

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, June 18, 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
Shelly & Ori Handwerk, Facility Caretakers

CONSISTORY OFFICERS

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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

Baby Cameron, mom's health, sister-in-law dealing with cancer, Sharon and Mark, co-worker's fathers recent cancer diagnosis, co-worker recovering from surgery, Ed, Beth, Margarett, friend with cancer diagnosis, Dana diagnosed with cancer, Charlie with pancreatic cancer, Nan recovering, Carol, Jamie, dad recovering in hospital, a friend in the hospital, Jillian, Joyce, a mom with cancer

General

Veronica's family and friends, healing for a friend, safe travels for all, healing for Jamie, healing and peace for brother-in-law and nieces in the passing of their wife/mother, Leonards family and friends, thanksgiving for a husband's job, mom and dad's health, Joseph, Deb, victims of gun violence, JP's heart to open up to healing and love, sister peace, comfort, and healing, daughter for wisdom, peace and justice, mom's health, peace and comfort for Missie's family and friends, Nancy for healing, Terri, a cousin who needs guidance

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.

Upcoming Worship

SUNDAY JUNE 4 8AM AND 10:30AM	GRADUATE SUNDAY
SUNDAY JUNE 11 10:30 WORSHIP ONLY	SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING at the end of 10:30 worship
SUNDAY JUNE 18 10:30 WORSHIP ONLY	CELEBRATING THE MEN IN OUR COMMUNITY/ FATHER'S DAY
SUNDAY JUNE 25 10:30 WORSHIP ONLY	OUTDOOR WORSHIP IN THE GROVE Build your Own Sunday Sundae Picnic Hot dogs, ice cream and more!

Future Dates:

July 9 – Blessing of the Animals Bring your family pet or a picture or stuffed animal to represent them and the pastors will bless them.

July 23 Christmas in July Favorite Christmas carols and a mission project of collecting socks& underwear to help others.

August 6 Communion

August 13 Church Family Picnic – Special Music in worship and after worship by the Patrick Kerssen Trio.

Summer Coffee Hour will continue on Sundays after 10:30 worship. Stop by in Memorial Hall for some cool lemonade, juice, water, and a snack and visit with friends and pastors.

SUMMER WORSHIP PLAN

There will only be a 10:30am worship service starting on June 11 until September 3rd.

There will NOT be 8am worship starting on June 11 through September 3rd

We will have outdoor worship in the grove at 10:30am on the following Sundays:

June 25, July 9, July 30, August 13, and August 27.

We will worship in the church if the weather does not cooperate on these Sundays.

PNEC Ambassador Corner

Items of interest from the PNEC:

Resources Offered by PNEC

With the focus on and importance of mental health issues, did you know that the PNEC has a **Mental Health Ministry Team***? It was established to provide resources and education to pastors and congregations on a variety of mental health concerns.

1. The **WISE** process, *Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive* and *Encouraging* to individuals identified with mental illness, through the UCC.
2. Education around counseling guidance and resources for ongoing counseling.
3. Breaking down the silos between community services and the local church.
4. Advocating for individuals with mental health conditions.
5. Addressing veterans and moral injury.
6. Providing resources for conversation and worship, and
7. Suicide prevention education

*Excerpted from the Penn Northeast Conference of the United Church of Christ brochure

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. As your PNEC Ambassador, I want to help Union members feel more connected to the Conference and the wider church.

Our nursery is open!

We are happy to announce the nursery is back and ready to be used by families with young children!

Parents and caregivers are welcome to use our nursery for little ones who may need a little break from the worship service to eat or just need to get out some wiggles and energy. We kindly ask that you sign in, to let us know that you used the space, and place any toys that your child played with in the green bin for cleaning. We have a Nursery Nook area that is great for feeding and changing little ones. In that area we have diapers and wipes, in case you forgot to restock the diaper bag.

We also have a TV in the room for parents and caregivers to enjoy worship service while caring for their little one. We do not have an attendant at this time, therefore, a parent/caregiver is required to stay with the child(ren) when they are in the nursery.

We hope that you enjoy our nursery!

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Tiffany (dired@unionucc.org)



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/xcAGfFpuoH17wt3v5>

Youth Group Summer Hang-Outs In the Grove 6pm-8pm



All Youth (6th-12th grade) are invited to join us in the Grove this summer! Each gathering will include games, snacks, and fun! If there is rain in the forecast, we'll meet in the Youth Room (rm 15, basement).

Dates: July 7, July 19, August 9,

Breakfast Bunch for Northern Lehigh Kids at St. John's Lutheran Church, Slatington.

This program provides breakfast and a bag lunch for kids for 10 weeks in the summer on weekdays 8:30-10am. We are volunteering June 22, July 7, and Aug 16. We are filled up at this time. Gift cards to Giant, Weis, Walmart, or Redner's are still needed and can be given to our church office. Monetary donations made payable to St. John's Lutheran Church with "Breakfast Bunch" in the memo line also help.

FUNDRAISER AT DRIZZLE ICE CREAM

DRIZZLE



Ice Cream

5040 ROUTE 873
SCHNECKSVILLE

**Wednesday,
June 21
12pm- 9pm**

Join us for our next FUNdraiser at Drizzle Ice Cream in Schnecksville

15% of all sales will help us raise funds/benefit the Breakfast Bunch summer breakfast/lunch program for kids in Slatington. This program helps provide meals for kids who normally rely on school for meals and might need extra help during the summer months.

Drizzle offers Kreider Hand Dipped Ice Cream (direct from Lancaster County), soft serve, Flavorburst (soft serve), Italian Ice, and Penn State Creamery Ice Cream. They also have sundaes, milkshakes, banana splits, cones and dishes!

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Welcoming Committee

Build Your Own Sundae

Join us after 10:30am
worship in the Grove
June 25, 2023
Hot dogs, snacks, Ice
Cream, & ALL THE
TOPPINGS



Join us for our next Faith on Tap
Sign up here:
[https://www.signupgenius.com/
go/5080E4CA8A823A7FA7-fotjune](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4CA8A823A7FA7-fotjune)



Faith on Tap
**Korny's Tavern
at Kornfeind's Market
2228 Old Post Rd, Coplay
Tuesday, June 20
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
Sign up if you can, or just join us.**

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

**God. Conversation. Food & Drink.
In your favorite neighborhood bar.**

Hosted by **Joe Kornfeind**, Owner Kornfeind's Market and
Business Professor,
and **Kris Snyder**, Senior Pastor, Union UCC, Neffs.



Grief Group Gathering

There are many expressions of grief and ways to support each other in the grieving and healing process. Pastor Carrie is exploring forming an 8-week Grief Group for our congregation and the community in the fall. Details to come, but watch for more information and ways to sign-up.

BROADWAY NIGHT IN THE GROVE

July 14 - 7pm July 15 - 7pm

Get Tickets on Facebook or Eventbrite



SCAN ME

Staff Update



Mitchell Roth graduated from Parkland High School and will be going to Lehigh University. We are excited that he will continue working with our student instrumentalists and playing in worship again this year as our Assistant Instrumental Director. During his senior year he played trumpet in District Band, District Jazz Band, Region Band, All State Jazz Band, All East-Symphonic Band, District Orchestra, and Region Orchestra. Mitchell's work here will continue to focus on leading and organizing our student musicians on holidays and playing in worship with our choirs, Jazz Ensemble, and for special music.



Welcome to Matt Gerry our new Instrumental Director. In addition to his volunteer work with the Horizon Choir and Jazz Ensemble, as a staff person Matt will lead small group ensembles on holidays and organize our leader musicians. He will also work with our student musicians to play at non-holiday times as well as organize 2 festival choir events a year. He will provide solo and small group special music in the Summer and non-holiday times. Matt began his career as a professional musician at the age of 16, playing trumpet in a variety of jazz and classical venues. He and his wife Roni are the owners of the Gerry Music Studio teaching vocalists and instrumentalists of all ages throughout the area.

If you play an instrument at any level (kids or adults) contact one of our leaders so that you can share your music in worship.
Blake Hoppes (blake.charger@gmail.com)
Matt Gerry (mattnrni@yahoo.com)
Mitchell Roth (mqroth2005@gmail.com)



UCC Night at the Iron Pigs

68 tickets were sold for our night at the Iron Pigs on July 28th, We are sold out! But feel free to buy tickets directly from the stadium

CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC

SUNDAY AUGUST 13, 2023

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Country Sale?

The core Country Sale committee and a few new interested people have met to discuss the possibility of bringing back the church yard sale on a smaller scale next May 4, 2024. We have had plenty of interest in renting spaces but need helpers both in preparation for the event and at the event itself. We will need interested helpers in the following areas:

- Committee members for planning (zoom meetings, meet every few months)
- Person to take reservations and assign rental spaces*
- Marking assigned spaces *
- Kitchen helpers to prep for the event on Thursday & Friday (days and eves)
- Kitchen helpers at the event on Saturday (7am-2pm, 2-4 hour shifts)
- Food Shoppers *
- Publicity and signs*
- Bake sale helpers at the event on Saturday
- Bakers
- Parking Attendants and greeters day of sale 7A to 10:30 (4 people)
- Grill guys (hot dogs and burgers)
- Preparation of money for food and baked goods and counting afterwards*
- Organize and price baked goods day before and day of event*
- Organize some type of raffle
- Helpers at conclusion of the event, tear down, trash cans, clean up

*Asterisks are areas that are covered. Please consider sharing your time and energy in one of the other areas to help us bring this favorite event back. Please reach out to pastorkris@unionucc.org if interested. We realize this is over a year away but before we can schedule the event, we need to know if we have enough interested helpers.

VICKI SORG, DIANE SCHALLER, CLAIRE KERN, KATHY BONSELL, SHEILA NAGLE, SHERRY PENROD, DAN & DEB TOPP, PHIL WEHR, PASTOR KRIS

Baptisms: We offer baptisms during worship at the 10:30 service every other month. Our next dates is **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

Pastoral Sabbaticals: Our pastors are grateful for the sabbatical time that is granted to them for 3 months every 5 years. Starting July 2 Pastor Kayli will be using the 1st of her 3 months plus a week of vacation. She'll return August 7.

Hearing Assistance System: We have a wireless system on a table, as you enter from the lobby foyer. Please see an usher or a sound team person to assist you. You will need a receiver pack (turn it on) and ear piece (if you don't have a hearing aid) or a t-coil cord (if you have a hearing aid that is t-coil compatible.) Plug this into the receiver. At the end of worship, please return both pieces to the table and place the receiver back into the charger. Thank you to the Schlosser Family & Funds of Lasting Gifts for supporting this effort.

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