

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, October 20, 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

God is Holding Us Prayers

To share a prayer request you may use the yellow prayer slips found in the racks in your seats and for this season we are placing them in the holding containers at the altar.

Dave's health, Emma, parents in Florida, North Carolina and Florida, Elizabeth, Ronica on the passing of her mom, Holly, family member facing surgery, niece's recovery and mental health after delivery of her healthy baby, strength and courage for daughter, sister and brother in law for healing and faith, Anna

Thoughts and Prayers

To the family and friends of Roma Handwerk who passed on October 12, 2024. Services will be held Tuesday, October 22, 2024.

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. 20

Healing/Praying with
a Pastor

Oct. 27

New Members Received,
Celebrating Those Who
are Members for 40+
Years at Union

Nov. 3

All Saints, We will
remember those who
have passed this year.

Nov. 10

Veterans Sunday, We
honor all of our veterans,
Stewardship Sunday



Save the Date! Alathea is coming back to Union!

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

Mande 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.

\$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



Women's Retreat Weekend
April 4-6, 2025
Tuscarora Retreat Center,
Mt. Bethel
<https://www.tuscarora.org>



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. 13—Christian Ed

Oct. 20 – Welcoming

Oct. 27—Church and Ministry





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.

CHRISTMAS *at Union UCC, Neffs*

Lights in the Grove with Santa
Saturday, Dec. 7th 3-5pm

Parkland High School Chorale
Concert
Sunday, Dec. 15th at 7pm

Christmas Eve Eve Worship
Monday, Dec. 23th at 7pm

Christmas Eve Worship
Tuesday, Dec. 24th at 3, 5, & 8 pm

Sunday Worship 8am & 10:30am at church and online.
www.unionucc.org
5550 Route 873 Neffs



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

Open House 12noon-7pm

The labyrinth will be in Memorial Hall all day and evening.

Stop by to walk anytime on your own 12noon - 7pm.

**The Breathe service is 7-8pm and will be using the labyrinth
at that time.**

Hurricane Appeal:

As we continue to pray for and respond to those who have experienced unimaginable loss due to Hurricanes, we invite you to support the UCC's recovery efforts in the following ways:

* Donate to the relief efforts:

[https://support.ucc.org/hurricane-helene-relief?
utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_term=united-
church-of-christ&utm_content=7951c7de-0eff-457f-af45-
a11435124728&utm_campaign=social-media](https://support.ucc.org/hurricane-helene-relief?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_term=united-church-of-christ&utm_content=7951c7de-0eff-457f-af45-a11435124728&utm_campaign=social-media)

Or write a check to Union UCC - Memo: Hurricane Relief.

A vibrant poster for a 'Plant Bingo' event. The top features the title 'PLANT BINGO' in large green and orange letters, with three hanging plants against a sunburst background. Below the title, it says 'with Gallivanting Greenhouse'. The main text invites people to a fun afternoon with bingo, raffle, baked goods, and food. It lists the date as Sunday, November 3, 2024, with doors opening at 1pm and bingo starting at 2pm. The location is Union UCC at 5550 Route 873, Neffs PA. Ticket prices are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door for 15 rounds. A QR code is provided for tickets, with a 'TICKETS!!' button and an arrow pointing left. The bottom of the poster states that proceeds will support 'Feed My Starving Children and Union UCC's Ministry'.

**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 -
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Children and Union UCC's Ministry**

 **TICKETS!!**

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

Tai Chi Thursdays

10-week session: 9/19-11/21

6-7pm

\$15 drop-in

5-pack \$67.50

10-pack \$110

Memorial Hall

Cash/check/venmo to instructor: Alice Perry



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

A blue and purple gradient graphic with a white logo on the left consisting of a cross and a heart. The text is in white and blue. It reads: "GOD FIRST WEDNESDAYS and WEDNESDAY NIGHTS at Union", "God First Wednesdays Supper, Small Groups, Worship Wed, Nov 6 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", "November Topic for Youth and Adults: What Would You Do If You Weren't Afraid?", "WEDNESDAY NIGHTS at Union", "Adult and Youth Small Group on What Would You Do If You Weren't Afraid Nov 6, 13, and 20 6-7:30pm (No gathering Nov 27)", "Midweek chance to put you and God first! Sign up at PastorKris@unionucc.org or just join us!", "Future God First Dates: Dec 4 A new topic starts in Dec".

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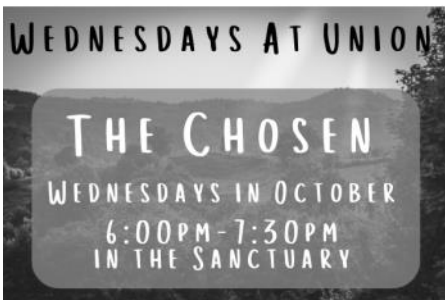
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Have You Heard About THE CHOSEN?



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



BREATHE

TUESDAYS ONCE A MONTH
IN THE SANCTUARY

7-8PM

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
November 26

Zoom Link:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87680378046?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87680378046?pwd=QmozYWJFemJOVENCdWJBbzRpbDVIUT09)
[pwd=QmozYWJFemJOVENCdWJBbzRpbDVIUT09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87680378046?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.

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



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

JOIN US!

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

NOVEMBER 2ND 3PM TO 6PM



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

REGISTER ONLINE AT
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/3RSOIMS](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/4DAWPB0](https://bit.ly/4DAWPB0)

Experience the Wow!



Help support VBS and Christian Education by
purchasing some delicious Butter Braids!
Each Butter Braid is \$16.

This fundraiser will take place October 6th-20th.
Pick up will be Monday, November 11th 5:30-
6:30pm.

If there are any questions, don't hesitate to get in
touch with Tiffany at dired@unionucc.org.

**Polar
Express
Christmas
Celebration**

December
22nd at
9:15am in
Fellowship
Hall

Register at <https://bit.ly/3Telh8d>

NOVEMBER 16TH



Register at <https://bit.ly/478RXr0>

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=a3E0NDR2aG84bnYyNHhMmJwMXVpNGJ2NGNAZ3JvdXAuY2FsZW5kYXIuZ29vZ2xlLmNvbQ>

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 10/20 (11:30am-12:30pm)

Open Sunday School: 10/27(9:15am-10:15am)

Youth Advisory Team Lunch: October 13 (11:30am-1pm)

Trunk or Treat October 19, 2024 1pm-3pm



Youth are invited to join Pastor Kayli in decorating her trunk for our annual Trunk or Treat Event!

Please arrive by 12pm to be ready to go by 12:30pm.

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F48AEAD2BA2FE3-51219729-trunk>

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, February 16th at 11:30 -12:30 in Memorial Hall where coffee hour is. You would be received in church on Sunday, February 23rd 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.



**No matter who you are, or where you are on
life's journey, you are welcome here!**

That United Church of Christ tagline, for me, is the root to what I believe an open and affirming (ONA) congregation is. Whether a church or somewhere else, would you go somewhere that you do not feel welcome?

Being an ONA congregation is more than just opening our minds and hearts to people that are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer (LGBTQ). It is also about accepting and including people that are of every age, gender, race, national origin, faith background, marital status, family structure, physical, cognitive, or emotional abilities, economic, educational, and social statuses, and political or cultural backgrounds. In short, EVERYONE!

As Union concludes the “Do Unto Others” worship theme from September, we need to continue to practice its characteristics - kindness, respect, love, humility, compassion - in our everyday lives with everyone.

Stay tuned in early 2025 for opportunities at Union to learn more about being an ONA congregation.

 Douglas Brace - doug@dougbrace.com 



**Grief is harder around the
holidays...**

Pastor Carrie is leading
a GriefShare “Surviving the Holidays”
event on

Thursday, November 21, 6-7:30pm

Registration is required by November 10.

<https://www.griefshare.org/events/249018>

“Together We Are Stronger”

A Keystone Conference Mission

Conference Choir Anthem, “We All Are One,” by Joel Raney



A proposal for a mission focus for the Keystone Conference ...

People of the Table:

Celebrating and Energizing Ministries that End Hunger

What do we mean by a “mission focus”?

Our faith calls us into action. We see a need for the newly-formed Conference to unite around a specific direction for our outreach in the coming years. A new Keystone Conference UCC mission focus offers us a way to concentrate our efforts in this initial season, amplifying our voice and helping to bring us together.

We propose that this initial mission focus, People of the Table, will be a Conference priority in our founding years (2026-2028).

Why choose ending hunger as a mission focus?

Ending hunger is a goal that unites our diverse Local Churches and Associations. Across the proposed Keystone Conference, settings of the United Church of Christ area already engage in many ministries to feed our neighbors.

We do this work because the Gospel mandate is clear: “feed my sheep,” said Jesus: “I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.”

We are **People of the Table**, uniting around our Eucharistic tables and then welcoming our neighbors around our social hall tables. This identity is particularly strong in Pennsylvania, a commonwealth containing over seven million acres of farmland, where many Local Churches take pride in our agricultural heritage. While our members may vary in their perspectives on many social issues, we believe that ending hunger is a priority that brings us all together.

Next Town Hall Sessions



The conversations around the timeline and a unified Keystone Conference Mission are available for registration. Please use the QR code, on all conferences websites or conference office.

In each townhall conversation, the timeline will be reviewed for possible action toward our vote, the motion to the General Synod and next steps.

Merger Motion Vote by 4 Conferences Nov. 9, 2024

Each congregation is allowed their usual number of delegates to vote on the merger motion. See each conference for details to register, participate and make your vote count! The full motion is available on the website.

For more information: <https://psec.org/keystone/>

Motion to General Synod, July 11-15, 2025

If approved by all 4 conferences, the motion is presented to General Synod for UCC delegates' approval.

***“We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ’s love.”***

“We All Are One,” by Joel Raney

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 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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