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Pastor's Corner

Getting the Most Out of My Church Family Relationship

We are reminded by *American Express* that "Membership Has Its Privileges". I've been thinking about that in terms of what it means for church membership. When we think about it, we can belong to

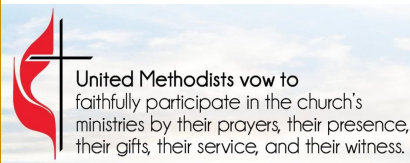
MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILEGES

many organizations. What makes membership in the church different from other groups?

Across the years of my life, I have belonged to many groups. I'm a member of Scouting. I'm a member of the Board of Trustees of the seminary from which I graduated. I'm a member of the church. In the past I've been a member of the Lion's Club, historical society (in my hometown), volunteer fire company, and a variety of other groups and ministries. Each group has its own founding principles, purpose for existence, and focal point of what it does and why it does it.

The purpose of The United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World. We enter into our relationship with Christ as we take the vows of membership in which we acknowledge that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior. We pledge to support the church by our prayers, by our presence, by our gifts, by our service, and by our witness. But how do we get the most out of being members of a church?

First, we get the most out of our being a member of a church by simple participation... we will not benefit from the privileges of membership by doing nothing. Likewise, if one only comes to worship, then one will still not experience the full privileges of membership. I think that we experience the full privileges of membership when we participate in three significant aspects of our church life together: fellowship, education, and worship.



Worship is the easiest one to talk about. We gather for worship at 9:30 AM each Sunday. We have a traditional worship service using organ and piano singing hymns from a collection of hymns that include fairly recent songs to songs that have been sung for centuries by Christians. Our morning messages are biblically based, either following the lectionary (a set of prescribed readings) or 4-6-week topical studies.

Education can be experienced in some different ways. At 11:00 AM on Sunday mornings we have Sunday School for all ages. Sunday evenings include our Kids Club and Youth Group which include elements of education and fellowship. We are anticipating studies on Wednesday morning, Wednesday evening, and Thursday evening. Other special classes will be held from time to time. There is always room for more studies to be started as you are ready. There is so much we can learn about our church, the history of Christianity, the Bible and how it speaks to us today, and to assist us on our faith journey in daily life. (continued on page 5)

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PRAYER CHAIN

Begins In The Church Office

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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

Paul Blinn Family
 Babs McCune Family

Praise

Preston Deal
 Jordyn Moehrle

Other Prayer Needs

Joseph
 Lohra Allcorn
 Ryan & Rosebud O'Neill
 Broken Relationships
 Depression Sufferers
 Return to School
 Traveling Mercies
 Unspoken Requests

Surgery & Procedures

Wayne Boyd
 Noah Chaousy
 Elizabeth Deal
 Taylor Moehrle
 Joanie Ondrako
 Declan Salter

Medical Testing

Tom Clinton

General Health

Cold & Flu Season
 Caitlin & Baby Sage
 Diane
 Josephine
 Darren Blue
 Matt & Kelli Currey
 Odel Miller
 Thelma Miller

TJ Presto

Extended Care

Cole
 Kelli Jo
 Nora Baker
 Donna Beckert
 Joyce Beglin
 Jim Boffo
 Mike Book
 Tina Chirico
 Jerry & Joyce Cobb
 TJ Cooper
 Terry Dempsey
 Caitlin Edge
 Connie Elliot
 Caroline Ewing
 Margaret Ewing
 Sharlaine Gallegos
 Brendan Gifford
 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
 George Peffer
 Janet Pfaff
 Betty Revay
 Tim Shane
 Wendy Shellhammer
 Alice & Sam Short
 Jarred Shouder
 Dave & Amy Smail
 Eva Valentic
 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...



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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 09/01 Madelyn Ebel | 09/14 Duane Rape |
| 09/04 LABOR DAY | 09/16 Chuck Liston |
| 09/05 Kathy May | 09/18 Lucas Miller |
| 09/08 Julie Fronzaglio | 09/18 Devyn Gregg |
| 09/09 Damon Ziter | 09/19 Cheyenne Sharp |
| 09/10 Mike Lewis | 09/21 Asher D'Arrigo |
| 09/10 GRANDPARENTS DAY | 09/22 Tina Petrik |
| 09/11 Wendy Kline | 09/22 Tori Loschinsky |
| 09/11 Cheryl Fiscus | 09/22 FIRST DAY OF FALL |
| 09/11 Matt Salter | 09/23 Marge Dunn |
| 09/11 PATRIOT DAY | 09/25 Dick Ream |
| 09/12 Sara Miller | 09/26 Zane Smith |
| 09/14 Merle Schultheis | 09/27 Kelly Harris |
| 09/14 Jonny Fiscus | 09/28 Annette Zajac |



*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

- 09/05 Tom & Linda Smith
- 09/11 Duke & Jessica Donawitz
- 09/16 Fran & Laura Frankovich
- 09/16 Matt & Heather Salter
- 09/30 BJ & Shannon Sharp
- 09/30 Mike & Debby Catalano



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 1	Breakfast Set-up
September 2	Community Breakfast @8:00
September 3	Sunday Worship @9:30, Classroom Clean-up @11:00
September 5	Finance Budget Meeting @6:30
September 6	30 & over Men's Basketball @7:30
September 10	Worship & Picnic in the Park @9:00
September 11	Nominations Committee Meeting @7:00
September 13	Blood Drive @12:30, 30 & over Men's Basketball @7:30
September 17	Sunday Worship @9:30, Take-15 @10:45, Fall Programming Kick-off - Sunday School @11:00, Kids' Club, Youth & Adult Study @6:30
September 19	Compassionate Ministries Food Pantry @5:00
September 20	30 & over Men's Basketball @7:30
September 22	Newsletter Deadline
September 24	Sunday Worship @9:30, Take-15 @10:45, Sunday School @11:00, Kids' Club, Youth & Adult Study @6:30
September 25	Nominations Committee Meeting @7:00
September 26	Ad Council Meeting @7:00
September 27	30 & over Men's Basketball @7:30

LOOKING AHEAD...

October 10	All Church Conference
October 14	Every Daughter's Tea @noon
October 15	Yeck's Farm Fieldtrip @6:00
October 29	Harvest Home Collection begins, Fifth Sunday Luncheon

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

PASTOR'S CORNER

Pastor Alan

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Fellowship is the place where we build relationships with one another. It is the place where we get to know more about each other. It is the best way for us to truly share the joys and concerns of one another, to walk with one another in faith, and to love one another in meaningful ways. Fellowship settings happen centered around many ministry settings. Certainly, there are some fellowship opportunities as a part of worship and education, but those by themselves, are limited opportunities since that is not a prime focus. Fellowship happens most effectively in small group settings focused on a common purpose such as Choir, United Women in Faith, helping with breakfasts and the fish fry, sewing group, and "service nights". This fall, we are seeking to ensure that we have at least one activity per month that will provide an opportunity for fellowship.



Membership does have its privileges. We get the most out of our membership in the church when we participate in Fellowship, Education, and Worship. It is a balanced approach that strengthens our vertical relationship with God and our horizontal relationships with each other.

Come join us as we seek to love God and love one another!

Blessings!

Alan



"Membership Has It's Privileges"

September 2023
Worship Series
Grace Under Fire

REFINED BY THE MASTER'S HAND

SHARPENING PERSEVERANCE

Sep 3 – God’s Grace is With Us
 Sep 10 – God’s Grace is For Us
 Sep 17 – God’s Grace Sustains Us
 Sep 24 – God’s Grace Gives Us Peace



EVERY DAUGHTER'S TEA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH BEGINNING AT 12:00-2:00PM

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Tickets will be sold each Sunday in September.

~ Entertainment, Food and Fellowship. ~

\$5 Per Ticket- All Ages Invited

PRAYER MINISTRY

God, You are enthroned upon my heart.

You are the truth that guides me and purifies my motives.

You bear all my weaknesses and failures and grant me mercy that never ends.

When You speak, my heart comes alive.

When You whisper, my soul finds peace.

You are the breath that pushes me forward, and the grace I discover each day.

You Lord are the spark that sets my soul on fire.

I want to know You and to honor You.

I want to please You with a life devoted to You.

I want to discover all that You have for me,

and I want to burn so bright that others too will catch the flame!

Lead me Lord into a Spirit-filled life.

Grant me patience in times of waiting as your plans are revealed and set into action.

I know Lord, that what You have spoken, will succeed. Amen

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Elizabeth Deal

Nacho Average Game Night was a fun fiesta! Music, taco bar, laughter, prayer, devotions, and small group games! “The Angels” team won Bible Trivia, but “St. Peter’s Peeps” and “God’s People” were not far behind! This month we wrote cards to 7 church friends who could not join us but we hold close in prayer. We were so excited to see 3 generations of Keppen girls join us - Sue Keppen, Karen Dawson, and infant baby girl Hazel Dawson joined us! We give thanks for each heart that was able to join us! *Look for more information on our honored tradition - Every Daughter Tea coming on October 14th.*

- Save the Date -
 UWF Christmas Party &
 \$10 Exchange Gift on
 December 4th



FINANCE

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		\$ 15,158.81		\$ 14,653.99		\$ 504.82
AUGUST						
SEPTEMBER						
OCTOBER						
NOVEMBER						
DECEMBER						
YEAR TO DATE		\$ 126,430.07		\$ 129,726.27		\$ (3,296.20)

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

*includes fish fry net income

Life is a gift.

The greatest gift that has ever been given is life.

Life is good, God made us to be good.

Each breath we take is a gift from the creator of the universe;

Who desires nothing more than to know us, bless us, use us.

We have been richly blessed, blessed to be a blessing

This life is not only ours for the taking but given as a gift to be given as a gift...

If we realize or even remember that what we've been given, the greatest gift ever, life abundant through Jesus, then we begin to see everything around us as if it actually belongs to God.

And we are free to give back to God by radically giving to others, sacrificially giving to others, cheerfully giving to others.

Imagine if we held nothing back, if we place everything in God's hands.

Then He in turn blesses others, who bless others, who bless others, who bless others.....

Creating a ripple of blessing, a movement of blessing, a flood of blessing,

That keeps going and going and going.

What if that was the plan all along?

Join the Flood, give radically.

Excerpts taken from:
"The Gift of Generosity"
Ministryspotlight.org



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

Service to Hosanna Industries

It was a blessing to assist Hosanna in harvesting, then cleaning, and finally canning some of their bounty from the season! April Beige, Brian Beige, Preston Deal, and Gregory Kline shared their talents in many ways. They picked a large amount of yellow beans, cucumbers, tomatoes, zucchini, and WEEDS! Then Gregory and Brian had to prep all of the yellow beans to be used in Hosanna's special dilly bean recipes. April and Preston practiced knife cutting skills on ginger, garlic, peppers, and tomatoes. Time was spent in the kitchen filling mason jars with all the goodness that will be distributed later in the fall to clients. The youth never stopped helping! Pastor Alan and Elizabeth Deal were watchful eyes and jumped in when needed to help. As always, we left with a great amount of To Do List items accomplished for Hosanna and a great deal of love for the partnership between Unionville and Hosanna!



CHRISTIAN ED*Linda Miller***“We’ve been given, the greatest gift EVER... life abundant through Jesus!”**

This past Sunday, on August 27th, Pastor Alan shared a video during worship, *“The Gift of Generosity”*. You will see an excerpt from the video on the finance page of this newsletter, along with the quote above. So much of what was shared in this video struck a cord with me when I watched it that I asked Pastor Alan to share it with me so I could dissect the words for myself.

Had I written this article last evening, it most assuredly would have read a bit differently but the newsletter writing was postponed due to my granddaughter’s accident that left her mother and I sitting in the ER through the night until morning. As I thought about the events of the evening, the fragility of life was not lost on me. The days and the months and the years go by in our lives mostly without recognition that today may well be all that we have left. And so, how do we make the most of each day? We live abundantly through the gift that Jesus has given us...life, salvation, a home in heaven that awaits us on the today which will mark our last day; this is our hope and our joy!

“We are free to give back to God by radically giving to others, sacrificially giving to others, cheerfully giving to others.”

So what does this all have to do with Christian Education? Well here’s the deal. As Christians we have received life abundant through Jesus. Having received that gift, **are we not** obligated to share it? **“Jesus does not desire that any should perish, but that all should come in to repentance.”** **2 Peter 3:9** As disciples of Christ we are His hands and His feet here on earth, and so it is our job to disciple others (teach others) and to make new disciples (new believers in Christ).

“Imagine if we held nothing back, if we place everything in God’s hands.**Then He in turn blesses others, who bless others, who bless others, who bless others.....****Creating a ripple of blessing, a movement of blessing, a flood of blessing,
That keeps going and going and going.”**

The Christian Education Committee has spent the last 5 months prayerfully discerning and planning for our Fall Programming and new school year. We have been working on putting together new curriculum, new opportunities, new days and times, all in the hopes of drawing everyone into relationship, fellowship and study with one another and with Christ. We truly believe we have something for everyone! And for those who are unsure where they can plug in, we have something for you also.

Here’s what we have to offer beginning September 17th unless otherwise stated:

Children’s Church is available during the worship hour for children aged 3 through 4th grade.

This year we have elected to “Dig In” to an all new worship experience with the kids.

Children are dismissed from worship to Children’s Church, located in the Conference Room.

Take-15 Meet and Greet is available for adults each week in the Conference Room following worship for 15 minutes. This is an opportunity for everyone to meet, fellowship with cookies and coffee and learn about the various programs available in order to find the best fit for you.

Sunday School is available for all ages 3 years through adult. Children will begin with a snack following worship, (*meeting place to be announced*). Children will then disperse into their age appropriate classrooms for a lesson and activities.

Adult Sunday School will feature 3-4 classrooms to choose from.

Jack’s Class meets in the conference room and features conversation around current events and their biblical impact in our lives.

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CHRISTIAN ED*Linda Miller*

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20 Questions Study in James will provide a more in depth study opportunity. This class will begin this Fall with a study of the New Testament book of James using “Good Questions Have Small Groups Talking” by Josh Hunt This class will meet in classroom #5, each lesson will take approximately 2 Sundays to complete.

Lesson #1	James 1:1-4	The Pressure of Trials
Lesson #2	James 1:13-18	The Pressure of Temptation
Lesson #3	James 2	The Pressure of Partiality
Lesson #4	James 3	The Pressure of Words
Lesson #5	James 4	The Pressure of Conflict
Lesson #6	James 5	The Pressure of Retaliation

Our third Adult Class will follow the same bible lesson as the children. It is a curriculum guided study, great for older teens and all adult ages. *(Classroom # to be announced)*

New Member Class led by Pastor Alan will meet as needed and is for those interested in becoming members of Unionville UMC. A new class will begin soon. Watch the bulletin or speak to Pastor Alan for more details.

Evening ProgrammingSunday

Kids' Club for ages 3 years through 4th grade has moved to Sunday evenings @6:30–8:00 pm. Kids' Club will run under the leadership of Jon and Robin Beige this year with an all new format. More details can be found on page 13 of the newsletter.

Youth Group for children 5th grade and up has also moved to Sunday evenings @6:30 –8:00 pm. Youth Group will run under the leadership of Wendy Kline and Tiffani Keil this year with an all new format. More details can be found on page 14 of the newsletter.

Time, Treasure and Talent Class is an all new adult opportunity offered on Sunday evenings alongside the Children's Programming from 6:30–8:00 pm. This class will feature guest presenters who will share with the class their hobby, talent, skill or professional wisdom. Discussion will include a verse from the bible for reflection that matches up with the presentation and discussion about how God can use this time, treasure or talent for kingdom purposes.

Wednesday

Romans: The Gospel of Grace from the Jeremiah Bible Study Series will be led by Jon Beige on Wednesdays beginning on September 20th @7pm. This is an Adult Study opportunity.

Thursday

Roy and Dawn Alexander were gracious to open up their home last year for an Adult Study. If there is interest, they are willing to host again this year.

**We have prayed that God will fill up our classrooms this year!
God is faithful! Where will you plug in?!**

Kids Club*Robin Beige*

CALLING ALL AWESOME KIDS!!!

Kids club is returning Sunday, September 17 from 6-8:30 PM.

It is available to children ages 3 years to 4th grade.

We are planning some awesome activities this year including bible lessons, music nights, game nights, movie nights and preparing for our annual Christmas pageant!

See Miss Robin for any questions or if you'd like to help! The more, the merrier!

I'm so excited to see what God has in store for these kiddos, and how He will lead our adventures this year!!

Mark Your Calendar!

September:

- 17: Fruit of the Spirit Lesson
- 24: Music Night

October:

- 1: Game Night (*bring a friend to Kids Club*)
- 8: Christians are like Pumpkins lesson
- 15: Yeck's Farm Fieldtrip
- 22: Candy Corn lesson
- 29: Music Night

November:

- 5: Fall For Jesus Lesson
- 12: Music Night
- 19: Movie Night
- 26: Hanging of the Greens

December:

- 3: Christmas Program Rehearsal
- 10: Music night/rehearsal
- 17: Christmas Program

Friends are always Welcome!

Invite a Friend Today!

YOUTH GROUP

Wendy Kline

It is hard to believe summer is coming to an end, it sure went fast. Youth had two events in August; movie at Green Valley Park and an evening at Stop and Sock. The weather prediction did not keep a few of us away. Top Gun Maverick was a big hit!!!! Stop and Sock was also a youth favorite. They all gave driving golf balls a shot but the most fun was had shooting gelly balls. It is sort of like paint ball but without the pain. Being able to provide these opportunities for our youth is just one reason why youth group does fundraising. When the youth attend activities like this, the youth account funds the cost for them. It is a blessing to be able to do this for our youth!

"God is spirit, and those who worship him
must worship in spirit and truth."
John 4:24

**Youth group will now be held on Sunday evenings
from 6:30-8:00pm.**

That is not all that has changed. We will be having 2 lessons, 1 mission week, and 1 movie week each month, as able. The weeks of Family Service nights, we will not have youth group the Sunday prior. That will only affect 3 weeks throughout the course of the months we meet.



We will kick off the new season on September 17 with a lesson, "Who is God?" God is someone different to all of us. Who is He to you? I am excited to see who God is to our youth.

September 24 we will begin watching the series, The Chosen. The Chosen is a series created by Angel Studios. This series has been available via streaming for a few years now. Just recently they produced: "The Sound of Freedom". The Chosen is filmed in such a way that it brings those we read about in the Bible to life. I truly hope they receive the same impact Tiffani and I did when we watched it. If anyone would be willing to donate popcorn on movie nights, the youth would appreciate the snack with the movie.

Moving forward:

- Oct 1: Game night (with kid's club); bring a friend
- Oct 8: Lesson
- Oct 15: Yeck's Farm Fieldtrip
- Oct 22: Lesson
- Oct 28: Pass out candy at Trick-or-Treat Trail at Green Valley Park

Jumping Ahead:

- Dec 9: Lock-In (baking, Christmas party, dinner, movie)



Our first fundraiser is the calendar for 2024. They will be \$8 again this year. Catch one of us, even Tonya, before or after the church service. They make wonderful Christmas gifts!

We are looking forward to a wonderful year. Please share this with your kids grade 5 and older. This is an exciting time to begin or continue their faith journey. Please keep the youth program in prayer so that the kids learn and enjoy their time in youth group; that they spread the word to their family and friends, that they follow the Word of God with all their heart.

Blessings to you all,
Wendy and Tiffani

YOUTH GROUP



So I commend the enjoyment of life, because there is nothing better for a person under the sun than to eat and drink and be glad. Then joy will accompany them in their toil all the days of the life God has given them under the sun. ~Ecclesiastes 8:15



NEXT TIME.....



Candy Donations Needed

Youth group is asking for candy donations for distribution during the New Sewickley Township trick-or-treat trail on Oct 28.

We will put tricks and treats in baggies with a card stating detailed information about Sunday school, Kid's Club, and Youth Group.

There will be a box in the Narthex for the donations.

Tiffani and Wendy have set up a decorated canopy for the last two years. It is such a joy to share our blessings and to reach out to so many kids. It is amazing how quickly 1,000 pieces of candy are handed out.

Thank you all!!
Trick-or-Treat!!!!!!

On a Personal Note...

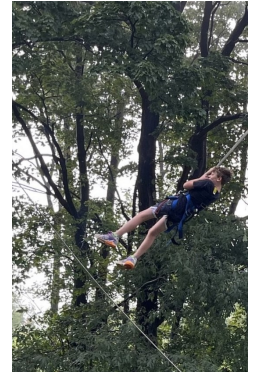
Preston Deal

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for helping me go to Jumonville camp again this year. I had so much fun on the King Swing and swimming. Some of the counselors are from other countries. I got to meet a lot of new people. Thank you Pastor Alan, Beige's, and Currey's for sending me camp mail. I love to go to Jumonville!

Everyone should check out Jumonville. Thank you for this experience!

Love,
Preston Deal
Age 10



On a Personal Note...

Jordyn Moehrle

This summer I had the opportunity to go to Lutherlyn church camp with a friend. I had a really fun time doing things there that I wouldn't do at home. At Lutherlyn I did the high ropes course, zip line, low ropes, I went down to the creek and found some different types of wildlife, I made different crafts at the craft cabin, and participated in candle light power, and a lot more!

Thank you Unionville for your support so that I could attend church camp!



Did you know that Unionville has a Camper's Fund designated for our Unionville Kids to help in attending Church Camp?

The Camper's Fund is funded by the proceeds received from the Blue Clothing Bin in the corner of our parking lot. Funds that are not used by year end are split between and given to our missionaries that we regularly support.

Check with the Church Office for details.

On a Personal Note... Is a newsletter space for everyone to make use of. If you would like to share a personal event, thank you, inspirational or uplifting story, please see Linda Miller to be included in the next newsletter!



Nursery

The nursery is open on Sunday morning
 9:00 AM until noon for Worship
 and Sunday School.

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



New Choir Members Welcome!

Do you love to sing?!

Please consider sharing your gift
 with the Unionville congregation.

All ages welcome!

Choir practice is Wednesdays 6:00—6:45 pm



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



Be a Greeter

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Annual Unionville Church Conference

Tuesday, October 10th at 7:00 PM

In the Sanctuary

All Professing members have a voice and vote.

Looking for individuals who would be willing to share their time, hobby, talent, skill, etc with an adult bible study class on a Sunday evening from 6:30-8:00 pm

See Linda Miller for more details and for scheduling.

Donations needed:

The Christian Ed Committee is accepting donations of items to be used at snack time during Sunday School, Kids' Club and Youth Group throughout the coming school year.

Suggested Items:

Cases of small water bottles

Individually packaged bags of cheese crackers, gold fish, popcorn, chips or pretzels

Individually packaged bags of graham crackers or miniature cookies

Please try to avoid high sugary snacks, nuts, and snacks with red or blue food dyes.

Donations can be placed on or under the table by the bulletin board across from the men's room in the education building.

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

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.

COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES

Jo Shane

Just a reminder:

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



Pantry Distribution

September 19th & October 17th

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

We were blessed in August by Burry’s Church when they provided 23 backpacks that were filled with school essentials. Orders were placed before August and Burry’s filled the orders appropriate for the grade the child would be attending. This a big help for the Pantry. Some of the children that accompanied the parents to the Pantry, were delighted with the backpacks. When they found all of the papers, crayons, pencils etc., they were ecstatic.



The distribution dates for the rest of the year will be the third Tuesday, except for November, which will be the second Tuesday or November 14. This gives everyone time to prepare for Thanksgiving.



Harvest Homes will be October 29th through November 12th when the tables in front of the church will come down. Needs for the Pantry will be on the web site and in the bulletin prior to that time.

The Giving Tree will go up on November 19th. Alice Ketterer is going to be in charge of the tree this year since Lisa Lewis will be out of town due to work. Lisa has done an outstanding job and we will miss her. Thank you to Alice for stepping up to handle this project.



We want to thank all who volunteer at the Pantry. You give of your time and are always ready to help in any way possible. There is always plenty to do from checking dates, to putting groceries away, to filling bags. Groceries that are recently out dated are put out on a table for clients to choose if they so desire.

If we have an abundance of an item, Jack Boyde can take them to New Brighton’s Twelve Loaves, where they will be utilized. Deb Catalano has also taken some items to the Salvation Army in Beaver Falls for their use.

***We are thankful for your support both prayerfully and financially.
If you know of someone in need, please let us know. God Bless!***

HOME TOUCH*Linda Miller***Lohra Allcorn**

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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.***

**Community Breakfast
September 2nd & October 7th
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.



**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*



JOIN US
 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.



In order to help us plan for food, please fill out this bottom portion and drop in the offering plate or give the office a call at (724)843-0862

Family Name _____

Adults attending _____ **# Children attending** _____

This is a planning tool, DO NOT stay away if you find you are able to attend and have not filled this out.