

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, June 2, 2024

Rev. Kris Penrose Snyder, Senior Pastor
Rev. Kayli L. Freeman, Associate Pastor
Tiffany Lakatos, Faith Formation Minister of Children
Carrie Beleno, Pastor of Visitation
Mr. Blake Hoppes, Minister of Music

Marissa Haney, Church Administrator
Barbara Carinci, Financial Manager
Payge Haydt Sunday Set-up
Hannah and Ryleigh Minnich Sunday Set-up
Bryce and Luke Thrash, Night Lock-up
Shelly & 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 place in offering plate or submit [online here](#).

Medical

Sharon, Dave for healing from his recent surgery, C.K., Joan, Barbara, Doug and Claire, Jan and Donna, Dan and Deb, Seana, Jacob, Liz, daughters upcoming surgery, Father-in-law at the end of his life, Cliff & Carol, Beth, a friend Brian, speedy recovery for Tom, strength and comfort for sister Maureen

General

Josh, Dylan, and Gabe in the military, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, peace in the world, prayers for Roma and family, family members for healing, Caroline for a healthy pregnancy, Steve, a couple for guidance in their marriage, the Stoss Family, Sharon and Maletsky family, congrats to Brandon Zellner graduating with a nursing degree and Ron Pope graduating with his Masters Degree, safe travel for a daughter, parents health issue, Abby, Lucas, and Stella, a daughters health, thanksgiving for Steve, Rachael and Cheyenne, guidance and peace for a friend, Sharon for peace & strength as she, Debra & Gene grieve, Deb for peace and healing, Barbara, Dorothy, David, Susie, Violet, Randy and Wanda, Jamie starting a new job, Diane getting a 2nd opinion on her back



Sunday Worship in church and online



<p>June 2</p> <p>Communion Last 8am Worship for the Summer</p>	<p>June 9</p> <p>10:30 Worship Only</p>	<p>June 16</p> <p>Father's Day, Graduate Sunday</p>	<p>June 23</p> <p>Semi-Annual Meeting</p>	<p>June 30</p> <p>Worship in the Grove, Build Your Own Sundae Sunday Picnic, Guest Preacher: Geoffrey Brace</p>
<p>July 7</p> <p>Guest Preacher: Geoffrey Brace</p>	<p>July 14</p> <p>Blessing of the Animals- bring your pet or a picture of them or a stuffed animal to represent them for a blessing</p>	<p>July 21</p> <p>Baptism</p>	<p>July 28</p> <p>Christmas in July</p>	<p>August 4</p> <p>Communion</p>

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.



SUMMER COFFEE HOUR WILL CONTINUE



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.

Anyone is welcome to bring fruit, baked goods, or snacks to share anytime!

**Union UCC's Consistory and Leadership Planning Team Affirm
Our Mission Statement, Core Values, and Vision Statement by
Registering to be an Open and Affirming (ONA) Church in the
United Church of Christ.**

**The following statement was approved and
celebrated by our Consistory on February 20, 2024.**

UNION UCC'S OPEN AND AFFIRMING STATEMENT

Our church is a diverse family of believers, extending
extravagant welcome and hospitality to all. We affirm that all
people are created in God's image and all are worthy of God's love
and grace, treating all people with compassion, respect and dignity.

We inspire dedicated Christian discipleship to include
persons of every age, gender, race, national origin, faith
background, marital
status and family structure, sexual orientation, gender identity and
expression, physical, cognitive, or emotional ability, economic,
educational, and social status, and political and cultural
background.

We treasure the spiritual gifts of everyone, welcoming all into
full membership, leadership, employment, ministry, mission,
fellowship, worship, sacraments, rites, responsibilities, and
blessings of the life of Union UCC.

As we grow with vitality into the future, we commit ourselves
to the ongoing work of being an Open and Affirming Congregation
of the United Church of Christ. We celebrate and honor diverse
theological and biblical interpretations as we strive to remain
spiritually united in Christ. We will reach out with love to any and all
people who enter our doors
seeking God with faith in Jesus Christ our Savior.



SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

Dear Church Family,

I'd like to invite you to attend our Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 23, 2024 following the 10:30 AM service. This meeting's agenda will focus on the approval of the FY2025 Budget as well as a review of the audit report for the Funds of Lasting Gifts.

Your participation and engagement in this process supports our programs and mission while ensuring our financial vitality moving forward. The budget will be available to review between services on Sunday, June 16, 2024. Please take this opportunity to meet with our Financial Leadership Team and become informed.

The meeting will be held in person, but a Zoom option will be available to view the meeting (voting must be done in person). I look forward to seeing you on June 23rd and working together to better serve God and our greater community.

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

Respectfully,

Eric Minnich

Consistory President

Zoom Information:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83097072849?
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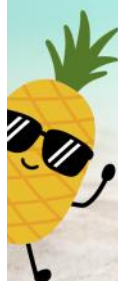
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Summer Worship

June 9 thru September 1 10:30AM WORSHIP ONLY

NO 8:00AM WORSHIP until Sept 8



Children's Activities Every Sunday at 10:30 with Ms. Tiffany and Friends

Worship In the Air Conditioned Sanctuary Every Sunday!

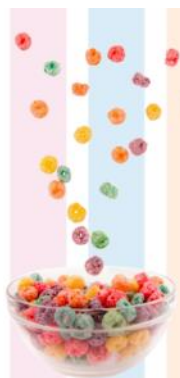
Join us Outside in the Grove Under the Trees on these Sundays:

June 30. July 14. July 28. August 11. and August 25

May Mission: Cereal

We are collecting boxes of cereal for the Northern Lehigh Food Bank to support their kid's summer packs

Our Goal: 300 boxes



Where did our meals go?

468 boxes

101, 088 meals

Our meals have been sent to the Ukraine

Adult Faith Formation Classes with Pastor Kris

Watch for new dates in the Fall!



BREATHE

Catch your breath with this time of evening prayer, reflection, quiet, and music. This monthly gathering on Tuesday nights will give you time to rediscover calm and peace.

7pm-8pm once a month on Tuesdays in the Sanctuary
Led by Pastor Kris, Roni Gerry, and Carrie Beleno
Watch for new dates in the Fall!



Calling All Graduates!
Let us celebrate all your accomplishments!
Fill-Out the Form and
Join us in Worship on June 16!



**Scan the QR Code
or Email Pastor Kayli**



How can you help change lives with us? Electronic Giving use the Vanco QR code with your cell phone. FREE Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app - Look for our church Union United Church of Christ, Neffs, PA and register your information to contribute.



Vanco

Venmo @unionuccneffs Make a donation or pay for a fundraiser or event. Complete "What's this for?" See QR code.



Electronic Giving

Cash or checks (to "Union UCC") Place in the offering plate with a member offering envelope or guest envelope (in the seat racks) on Sundays or drop in the mail if you're not in person.

Contact the church office or Pastor Kris if you have questions or if you'd like to learn more about other giving options or legacy gifts.



Venmo

Union UCC: Relevant, Engaged, and Growing...Because of YOU!

UNION UCC: RELEVANT, ENGAGED, and GROWING



Our Steering Without Oars group has been meeting since May 2022. They were the first to step into our boat! In October 2022 we invited 40 more leaders in our church to join us and formed the Leadership Planning Team. We have been meeting almost monthly looking at and creating a vision for God's ministry and mission at Union. In June 2023 we presented all of our work to Consistory who agreed to partner with us in our next steps.

We met in March and worked with our marketing designer, Rev. Nicole Pickens.

Watch for her work soon, very exciting!

These teams created more questions and drafts for: Architect interviews and design process, Capital Campaign and Financial pieces, and Purpose and Why of Renovating Memorial Hall.

We will be meeting at Consistory meetings in April and May.

We're looking for some more folks to join us with these new ideas (contact a Pastor to sign up):

Mental Health and Wellness Initiative Team

Summer 2025 Grove Event Idea Team

Pastor Kris, Pastor Kayli, Consistory Officers: Eric Minnich, Don Penrod, Janice Metzger, Marianne Kitzmiller and the LPT/Consistory



Time with
Ms. Tiffany
& Friends



Christmas in July Gingerbread House Decorating Contest

Summer of the Spirit

MAY 26TH-AUGUST 25TH DURING 10:30AM SERVICE

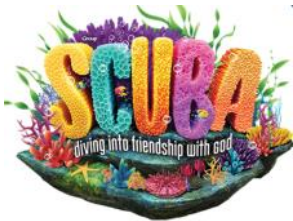


CHILDREN WILL BE LEARNING ABOUT LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, AND SELF-CONTROL IN FUN AND CREATIVE WAYS.



Sunday, July 21st
11:45AM – 2:45PM
in Fellowship Hall

Register your team at
<https://bit.ly/3vZcLEh>



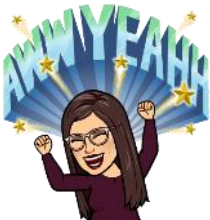
VBS 2024

June 24-28 6-8PM

Dinner available at 5:30pm



Volunteers and participants can sign up at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/unionucc>



Youth Group Summer Plans!

All youth grades 6th thru 12th are encouraged to join us! Bring your friends too!

June 12, 2024 (6pm-8:30pm) "Kick Off Summer Game & Rita's Night"

July 9 & July 23, 2024 (6pm-8pm) "Grove Hang-Out Nights"

August 17, 2024 (6pm-9pm) "Movies & Sundaes Night"

Make sure to get on our email list to get the most up-to-date- information on Youth Group Activities.

Build Your Own Sundae

June 30, 2024

Join us after 10:30am worship
in the Grove

Hot dogs, Snacks, Ice Cream
& ALL THE TOPPINGS

Sponsored by: Welcoming Committee



Faith on Tap

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

Watch for the return date
in the Fall!



God. Conversation. Food & Drink.

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.



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

Thanks Kornfeind's Market!

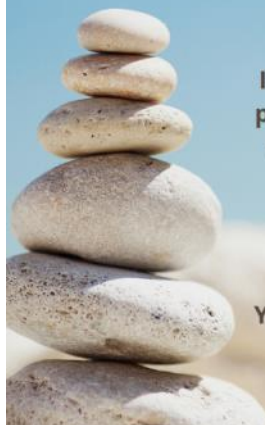
Meditation and Prayer Gatherings with Pastor Kris
Looking for some peace and ways to decompress?
We meet by zoom monthly for meditation and prayer.

Union UCC and Community
Tuesdays 7-8pm
May 21 (watch for new dates in the Fall)

Zoom Link: [https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87680378046?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87680378046?pwd=QmozYWJFemJOVENCdWJBbzRpbDVIUT09)
pwd=QmozYWJFemJOVENCdWJBbzRpbDVIUT09
Meeting ID: 876 8037 8046 Passcode: 954906

I'll lead us in various readings, scripture, and prayer practices like breath prayer and centering prayer, as well as meditation practices from the Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction, Buddhist, and Christian traditions.

Sign up with PastorKris@unionucc.org
You are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions, whatever your schedule allows.



GOD FIRST WEDNESDAYS
5:30-7:30pm



5:30-6:30pm Supper
6:00-6:30 Children's Choir with Blake
(All kids are welcome but not required.) Non Choir kids
hang with Ms. Tiffany and families.
6:30-7:15 Kids with Ms. Tiffany (Parents can join or go
with adults.)
Youth Group with Pastor Kayli
Adults with Pastors Kris & Carrie
7:15-7:30 Worship together

Putting God First on First Wednesdays
Watch for new dates in the Fall!

YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF TO SUMMER

June 12, 2024

6:30pm—8:30pm



All youth grades 6th thru 12th are invited to kick off summertime with some fun games, maybe some prizes, and Rita's to cool us down

We'll meet in the Grove (unless it rains, then we'll be in the Youth Room)

No need to sign up...just show up and bring your friends!



Pastor Kayli's Sabbatical Journey

Every five years, our pastoral staff is allowed the opportunity to get 12 weeks of sabbatical time. This is a time of rest and spiritual rejuvenation. Last summer, I took my first 4 weeks of sabbatical, and this May & July I will finish out my time. During my time away **(May 13-June 9 & July 1-July 28)** I plan to find ways to reconnect to my spiritual growth and journey. I'm hopeful to find creative outlets that will connect my desire for creativity with my spiritual well being. I'm grateful for the opportunity to rest my body, mind, and soul to be able to better serve the wonderful people of Union UCC.

Join Our Team!

Neffs UCC Preschool is looking for dedicated, motivated, and caring individuals to join our preschool teaching team.

Positions available for the 2024-2025 school year!

Teacher, Assistant Teacher, and
Substitute positions available.

Contact Rebekah Millroy at
preschool@unionuccogr for information.

OUR NURSERY IS OPEN!

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.

Yoga in the Grove

AN OUTDOOR YOGA SESSION TO
LET YOU CONNECT WITH NATURE

Yoga is a beautiful mind-body practice to ease stress and find balance on and off the mat. Learn how to "move" better in your body. This all level class will be held outside in the beautiful grove of Union UCC



Dates: Thursdays June 13 through September 26

(No class 6/27, 7/4, & 7/25)

Time: 6-7pm

Things to bring: yoga mat, a beach towel, water, strap and blocks(optional)

Payment: \$8 drop in (with a portion of proceeds given back to the church)

Preferred payment links: Venmo: sharon-schnyder OR PayPal:

paypal.me/sharonschnyder however cash or check will be accepted as well.

Classes will be held rain or shine as we have access to the covered pavilion. I

will however notify you on my blog (1asanamama.blogspot.com) and

Facebook page if I need to cancel class for any reason.

DRIZZLE



**5040 ROUTE 873
SCHNECKSVILLE**

FUNDRAISER AT DRIZZLE ICE CREAM

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

12NOON TO 9PM

EAT ICE CREAM ALL DAY!

15% of all sales will help us raise funds for the Breakfast Bunch summer breakfast/lunch program for kids in Slatington.

Drizzle offers Kreider Hand Dipped Ice Cream (Lancaster County), soft serve, Flavorburst (soft serve), Italian Ice, and Penn State Creamery Ice Cream. Sundaes, milkshakes, & banana splits too!



BLUES NITE OUT

**Saturday, August 24
Union UCC Grove, Neffs**

Mark your calendars now to attend this community favorite event.

4-6:30 pm

Powder
Valley
Bang

A new local band, Powder Valley Bang will be performing from 4 - 6:30, then Sarah Ayers and James Supra will be on stage with their band from 7 - 10.

7-10 pm

Sarah
Ayers

& James
Supra

Both bands will be performing at Musikfest and other venues this summer and look forward to coming to the Neffs Church Grove.

All of the favorite foods will be back in 2024

New Members from Pastor Kris

New members come to us with a variety of faith experiences and backgrounds as well as a variety of interests, passions, and schedules. Maybe you have been visiting us or other churches for a long time and are still wondering if this is a fit or the right time to make a commitment to join us formally. Or maybe you visited here a few times and knew right away this is your place.

In our effort to honor this diversity, we'd like to offer you a few options of continuing this conversation.

1. You can join as a member at any time. Complete the information form (attached or use the link) and return it to the office or to me. Reach out to me to schedule a time to meet. We can then welcome you as a new member on whatever Sunday you choose at your convenience.

2. The other option (or in addition to the first option) is to attend a new member gathering. This is a chance to meet with me and with other members and hear why they love their church and love to serve God here. Next gathering: October 20th at 11:30-12:30 at Coffee Hour/

We hope both options will give you a chance to meet some new friends, get some more information about us, and ask your questions.

To let us know you are interested, please complete this information form by using this link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeXM2pHU6Pnwd020Rpm-o8BV6-eWUoxPe2fxpZnBawlmYeZ-g/viewform>

Or you can contact the office for a paper copy.

We want to do whatever we can to support you in your spiritual journey here and in the community.

Please let me know where you are in your discernment and how I can support you. Call or email me anytime.

serving children and families experiencing homelessness

Every child deserves a home.

We need your help hosting families in our church building 4 weeks a year.

- Help with set up and tear down.
- Cook and deliver a supper one night during the week. (5:30-6pm)
- Visit with families, serve supper, and clean up. (5:30-9pm)
- Host overnight (In your own area 8:45pm-6:30am).
- Assist with food shopping during the week.
- Offer financial support through your church donations marked "Family Promise."



Why do I volunteer?

Jesus tells us to love God and to love our neighbors. This is a great way to do both while helping families get back on their feet.

~Kerry Snyder

Please contact Kerry Snyder (610) 737-7768 or Rosalie Snyder (610) 597-9302 with questions and to sign up. Other Steering Team members: Ralph and Connie Gioelli, Dennis Foster, Phil and Julie Wehr, Susan Glosan

Backyard BBQ Bash

Saturday, Sept. 21

Local Favorite Band: TimeWhys

Chicken and pork dinners from Lorah's Pig Roasters and other favorite foods and desserts.

Keep this date open for a fun night in Neffs Church Grove



Baptisms: We offer baptisms during worship at the 10:30 service every other month. Our upcoming dates are **July 21 & Sept. 22**. 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.

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.

Food and Toiletry Donations: You're invited to bring non perishable food and toiletry donations at anytime to help our local food bank. Place items in the shopping cart in the lobby. Needed items: cereal, soup, pasta/sauce, peanut butter/jelly, vegetables, fruit, toothpaste/brush, shampoo, deodorant, soap, baby items. Thanks!

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