

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, August 11, 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*

Jan, Dan and Deb, Beth, a friend Brian, speedy recovery for Tom, healing and recovery for Rick, Marion after surgery, Mike receiving treatment, sister Maureen battling cancer again, daughter with Anxiety, Linda, Madeline & Dick, Martha, Rod, Sherry and her upcoming surgeries, Dad struggling with an illness, Judy, Koshy

### *General*

Josh, Dylan, Gabe, and Garrett in the military, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, peace in the world, a friend Dan struggling to find himself, a new job for a daughter, 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, the Hackler family, the Ebert family, Xander, son who just got his driver's license

**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.



# 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

**Neighbors in Need (NIN)** is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States.

One-third of the offering supports Council for American Indian Ministry. Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

**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)

Union UCC 5550 Route 873 Neffs, PA 18065  
610-767-6961



*Sip Et Mingle For A Great Cause*



*Join Us*

Wednesday, September 4, 2024 - 5pm to 8pm

Join us for a sunset gathering of friends, volunteers and local businesses at Domaine Pterion Vineyard & Winery in Macungie to raise awareness and support for families with children who are experiencing housing insecurity in the Lehigh Valley.

*Tickets \$35* Early Bird Pricing *\$40* after August 14th

Includes a choice of beverage and food item.  
Additional beverages and light fare will be available for purchase.

*Featuring*

- Great Food and Beverages
- Live Entertainment
- Fun Filled Auction

*Sponsorship Opportunities*



SCAN HERE  
to purchase tickets

Call 610-351-1368 or  
email [Devdirector@fplehighvalley.org](mailto:Devdirector@fplehighvalley.org)




# PLANT BINGO



with Gallivanting Greenhouse

Join us for a fun afternoon filled with  
Bingo, Raffle, Baked Goods & Food!

-  **Sunday, November 3, 2024**  
**Doors open 1pm - Bingo starts 2pm**
-  Union UCC  
5550 Route 873, Neffs PA
-  Bingo tickets: \$25 in advance -  
\$30 at the door for 15 rounds



Proceeds will support Feed My Starving  
Children and Union UCC's Ministry



## *Faith on Tap*

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

**Wednesday, September 11**  
**6:30-8:30pm**



## **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.**

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4CA8A823A7FA7-50604320-fotsep2024>



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



Save The Date

## Basket Social

March 29-March 30, 2025

Hosted by the Fellowship Committee

Questions?

Contact Maria Beltz ([wesmar92@icloud.com](mailto:wesmar92@icloud.com))  
or Debbie Romig ([dromig180@gmail.com](mailto:dromig180@gmail.com))



### **GOD FIRST WEDNESDAYS and WEDNESDAY NIGHTS at Union**

**God First Wednesdays  
Supper, Small Groups, Worship  
Wed, Oct 2 5:30-7:30pm**

5:30-6pm Supper 6-6:30pm Kids Choir or Activities

6:00-7:15 Small group for adults, Youth, and Kids 7:15-7:30pm Intergenerational Worship

**OCTOBER TOPIC for Youth and Adults: The Chosen TV Series**

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHTS at Union**

**Adult and Youth Small Group on The Chosen Continues  
Oct 9, 16, 23, 30 6-7:30pm**

Midweek chance to put you and God first!  
Sign up at [PastorKris@unionucc.org](mailto:PastorKris@unionucc.org) or just join us!

Future God First Dates:  
Nov 6, Dec 4  
A new adult topic starts in Nov

## **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!



**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!

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*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!

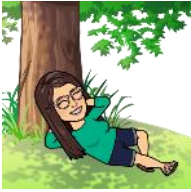
When: August 25th 12pm

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:**  
**August 14**

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### 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!



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### 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.

**JOIN US FOR THIS FUN EVENT! ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!**

**SEPTEMBER 14TH  
3PM TO 6PM**

# NERF &



# NACHOS

Register online at  
<https://bit.ly/3Rsoims>

## 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.

# 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](mailto: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  
4-10pm

Free Admission, Bring a chair!

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*

### Bakers Needed

Please bake: cakes, cupcakes, cookies, brownies, muffins, fudge, rice krispie treats, cheesecake cupcakes, chocolate cream cheese cupcakes, bar cookies.

No pies, please. (Hand pies are ok)

We always like to have 1 sugar free option and 1 Gluten Free option.

Please deliver to the grove stand on Saturday noon-4pm.

Please do not pre-cut, our volunteers will take care of that.

If possible, please use a disposable tray.

Here's the link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4CA8A823A7FA7-50411859-baked>

4-6:30 pm

Powder Valley Bang

7-10 pm

Sarah Ayers

& James Supra

## **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**

Food for sale- Stand opens at 4pm

Free Music 5:30-8:30pm

Local Favorite Band: TimeWhys

Chicken and pork dinners for sale from  
Lorah's Pig Roasters

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



## **UNION UCC'S OPEN AND AFFIRMING (ONA) STATEMENT**

**Adopted February 2024**

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.



**The ONA Team: Deana Correll, Eric Minnich, Hannah Minnich, Payge Haydt, Sue Steinmann, Doug Brace, Pastor Kayli, Pastor Kris**

Our team is here to continue the work of Consistory and the Leadership Planning Team in becoming an ONA community and doing all that we can to sustain a safe and welcoming place for everyone here at Union.

In addition to LGBTQ+ topics we hope to also look at ways to include awareness around needs for those with physical and emotional challenges.

**Eric Minnich will be sharing more about ONA at Union in worship on August 18th.**

**Doug Brace(doug@dougbrace.com)** has agreed to help us with communication and outreach. Please contact him or anyone on the team with your ideas or interest in participation.

**Stop by at Lehigh Valley Pride on Sunday, August 18 at Bethlehem Steel Stacks. Event is 2-7pm. Our team will be there 5:30-7pm.**



**Baptisms:** We offer baptisms during worship at the 10:30 service every other month. Our upcoming date is **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](mailto: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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