

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, July 14, 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

Doug and Claire, Jan and Donna, Dan and Deb, Seana, Liz, daughters upcoming surgery, Father-in-law at the end of his life, Beth, a friend Brian, speedy recovery for Tom, healing and recovery for Rick, Marion after surgery, Mike receiving treatment, sister Maureen battling cancer again, a grand-daughter's recovery from surgery, daughter with Anxiety, Linda, Madeline & Dick, Martha, Rod, Sherry and her upcoming surgeries, Dad struggling with an illness

General

Josh, Dylan, Gabe, and Garrett in the military, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, peace in the world, the Stoss Family, Sharon and Maletsky family, congrats to all graduates, a friend Dan struggling to find himself, prayers for mental health, Deb for healing, a new job for a daughter, peace and comfort for Dottie and all who grieve, Steve, sister for peace and comfort, safe travels for family, thanksgiving for flowers and friends, thanksgiving for Steve, a new job for a daughter, people struggling with their mental health



SUNDAY WORSHIP IN CHURCH AND ONLINE



JULY 7
10:30 AM

Guest Preacher:
Geoffrey Brace

JULY 14
10:30 AM

Worship in the Grove, Blessing of the Animals

Bring your pet or a picture of them or a stuffed animal to represent them for a blessing.

JULY 21
10:30AM

Baptism,
Guest Preacher:
Rev. Dr. Becky Beckwith

JULY 28
10:30 AM

Worship in the Grove, Christmas in July

AUGUST 4
10:30 AM

Communion

AUGUST 11
10:30 AM

Worship in the Grove, Church Family Picnic,
Guest Preacher:
Susan Glosan

AUGUST 18
10:30 AM

Pray with a Pastor,
Guest Musicians:
The Patrick Kersen Trio

AUGUST 25
10:30 AM

Worship in the Grove

SEPTEMBER 1
10:30 AM

SEPTEMBER 8
8:00 & 10:30 AM

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 the lobby (Grove on Outdoor Worship Sundays) 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!

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

GriefShare®

Loss of a Spouse
Wednesday, August 7
6-8pm
\$10 cash or check
payable at event
Scholarships available.

Register:

[https://www.griefshare.org/
events/239091](https://www.griefshare.org/events/239091)

12-week series
begins Thursday,
August 29-November
14 (skipping Oct. 31)
6-7:30pm
\$20 cash or check
payable at event
Scholarships available.

Register:

[https://www.griefshare.org/
groups/239356](https://www.griefshare.org/groups/239356)

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610-767-6961

PNEC Ambassador Corner
2024 Summer Conference Meeting

As has been lifted up, all four PA UCC Conferences gathered for a joint Spring meeting June 7-9, 2024, to hear & ask questions about the possibility and recommendation that we all join as one Conference, the Keystone Conference. This meeting is leading up to the all-Conference vote, on November 9, 2024, regarding the merger. Pastor Kris, Doug Brace, Bill and Janice Metzger were all in attendance for the weekend

It was a positive weekend with a lot of time to hear the four Conference Ministers and members of the Keystone Working Group share their work of discernment over the past two years, the ‘why’ that “Together we are Stronger” and the excitement of joining as one Conference. There was also plenty of time for people to ask questions or raise concerns about the process and/or the merger. Of all the questions/concerns which were raised, I did not hear any that had either not been thought of and addressed already, or was in the works to be addressed between now and the vote in November. A 67-page booklet was developed for the meeting with an abundance of information regarding the process, the why, the recommendation to become one, and the motion which will go to General Synod in 2025 if the November vote is positive. There is too much information to do it justice here, but I urge you to go to www.psec.org/keystone/, scroll down to find RESOURCES and click on the link for the Delegate Book to find all of the above mentioned documents.

In addition to the joint meetings, each Conference had a time for their own business meeting as well. I especially want to lift up that **Union UCC was recognized, within the PNEC, as one of (5) churches that gave over \$10,000 to OCWM, one of (30) churches that participate in the (5) for (5) offerings and one of (12) ONA churches! Way to go Union!!** The financials are not where we would like them to be, but that is not new and is true for each of the PA Conferences. Just one of the reasons why ‘Together we are Stronger’.

If you have any general Conference questions, please feel free to reach out to me, Janice Metzger, 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.

Christmas in July

Share the Christmas spirit!
Bring donations of new socks,
underwear and t-shirts for men, women
and children in July.

Drop off on Sundays or
at the office door during the week.

Donations will support various
agencies.*

Merry Christmas, the Mission
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!



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.



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Electronic Giving



Venmo

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

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.

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



Basket Social 2025

We are bringing back the
beloved Basket Social

Anyone interested in
helping/organizing join our
meeting

August 5, 2024
5pm
At DiFiore in Neffs



Questions? Contact Maria Beltz or Pastor Kayli

WOMEN'S *Retreat*

featuring speaker:

LAURA SOMMONS OF
"LAVISHLY LOVED"



"Connecting One on One"

THE IMPACT YOU MAKE FOR CHRIST IN THE LIFE OF AN INDIVIDUAL IS FAR MORE REWARDING THAN THE WORK OF MINISTRIES ITSELF. DO WE LOVE OUR WOMEN IN OUR CHURCH BODY? DO WE EVEN KNOW THEM? LET'S LEARN THE IMPORTANCE OF CONNECTING ONE ON ONE.

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SPEAKER
OUTREACH
ACTIVITY



JOIN US AT

Union Evangelical Lutheran Church
5500 Rt. 873 Schnecksville, Pa

RSVP prior to July 15th
office@ulclv.org
610-767-6884

AUGUST 3
9 - 2:30 P.M.

*Doors open at 8 A.M.



**Join your church family on Sunday August 11, 2023
after 10:30am worship in the grove for a time of food, fun, and
fellowship.**

Hot dogs, turkey barbecue, snacks and beverages will be provided by the Fellowship Committee. Gluten free and vegetarian options available.

Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share!

Donations of cakes, cake mixes, cantaloupes, watermelons, and anything you feel is appropriate for the Cake Walk will be gratefully received.

(Please label the item for the Cake Walk.)

Also remember prizes for BINGO!

LIVING YOUR BEST

*IN THE NEXT *A JOINT COMMUNITY EVENT!**

Union Lutheran Church and Union United Church of Christ are partnering together for this wonderful event!

Planning for your next chapter?

Helping a loved on to plan for their best future?

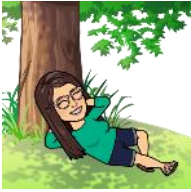
Our Senior Advisory Panel will help you with your next steps!

When: August 25th 12pm

Where: Union Lutheran Church 5500 Rt 873 Schnecksville, PA

There will be a complimentary lunch so please RSVP if interested:

610-597-6842 or office@ulclv.org



Summer Grove Hang-Outs 6pm-8pm

All Youth (6th thru 12th grade) are invited to join us for a fun hang-out in the grove this summer! If it rains we'll move to the youth room.

Snacks and beverages provided!

Friends are invited!

Dates:

July 9

July 23

August 14

Calling All 8th Graders

The time has come! We will be forming our 2024-2025 Confirmation Class beginning in July and August. Every student entering 8th grade should/will receive a letter in the mail in early August with all the confirmation information!

Keep your eyes peeled on the mail!



Who Doesn't love Sundaes and Movies?!?!

Join us as we take some time to cool down from the summer heat!

August 17, 2024

6:00pm—9:00pm

Bring your friends and your favorite sundae topping

(just in case Pastor Kayli & Deana forget)

Movie: TBD



Time with
Ms. Tiffany
& Friends



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.

Christmas in July Gingerbread House Decorating Contest



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

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

SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATION

We are collecting donations of school supplies to go to Family Promise and Lehigh Conference of Churches. Please bring them to worship on Sundays.

Items needed include:

backpacks, lunch bags, pencils, erasers, pens, markers, crayons, glue sticks, spiral notebooks, pencil cases, kids scissors, and Target gift cards (\$10-\$20)

We will continue to collect items through the end of September.



SUMMER FUN FEST

AUGUST 10TH
12:30-2PM
IN THE GROVE

WE WILL HAVE FUN WATER ACTIVITIES,
YARD YANTZEE, AND MORE.

Back to School Blessing

8/25, 9/1, & 9/8

All students, educators, and school employees are invited to bring their backpacks, tote bags, laptop bags, and tool belts to worship for a special blessing to begin the new school year.

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!



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 (**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.

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!

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.

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
(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.

BLUES NITE OUT

Saturday, August 24
Union UCC Grove, Neffs

Mark you 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.

Bands sponsored by: Henry Lumber Co and The Law Offices of Steckel and Stop

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. **Our next gathering for new members is on Sunday, October 20th at 11:30-12:30 in Memorial Hall where coffee hour is. You would be received in church on Sunday, October 27th at 8am or 10:30am worship.**

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

Band sponsored by: Heintzelman Funeral Home & The Law Offices of Steckel and Stop



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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