

# The Disciple

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For I KNOW  
the plans  
I HAVE for  
you  
-JEREMIAH 29:11

## Pastor's Corner

### Legacy

It has been 22 years since my parents died. A few years prior to their death, I pastored my first congregation through making the decisions to close their doors. In the last days, one of the conversations we had was about what kind of a legacy we would leave. When my parent's death came, I once again got to think about

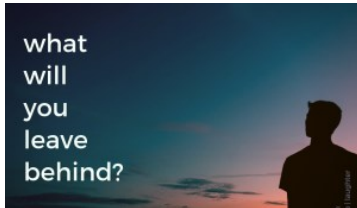
legacy.

Legacy, in the traditional sense of the word is about possessions handed down from one generation to another generation. When my parents died, I did receive a small inheritance that included both some property and money. However, that is only a part of

the legacy that my parents left to me. Much of my value system came directly from my parents or from the activities that my parents chose to involve me. I grew up taking part in Sunday school, choir, worship, and youth fellowship. I participated in Scouting since age eight and as I write this, I'm on the eve of leaving to participate as a staff member at my fifth National Jamboree. While in High School, I also was a Junior Fireman in the Volunteer Fire Company and was a member of the Historical Society.

In each of these places, I had the opportunity to be formed in my beliefs and values. Part of the life-long legacy I received from my parents was to learn generosity. As a child, when I first started receiving an allowance, Mom & Dad got me my first set of envelopes for church. They taught me the word tithe. They taught me that I should give the first 10% of my income for God's work and that there are times in which I should give offerings beyond the tithe as I'm able and as I sense God's call to do so. I'm sure that the counters were driven crazy by receiving those nickels and dimes (yes, allowances were 50 cents a week in those days).

Although there have been times in my life when I have not tithed, it is the legacy I received. It was the way by which I was raised. As Proverbs says: "Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray." Over the last several decades, my tithe has gone to the church. I have also been able to be generous to other things that have been important in my life such as Scouting, my seminary, and miscellaneous other agencies. Some are faith-based ministries while others are more secular in nature. These other charities are beyond the tithe.



"MAKE  
GENEROSITY PART  
OF YOUR GROWTH  
STRATEGY."



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# 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 Lopic  
Jim & Esther Miller  
Thelma Miller  
Dawn Mohrbacher  
Jackie Neal  
Janet Pfaff  
Tim Ramsey  
Duane & Diana Rape  
Amie Ritter  
Carole Young

## Missionaries

Karl & Deb Crossman  
Franz Payoute  
Darlene Rimer  
Skybacher Ministries

## Mourning Loss

Carol McConnell Family

## Praise

Baby Theodore

## Other Prayer Needs

Depression Sufferers  
Traveling Mercies  
Unspoken Requests

## Surgery

Diane  
Kelli Jo  
Lohra Allcorn  
Wayne Boyd  
Mary Kughn  
Dawn Mohrbacher  
Joanie Ondrako  
Roger Rose  
Nancy Warner

## Medical Testing

Lori Calve  
Linda Eiler

## General Health

Darren Blue  
Elizabeth Deal  
Mr & Mrs H  
Beth Katekovich  
Odel Miller  
George Peffer  
Eva Valentic

## Extended Care

Cole  
Nora Baker  
Donna Beckert  
Joyce Beglin  
Mike Book  
Deb Britton  
Tina Chirico  
Jerry & Joyce Cobb  
Terry Dempsey  
Caitlin Edge  
Connie Elliot  
Caroline Ewing  
Margaret Ewing  
Brendan Gifford  
Virginia Gobeia  
Peggy Hostettler  
Abby Hudak  
Susan Kabre  
Connie Katekovich  
Rebecca Kirkland  
Freida Kughn  
Stevie Jane Kruger

Gary Lucente  
Mark McCaskey  
Babs McCune  
Mark Milbert  
Richard Moody  
Sheldon Murphy  
Christy Nadzam  
Jaxon Nicklas  
Janet Pfaff  
Betty Revay  
Tim Shane  
Wendy Shellhammer  
Alice & Sam Short  
Jarred Shouder  
Dave & Amy Smail  
Alvin Whitehall  
Jennifer Whitman



*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.*

## 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

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# Happy Birthday To You...



8/01 Mike Miller

8/12 Elmira Hollingshead

8/29 Susan Boyd

8/02 RJ Gigliotti

8/13 Judy Cantner

8/29 T J Presto

8/03 Enzo D'Arrigo

8/14 Andrew Vargo

8/30 Doug Myers

8/03 Tom Pfaff

8/14 Colten Ditmore

8/05 Elijah Chaousy

8/15 Levi Ditmore

8/06 A J Murray

8/16 Preston Deal

8/06 Jackson Coe

8/19 Janet Pfaff

8/07 Kim Walker

8/20 Maura Evans

8/07 Amy McKinney

8/23 Walt Ketterer

8/08 Eric Rodecker

8/25 George "Petie" Petrik

8/08 Jason Fogle

8/27 Fern Blue

8/11 Paula Boyd

8/28 Kristi Ebel

8/12 Noah Chaousy

8/28 Kylan Mack

8/12 Carter Sharp

*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

8/03 Rick &amp; Michele Furgiuele

8/16 George &amp; Karen Peffer

8/05 Gary &amp; Paula Boyd

8/16 Mike &amp; Terri Lewis

8/05 Dave &amp; Amy Smail

8/16 Doug &amp; Elaine Hefner

8/06 Jake &amp; Kim Turner

8/21 Jesse &amp; Sara Miller

8/06 Paul &amp; Shannon Moehrle

8/08 Merle &amp; Phyllis Schultheis

8/15 Marlin &amp; Fern Blue



## AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

August 2	30 & over Men's Basketball @7:30
August 4	Breakfast Set-up
August 5	Community Breakfast @8:00
August 6	Sunday Worship @9:30
August 7	Nacho Average Game Night @5:00
August 8	Finance Meeting @6:30
August 9	30 & over Men's Basketball @7:30
August 11	Youth Movie Night~Green Valley Park @8:00
August 13	Sunday Worship @9:30
August 14	Family Service Day~Hosanna Industries @8:30 am
August 15	Compassionate Ministries Food Pantry @5:00, Youth Group– Stop N Sock @6:30 Trustee Meeting @7:00, Budget Requests Due
August 16	30 & over Men's Basketball @7:30
August 20	Sunday Worship @9:30
August 21	Ad Council Meeting @7:00
August 23	30 & over Men's Basketball @7:30
August 24	Newsletter Deadline
August 26	Pirate vs Cub Fireworks Night @7:05
August 27	Sunday Worship @9:30
August 28	SPPRC Meeting @7:00
August 30	30 & over Men's Basketball @7:30

### LOOKING AHEAD...

September 10	Worship & Picnic in the Park
September 17	Sunday School, Kids' Club & Youth Group Kick-off
October 10	All Church Conference

## PASTOR'S CORNER

*Pastor Alan*

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I read a blog recently on the Impact Resources website. Chuck Klein wrote about *Sacred versus Secular Generosity*. He raises the question that if both groups are being generous, what makes them different? There are things I would take issue with in his writing, but he does raise three simple areas to define the differences between sacred and secular generosity.

**Motive** – are our purposes for being generous rooted in Kingdom or selfish priorities?

**Attitude** – do we give out of our abundance or sacrificially?

**Perspective** – do we support short-term earthly causes or long-term eternal causes?

Across the years, I've learned that legacy is not just something we leave at the end of our lives. Our legacy includes our whole life. What legacy are you creating?

Blessings!

Alan



## PRAYER MINISTRY

Father, I come to you this day because you are God, because you are the source of all life. You have breathed your very breath into me and you sustain me. This day Lord, I seek to follow after you and I ask you to direct my paths. All my plans are worthless without your direction, your guidance, your leading. You Lord, make my paths straight and you give eternal value to my works. Help me Lord to seek your will in all things. Search me and know me and most especially show me where I am acting outside of your will. You know the plans you have for me, lead me in the ways of your truth as you bring those plans to light. Amen

Oh.....and thank you for hearing my prayer and keeping your promises.



*Never stop praying!*

**FINANCE***Rick Canonge***GENERAL FUND 2023**

MONTH		INCOME		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		\$ 13,632.69		\$ 15,066.56		\$ (1,433.87)
JULY						
AUGUST						
SEPTEMBER						
OCTOBER						
NOVEMBER						
DECEMBER						
YEAR TO DATE		\$ 111,271.26		\$ 115,072.28		\$ (3,801.02)

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

\*includes fish fry net income

### **It's that time of year again when we begin the budgeting process for 2024**

#### **Overview of UUMC Budget Process**

The process begins by collecting year to date financials for the current year along with the same period and year end for the prior year. Then, by comparing the prior year end numbers to the year to date numbers we can project what our current year end will be.

*For example, if total income thru July of last year was \$100,000 and at year end last year it was \$190,000, if current income thru July this year is \$110,000, we would project that this years income would be  $190,000 / 100,000 \times 110,000$  or \$209,000.*

**The goal in any budgeting process is usually to balance the budget. In other words you do not want to spend more than you bring in. Therefore, the goal is to project income for the coming year as best we can and try to keep expenditures as close to projected income as possible.**

Committee chairs are asked to submit requests for their budgets and the Finance Committee and Ad Council review and consider these requests along with several other expenses that we can not control such as utilities, apportionments and various others. Budget requests are due by August 15th.

Once the Finance committee approves the budget, it is presented to Ad Council for approval to be sent to All Church Conference which is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10th @7:00

## On a Personal Note...

*Elizabeth Deal*

I've been a KLOVE listener supporter for many, many years. The boys laugh when they get in the car how loud the radio is because I'm often singing and praising along. It's funny that I really have no talent singing, but yet I love to belt it out.



In July, Preston and I took the opportunity to meet the morning crew, Skip and Amy, as well as artist Danny Gokey in Pittsburgh. Preston was excited to 'see' the voices he has listened to his entire life in my car! 'Love God, Love People' is one of our favorite Gokey songs and mantras. I think we could have easily sold our T-shirts to just about anyone there! The UUMC Super Christian Youth Sunday shirts started a lot of great conversations while standing in line.



If you've never dialed in KLOVE 98.3 on the radio, I strongly encourage you to try it. I know it lifts my spirits.



## SAVE THE DATE

For our annual  
Worship & Picnic in the Park

Sunday, September 10th  
Green Valley Park  
Amphitheatre

All are Welcome!

**9:00 am**

Coffee & Donuts

**9:30 am**

Worship Service

*Bring your lawn chairs*

**11:00 am**

Potluck Picnic

Games & Fellowship

Bring your lawn chair and favorite potluck dish to share. *See list below.*

Last Name A-M - side dish

Last Name N-Z - dessert

Chicken, drink & dinnerware will be provided.



## Service Nights

**Matthew 5:16 reminds us to Let Our Light Shine!**

Service Nights are a way to share the gift of service alongside your church family. If you love mission trips – you will love a service night! Come join us! You will be hooked! God has big plans for you!

## Mark your calendars!

### August 14th, 8:30am-12pm - Hosanna Industry

Hosanna Industry is hosting a few harvesting days this fall. Becky Hetzer has reached out to ask for Unionville's helping hands on this day. Wear your gardening gloves and sun hat! We will be picking veggies from their large garden, cleaning, and prepping for canning.

### December 11th, 6pm - Lutheran Senior Life, Zelenople

We will bring our singing voices and Christmas cheer to the residents of Lutheran Senior Life center. On this evening, we will carol thru the hallways and in a gathering room with the residents. Hearts will be full indeed!

### January 29th, 6pm - Community Hero Bags

It was a BIG hit the last time we packaged and delivered goodie bags to our local police, medic, and fire rescue teams. This is an opportunity for donations to be collected in church and then we assemble and deliver.

### March 19th, 6-7:30pm - Ready Yourself Youth Ranch

Saddle Up for an evening of hardwork and big fun! The Ranch staff will direct us in a variety of outside tasks that need to be accomplished. Then we will spend time grooming and caring for the horses.





**FAMILY SERVICE DAY***Elizabeth Deal***Calling All Ages!****August 14th, 8:30am-12pm - Hosanna Industry**

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*109 Rinard Lane, Rocheter, Pa 15074 – just minutes away from UUMC!*

**Unionville United Women in Faith is Hosting**

United  
Women  
in Faith

**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!**

## CHRISTIAN ED

*Linda Miller*

I can hardly wrap my head around the fact that it is August already! But here we are, planning for the return to school and to our Fall Programming and activities at Unionville UMC.

Sunday School will remain 11:00 am—noon following Worship with the addition of some new opportunities for Adults and will kick-off on September 17th.

Kids Club and Youth Group will move to Sunday evenings from 6:30—8:00 pm and will also kick-off on September 17th. We hope that this change in day will eliminate some of the conflict with other activities. Kids Club will run under the leadership of Robin & Jon Beige and Youth Group will run under the leadership of Wendy Kline and Tiffani Keil. Watch for the September Newsletter to roll out a more detailed structure and schedule. We also hope to add an adult opportunity to our Sunday evening schedule.

The Christian Ed Committee is excited about the many opportunities for ministry that we have discussed and hope to implement with your help. Volunteers are needed in all areas. If you feel the call in your heart to get involved, come talk with me and let's get you plugged in!

Unionville recently sponsored an outreach booth at Community Day in Green Valley Park. We had one harsh downpour but the rest of the day was beautiful and ended with a spectacular firework display. Fun was had by all!



## YOUTH GROUP

Wendy Kline

I hope you are having a joyful summer. It has been hot for sure. My garden is suffering because I am not home enough to keep up with watering it.

### **Summer events:**

On July 5th we took a trip to Settler's Cabin wave pool. The Lord blessed us with a beautiful day full of the warm sun and water that wasn't freezing cold. The kids and adults had a very good time and ended up staying to close the pool down. The age difference between the kids did not matter at all. It fills a heart with joy to see them all enjoy each other and have so much fun together.

**Ecclesiastes 3:12-13** *I have concluded that the only worthwhile thing for them is to take pleasure in doing good in life; moreover, every person should eat, drink, and enjoy the benefits of everything that he undertakes, since it is a gift from God.*

On July 17th we were planning a fun game of mini golf followed by some delicious ice cream. Well Mother Nature had different plans for that evening, so adjustments were made. We met at the church for some game time in the FLC. A card game and a lot of free play was what the kids put on the agenda. I read a devotional titled "God is the Giver of Wisdom" which followed more free play. To top the evening off we all enjoyed floats with root beer or cream soda. What a way to end another fun filled event.

**Ecclesiastes 11:9** *You young people should enjoy yourselves while you're young. You should let your hearts make you happy when you're young. Follow wherever your heart leads you and whatever your eyes see.*

### **Save the dates: (youth events only)**

Aug 11: Green Valley Park movie "Top Gun Maverick"  
Arrive at 8pm for hotdogs, chips, drinks, and popcorn!

Aug 15: Stop 'n Sock 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

Dec 9: Lock in- baking cookies, Christmas Party, movie, spend the night, church in the morning.  
*Will need the assistance of a few adults please.*

I can hardly believe school starts in a few short weeks. Why is summer so short??? I don't feel like I have relaxed at all. I'm sure many of you can relate. But in all honesty, how do you relax when there is so much fun to be had????? Get outside, let the kids be kids. bike, swim, camp, fish, play ball, go to the fair, and lastly back-to-school shopping. No thank you to the last one 😊!

Be on the lookout for the start of youth group and the change of nights to Sundays!!! I am hopeful school activities will not affect our Sundays. Please pray for kids to come to continue their faith journey, help others, and have fun. The plan is to have lessons for two weeks, mission opportunity one week, and a fun night one week. Stay tuned for specifics!!

Blessings to you all!







# Nursery

**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!**



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

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.robino9@gmail.com](mailto:beige.robino9@gmail.com)) if you are interested.



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



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 acolyte volunteers. Please sign up on the weeks you are available.

## COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES

*Jo Shane*

*Just a reminder:*

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



### Pantry Distribution

August 15th & September 19th

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](http://unionvilleumc.org)

## HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Looking for individuals interested in being a part of a hospitality committee. The tasks would be to put into place processes to greet folks as they enter our facility, welcome visitors into our midst, check in on individuals who have not been in worship for a time, etc.

If you feel God calling you to this ministry,  
please see Pastor Alan or notify the church office.



## Email and Mailing Lists

If you wish to be added to or removed from our email or mailing lists, please notify the church office at [unionville1@comcast.net](mailto:unionville1@comcast.net)

The following is a list of emails or mailings that you could be on.

- ◆ Prayer Concern—this is an email that goes out when prayers are requested
- ◆ All Church Email—these are emails sent out weekly with the list of prayer requests for the week and for notifications of special events.
- ◆ Newsletter—This is a monthly mailing of our newsletter.

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Rochester, PA 15074

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**Tim Ramsey**

724 Druschel Road  
New Brighton, PA 15066

**Duane & Diana Rape**

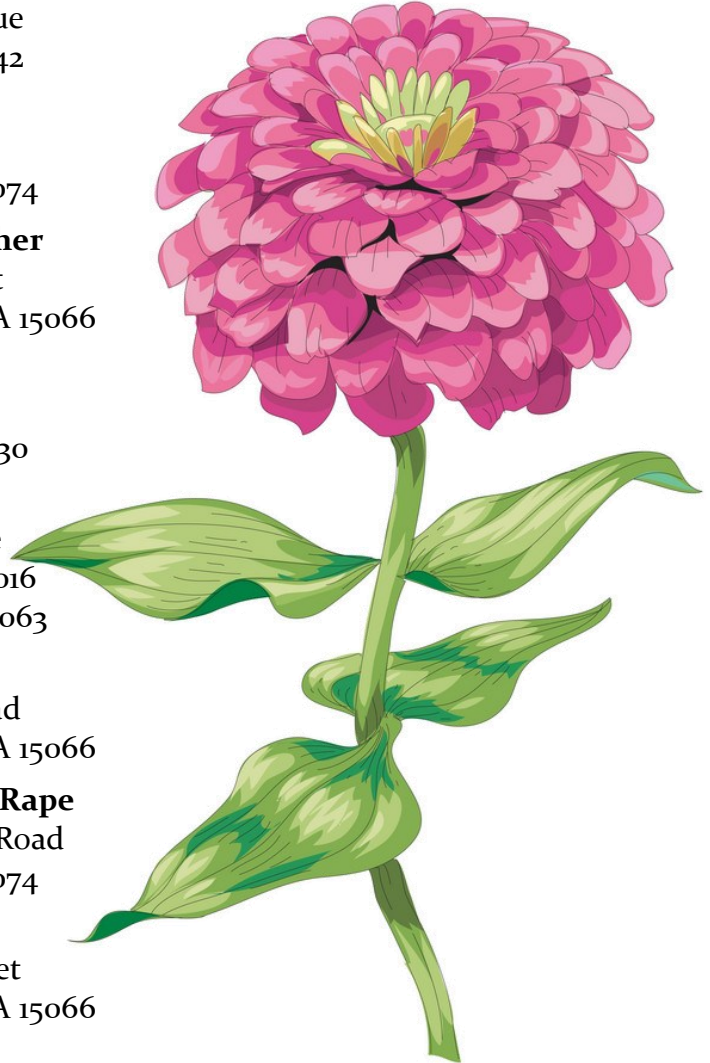
130 Harkins Mill Road  
Rochester, PA 15074

**Amie Ritter**

141 R Harold Street  
New Brighton, PA 15066

**Carole Young**

512 Allola Drive  
New Brighton, PA 15066



***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.***

**Community Breakfast  
August 5th & September 2nd  
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!

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



**Meet  
for  
Breakfast**

**FAMILY LIFE CENTER  
RENTALS**

**We are currently taking  
Rental reservations.**

Call the Church Office

At (724)843-0862

Join us for Sunday Worship  
In our Sanctuary @9:30 am  
or virtually. via  
Our YouTube channel.

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

**Tuesday  
Noon—2PM**

**Thursday  
Noon—4 PM**

*Messages and emails are being checked  
throughout the week*