



Sunday, January 6

8:00am and 10:30am Worship
Faith Commitment Card Sunday
and New Year Communion

Coffee Hour Brunch with Mimosas

It's time to celebrate and give God thanks!

There will be a designated time in worship on January 6th to bring our Faith Commitment Card forward to have our commitments blessed by God. These cards represent all that we bring to God and God's mission and ministry here.

We're asking you to note on your Faith Commitment Card areas where you already serve as well as new areas you might like to try. We've added a space for you to share areas where you serve outside of church, too. These are all great things to celebrate and to ask God to bless and guide.

Bring your Faith Commitment Card to worship on January 6th. (We will have extras for you to use, too.)

You are also welcome to drop the card in the offering plate at any time before January 6th or e/mail it to the church to be included in our time of blessing.

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

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Interrupted Silence, Vocal Ensemble Praised in Stillness CONCERT

Sunday, January 13th at 8pm
Free Will Offering
At Union OCC

Ronda Gerry, Soprano
Brianna Weckerly, Soprano
Jillian Krempasky, Mezzo-Soprano
Alaina Swartz, Mezzo-Soprano
Daniel Egerman, Tenor
William Marshall, Baritone
Anthony Sharp, Bass



Performing Early and New Music

Spuds and Suds Baked Potato Lunch



Sunday, January 20
11:30am-1pm
Fellowship Hall (Basement)
\$5

Baked potato bar with over 15 toppings, beverage, and dessert.
Tickets on sale Sundays after worship or at the door.

TAKE OUT CONTAINERS AVAILABLE

Our Youth Group thanks you for your continued support!



Blanket Sunday Coming Soon

You're changing lives around the World !! Through your support of the Church World Services Blankets Program, you are helping people faced with difficult challenges, whether due to a natural disaster or another sort of emergency.

Thank you for your support of the upcoming Blanket Sunday in February 2019. You are helping to spread God's love to many families around the country and the world.

From the Property Committee

Happy New Year to all. Union UCC is ready for another year of serving God in the Neffs community and the World. Our property continues to be one busy place on a daily and weekly basis. We are blessed to have a beautiful, welcoming building and property to call our home away from home.

Each year we continue to care for our church campus. From routine weekly cleaning and yearly maintenance, to needed repairs from breakdowns, or planned upgrades and improvements, we honor the past, and build for the future.

During 2018, Union UCC welcomed church members and the community to utilize the new grove food stand, with great success. The small parking lot was seal coated with new lines painted, and a new carillon was installed. The Neffs community is enjoying new hymns and music being played through this system, and many new Christmas songs were being played during the Advent and Christmas season, along with the many traditional songs. Many more new hymns and songs will be added to the regular rotation, and also the various holiday periods throughout the year.

One of the main projects being planned in 2019 is for the replacement of the rug in the sanctuary main floor and pulpit, and interior painting of the sanctuary and pews. Watch for more information in future newsletters on this major project, so stay tuned.

Joy to the World and Peace to all!

From the Financial Leadership Team:

2019 Envelope packets

Envelope packets for 2019 will be ready for pickup after Thanksgiving. Please pick up your packets in Memorial Hall, along with those of family members, neighbors or friends. The more envelope packets picked up, the more we save on postage costs!



Please do not use the new envelopes until 2019, everyone gets new numbers each year. Members who use the e-giving program do not receive envelope packets.

Thank you, the Financial Leadership Team

KINGFISHER FAITH

In a video on his publisher's website, Eugene Peterson tells of watching a kingfisher repeatedly dive for fish in a lake. Peterson counted 37 dives before the kingfisher caught its supper! "And he's the king fisher!" Peterson chuckles. From that bird-watching episode, he gleaned a ministry lesson: It may take a long time and many attempts – maybe dozens! – before something works out.



God calls us to live out his love faithfully, even when we don't seem to be accomplishing anything. Maybe we extend 36 invitations to worship, work 36 monthly shifts at a food bank or utter 36 prayers without seeing results. "What's the point?" we wonder. But the kingfisher urges us on: "Maybe number 37 is the charm!"

In the words of St. Paul (and mixing fishing and farming metaphors): "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9, NIV).

Taken from NewsletterNewsletter.com



Thanks to our Office Helpers

Tom & Linda Anderson, Madeline & Dick Bingell, Teresa Dalrymple, Larry Frantz, Phyllis Hamm, Bonnie Herzog, Judy Hoffman, Marjorie Hoffman, Eleanor & Ron Kleckner, Linda Migliori, Jill Schlosser, Linda & Wilbur

Romig, Al Stubbman, Barbara Panner, Dan Topp, Dave DiPaolantonio, the entire Tech committee (Ed Normann, Ronnie and Jeff Herbine)

We always welcome newsletter assembly helpers on the last Tuesday of the month at 9am in the Youth Room.

Thank you from the Welcoming Committee for your Yard Signs!

Thank you to everyone who placed a yard sign for Christmas Eve services in your yard or neighborhood. A special thank you to **Mertz Signs** for their work and contribution.

Thank you to those of you who support the **Spread the Good News Fund** which covers this cost.

Save your sign for next year!!





Family Promise is sending families, but we aren't ready.

FAMILY PROMISE TREE

We need your immediate help. In order to host three to five families (up to 14 people total), we need to "set up house." Check out our wish list:

- Twin-size sheet sets (new)
- Machine-washable blankets (new)
- Pack-and-play/portable crib sheets (new)
- Age-appropriate board games and card games (new)
- Easy-to-clean toddler toys (new, no stuffed animals)
- Plastic tubs/bins with lids (new, 10-20-gallon sizes, preferably clear)
- Tap lights (battery-operated)
- Batteries for tap light
- Lysol disinfectant spray
- Sanitizer wipes
- Baby wipes
- \$20 Weis gift certificates/ other grocery stores
- \$20 Target gift certificates/ other general merchandise stores

We welcome your donations at anytime, but we will set up the Christmas tree in Memorial Hall with tags to take for the many items needed. This will follow the Salvation Army Angel Tree and will be in lieu of the Mitten Tree. We are set to welcome our first families February 17-24, 2019. We are so excited to extend our hospitality!



Serving children and families that are experiencing homelessness.

<https://fplehighvalley.org/>

Facebook: Family Promise of the Lehigh Valley

VOLUNTEER TO SIGN UP FOR FAMILY PROMISE AT UNION UCC

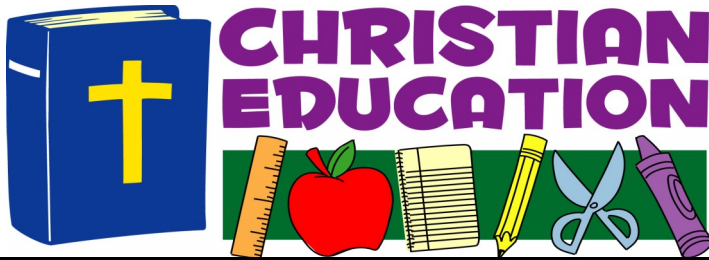
- Sunday Afternoon Setup (prepare for arrival of families)
- Supper Meal Preparation (at home or church before 5:30pm)
- Supper and Evening Volunteer (5:30-8:30pm Sun-Sat) (serve supper, cleanup and visit, prepare bagged lunches)
- Overnight Volunteer (8:30pm-6:00am Sun-Sat)
- Breakfast Volunteer (6am-7am Mon-Sun)
- Sunday Morning Cleanup (7am)
- Weekly Cleanup (after departure)
- Help with Laundry (end of week, towels/sheets)
- Doctor on Call Nurse on Call
- Tutor students
- Donate non-perishable food items (cereals, snacks, juices, coffee, tea, peanut butter, jelly)

Name:

Email:

Phone (Cell):

RETURN THIS FORM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE OR PASTOR KRIS.



Contact: Kathy Bonsell
 Phone: 610-767-6961
 Email: dired@unionucc.org

CHRISTMAS MISSIONS

**Thank you to all who helped with this year's
 Christian Ed Christmas Missions.**



- We were able to buy Christmas presents for a family of four who is working with Lehigh County Conference of Churches' Pathways program. Thanks to the CE Committee, the Country Sale/BBQ Bash Committee and Claire Kern for helping me shop, wrap, and deliver the gifts.
- We delivered 39 filled "Holiday Hope Chests" to Volunteer Center of the Lehigh Valley. Over 7,500 shoeboxes were distributed to children throughout the Lehigh Valley.
- We had over 44 families participate in our Reverse Advent Basket, where each day they put something IN the basket for our local food bank and agencies.

THANK YOU for sharing the Christmas Spirit with our neighbors!

January

Jan. 6 Matthew 2:1-12
 Jan. 13 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
 Jan. 20 John 2:1-11
 Jan. 27 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

BIBLE JOURNALING

We will be studying scripture and enhancing our understanding of the verses with design and color.



Participants need a journal Bible. We will provide art supplies, ideas and techniques. Our January date is **Jan. 17th, 9:30-11:30, in the Room 5.**



VBS 2018

Planning Meeting— Jan. 22, 10am

It's that time of year again! Time to start planning for another exciting Vacation Bible School at Union UCC!

We need your help to make this summer's program the best it can be. Be part of the fun and excitement of **ROAR!**

Youth Group News

January 2019 NEW YEAR Edition

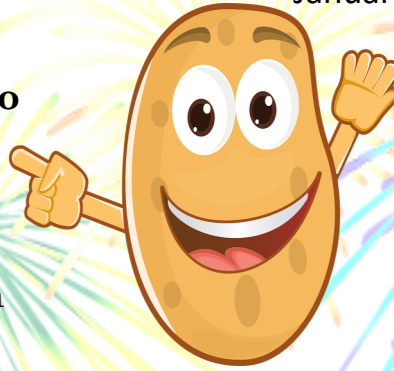
January 20, 2019

Suds And Spuds: Baked Potato Lunch

Time: 11:30am-1pm

Where: Fellowship Hall

Come out and support our Youth group while enjoying a delicious lunch consisting of: 1 baked potato (with a wide variety of toppings), a beverage, and dessert...all for \$5!! Sign up to donate, serve, or just come and enjoy a time of fellowship and food!!



February 24, 2019

Advisory Lunch @ 11:30 in youth room
We will discuss Youth Sunday/Finalize plans...followed by...
ESCAPE ROOM Adventure!!
Location and price TBA!!

If you have some fun ideas for what our youth group can do please let Pastor Kayli know so we can start planning fun adventures!!!



March 17, 2019
YOUTH SUNDAY!!!!
Start thinking about how you want to participate!!!

Check out one of these groups from 9:15am-10:15am Sunday mornings!

6th-7th Grade: Munch Bunch

(Upstairs room 203)

8th Grade: Confirmation

(Youth Room (15), Confirmands can go to Breakfast Club when there is no confirmation)

9th-12 Grade: Breakfast Club

(Basement, room 4)



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

It is hard to believe that it is already time to say goodbye to 2018, it seems like just yesterday was September and the first day of the school year. As the saying goes, "Time flies when you are having fun," and we have been having a lot of fun with our December themes. It is "Dinosaur December" in the 3's where we have been able to play with dinosaurs, make dinosaur tracks in play dough, and enjoy dinosaur books. The 4's spent the month engaging in hands-on science activities discussing states of matter. The best experiment was turning butter, flour and sugar into cookies and eating them for a snack. (Thank you to all of our volunteer parent bakers!). In Pre-K we celebrated not only Christmas, but also Hanukkah and Kwanza as we learned about holidays around the world. As you celebrate Christmas this year, I hope you are able to take a moment away from all the hustle and bustle to enjoy a quiet moment with family and friends.

Dear Supporter:

Our school (**Neffs UCC Preschool**) ID#: **40990** has the opportunity to participate in and earn **CASH** from A+ School Rewards, a great fundraising program run through your local Giant!

[New Supporters or Existing Supporters Wishing to Make Changes:](#)

Visit giantfoodstores.com and select "SIGN IN" at the top right to log into your online account. Once logged in, select "MY ACCOUNT", followed by "MANAGE MY ACCOUNT", then "REWARDS & SAVINGS" to select your school.

If you do not have an online account, visit giantfoodstores.com and click "REGISTER". Follow the prompts to create your online account. Once logged in, follow the same instructions as noted above.

You'll need your 11-digit BONUSCARD® number and the School ID number. If you need assistance, call 1-888-814-4268 option 1.

To earn points:

Use your registered BONUSCARD® each time you shop at any Giant, and you will earn CASH for our school. You can confirm your school selection by logging into your account.

At the end of each month, your points are calculated and converted to CASH rewards. These CASH rewards for our school are updated monthly. You can track our progress when you sign in to your online account.

Our school will receive one CASH rewards check at the end of the program and can use this cash for any of our educational needs.

Also, please encourage your family members and friends to support our school. This could result in more cash rewards for our school!

Thank you for supporting our school.

Sincerely,

Annette Wilcox-Director

New Member Sessions Pastor Kris and our church leaders invite you to gatherings on **February 10th and 17th at 9:15am-10:15am**. We will meet in the Memory Room (Room 200) on the second floor. This is a time to get to know each other and ask questions. Attendance is not required to join. You will be welcomed as members in worship on **Sunday, February 24th at the 8am or 10:30am worship service**. For more info: Pastor Kris PastorKris@unionucc.org

Baptism We offer baptisms during worship at the 10:30 service every other month. Upcoming dates are **January 13th, March 3rd**. There is a pre-baptism session for families typically held after church the Sunday before the baptism.

Weddings To schedule your pre-marriage sessions and wedding at our church or a venue with one of the pastors, please see be in contact with one of the pastors. There is information on our website, forms to complete are downloadable. More information on the site: <http://www.unionucc.org/resources> for New Member, Baptism and Wedding forms. You could also email officeassistant@unionucc.org or administrator@unionucc.org

Adult Studies

FRIDAY MORNING ADULT STUDIES WITH PASTOR KRIS

Everyone is welcome at any time as your schedule allows.

9:30 am-11am Room 5 (Basement) **Everyone is welcome at any time as your schedule allows. January 4, 11, and 18 The Book of Revelation** continued with [Kerygma: The Bible in Depth](#) **January 25** – serving breakfast with the **Jubilee Breakfast Ministry**

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS WITH REV. PATIENCE, PASTOR KRIS AND LAY LEADERS

9:15-10:15am Room 5 (Basement) **Everyone is welcome at any time as your schedule allows. January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3 and 10 Christianity and World Religions** by Adam Hamilton. We will look at Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism and compare beliefs and practices with Christianity.



Sunday Morning Alive leads worship on Sundays at 10:30 for about six Sundays throughout the year. We have a worship team that includes a group of singers, guitar players, keyboards and drums. We play traditional and favorite hymns as well as contemporary and alternative worship music.
Next Sunday Morning Alive: Sunday, February 24, 2019.

Join the Choir!

Practice Schedules:

Tuesday Night:

Youth

6pm Cherubs (age 4-1st grade)

6:30pm Juniors (2nd-5th grades) and

Middlers (6th-8th grades)

High School (9th-12th grade)

Sundays at 11:40am

Sunday Mornings—Adults

Heritage Choir 7:15am

Horizon Choir 9:15am

Abby Hill is our Instrumental Assistant Choir Director.

If you are interested in playing with the group please contact Abby at

applepieabby09@gmail.com or Blake Hoppes at

blake.charger@gmail.com. Please contact Abby If you'd like to offer special music on a Sunday. Your music blesses our time of worship!



Mission Committee Updates

SOUPer Bowl Sunday - Feb 3, 2019



Let's get ready for some football during the Super Bowl. Let's get ready to buy and donate canned soup during our annual SOUPER Bowl celebration.

The soup pots will be out early in mid January to start collecting soup for the Northern Lehigh Food Bank. Help TACKLE HUNGER by buying a six pack of soup, or head for the goal line with a case of 12 or 24 cans.



The Mission Committee encourages all members to get off the sidelines, get in the game and donate canned soup to feed families in the community. We need YOUR help to meet our GOAL to collect over 600 cans of soup. Cash donations will also be accepted.

Join in the fun on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb 3, 2019 and join Union UCC and thousands of churches around the country as we celebrate SOUPer Bowl Sunday. Thank you for fighting hunger and being on the winning SOUPer Bowl team!

OPERATION PROJECT FOOD BANK

Thank you from the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.



Your donation of 250 five pound bags of potatoes for our annual Christmas food distribution was greatly Appreciated by our clients. Your support allows us to provide a special dinner for local families, we give thanks to everyone for spreading Christmas joy and cheer to our community.

Thank you for your support of the monthly Mission and Outreach envelope

Mission Donations supported by the Funds of Lasting Gifts.

The consistory and trustees of the Funds of Lasting Gifts have approved for the following mission donations to the following mission agencies.

From the Non - Designate Fund

\$5,000 - OCWM - Our Church's Wider Mission

\$3,000 - Northern Lehigh Food Bank

\$3,000 - Family Promise of the Lehigh Valley

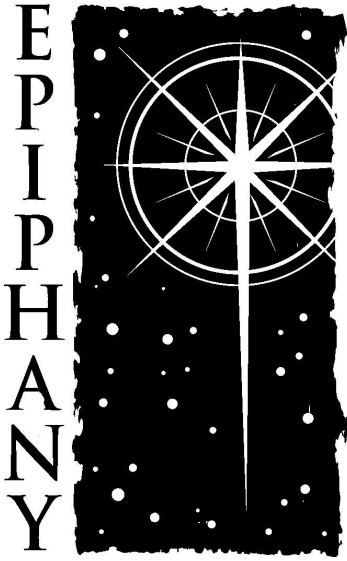
\$2,000 - Feed my Starving Children (recent packing event)

From the Thomas Family Fund

\$1,000 - Feed my Starving Children (recent packing event)

\$ 400 - Meals on Wheels of the Lehigh Valley

Blessings are in order to the donors and trustees of our church endowment fund to allow for financial support to these agencies, who will be able to help families locally and around the world.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 6, 2019

**Faith Commitment Card Sunday,
New Year Communion
Coffee Hour Brunch Celebration**

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Text: Matthew 5: 13-16

Message: Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh?!?!?

What Were They

Thinking?!?!? Pastor Kris

Preacher: Rev Kris Snyder-Samuelsan

Lay Readers: Suzanne Schneider, Don Penrod

Greeters: Carol Pope, Ronnie Pope, Greg &
Johanna Zellner

Sunday, January 13, 2019

10:30 Baptism

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Message: Guest Preacher—Hannah Snyder-Samuelsan, Member and Seminarian

Lay Readers: Brad Hackett, Donna
Christman

Greeters: Jim & Edie Fella, Karl & Cathy
Schmidt

Sunday, January 20, 2019

Healing Service (Pray with a Pastor)

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Text: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Message: The Gifts We Receive With No Re-
ceipt

Preacher: Rev. Kayli Freeman

Lay Readers: Sue Steinmann, Fawn Albert

Greeters: Gene & Christina Thrash, Dan & Iris
Young

Sunday, January 27, 2019

Semi Annual Meeting at 10:30

8:00am Heritage Service

10:30am Horizon Service

Text: Luke 4: 14-21

Message: Anointed as First Responders

Preacher: Rev. Kris Snyder-Samuelsan

Lay Readers: Lucille Kuhns, Carrington Smith

Greeters: John & Debbie Romig, Marcey Kroll

Semi-Annual Meeting January 27 following 10:30am worship

As we look forward to a future full of: hope, love, joy, and peace, please plan to attend and participate in our semi-annual meeting which will be held on Sunday January 27, 2019, following the 10:30am worship service. We will be reviewing our mid-year financial position and also reviewing our Stewardship Campaign.

We are also pleased to be sharing the individuals that have been nominated to serve a three-year term on Consistory: Teri Fekula, Debra Belles, Pat Warmkessel, Dan Gilbert, and Ron Pope. Deborah Wenner has been nominated to serve a second consecutive three year term on Consistory.

May God always be with you, and prayers for a Blessed 2019!

Respectfully,
Aften Hamm, Consistory President

CATCH THE SPIRIT AWARD FOR JANUARY 2019 GOES TO ELIOT LIGHTENER

Elliot was not raised going to church. His faith was not defined until much later in life.

He grew up in Hellertown with his sister Michelle and father Robert. His father is now retired and lives in Florida and his sister lives in Limeport with her husband George Lindley and their three daughters Brooke, Sarah, and Ava.

He has worked at Mack Trucks for about 15 years.

He enjoys just about anything outdoors like running, hiking, or rucking. He also enjoys rooting for the Titans.

He is on the fellowship committee and has helped at the Basket Social, Blue Night Out, Pancake Breakfast...it seems

he has helped at just about any event in which food is served:)

His favorite memory is probably his first. His first experience with Union UCC was years ago when he attended the end of the year concert for Vacation Bible School. He remembers how Kathy Bonsell and her team worked together to make sure everyone had a great time. He knew then that not only did he want to attend services here, but he also wanted to raise his son here and get involved with helping in any way he could.

When he first started attending Union he was going through the roughest stage of his life. He had just moved to the area and was in the middle of a divorce and custody battle. The support he received here was pivotal in getting through that dark time. He can never repay the church for all it has done for him but he is going to enjoy trying.

Thank you, Eliot, for your commitment to God and to Union UCC.



WOMEN'S RETREAT 2019

Union UCC Women's Retreat Weekend

April 5-7, 2019

Trout Lake Retreats, Stroudsburg

Cost: \$135, Collecting \$75 Deposit anytime now through Jan 13, Balance \$60 Due March 3.

Payment plans and financial assistance available.

Checks to Union UCC, Memo Line –

Women's Retreat

Friends and Family members are welcome too.

Leader and more Info: Pastor Kris

MEN'S GROUP Events from Pastor Kris

Saturday, January 19 at 7:05pm Phantoms Game (doors open at 6pm), \$21.50. Contact Steve Kareha 717-514-8881 s.kareha@gmail.com to see if tickets are still available.

Saturday, March 30th Spaghetti Dinner and Comedian Night Contact Randy Bilger randy.bilger@yahoo.com or Pastor Kris if you'd like to help coordinate or serve this meal. This will serve as a fundraiser for Family Promise.

Union UCC Night at the Iron Pigs, Saturday, June 15, 2019 Game time: 6:35 p.m. (We will meet one another in our seats at Coca Cola Park.) Opponent: The Columbus Clippers Cost per ticket: \$11 To reserve tickets, call John Snyder-Samuelson at 484-809-3815. As of January 1, 2019, John has forty tickets available.



Golden Times

*For those wise in years
and young at heart*

Our next gathering will be
**February 5th (NO JAN
GOLDEN TIMES)**

Program:

Traveling to Alaska and Iceland
with Nicholas Toto

Donation items:

Toiletries, soap, tooth paste,
deodorant, hair care products

Programs offered are fun,
informative & entertaining
Bring a dessert to share—
we could use a few sugar
free desserts too!

12 noon – 1:30pm

FREE

An informal sharing of Holy
Communion is offered
at the end of our time
together for those who are
interested

Birthdays:

January 6 Betty McGee
Phoebe Home, Bridgeways,
Room 374A
1925 Turner Street, Allentown,
Pa 18104

January 30 Clara Hoster will
turn 102!
Above and Beyond, Room 127
2232 29th Street, Allentown,
Pa 18103-7165

TALES FROM THE ROAD

By Rev. Dr. Patience Stevenson, Minister of Visitation
Did You Know?

Florence Solt was born on June 16, 1923 and grew up on a farm in Newside with her brother and 2 sisters. Florence helped her family on the farm where they grew corn, wheat, oats and potatoes and raised cows for milk and chickens for eggs. Florence attended a one room schoolhouse on Route 309 on the way to Northwestern High School through 8th grade. When she graduated from 8th grade her father decided that he needed her on the farm and would not be able to drive her to and from school every day.

Florence met her husband, Claude, through her sister's boyfriend in 1950. They married in 1952 and had 2 children, Irene, in 1954 and Richard in 1957. Florence was happy to work at home raising her 2 children and working the small farm that she and Claude had purchased together. In addition to working the farm Claude continued to drive truck hauling coal to supplement the family income.

Florence was baptized and confirmed at Union UCC. Both of her children were also baptized and confirmed at Union UCC. Florence's mother was raised at Union Lutheran Church, while her father was raised at Union Reformed Church (now Union UCC). When her mother was struggling with the decision to switch to Union Reformed Church she consulted her husband's father's uncle, Wallace Wotring, who was a Reformed pastor serving in Northampton at the time. He reassured her that she could certainly change her membership as "We all serve the same God."

Florence is currently in Rehab at Phoebe Home in Allentown after a fall this past August. She would love to hear from you:

Florence Solt
5315 Mountain Road
Germansville, Pa 18053

Creation Care Tip

Over the Christmas shopping season you may have wondered whether your online orders or actual shopping trips to the local mall were better or worse for the environment. Research suggests that shopping online creates a smaller carbon footprint. However, a strategy for shopping trips to "brick and mortar" stores that many of us already employ is to try to combine as many errands into one trip as possible. Keep thinking of ways to consolidate driving trips. While you're at it why not invite a friend to go with you! Keep up your green habits!

Financial & Attendance Reports

Date	Worship Service		CC/ Video/ Nursery	Total
	8AM	10:30AM		
Nov 4	96	142	30	268
Nov 11	71	174	19	264
Nov 18	63	137	25	225
Nov 25	69	196	39	304

	Operating Fund	Designated Funds	Grand Total All Funds
7-1-2018	\$9,644	\$1,453	\$11,097
Income	\$185,288	\$24,120	\$209,408
Expenses	\$169,621	\$23,214	\$192,835
11-30-2018	\$25,311	\$2,359	\$27,670

Designated Funds category includes offerings for NIN, Mother's Day, OGHS, Country Sale, Family Promise

TOTAL ATTENDANCE

November 2017: 1,010 November 2018: 1,061

THANK YOU TO OUR HOST GROUPS FOR

JANUARY:

January 7- *Financial Leadership Team (Don Penrod)*

January 14 - *Fellowship Committee (Maria Beltz, Veronica Fabian)*

January 21 - *Consistory (Brad Hackett, Aften Hamm)*

January 28 – *Mission Committee (Susan Smith, Phil Wehr)*



Holy Grounds Coffee Hour Every Sunday

9:15-10:15 & 11:30-12:00

Continues on Sundays after 8am and 10:30 Worship Services and in between the services in Memorial Hall (on same level as the sanctuary). Stop by for snack or drink, to say hello to a friend, or learn about something new about a committee.

WAYS TO GIVE AND SUPPORT UNION UCC'S MINISTRY AND MISSION

DONATE ONLINE with your Credit or Debit card <http://www.unionucc.org/resources/giving-and-sponsorship/ways-to-give/> and click on **GIVE ONLINE** button.

TEXT TO GIVE send a text to 610-857-7023 with the amount you would like to contribute. Include the \$ sign. You'll be sent a text with how to register.

ELECTRONIC GIVING you can designate an automatic weekly, semi-monthly or monthly donation to be transferred electronically. Fill out the form at <http://www.unionucc.org/egive.pdf> and return it to the church office.

You can make a difference
When you shop for back to school supplies at smile.amazon.com Amazon donates.
You shop. Amazon donates.
amazonsmile

AMAZON SMILE Don't forget Union UCC when you are doing your **holiday shopping** on AMAZON!

We receive about \$75-\$100 per quarter as a result of your choosing us as your Amazon Smile charity.

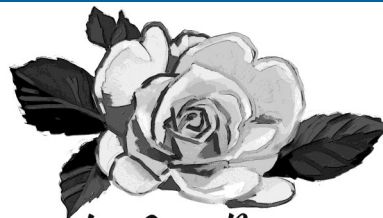
You can sign up at any time. This is just one more way to help make a difference for God's ministry and mission at Union UCC.

Any outstanding Baptism or New Member photos from the past year will be printed in next month's newsletter. We were not able to print in time for this newsletter.

Did You Know?

- You can get **weekly emails** updating you on the events and Sunday services at church
- You can get your monthly **newsletter online**—Simply text UNIONUCC to 22828 to join the list.
- We have a **Facebook** page: [Facebook.com/unionneffs](https://www.facebook.com/unionneffs)

To sign up to get emails/e-newsletter, or for E-giving visit our website: **WWW.UNIONUCC.ORG** and click on the **RESOURCES** tab or send an email to: **officeassistant@unionucc.org**



In Our Prayers

Our blessings and prayers go to:

The family and friends of **Frederick A. Scherer**, whose funeral service was held on December 7th.
The family and friends of **Betty Acker**, whose funeral service was held on December 4th.



*Please share your
pictures with us!*

Email to PastorKris@unionucc.org

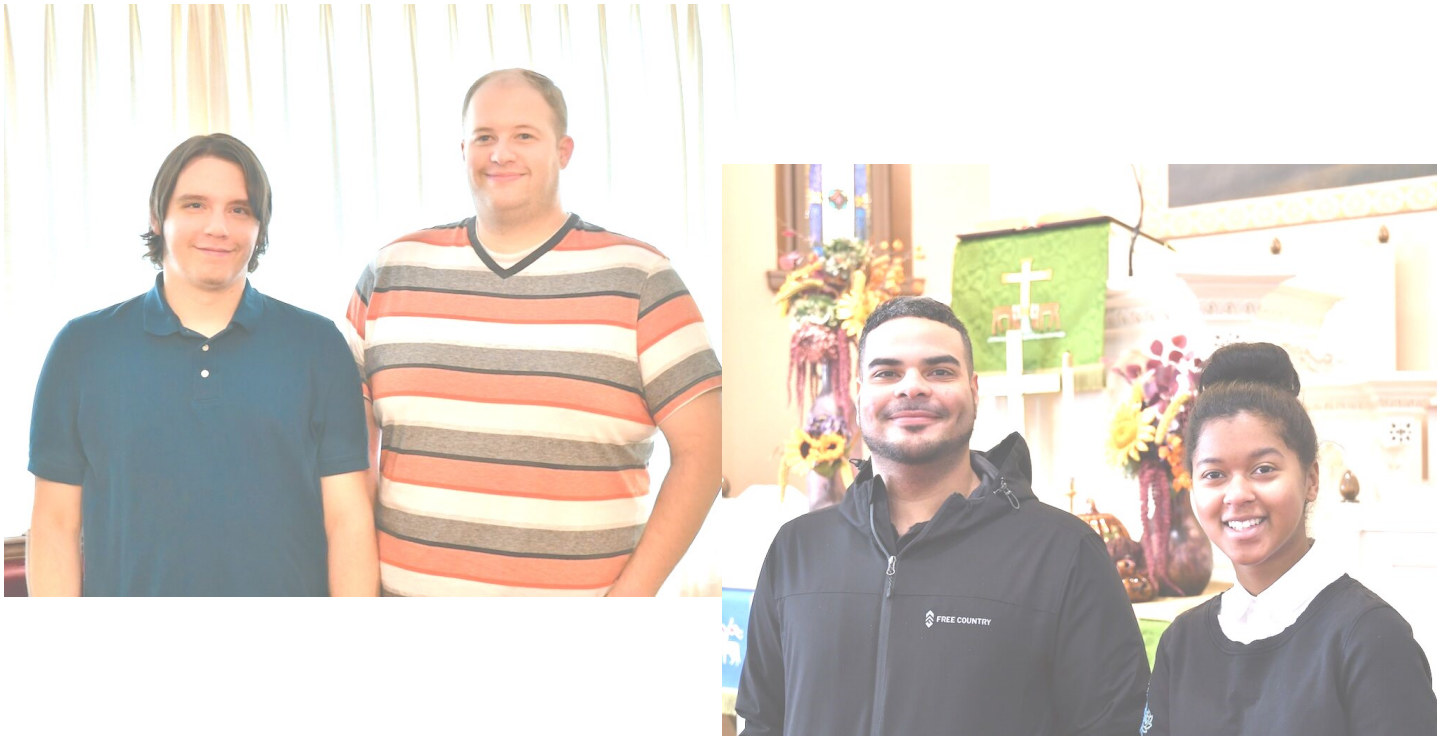
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**CORRECTION TO LAST MONTH'S
New Members Received 11/18/2018. Amanda
included the wrong photos! Here is Michael Haftl with
friend and current member Dan Gilbert. And Jonel
Payano with fellow new member Keneley Bautista.**



CHURCH MEMBER BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Do you have a business that you'd like us to share with others? If so, please contact Pastor Kris at pastorkris@unionucc.org We know that many of you like to support local businesses or our members if you have the chance. This information will be made available to new members and current members and it will be posted on our website at www.unionucc.org/resources It's another way to support each other through our work and life together.

Note: The church is not endorsing any of these businesses, we are merely making the information available to you. These are for paid services and businesses.

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28	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! BUILDING CLOSED	2 10am KnitWits 6pm Daisy GSA 6:30 Spiritually Fit 7pm Brownie & Cadettes 7pm Church & Ministry	3 9:30am Bible Journaling 11:30 Preschool Mtg 7pm Chime Choir 7:30 Girl Scouts	4 8am Bulletin crew 9:30am Adult Bible Study	5
6 Epiphany 8am Heritage service 9:15 Holy Grounds/ Education Hour/choir pract 10:30 Horizon service 11:30 Holy Grounds 11:45 Baptism mtg	7 11:30am Lunch Bunch 6:30pm Spiritually Fit	8 6pm Choir 6:30pm 4H 6:30pm adult bible study 7pm AI Anon	9 9:15am Staff Mtg 10am KnitWits 6:30 Spiritually Fit 7pm Jr GSA 7pm Family Promise mtg	10 7pm Chime Choir	11 8am Bulletin crew 9:30am Adult Bible Study	12 5pm William Marshall concert rehearsal
13 8am Heritage service 9:15 Holy Grounds/ Education Hour/choir pract 10:30 Horizon service 11:30 Holy Grounds 2pm William Marshall concert	14 6:30pm Spiritually Fit 7pm Welcoming Comm.	15 6pm Choir 6:30pm 4H 6:30pm adult bible study 7pm AI Anon	16 10am KnitWits 6pm Daisy GSA 6:30 Spiritually Fit 7pm Brownie & Cadettes	17 9:30am Bible Journaling 7pm Chime Choir	18 8am Bulletin crew 9:30am Adult Bible Study	19 12pm outside group
20 8am Heritage service 9:15 Holy Grounds/ Education Hour/choir pract Spuds and Suds event 10:30 Horizon service 11:30 Holy Grounds	21 Martin Luther King Day 6:30pm Spiritually Fit 6:45pm Consistory	22 10am VBS planning mtg 6pm Choir 6:30pm 4H 6:30pm adult bible study 7pm AI Anon	23 9:15am Staff Mtg 10am KnitWits 11:30am Lunch Bunch 6:30 Spiritually Fit 7pm GSA	24 7pm Chime Choir	25 8am Bulletin crew 9:30am Adult Bible Study	26
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