS can be emailed or dropped at the church office or in the offering plate but **MUST** be in an envelope marked **Phantoms Tickets.**

TO ORDER TICKETS OR FOR MORE INFO PLEASE
CONTACT STEVE KAREHA.
717-514-8881 or s.kareha@gmail.com



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(Make Checks Payable to Steve Kareha)



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Bring your friends and family!

Presented by Union UCC Men's group

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 & 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.



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.

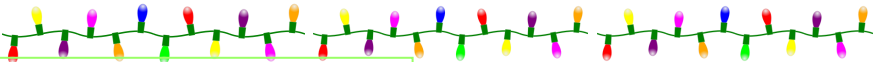


Youth Group

Y.A.T (Youth Advisory Team)

This past fall, we reinstated a Youth Advisory Team, comprised of students from different schools and different grades, as well as parents who support them. These youth are tasked with attending youth gatherings, help plan events, and be Pastor Kayli's right hand! These youth are an integral part of pulling in other friends to join us! A HUGE shout out to: **Cameron Kuntz, Max Bilger, Payge Haydt, Naomi Henninger, Katie Solt, Savannah Kareha, Hannah Minnich, Ryleigh Minnich, Nolan Buskirk, Parker Haydt, Deana Correll, Steve Kareha, and Ron Snyder**

YOU'RE ALL AMAZING!



SAVE THE DATE(S)
January 28, 2023: Phantoms Game (contact Steve Kareha)
February 11, 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.

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. 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

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.

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

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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