

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, August 18, 2024

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
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, Leah

General

Josh, Dylan, Gabe, and Garrett in the military, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, peace in the world, thanksgiving for flowers and friends, thanksgiving for Steve, a new job for a daughter, people struggling with their mental health, Xander, son who just got his driver's license

Congrats and Blessings

To Jake Puia and Sarah Alexander joined in marriage on August 18, 2024. Grooms parents are Ralph and Maryann Puia.

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

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



OUR NURSERY IS OPEN!

PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS ARE WELCOME
TO STAY WITH THEIR LITTLE ONES IN OUR
NURSERY ON SUNDAYS.

LISTEN TO AND WATCH WORSHIP
TOGETHER WHILE YOU SNACK,
PLAY, AND REST.

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>



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




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.



Vanco



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.

Throughout the summer we have been interviewing Architects and Capital Campaign Consultants to begin the process of discerning the scope of renovating Memorial Hall.

The Marketing Team will be launching our logo soon!

The Mental Health and Wellness is creating new opportunities for our church and community!

The Summer 2025 Grove Event Team is booking bands and food trucks for our next grove adventure!

The Open and Affirming Team has been created and attended LVPrize in August.

The LPT and Consistory enjoyed a summer break and reconvened in August. They meet for an hour about every other month at Consistory meeting and for part of a day every other month.

Next meetings are September 28 and October 26.

Contact one of us if you want to know more or participate in any of these teams.

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



The much beloved Basket Social will return in the Spring!



Watch for more information on ticket sales and basket donation requests in the coming weeks and months!

Want to help plan the event? Join

our next meeting

November 10, 2024

11:30am (after 10:30am worship)

Room 5, basement



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!

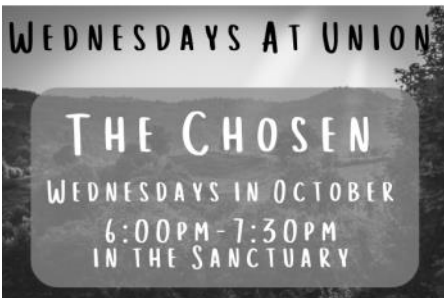
Sign up at PastorKris@unionucc.org or just join us!

Future God First Dates:

Nov 6, Dec 4

A new adult topic starts in Nov

Have You Heard About THE CHOSEN?



Everyone is welcome to join us on Wednesdays during the month of October as we explore the stories of Jesus' life as depicted in the hit series The Chosen. We'll look at some of our favorite scriptures and themes from the Bible while exploring what Jesus calls us to do as disciples in 2024. Once the 5-week series is over, and you feel like you're wanting more, you can explore the series on

Amazon Prime Video or at thechosen.tv/en-us

Join us for the kick off at God First Wednesday, October 2, 2024.



BREATHE

TUESDAYS ONCE A MONTH
IN THE SANCTUARY

7-8PM

OCTOBER 8

NOVEMBER 12

DECEMBER 10 WITH LABYRINTH

OPEN HOUSE 6-9PM



Catch your Breath

...with God

*Prayer * Meditation * Music * Communion*

*Led by Roni Gerry, Pastor Carrie,
and Pastor Kris*

Meditation and Prayer Gatherings by Zoom with Pastor Kris Snyder from Union UCC, Neffs Union UCC, Friends, and Penn Northeast Conference Community

Tuesdays 7-8pm
September 17, October 15, November 26

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



Labyrinth Walking at Union

Walk or sit with us
in quiet and prayer.

Labyrinth walking is great for
time with God
and to de-stress.

(Wear socks, no shoes please.)

**Saturday,
September 14
9am-11am**

Led time together
with Roni, Carrie,
and Kris

**Sunday, October 6
8am-1pm**

Open House, stop by to
walk anytime on your
own. Optional
handouts. Labyrinth
will be in Memorial Hall
all morning.

**Tuesday, December 10
6-9pm**

Open House, stop by to
walk anytime on your own.
Optional handouts.
Labyrinth will be in
Memorial Hall all night.
Breathe service is 7-8pm.

To save your spot and sign up please go to: <https://bit.ly/3X3LzPc>
OR email PastorKris@unionucc.org

Grief Share®

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>

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

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH
NEEDS YOUTH AND
ADULT HELPERS**



DO YOU LIKE HAVING FUN?
DO YOU ENJOY INTERACTING WITH CHILDREN?

JOIN US!

EMAIL TIFFANY AT DIRED@UNIONUCC.ORG
TO JOIN THE FUN!

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

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

**NERF &
NACHOS**

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



**UNION UCC
TRUNK OR TREAT**

JOIN US FOR A SPOOKTACULAR FAMILY FRIENDLY HALLOWEEN EVENT!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024

1 PM - 3 PM

AT UNION UCC GROVE PARKING LOT

JOIN US AND UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH, WHICH IS JUST A SHORT WALK
AWAY, FOR A SAFE FAMILY FRIENDLY HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION!

WOULD YOU, YOUR BUSINESS, OR AN ORGANIZATION YOU
ARE ASSOCIATED WITH LIKE TO DECORATE A CAR AND BE
PART OF THE HALLOWEEN FUN WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF
WINNING AN AMAZON, TARGET, OR DUNKIN GIFT CARD?

REGISTER AT [HTTPS://BIT.LY/4DAWPBO](https://bit.ly/4DAWPBO)



**Sunday School
Is Back**
Starting
September
8th



CHILDREN 3 YEARS OLD TO 7TH GRADE AND THEIR FAMILIES
ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION TO KICKOFF

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:15-10:15AM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

**CHILDREN'S
CHURCH IS
BACK**

**STARTING
SEPTEMBER 15TH**

CHILDREN WILL START IN 10:30AM SERVICE WITH THEIR
FAMILIES AND FRIENDS AND ARE INVITED FORWARD
FOR CHILDREN'S TIME. THEY WILL THEN LEAVE WITH MS.
TIFFANY AND RETURN BEFORE SERVICE IS OVER.

You're Busy Folks...



So let us meet you where you are! This year, Pastor Kayli & Deana want to be able to come cheer you on at your sporting events, activities, musicals, etc! Please use the link below to add activities to the calendar so we know!

Info Needed: Name (first and last), activity, location.

there is no need for you to subscribe to the calendar, but if you want to support each other please feel free

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=a3E0NDR2aG84bnYyNHhMmJwMXVpNGJ2NGNAZ3JvdXAuY2FsZW5kYXluZ29vZ2xlMmNvbQ>

Save The Date: September 29, 2024

Back by popular demand the Youth Group of Union UCC will be hosting the infamous Spuds & Suds Baked Potato Lunch. More information to come with sign ups and ticket sales!



Enjoy a baked potato lunch with all the toppings you can imagine while supporting our Youth Group!

Sunday Funsies for ALL!

Join us this fall as we kick off our program year with many opportunities for all youth!

Confirmation: September 22 (9:15am)
orientation

High School Happy Hour: September 22 (11:30am-12:30pm)

Open Sunday School: October 13 (9:15am-10:15am)



**Have you been a member at Union UCC
for 40 or more years?
We'd like to celebrate you!
And give God thanks for your faithful service.**

**Join us in worship on October 27th
at 8am and 10:30am when we will also
receive new members.**

SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATION COLLECTION

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

Donations can be dropped off in the donation boxes on the porch or brought to worship on Sundays.

We are collecting items such as:

- ✓ Backpacks
- ✓ Lunch Bags
- ✓ Pencils/Pens
- ✓ Markers/ Crayons
- ✓ Target gift cards (\$10-\$20)
- ✓ Glue Sticks/ Erasers
- ✓ Spiral Notebooks
- ✓ Pencil Cases
- ✓ Kids Scissors

Items can be purchased online:

<https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/schoolsuppliesneffs>

Education Blessing

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

All students, educators, and school employees will receive a special blessing to begin the new school year.



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 13th 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. 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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