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## **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 place in the Offering plate.

Young man with tumor on his spine, an uncle in the hospital, Bridgette with the loss of her husband, Joe, a grandbaby, safe travels for Sandy & Lori, Margie, Anna, John, healing for David's back, Larissa with breast cancer, Jillian & family, a daughter for peace, strength, healing, and courage, family for strength and healing, Suzanne, Diane, Darrell, Lisa W., Jessie, Lisa, Sue, Lucas and Stella, Frederick, all active military personnel protecting us in our homeland or deployed overseas especially Gabriel and Dylan, peace, Ron's successful surgery, family for strength and healing, Marika, Anna, Hal, Emily on the birth of her baby girl, Annette, Dave and Sandy, Glenn undergoing leukemia treatments, dad's & mom's health, peace on earth, safe travels for everyone traveling to see family and friends, Anna, Marika, Annette, healing for a couple with health issues, strength and confidence for a son, peace for dad, prayers for a successful surgery, Frank, Doug, Barbara, Dorothy, David, Jamie, Marlene, Sonny, and Susie strength and healing, Diane going for Surgery, safe travels over the holidays and every day in life, blessings to our church & community, grateful for our Pastors & staff of Neffs UCC, rapid & full recovery for Deb, Sparky, health for everyone over the holidays, Frank's

recovery, Hal responding to his treatments, Charlotte, Ken, Beth

Worship S	chedule	SUNDAY WORSHIP BAM AND 10:30AM AT CHURCH AND ONLINE
29 No 8am Worship, DEC 10:30am only	5 JAN Communion	12 10:30 JAN Baptism
<b>19</b> Healing/Pray with a Pastor New Worship Series Starting 6 Stone Jars A miscalculation has occurred. The wedding guests have drunk all the wine before the party is over. At times, life can feel like we're "running out" of so much, and	26 JAN 10:30 Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting	2 FEB
	Upco	oming:
	Feb 9: Souper Bowl S	Sunday/ Tailgate Lunch
scarcity is shutting down the party. In these moments, we are	March 2: Communion/ Organ Concert	
invited to turn to the currency and economy of Jesus. Know the abundance of Jesus by drawing from jars of Hope, Purpose, Healing, Meaning, Vision, and Grace.	March 4: Shrove Tue	esday Pancake Supper
	March 5: Ash Wednesday Worship at 7pm	

### Adult Faith Formation Classes with Pastor Kris and Pastor Carrie

Fridays from 9:30 to 11am Jan 10, 24, Jan 31 Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15am Jan 8, 22, Feb 2

#### Hear Us Out by Sue Pizor Yoder and Co. Lab. Inq.

6 Questions on Belonging and Belief – this team interviewed over 200 people under forty in search of the lessons they might teach about belonging, adversity, legacy, and faith. This book illustrates the ways millennials and Gen Z are navigating life, crafting their stories, and making meaning. McLaren says, "this is the must read for churches that are shrinking in size and wrinkling with age to help take seriously when they consider ways to welcome emerging generations into their midst. Your congregation needs this book!" If you are in the hospital, please notify a pastor or the 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.



## HOLY GROUNDS COFFEE HOUR ON SUNDAYS

ENJOY SOME COFFEE, TEA, JUICE, HOT CHOCOLATE, AND SNACKS ON SUNDAYS IN MEMORIAL HALL AFTER BOTH WORSHIP SERVICES. UPCOMING HOSTS:

> Dec. 29- Sunday Staff Jan. 5– Fellowship Committee Jan. 12– Christian Ed Jan. 10– Mission Committee Jan. 26– Sunday Staff





Here's a paper copy you can hand to a pastor or mail to the church office.

Descriptions are at https://www.unionucc.org/ministries-committees/

Name:

Email:

Phone:

### Which Committees or groups are you interested in? (Circle all that apply)

Consistory

Christian Education

Welcoming

Fellowship

Worship

Financial Leadership Team

Mission

Property and Maintenance

Helping Hearts/Communion Ministers

Youth Group

Children's Ministry

Choirs and Worship Music

## Which volunteer opportunities are you interested in? (Circle all that apply)

Organizing the effort to sell Union UCC merchandise like shirts, hats, mugs, and pens.

Donating a baked good to a church event.

Newsletter Assembly (weekday)

Staying in touch/visiting with those who have health challenges or are unable to attend worship.

Volunteering at a grove event with set up, food serving, ticket sales, clean up.

Family Promise Volunteer - meals,

hosting supper, overnight.

Or you have another idea?

**Luminary Sponsors** 

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Sponsor In Memory of: The Maxwell Family Loved Ones **Eric and Pam Minnich** Ted Minnich Ryleigh, Hannah and Raegan Minnich Aunt Mikaela Jones Karen & Jennifer Fleming David L. Fleming Greggory & Johanna Zelnner Tim, George, & Eleanor Zellner Angela Miller Margaret Kroboth & Rosie Pauker Deana Correll **Richard Correll** Ralph & Connie Gioielli **Our Parents** Fred & Ruth Roberts Randy & Kathy Robrts Sharon Yurick Craig M. Yurick, John L. & Marguerite C. Kemmerer Grandchildren & Family Grandmother & Grandfather, Ruth & Gordon Rothrock Loved Ones Jerry & Nadine Rauch **Bonnie Herzog** Donald J. Herzog & Veronica J. Fabian **Daluisio Family** Elwood & Elaine Stauffer, James & Elizabeth Daluisio Michael & Sandra Daumer Mother Gordon & Ruth Rothrock George & Leoma Kern **Emory & Dianne Minnich** Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Earl Frantz & Mr. & Mrs. Russell Minnich **Ron Snyder** Janet Snyder Jana & Ryan Hill Margaret Conrad Jim & Edie Fella Anna Lord Carolyn Barry Mom & Dad, and Ray Arey Michael & Robin Christman Parents: Marvin & Beatrice Chrstman Rich & Deb Wenner Jack & Janice Liscka Marlene & Dale Blose Loved Ones Susan Steinmann John Steinmann

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Our Children & Grandchildren Our Children & Grandchildren Our Grandchildren Grace Liersaf Verna Traube and Jean Heintzelman Grandchildren: Ethan, Clay, Caroly, Alexa Grandchildren: Emilia, Zoey, Cole, & Emma



## You've saved the date... TICKET SALES!!!

Tickets will go on sale beginning in January. They can be purchased on Sundays after worship, during the week in the office, or online.

More information to follow.

#### Ticket Prices: \$5 per sheet (25 tickets) \$20 for 5 sheets

Want to donate a basket? We'll have baskets available for filling beginning in January too!

### Feed My Starving Children Fundraiser

Back by popular demand, Wawa Shorti Hoagie vouchers. Each one sells for \$6.00 and raises enough funds to feed six children for a day! They will be available after 10:30 services starting 11/24 through the rest of the year. They make great stocking stuffers!





## Pizza & Power Point Party!

All Young Adults & College Students (age 18-25) are invited to destress and enjoy good company & Food! When: January 5, 2025

## Time: 1pm-3pm (hopefully we won't need more time) Where: Youth Room!

Pre-prepare a power point presentation about

something you're PASSIONATE about. It doesn't need to be serious (i.e. What is the superior type of donut). DO NOT EXCEED 7 MINUTES Send presentations to Pastor Kayli (pastorkayli@unionucc.org) by Jan 5.

Sign Up: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F48AEAD2BA2FE3-53199445-pizza

## Check Out The 2025 Dates for High School Happy Hour and Open Sunday School!!!



#### God 1st Wednesday and Wednesdays at Union in February:

2/5: Modern parenting & grandparenting: Key issues facing today's families
2/12: Avoid Getting Crispy: Burnout/Trauma/Stress
2/19: Sleep/Health/Community: How these topics intersect & brief discussion of diagnosis & treatments for sleep disorders
2/26: Managing Anxiety and Depression in the Winter Months Seminars led by St. Luke's Clinical Therapy Services

January NO God First or Wednesdays at Union 1st Wednesday: 5:30-6pm Supper, 6-7:15 pm Kids Choir & Adult seminars 7:15-7:30pm Closing Worship All other Wednesdays: Adults 6-730



# FamilyPromise

## UPCOMING HOSTING WEEK: February 16-23, 2025

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."



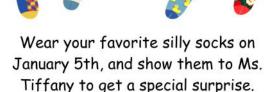
Why do I volunteer?

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



## Silly Sock Sunday January 5th



## <u>New Year Blessing</u>

May the New Year bless you with faith that guides your steps, lights your path, and fills your heart with hope and strength for the year ahead.

No Sunday School or Children's Church December 29th



## JANUARY 19TH AT 11:45AM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. NO PAINTING EXPERIENCE NEEDED. WE WILL BE DOING A BEGINNER LEVEL CROSS PAINTING. EMAIL MS. TIFFANY AT DIRED@UNIONUCC.ORG



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> REGISTER USING THE QR CODE OR VISIT https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10cof4da ca723a7fc1-53328664-nerf

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JOIN US FOR SOME FUN ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH AT 10AM AT HAMPTON LANES IN NORTHAMPTON.

IT IS \$6 PER PERSON, PAYMENT IS DUE BY FEBRUARY 2ND.

REGISTER ONLINE BY JANUARY 30TH AT HTTPS://BIT.LY/3ZEAQAV

#### 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.

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: <u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/</u> <u>e/1FAIpQLSeXM2pHU6Pnwd020Rpm-o8BV6-eWUoxPe2fxpZnBawImYeZ-</u> <u>g/viewform</u>

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

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Relevant • Engaged • Growing

Our Leadership Planning Team (LPT) and Consistory continue to meet on the 3rd Monday of the month at Consistory meetings and on Saturday mornings about every other month.

We have called Alloy5 to be the architect firm to help us create a plan for renovating Memorial Hall. They have impressed us with their ability to weave our core values, vision, and mission into their design ideas.

The Capital Campaign team is continuing with interviews to choose a firm that will lead us through a feasibility study to discern next steps for a capital campaign.

The Marketing Team has launched our logo! Look around to see and hear more.

The Mental Health and Wellness Team - is now called CREW -

Connection, Resources, Education, Wellness.

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

Please talk to one of us if you'd like to join one of these teams or to learn more: Pastor Kris, Pastor Kayli, Pastor Carrie, Consistory Officers: Eric Minnich, Don Penrod, Janice Metzger, Marianne Kitzmiller, and the LPT/Consistory



Thanks

Faith on Tap

#### Wednesday, January 29 6:30-8:30pm

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

God. Conversation. Food & Drink.

Park in the back of the store and enter from there. Cost: Your drink (alchol and non-alcohol options) Complimentary Kornfeind's Food. Sign up if you can, or just join us.

### SIGN UP HERE: https://bit.ly/41KAjKa



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

Union UCC is holding a 5-session book study: "Grieving with Hope"

> Mondays, monthly, 6-7:30pm 1/13, 2/10, 3/10, 4/14, 5/12 Memory room, 2nd floor

Please RSVP to Pastor Carrie to secure your spot and receive the free book.



Community - Wide yard Sale

SAVE THE DATE Saturday, May 31, 2025 8am -1pm Union UCC Grove

Watch for information on how to reserve your yard sale space in the New Year!

## Tai Chi Thursdays

10-week session: 1/16-3/20 6-7pm \$15 drop-in 5-pack \$67.50 10-pack \$110 Memorial Hall Cash/check/venmo to instructor: Alice Perry Knitters and crocheters: We are looking for folks to make baby blankets to share with our families when they have a child baptized. Size around 32" by 32" and gender neutral colors like sage, white, yellow, and multi colors and must be soft. We also need a few larger ones every year for older children. Contact Pastor Kris isf you are able to help with this ministry of wrapping our kids in Union UCC love!



UNION UCC NIGHT WITH THE PHANTOMS 7:05PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6PM) SATURDAY, MARCH 22ND Tickets: \$27.00 each

**ORDERS** can be emailed or dropped at the church office or in the offering plate but MUST be in an envelope marked <u>*Phantoms Tickets.*</u>



TO ORDER TICKETS OR FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT STEVE HAREHA 717-514-8881 OR s.hareha@gmail.com

Cash, Check, or Venmo (Make Checks Payable to Steve Kareha)

venmo

Presented by Union UCC Men's group



#### BREATHE TUESDAYS ONCE A MONTH IN THE SANCTUARY

NO JANUARY February 11 at 7PM March 11 at 7PM April 8 at 7PM May 1 at 7PM



Catch your Breath ...With God Prayer \* Meditatian \* Music \* Communian Led by Roni Gerry, Pastor Carrie, and Pastor Kris



**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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