

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 19, 2023

Rev. Kris Penrose Snyder, Senior Pastor
Rev. Kayli L. Freeman, Associate Pastor
Tiffany Lakatosh, Faith Formation Minister of Children
Carrie Beleno, Pastor 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: Don Penrod, Secretary: Janice Metzger, 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, Robert, Jim and Rosann, Dave, Rick, Jenn's dad, Justin, Beth, Deb and her husband, Heidi's mom, brother undergoing cancer treatments, Lucy, Eleanor, Jill, Dawn, Rich, Alea, Pat, a dad's upcoming Surgery, Thomas undergoing tests, baby Cameron, Susie recovering from surgery, Diane recovering from surgery, Brad, Linda, Jim, JJ, Leo and family, Annette

General

Healing for Margaret and Bill, Dawn and Jeff, Craig, all the people of Turkey & Syria, Bud and his family, love and peace to be spread around the world, mom and dad's health, job search, healing for Sharon and strength for Bob, Brad, Annette, Abby and kids, healing for Amy, Barbara, Dorothy, Marlene, Kevin, Tom, TC, brother and all people suffering from anxiety and depression, sister for peace, comfort, and healing, Abby, Lucas, and Stella

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.

March Worship

SUNDAY MARCH	5	LENT 2 Baptism at 10:30am, Girl Scout Cookies!
SUNDAY MARCH	12	LENT 3 Special Music by Interrupted Silence, Daylight Savings
SUNDAY MARCH	19	LENT 4 Youth Sunday
SUNDAY MARCH	26	LENT 5 New Members Received

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

Holy Grounds Coffee

Come for coffee, tea, hot
chocolate, juice, water and snacks
on Sundays in Memorial Hall after
both worship services.

Hosting Committees:
March 19- Youth Group
March 26- Consistory
**April 2- Church and
Ministry**



GOD FIRST WEDNESDAYS

NO Wednesday Gathering April 5
Join us Maundy Thursday, April 6
at 6pm

Potluck Supper - bring a main or side dish or
dessert to share.

Worship in Memorial Hall /Basement
includes communion at tables and preparing
the sanctuary for Good Friday.

Future God First Wedneady Dates:
May 3
**Putting God First on First
Wednesdays**

CarePatrol

CarePatrol Info Session for families seeking answers for care for senior adults.

Sunday, March 26th at 11:45am, immediately following 10:30 worship. Youth Room/Basement. CarePatrol is a team of Certified Senior Advisors who help families find safe, quality independent living, assisted living, memory care and in-home care as well as adult day programs. We meet with families personally to consult, educate and advocate as they explore care options. We tour with our clients to senior care communities and review care and violation histories of the communities we recommend. Our service is FREE to families.

RSVP by Wednesday, March 22nd to Carrie:
vispastor@unionucc.org OR call the office at 610-767-6961
Bagged lunch provided for those who RSVP by Wednesday,
snacks also available.



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 \$10.00 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 9.

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 19, 2023**. Flowers may also be ordered on our website under online donations or by clicking [here](#).

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

HOME VISITATION MEMBER(S) SANCTUARY*

Sponsor's Name: _____

Homebound Tulips _____ Display Tulips _____ Display Lilies _____ 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

First Communion Class

When: March 26, 2023

Time: 11:30am-12:30pm



Calling All 1st Graders (or 2nd thru 7th graders who haven't participated yet)

You are invited to join Ms. Tiffany and Pastor Kayli for our First Communion Class! Sunday March 26, 2023 11:30am-12:30pm

We will gather in Fellowship Hall to begin our time
Please use the Google Form to register

RSVP no later than March 19, 2023

Sign Up Here: <https://forms.gle/nXTZ1VFetG8temz98>

Families and children are encouraged to partake in their first communion at our Maundy Thursday worship opportunity. If you have questions please contact Ms. Tiffany dired@unionucc.org) or Pastor Kayli (pastorkayli@unionucc.org)



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US IN CELEBRATING

Our Annual Homecoming

The Magic of Community & Coming Home

Saturday, April 1, 2023 at 5:30 PM

Aster Event Center • 621 Grange Road, Allentown, PA 18106

COCKTAILS • DINNER • AUCTION • ENTERTAINMENT

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS - \$125 | TABLES OF EIGHT - \$800

Includes dinner choice of braised short ribs or grilled salmon

Sponsorship Opportunities are Available

To purchase your ticket or sponsorship now,
do one of the following:

1. Scan this QR code
2. Go to the Family Promise Website- fplehighvalley.org
3. Call us at 610-351-1368 or Email us at Devdirector@fplehighvalley.org





Vacation Bible School Volunteer Sign Up

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

Crafts

Bible Story

Skits

Grade Level Crew Leader

Age Level _____

Teen Helper (8th grade +)

To Help in Vacation Bible School (June 26-30 6-8pm)

Name _____

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

Email _____

Phone _____

All volunteers need current child abuse and criminal checks.

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

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



Join us for VBS 2023 June 26th-30th from 6-8pm where we will learn how to SHINE JESUS' LIGHT! Children age Preschool to 7th grade are invited to attend. A meal will be available at 5:30pm. Registration is \$5 per child.



Register at

<https://forms.gle/xcAGfPpuoH17wt3v5>



Church Family Worship March 19th

Activity bags will be available at both entrances of the sanctuary.

NERF & NACHOS FAMILY FUN EVENT

MARCH 25TH
5-8 PM



Please bring your own safety goggles and a nacho topping for our nacho bar.

Register Online at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COF4DAC4723A7FC1-nerf>

Easter Egg Hunt Donations!

Fellowship Committee can't do the egg hunt without your help.

Please consider donating pre-wrapped candy to be put in plastic eggs.

NO PLASTIC EGG DONATIONS PLEASE!!

All donations needed by Sunday, March 26, 2023.

Happy Easter



BeReal With Jesus!

Youth Sunday is a chance for all youth to be celebrated and have a Sunday worship time dedicated to them! High School seniors are encouraged to preach the message that day and all other youth encouraged to participate!

- ⇒ You can sing/play and instrument
 - ⇒ Read scripture
 - ⇒ Lead liturgy
 - ⇒ Collect offering...

You name it, you can do it!

Sign up here: [https://](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f48aead2ba2fe3-youth8#/)

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Lent Study Opportunities

We are offering 2 different studies for you to work on independently.

Copies of the Journal and Book can be picked up at church on Sundays in the lobby or in the plastic bin on the South entrance porch during the week.

Our Facebook page will also post each week's discussion questions.

Or sign up for weekly emails at administrator@unionucc.org



Guided Journal - based on our worship theme - Looking for Love in All the Wrong Places

Each week includes scriptures and questions to think or write about.

Book - You Are What You Love: The Spiritual Power of Habit

James K.A. Smith

This book tackles the subject of how our culture shapes us and how our faith practices can help us transform our lives for the better.

Study on your own or join one of our groups:

Fridays 9:30-11am, Room 5
and Zoom - Feb 24 - March 31

Sundays 9:15-10:15am, Room 5
Feb 26 - April 2



Pastor Kris
pastorkris@unionucc.org

Holy Week and Easter Worship



April 2 Palm Sunday 8:00 and 10:30am

(No God First Wednesday on April 5)

April 6 6pm Maundy Thursday in Memorial Hall,
Potluck Meal, Worship, Communion.

Bring a casserole, side dish, or dessert to share.

Note: NO Online Option.

April 7 7pm Good Friday Worship in the
Sanctuary with Communion

April 9 Easter Sunday 6:30am Sunrise in
cemetery, 8am and 10:30am in church



EASTER MIMOSAS and SNACKS on the LAWN
Join us after 8am and 10:30am worship on the
front lawn of the church for a celebratory
mimosa, orange juice, and snack.

The Easter Bunny will be
joining us!



Easter Egg Hunt

In The Grove

April 1, 2023

1pm start time



Egg hunt is available for children/youth thru 10 years of age.

Please pre-register your kid(s) for the egg hunt using the form below. Place forms in Fellowship Mailbox.

Registration cut-off March 26, 2023



Rain Date: April 2, 2023



Parent's Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Age Group- please circle one

Child's Name: _____ 0-1 2-3 4-5 6-7 8-10

Child's Name: _____ 0-1 2-3 4-5 6-7 8-10

Child's Name: _____ 0-1 2-3 4-5 6-7 8-10

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DRINK. DINE. DONATE.

TELL YOUR SERVER
YOU'RE WITH
UNION UCC

DINE IN
OR
TAKE OUT

11AM-10PM

**FUNDRAISER FOR
UNION UCC, NEFFS
TUESDAY, MARCH 21**

HELP US EARN **15%** BACK AT PJ'S

Join us on
March 21 at
PJ's on
Broadway in
Allentown!

ALLENTOWN

P.J. WHELIHAN'S
PUB + RESTAURANT



4595 Broadway, Allentown PA

www.PJsPub.com

STAY CONNECTED   #PJsGivesBack



SAVE THE DATE!

UCC Night at the Iron Pigs
In the Picnic Pavilion with all-you-can-eat Buffet!
Friday, July 28 7:05pm
Only \$28/person



Faith on Tap

Korny's Tavern at Kornfeind's Market
2228 Old Post Rd, Coplay

Thursday, March 30

6:30-8:30pm

Park in the back of the store and enter from there.
Cost: Your drink (Beer, Wine, Iced Tea, Soda, Water)
Complimentary Kornfeind's Food to Sample
Sign up if you can, or just join us.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4CA8A823A7FA7-fotmarch>

God. Conversation. Food and Drink. Not in a church.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN EVENT



SPRING OF 2024?

Before Covid flipped our world upside down, we successfully host two meal packing events packing over 200,000 meals! Many people have been asking, "Are we going to bring this event back?" In the next couple months we hope to answer that question by gaging the interest so please let us know what you think. A committee has been formed to help determine whether we are able to host again next spring. Hannah Minnich, Ryleigh Minnich, Eric Minnich, Ron Snyder, Ann Koren, Everett and Eliot Lightner are all part of the committee and are hoping we can! Please reach out to anyone of us if you are interested in helping in anyway. It is quite a commitment as each meal costs \$.30 so the total fund raising comes to about \$30,000. While this can be seen as a difficult goal these meals are desperately needed. Due to COVID and inflation the amount of child that die each day from hunger related caused has increased from 6,000, when we last hosted, to now 10,000! Please let me know if you would like to help and feel we should try and take on the challenge.



610-844-8327



Eliot5779@gmail.com

Baptisms: We offer baptisms during worship at the 10:30 service every other month. Our next dates are **May 21 & July 16**. 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 Sessions: 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

Adult Faith Formation Classes with Pastor Kris: No Class April 7 and 9
Writing Your Sacred Story- Spiritual memoirs uncover and honor what is sacred in a person's life story. The act of writing a spiritual memoir also allows people to explore their faith journey and their relationship with the divine. We will read examples from several spiritual memoirs. Participants will then have a chance to explore their own faith journeys through some short, guided writing exercises. No writing experience required!

Sessions Fridays from 9:30 to 11, April 14, 21 and 28

Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15, April 16, 23 and 30

These sessions will be led by Union UCC member Vicki Mayk, an experienced writing teacher and the author of *Growing Up On The Gridiron: Football, Friendship and the Tragic Life of Owen Thomas*.

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