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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sunday, September 29, 2024

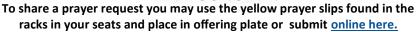
Rev. Kris Penrose Snyder, Senior Pastor Rev. Kayli L. Freeman, Associate Pastor Tiffany Lakatosh, Faith Formation Minister of Children Carrie Beleno, Pastor of Visitation Mr. Blake Hoppes, Minister of Music Marissa Haney, Church Administrator Barbara Carinci, Financial Manager Payge Haydt Sunday Set-up 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



#### Medical

Dan and Deb, Beth, sister Maureen battling cancer again, Madeline & Dick, Craig, Jillian with cancer, Emily, Dixie, Dorothy, Marlene, David, Susie, Frank with kidney failure, friend's grandson battling leukemia again, Paisley, Kathleen, Sandy

#### General

Josh, Dylan, Gabe, and Garrett in the military, Suzann and Annie, Martha, Kate in her first year teaching, sister for peace and healing, Larry for healing, daughter with depression, Barbara moving to Florida

#### Congrats and Blessings

Congratulations and blessings on the birth of Kinslee Mae Geisinger on 09/20/2024 to Peyton Schlosser and Ryan Geisinger. Grandma is Danielle Schlosser and great grandparents are Keith and Sheila Stahley.

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.

#### WORSHIP SCHEDULE Sunday Worship 8 & 10:30am in Church and Online

Oct. 6 Communion (World-Wide) Oct. 13

Oct. 20 Healing/Praying with a Pastor

Oct. 27 New Members Received. Celebrating Those Who are Members for 40+ Years at Union

Save the Date! Alathea is coming back to Union!

Sunday, November 24th at 8am and 10:30am Worship

Mandee and Cristi are two of our favorite musicians, storytellers, and community builders. They have a gift for sharing their faith and God's love in a way that is authentic and inspiring. The last time they were here they did a virtual concert for us in worship during the pandemic. We are excited to have them back in person. They are joined by a new band member Calvin.

#### www.alathea.com

Their appearance is made possible by the Funds of Lasting Gifts and the Mattern Family Music Fund in the Funds of Lasting Gifts.

Women's Retreat Weekend April 4-6, 2025 Tuscarora Retreat Center, Mt. Bethel https://www.tuscarora.org \$175. \$88 deposit due by January 1.\$87 balance due March 1. Payment plans & assistance available.

Checks to Union UCC, Memo Line - Women's Retreat Friends and Family members are welcome too.

Only 30 spots available.

Leader: Pastor Kris

Planning Team: Donna Christman, Diane Schaller, Julie Johnson, Sue Steinmann, Val Borman, Julie Wehr



## Holy Grounds Coffee Hour

Enjoy some coffee, tea, juice, hot chocolate, and snacks on Sundays in Memorial Hall after both worship services.

Upcoming hosts include:

Oct. 6 -Worship Committee Oct. 13-Christian Ed Oct. 20 -Welcoming Oct. 27—Church and Ministry



#### OUR NURSERY IS OPEN!

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

TOGETHER WHILE YOU SNACK,

PLAY, AND REST.



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.





## C.R.E.W.

In our effort to be relevant, engaged, and growing Union UCC is committed to an initiative that provides Mental Health and Wellness resources and events to support our church and community.

#### October 5, 2024

#### Exploration of Mental Health Awareness & Spirituality: 9am-3pm, Neffs Union UCC

#### Flyer/Details

#### **Event includes:**

- Morning beverages and deli lunch, \$35
- Becoming a WISE Church
- 3 resource/informational breakout sessions (two a.m./one p.m. Selections made at event)
- Resource advocates
- Walking labyrinth/meditation space

#### October 6, 2024

Out of the Darkness Walk –Lehigh Parkway: 10am registration, 12pm start
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Established in 1987, the
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) is a voluntary health
organization that gives those affected by suicide a nationwide community
empowered by research, education and advocacy to take action against this
leading cause of death.

www.afsp.org/GLVwalk People who have been affected by suicide or know someone who is struggling, make donations and gather to walk in honor of those loved ones. **Contact:** Jim Presto <a href="mailto:ipresto@ptd.net">ipresto@ptd.net</a>, 908-798-2755

#### **On-Going Wellness Opportunities**

Faith on Tap: 9/11, 6:30pm

Zoom meditation: 10/15, 11/26, 7pm
Breathe: 10/8, 11/12, 12/10, 7pm

Labyrinth events: 10/6, 12/10

Tai Chi: Thursdays, 6:00pm 9/19-11/21

GriefShare: Thursdays, 6pm

#### Resources

- Suicide crisis, text 988
- NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) crisis: text NAMI to 741741, 800-273-8253
- St. Luke's: (Psychiatric) 484-822-5711, (Referral) 484-629-5091
- LHVN: (Psych emergency) 484-884-2425



Use the QR Code to get tickets or watch for tickets to go on sale on Sundays!







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Venmo

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.

Venmo (aunionuccneffs 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 LVPride 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

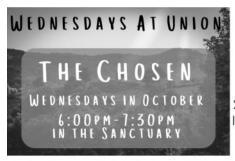
OCTOBER TOPIC for Youth and Adults: The Chosen TV Series

#### 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 tylen-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 ...uith God Prayer \* Meditation \* Music \* Communion Led by Roni Gerry, Pastor Carrie, and Pastor 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.

## 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.)

#### 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: <a href="https://bit.ly/3X3LzPc">https://bit.ly/3X3LzPc</a>
OR email <a href="mailto:PastorKris@unionucc.org">PastorKris@unionucc.org</a>



Celebrate
Octoberhest!

#### Faith on Tap

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

Thursday, October 10 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.

https://bit.ly/3zrdO1f



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

This month: Rev. Michelle Funk joins us!

Thanks Kornfeind's Market!

#### 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

#### NOVEMBER 2ND 3PM TO 6PM



JOIN US FOR THIS FUN EVENT!
ALL AGES ARE WELGOME!
REGISTER ONLINE AT

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## 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



Help support VBS and Christian Education by purchasing some delicious Butter Braids! Each Butter Braid is \$15.

This fundraiser will take place October 6th-20th.
Pick up will be Tuesday, November 5th 4-6pm.
If there are any questions, don't hesitate to get in
touch with Tiffany at dired@unionucc.org.



Register at https://bit.lv/3Te1h8d



Register at https://bit.ly/478RXrO

#### 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?

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September 29, 2024 II:30am Fellowship Hall

Tickets: \$5



Back by popular demand, the Youth Group of Union UCC will be hosting the infamous Spuds & Suds Baked Potato Lunch. If you want to donate or help please sign up using the QR code.

OR support this fundraiser by purchasing a ticket on the day of 9/29.



#### Sunday Funsies for ALL!

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

High School Happy Hour October 6 & 10/20 (11:30am-12:30pm)
Open Sunday School: October 13 & 10/27(9:15am-10:15am)
Youth Advisory Team Lunch: October 13 (11:30am-1pm)

#### **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: <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/</a>
<a href="mailto:e/1FAIpQLSeXM2pHU6Pnwd020Rpm-o8BV6-eWUoxPe2fxpZnBawImYeZ-g/viewform">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/</a>
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#### 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.

#### 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.

**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.

Our Team was glad to participate in Lehigh Valley Pride in August with the Penn Northeast Conference.





Sponsor:

Marlene & Dale Blose Grandson, Alex

Cliff & Carol James Grandchildren, Ethan, Clay, Carolyn,

Alexa

Our Grandchildren George & Diane Karetsky

Charles & Carol Mesics Grandchildren Kate, Luke, Carson, &

Logan

Don & Sherry Penrod Bella's birthday

In Memory Of:

Marlene & Dale Blose Loved Ones

George & Valerie Borman Donald & Peggy Ressler, Cleonice &

George Borman Jr.

Daluisio Family Mr. & Mrs. Ellwood Stauffer, Jr. and

Mr. & Mrs. James Daluisio

Edie & Jim Fella Anna Lord

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Gordon Rothrock

Bonnie Herzog Donald J. Herzog, Veronica J. Fabian

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Gloria C. Toner

Patricia Warmkessel

Rich & Deb Wenner

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Angela Miller

Esther Rauch

Our Grandparents

Ruby & Donald Peters, Eleanor & Norman Peters, Iva Geiger-Kern

Our Children and Grandchildren

**Parents** 

Clifford L. Reph and Louise Murphy

Keith Baer, Mr. & Mrs. Myron Bear,

Mr. & Mrs. LeRoy Neff

Earl & Lucretia Nuss and Walter &

Mary Steffy

John Steinmann

James & Carrie Claus, Reuben & Pearl Christman, Michael R. Toner

Elizabeth Person, Mother

Parents, Jack & Janice Liscka

Craig M. Yurick, LCDR John L. &

Marguerite C. Kemmerer





**Baptisms:** We offer baptisms during worship at the 10:30 service every other month. Our upcoming date is **January 12, 2025** 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 <u>administrator@unionucc.org</u>. 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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