# The Disciple

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# **Welcoming Guests**

Hospitality is one of the three areas that our vision discernment process led us to concentrate on. The scriptures call upon us to extend welcome to the strangers among us. Unionville is blessed to have periodic guests in our midst. We've been further blessed by those who have chosen to make Unionville their spiritual home base. The difference in whether a guest decides to come back again and even stick around has to do with feeling welcome. Our words can make all the difference in the world. Thom Rainer, CEO of Church Answers, wrote several years ago an article suggesting seven things to say to guests who come to worship.

- "Thank you for being here." The simplest thing to say is often the best thing to say. It says, I see you here and I'm glad you are here. Another version that can work well whether a first-time guest or a long-time member is "Glad to see you!"
- "Let me help you with that." If someone is struggling with umbrellas, children, bags, & purses, etc., an offer to hold open a door or to help carry something is a huge positive. Of course, that's true with long-time members as well as first-time guests.
- "Please take my seat." It is an uncomfortable thing to enter a sanctuary that you have never been in before. What if I take someone else's seat? Or on a really well-attended Sunday, is there room enough for my family to sit together?
- "Can I show you where you need to go?" Most churches, it is not obvious where to go to find the nursery, restrooms, or small group meeting areas. You usually can tell when someone isn't quite sure where to go.
- "Let me introduce you to \_\_\_\_\_\_." People come back again when they feel like they have started to make connections. Make sure the guest has met the pastor. Start connecting them with others nearby. Or maybe they shared something in your first encounter that gives you the ability to connect them with someone that shares that interest.

"Here is my email address. Please let me know if I can help in anyway." – Use this one with discretion. It needs to feel fully comfortable to you and feel appropriate to the encounter you have had so far.

"Would you join us for lunch?" – Again, this must feel appropriate for you and the encounter you have had so far. You also shouldn't be alone in this venture. But what a great way to connect a guest, if there is a group of you going out for lunch.

What are ways that make you feel welcome when you have been a "stranger" in a "foreign land"?

Blessings! Alan

# PRAYER CHAIN

Begins In The Church Office (724)843-0862 Prayer concerns for our Church Family & Friends...

#### Home Touch

Lohra Allcorn Joe Biddle **Bim Brightwell** Tom Clinton Don & Nancy Deutsch Dave & Linda Eiler Pat Elick Paul Grimes Sylvia Hendrickson Elmira Hollingshead Lee Jenkins Thelma Koch Josephine Lapic Jim & Esther Miller Thelma Miller **Jackie Neal Janet Pfaff** Tim Ramsey Duane & Diana Rape Amie Ritter Carole Young

#### **Missionaries**

Karl & Deb Crossman Franz Payoute Darlene Rimer Haiti Summer Camps Skybacher Ministries

#### Mourning Loss

Marian Hacker Family Zach Andrew Stewart Family

Names will appear on the prayer list for four consecutive weeks with the exception of the Home Touch and Extended Care lists. The Extended Care list is for those with Chronic Illnesses who will likely need prayer long term. From time to time, if we have not received an update on a person or if a person has been doing well, they may be removed from the Extended Care list until we are asked to put them back on with an update to their condition.

#### <u>Praise</u>

Answered Prayers Hazel Mae Dawson Nancy Rau Joni Richards VBS

#### **Other Prayer Needs**

The Lost Unionville UMC UUMC Christian Ed

#### <u>Surgery</u>

Sharon Badger Jenna Fearer Mitchell Goehring Lisa Lewis Jane Lindsay Linda McCool Dave Zielinski

#### <u>Medical Testing</u> Lori Calve

Ruth Higginbotham

#### <u>General Health</u>

Elmira Hollingshead Denise Myers Janet Pfaff Pat Ream Carole Young Extended Care

Nora Baker Joyce Beglin Mike Book Tina Chirico **Terry Dempsey** Caitlin Edge **Connie Elliot** Caroline Ewing Margaret Ewing Virginia Gobea **Peggy Hostettler** Abby Hudak Susan Kabre Connie Katekovich Rebecca Kirkland Freida Kughn Stevie Jane Kruger Gary Lucente Mark McCaskey Mark Milbert Richard Moody Sheldon Murphy Christy Nadzam Jaxon Nicklas **Betty Revay** Tim Shane Wendy Shellhammer Alice Short Jarred Shouder

Dave & Amy Smail Janet Stange Alvin Whitehall Jennifer Whitman Michelle Wiltrout

My rock, my shield, my firm foundation, I know I will not be shaken. You remind me where my help comes from. (Psalm 18)

Please contact the office with updates on our extended care list in order that it can be updated for next month.

# **Prayer Chain**

If you or anyone you know would like to be added to the prayer list or to either the telephone or email prayer chain, please contact the church office

(724)843-0862

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- o7/o1 Leah Currey
  o7/2 Chris Chaousy
  o7/o2 Mary Johnston
  o7/o3 Abby Solinger
  o7/o4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
  o7/o4 Erik Solinger
- 07/04 Pam Souders
- 07/05 Hallie Spielman
- 07/05 Robin Beige
- 07/08 Shannon Sharp
- 07/10 Chris Loschinskey
- 07/10 Chris Fleissner
- 07/11 Mikayla Ann Evans
- 07/11 Elaine Hefner
- 07/12 Tom Miller
- 07/12 Lew Lawrence
- 07/14 Katelyn Ziter
- 07/14 Gregory Kline

- 07/15 Connor Moehrle
- 07/15 Mike Catalano 07/19 Kelley Deane
- 07/20 Ava Tressler
- 07/20 Terry Keil
- 07/21 Evey Solinger
- 07/23 Nicole Liston
- 07/25 Brooke Stewart
- 07/25 Alan Morrison





Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD.

Psalm 33:12

We enjoy being able to share your special dates. Please, if we overlook you or someone you know, let us know so that we can add the special date to our records. Please hold these special people in prayer this month.

# Happy Anniversary

- 07/03 Doug & Denise Myers
- 07/06 Tim & Jo Shane
- 07/08 Larry & Terry Ewing
- 07/12 Dave & Melissa Greggs
- 07/14 Terry d& Jackie Simpson
- 07/15 Bill & Thelma Castor
- 07/28 Tim & Kaley Zundel

- 07/31 Walt & Alice Ketterer
- 07/31 Aaron & Karen Dawson



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# JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 2 July 4	Sunday Worship @9:30 Independence Day	MARK YOUR CALENDAR!					
July 5	30 & over Men's Basketball @7:						
July 7	Settler's cabin wave pool (youth (rain date July 10)	group and kids club)					
July 9	Sunday Worship @9:30 , Christian Ed Meeting @11:00						
July 12	30 & over Men's Basketball @7:30						
July 16	Sunday Worship @9:30						
July 17	Frontier Falls Mini-golf and ice (youth group and kids club)	cream at Hanks: 7:30					
July 18	Compassionate Ministries Food	Pantry @5:00					
July 19	Blood Drive @12:30, 30 & over	r Men's Basketball @7:30					
July 23	Sunday Worship @9:30						
July 30	Sunday Worship @9:30						
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#### Make Your Summer Break About God by Don Straka

No one should ever take a break from God, his glory, and the mission he gives each of us. When we break for the summer — from Sunday school, small group, community outreach, or wherever you serve in your local church — God still calls us to seek him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

The Bible constantly calls believers to an all-out, full-abandoned pursuit of wisdom. For example, <u>Proverbs</u> <u>2:2–5</u> exhorts, "[Make] your ear attentive to wisdom and [incline] your heart to understanding; yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God."

This is not a seasonal calling. The summer does not give us permission to pull up a lawn chair and watch the race instead of running the race. When we say we are taking the summer off, we mean something radically different than disengaging from seeking God. Instead, we suspend certain ministry activities or events and fill that time with softball leagues, board game nights, and music in the park.

We're not breaking from God, but swinging, competing, and listening for more of him. Filling our week with these activities does not transport us from engaging in the significant part of the Christian life (Sunday school and service projects) to the insignificant (ice cream cones and Florida vacations). No, it simply moves us from formal to informal (of course never neglecting to meet together in weekly corporate worship).

God designed all of our summer activities so that we would know him more, love him better, and have more fuel to live for his glory.

Article can be read in it's entirety at https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/make-your-summer-break-about-god

#### PRAYER MINISTRY

Lowell & Claudia Wertz P.O. Box 1344 Kigoma, Tanzania

Dear Friends,

Prayer is a great mystery to me. Never really having studied it, I was amazed by a *Wikipedia* article. It seems that for all of history and before, people have been praying. Prayer takes on hundreds of forms. One of Jesus disciples said, "Lord teach us to pray". Jesus taught prayer by example and with words.

My parents were relatively new Christians, but they were strong in their faith. We prayed at every meal and often before a long car trip. My father's prayers revealed a humble and worshipful spirit in the man I loved so much.

One of my earliest prayers was when my mother helped me pray to accept the Lord Jesus as my Savior. My prayer as a young child opened the gate of heaven and set the course for my life.

My prayer life has been all over the place. In my yourh I cried myself to sleep many nights praying for my grandfather's salvation. Another intense prayer of mine happened as a brand-new pilot trying to land on a narrow African dirt strip in the middle of a huge storm. With no forward visibility, I prayed at the top of my lungs screaming over the sounds of the engine and rain. The Holy Spirit filled the cockpit and the landing was perfect.

My mother used to say (playing off of Einstein's famous thought, "there is no such thing as an atheist in a foxhole") that "there is no such thing as an atheist with a belly ache". Maybe, for me, there is no one answer about how and when to pray. I find myself reluctant to pray for my own health issues. I feel God knows and I can just trust Him completely. Sometimes I am in a constant state of prayer, praying my way through my day and life.

If the roots of our spiritual tree are faith, then prayers must be the flowers -- beautiful and divine. Prayer communication with the Father is welcomed by Him and a comforting reassurance to us. We pray because we need and love God. And He wants to hear from us. Our prayers are heard in heaven.

Love,

Lowell + Claudia

## Unionville United Women in Faith is Hosting



Monday, August 7th Beginning at 5pm Unionville United Methodist Church Family Life Center

# Enjoy an evening of games, food, and fellowship! ALSO Featuring Rounds of Team Bible Trivia!

# No Matter Your Age - We Invite All Ladies of Unionville!

There is tremendous power in showing Christ's Love throughout generations. We hope all ladies of the church will come to mentor and support younger generations of women in faith.



What to bring: your favorite card or board game How you can help: Sign-Up for a food donation on clipboard in UUMC Narthex What to expect: Nachos and Taco dinner served buffet style. Choose the games you would like to play with a variety of UUMC dear friends.



Unionville United Women in Faith celebrated at the annual June picnic. 50's sock hop was the theme. Our FLC was filled with fun, laughter, music, decorations, hula hoops, hopscotch, and absolutely delicious food! We signed and sent 8 cards to members who couldn't join us that night.

Save the Date: October 14th Fall Tea Watch Bulletin for Details











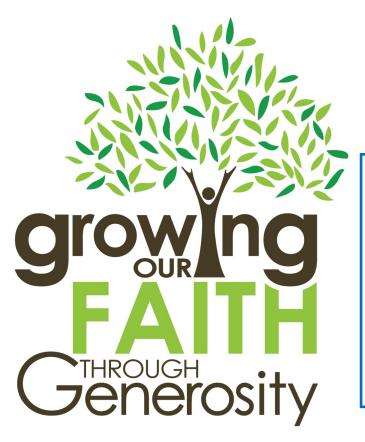
# FINANCE

#### **GENERAL FUND 2023**

MONTH		I	NCOME	EXPENSES		SURPLUS/DEFICIT	
JANUARY		\$	15,621.38	\$	19,521.13	\$	(3,899.75)
FEBRUARY	*	\$	17,535.15	\$	19,613.02	\$	(2,077.87)
MARCH	*	\$	25,546.94	\$	21,442.68	\$	4,104.26
APRIL		\$	17,761.19	\$	17,960.11	\$	(198.92)
MAY		\$	21,173.91	\$	21,468.78	\$	(294.87)
JUNE							
JULY							
AUGUST							
SEPTEMBER							
OCTOBER							
NOVEMBER							
DECEMBER							
YEAR TO DATE		\$	97,638.57	\$	100,005.72	\$	(2,367.15)

This chart includes the month to month budget income and expenses.

\*includes fish fry net income



So how does ones faith grow through generosity?

Jesus gives us this example from the book of Mark in the 31st chapter:

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

Now this was a woman of immense faith!

# On a Personal Note...

### **CLAYTON'S ARMY THANKS YOU!**

The Pittsburgh Region Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's Great Strides 5K Walk took place on Saturday May 20. You

probably didn't see anything about it on the local TV news programs – we know that we did not -- but more than 50 teams showed up, walked in the rain, and raised more than \$228,896 for cystic fibrosis research. This was down about \$20,000 from the pre-Covid Walks.

Clayton's Army -- made up of 24 walkers (including 5 year old Clayton) -- raised \$5,861.15 of that total. Nancy and I and the 28 individuals, families, and organizations who supported us donated \$1,002.00 of

We want to thank all of you for your support. Once again, donors contributed anywhere from \$5.00 to \$100.00. You have helped to make a difference. This is especially true when, as we were told, the Federal government provides next to nothing for CF research. In the past five years, more than a dozen treatments have been developed and

approved. The average life-expectancy for people with CF has now risen to almost 50 which is nearly 3 decades longer than it was when David's graduate school roommate was working with CF patients in 1972.

We thank you. Clayton and his parents thank you. And so do the more than 40,000 "kids" (up 10,000 from 5 years ago) who deal with CF every day. You are a blessing!

Thank you, Dave and Nancy Wilson

# **On a Personal Note...**

I would like to express my deep appreciation to this congregation for the many prayers, thoughts, cards, and telephone calls during my recent surgery, treatments, and quick recovery.

Your prayers were felt daily as Doug and I navigated this unexpected diagnosis and consequent treatment process. My prognosis is good and I'm doing well. Thank you and blessings to you all.

Love, Denise

# **GRATITUDE DETECTIVES**

This summer become A GRATITUDE DETECTIVE!

Here's your mission:

Make up gratitude cards that you can present to people with a short message such as, " Your good works have been noticed. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus." You might even include a scripture verse.

THEN....BE on the lookout, and CATCH people in the act of doing GOOD—maybe your pastor, teacher, a friend or even a stranger. Then present your gratitude cards to those who are CAUGHT to let them know they're appreciated.

Keep track of how many cards you give out and take note of your experiences. We would love to hear about your experiences in September's newsletter.

# Clayton's Army's total.



**Denise** Myers

## Dave and Nancy Wilson

# MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE BUS TRIP

# Wendy Kline

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I was honored to plan a church trip to visit the museum of the Bible on June 9th. This trip would not have been possible without the help of so many people who are members of UUMC as well as those who are not members. With the love of the Lord, fundraising and donations for the trip totaled over \$5,000. This provided the cost of the bus and entry into the museum for everyone who attended. The Youth Group donated funds for the kids' hotel fees and the cost to attend the nighttime bus tour we attended. God is good in every way!

FUNDRAISING: The flea market was the biggest success, and I cannot thank enough, those who dedicated hours upon hours helping to set up, organize, be there for the hours of the sale, pack up, clean up, and distribute the items (very few at that) that were left over. I thank those who donated items to sell and those who came to shop.

We were also able to donate items to a variety of missions, a local library, and others in need. Flea markets are a lot of work, but every time I organize one, I see God's hands in it more and more. We touch so many by holding these sales, they do good things for so many. I thank so many for your help and support.

We also raised funds through selling candy bars and flavored popcorn. I know Janna and Gregory were so happy when they were all sold out. Thank you all for the sacrifice of calories while you were enjoying the sweet treats.

#### The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made. All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you. ~Psalm 145:10

PLANNING: I believe I started the planning process in late summer/early fall last year so I could reserve a bus and a hotel. Even with the early start, things came down to the wire for final numbers and payments. It was stressful for a little while. I am thankful for Linda Miller and Pastor Alan for their assistance as this was all happening while I was wrapping up graduate school.

#### O God, we give glory to you all day long and constantly praise your name. ~Psalms 44:8 NLT

June 9, 2023: Departure day....

As you know, VBS ended the evening before we left for the trip. Arrival time for the 19 of us to UUMC...6 AM. Oh boy!!!! Thankfully none of us were behind the wheel and we had a wonderful bus driver named Bill. Praise God for him as he knew what to do and where to go. There will only be a select number of photos to show as there are over 200 that were shared by all, and I don't think every photo was shared.



We had the honor of celebrating TWO birthdays while on the trip. Lois on Friday and Taylor on Saturday. What a joy that was to spend their birthdays with them both. We made one stop at a welcome center that had a playground. Kids of ALL

ages enjoyed playing for a short while so we could all stretch our legs.

Upon arrival to the museum a lovely woman took a group photo of us at the entrance. From there we were able to spend 5 hours in the museum of the Bible. If ever you plan to go there, I would recommend giving yourself 6 hours to ensure being able to take your time and take in everything God has offered to us.



You will see a variety of photos from the museum and photos do not do justice to the live vision of things in front of you. When we checked in to receive our tickets, you could not help but notice the beautiful ceiling and how it changed to depict stories of the Bible. Stunning is all I can say!!!! (continued on next page)

# **MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE BUS TRIP**

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There is one photo included of the ark, it was taken of the ceiling. If you have the ability to look at the photos on the church website for the newsletter, I recommend it. I don't even know how to put what I witnessed into words. Some of the floors had

amphitheater type setting/diorama that took us through Genesis into Exodus, they were beautifully and creatively presented. There was a craft station set up for kids of ALL ages to translate their name from English into Hebrew. There is so much to

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describe, I could fill the entire newsletter. At closing we shopped in the little store they had then met at the bus. I have to say for the first time after spending hours in

a museum, I didn't feel exhausted, I felt rejuvenated.

FRIDAY EVENING: Nighttime bus tour

We had to split up into 2 groups for our nighttime tours of Washington, DC. Each group was able to experience different things. Both tours had a guide to talk about the

history of buildings, monuments, and memorials. We were able to get off and, on the bus, to look around and take photos. One bus drove through Georgetown and saw Arlington Cemetery. While the other group was able to see the WWII memorial with lights, displaying the beauty of the memorial in honor of those who sacrificed their lives for our country. We even learned the history of the cherry blossom trees and the festival. These are the highlights but there was so much more we saw during the tour, including a giant blue, metal rooster on the roof of a building.

Washington DC: Some of the scouts completed a HOST hike through designated sections of the city. The hike incorporated

facts of history and also included required photo submissions. Along the way we met a former scout from California. He recited the scout law with the kids and also told them his testimony. He found God and turned his life around. Amen to that! He had a bag full of Washington, DC hats that he collected donations for to assist with a kid's mission program. He instantly began to give each of the

kids a hat. The kids were thrilled to have had this encounter with a man of God and a scout. We gave him a donation and we exchanged blessings. May he continue to do God's work in the city.

#### So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. ~Mark 10:18 NKJV

Some were able to obtain free tickets for entry into the Washington Monument. What a sight to see from way high into the sky. Thanks to a boy scout troop visiting our nation's capital, they had extra tickets and gave them to the Beige family. Scout to scouts, what an opportunity for them to experience. Pastor Alan and Lois visited the Holocaust Museum, another incredible experience. Others visited the Daughters of the Revolution and participated in activities with them. We were blessed with a very beautiful, sunny day. The miles we walked were many, but nothing in comparison to the miles Jesus walked. Please ask those who went on the trip how it was for them. I imagine we all took away something different other than tired feet.

With all my heart I will praise you, O Lord my God. I will give glory to your name forever. ~Psalms 86:12 NLT













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# **STELLAR VBS**

### Heather Salter



We had a week long, out-of-thisworld adventure filled with faith building fun at Stellar VBS 2023!

Our Bible Buddies- Cosmo, Ringo, Luna, Sol and Halley helped to teach our daily Bible Points and Bible Verses. They reminded us throughout the week to SHINE JESUS' LIGHT when life feels dark, when people don't get along, when good things happen, when people are sad and when people need help.

#### Through the highs and lows of life, we can always turn to Jesus and show others how to SHINE HIS LIGHT!

There were 63 kids and 42 volunteers (9 youth volunteers included) in attendance this year! Each night we started out in the sanctuary for Sing and Play Blastoff! After a skit with our very own Mickey Wey, we sang songs of praise and met our Bible Buddies. The next part of the evening, the crews rotated between 4 stations - games, snack, Imagination Station and Bible Adventures. Each station incorporated our space theme and/or the Bible Lesson for that particular night. We came back together for Cosmic Closing in the sanctuary where we wrapped up the night with cool experiments and more singing!

Everyone enjoyed the week and it was apparent by the smiles, the super loud shouts of joy, and the uplifting energy throughout the church building!

Each year we raise money for a worldwide mission and also collect items for a local mission. This year, we raised \$1230 to donate through Operation Kid to Kid that will provide language appropriate Bibles plus discipleship opportunities in African nations, Latin America and the Middle East. We also collected over 2 dozen bibles to be donated to local jails for inmates.

I want to thank everyone who made donations - whether monetary, with your time or supplies/snacks. Also thank you to each and every volunteer as well as all of the parents for bringing your kids to participate throughout the week!

#### I can't wait for next year and hope you'll all join us for SCUBA VBS 2024!!



Stellar VBS photos can be found online at unionvilleumc.org

# YOUTH GROUP

Wendy Kline



Happy summer everyone. I pray June has been a fun time for you. It sure has been sunny and HOT!

Planning summer events that everyone can attend is very difficult, but I will try my best to offer a variety of options. We will include kids club when we offer options for younger kids.

On June 16th a few of us attended " Movie in the Park" at Green Valley Park to watch "Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile". The New Sewickley Recreation Board offers one movie a month for free plus free hotdogs, snacks, drinks, and

popcorn. We sat on the hillside with blankets and chair and enjoyed the cool night air and a funny movie. The next movie we will attend is on Aug 11th, Top Gun Maverick. Please use your judgement on whether or not you want your child to watch it.

#### <u>Summer schedule:</u>

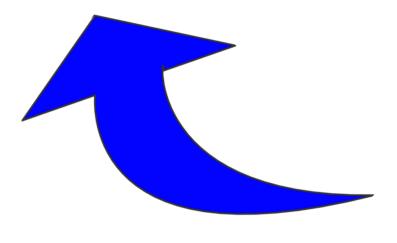
July 7(rain date July 10)- Settler's cabin wave pool (youth group and kids club) July 17- Frontier Falls Mini-golf and ice cream at Hanks: 7:30pm (youth group and kids club)

Aug 11- Movie in the Park "Top Gun Maverick" at 8 pm (youth group) Aug 15- Stop-n-sock (youth group)

I do realize everyone is busy, but I want to try to keep the kids engaged. I would love to do a shut in at the church. I will send an email survey out with a list of dates for youth and adults (if willing to help) availability. Please look for email soon.

Then Jesus called for the children and said to the disciples, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children. ~Luke 18:16 NLT

Enjoy your summer my friends. Blessings to you all!!!





Check out some fun summer activities to enjoy with our Youth Group!



The nursery is open on Sunday morning 9:00 AM until 11 AM for Worship. Nursery staff, Charlene Murray and a volunteer will care for your children each week.

Children infant through preschool are welcome!



Sign up sheet is in the narthex.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 19:14



We'd like to have some individuals participate in special music throughout the summer. Do you play an instrument or sing? Please consider sharing your gift with the Unionville congregation. All ages welcome! You can contact Robin (724-622-4647 or beige.robinog@gmail.com) if you are interested.



Greeters welcome and hand out bulletins to those attending worship and are the first line of contact to visitors. Sign up sheet is in the narthex.



There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for volunteers to teach and help during Children's Church. Children's Church is held year round except on holidays. Please consider helping out when you can. If you have questions, See Linda Miller



There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for acolyte volunteers. Please sign up on the weeks you are available.

The congregation of Unionville wishes to congratulate you on your recent graduation and to wish you the best and hold you in prayer for your future endeavors.





Mikalah B Smith has graduated from Freedom Area High School. In the fall she will attend The Community College of Beaver County to study Radiology.

Mitchell Goehring has graduated from New Brighton High School. In the fall he will attend Pitt University in Johnstown to major in Civil Engineering.





Makayla Goehring has graduated from Pitt University in Greensburg with a degree in Psychology. In the fall she will attend graduate school at Pitt University in Oakland for Occupational Therapy.

# **COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES**

Jo Shane

Just a reminder:

Do you have a neighbor, friend, or family member who is having financial difficulties?



Pantry Distribution July 23rd & August 15th 5:00—7:00 PM Questions? Call Jo Shane @ 724-846-5146

Current Food Pantry needs can be found on Unionville's Website @ unionvilleumc.org

Summer is here and it is time to sit back and relax or so I thought. Then I got a text from Linda Miller regarding Compassionate Ministries' calendar for the remainder of the year. That took some thought, conversation with others and planning. You might as well hear what is planned so that you can be on the same page as the rest of us.

The first event will be the ordering of book bags for delivery in August. Orders should be placed in July from individuals and families in need of book bags for their children. Please include with the child's name, their age, whether boy or girl and grade in the fall. Book bags will be furnished and filled by Burry's Church once again. They have done a wonderful job and we can't thank them enough.

Harvest Homes follows with the tables being set up in the sanctuary on October 29th. They will stay up until November 12<sup>th</sup> when food items will go to the FLC to prepare for distribution on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Once again orders will be placed prior to distribution date so that bags will be filled. A list of needed items will appear in the newsletter closer to the date of Harvest Homes.

The Giving Tree will go up on November 19<sup>th</sup> in the narthex. Children's names that have been supplied by Pantry folks will be added to the tree for Unionville UMC Members and Oak Grove Lutheran Church Members to select. Each card has the child's name, age and gift ideas. Gifts are due back to the church by December 3 so that we can sort through the gifts and make sure that they are appropriate for the child. Christmas distribution will be the third Tuesday of December or the 19<sup>th</sup>. A lot needs to be done in the mean time but I am sure we will pull it off once again.

Thank you for your donations and your prayers. If you know of someone in need, please let the Pastor or myself know.



# HOME TOUCH

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**Tom Clinton** 1038 Reno Street Ext Rochester, PA 15074

**Don & Nancy Deutsch** 535 Lincoln Blvd Freedom, PA 15042

**Dave Eiler** 125 Pflug Road New Brighton, PA 15066

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**Sylvia Hendrickson** 10 Adams Ridge Blvd. Rm A-8 Mars, PA 16046

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Please take a moment to remember our Home Touch Friends With a note, card, phone call and especially a prayer.

> If you know of someone who should be added to our Home Touch Friend List, Please contact the church office.

If you would like a visit from our Home Touch Team or Pastor Alan, please notify the church office.



# Next Community Breakfast August 5th 8:00—10:00 am

Please come and lend a hand; come and eat; invite your friends & neighbors! An all-you-care-to-eat buffet for only \$12.00!

You can't beat it!

The proceeds from these meals help fund various ministries throughout the year.

# FAMILY LIFE CENTER RENTALS

# We are currently taking Rental reservations.

Call the Church Office At (724)843-0862

# Follow us on Instagram



# **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday Noon—2PM

**Thursday Noon—4 PM** Messages and emails are being checked throughout the week

# Join us for Sunday Worship

In our Sanctuary @9:30 am or virtually. via

Our YouTube channel.

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