



The Disciple



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Jesus
is the Heart
of Christmas

Pastor's Corner

Preparation

Thanksgiving Day has passed which means that Advent and the Christmas Season are upon us. Over this weekend we set up an outdoor nativity scene in front of the church and decorated the Sanctuary. Many hands made light work with so many who knew generally what

went where.

I love the Christmas season with all the decorations. There have been some years when I've chosen not to do as much in our home, but most years there are lots of Crèches, lights outside, and sometimes multiple trees. Sometimes we have our decorating done on Thanksgiving weekend, but more often there are different things added throughout the season.

It brings back wonderful memories as a child. We always had a live Christmas tree, sometimes cut from our own woods, sometimes from a Christmas Tree lot. Typically, Dad got the tree the week before Christmas. It sat in the entry area to let the branches begin to drop as the snow melted off. On Christmas Eve day, we would bring the tree into the living room, set it up, then decorate the tree.



We also had other decorations including the Nativity Scene on plastic window clings and a cardboard Nativity set that always went on top of the bookcase. Both nativities are still a part of my collection. Each decoration had its place to go in the house. Lois and I have developed our own patterns of decorating across the years based on the house we call home. This is our 8th home during our marriage with its own pattern

of decorating.

What I have come to realize is that it is not the result of the decorating that I get the most joy in. It is the act of decorating, the act of preparing. Some ornaments bring oohs and ahhs as they are pulled out of their boxes. Stories are shared about the background of the ornaments. It is in the sharing in which meaning is given to and received from the work of preparation.

STORIES

It is so with our faith. The end is a mystery that God will unfold in perfect time. But the journey of faith is of vital importance. It is in the sharing of the stories of faith, of the saints in our lives, of our own life journey, of the journey of those around us, in which we find meaning.

Once again, we enter the cycle of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love preparing us for the arrival of Christ. The culture focuses on gifts under the tree, meals around the table, family spending time together and hopes of winter weather. These all play a part in this wonderful time of the year, but what else is at the (continued on page 5)

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PRAYER CHAIN

Begins In The Church Office

(724)843-0862

Prayer concerns for our Church Family & Friends...



Mourning Loss

Pat Bonzo Family
Dave Eiler Family
Jim Miller Sr Family
Lyle Prescott Family

Other Prayer Needs

Addicts & their families
Anxiety Sufferers
Broken Relationships
Caregivers
Depression Sufferers
Financial Struggles
For Listening Ears
Middle East Crisis
Our Neighborhoods
For "Pause"
The Lonely
The Lost
Unspoken Requests

General Health

Elmira Hollingshead
Mary Kughn
Esther Miller
Walt Young

Surgery & Procedures

Jack Boyde
Valerie Dietrich
Makayla Goehring
Tom Miller
Barb Mulik

Testing

Teresa Brown

Extended Care

Ella
Troy & Nora Baker
Donna Beckert
Joyce Beglin
Jim Boffo
Mike Book
Deb Britton
Teresa Brown
Judy Cantner
Jerry & Joyce Cobb
TJ Cooper
Terry Dempsey
Caitlin Edge
Connie Elliot
Carolyn Ewing
Bruce Guay
Lindsey Novak Errett
Caroline Ewing
Margaret Ewing
Mike Gray
Peggy Hostettler
Abby Hudak
Susan Kabre
Connie Katekovich
Ashley Keil
Rebecca Kirkland
Freida Kughn
Stevie Jane Kruger

Gary Lucente
Mark McCaskey
Finley Metzler
Mark Milbert
Richard Moody
Jack Mulik
Sheldon Murphy
Christy Nadzam
Jaxon Nicklas
George Peffer
Janet Pfaff
Betty Revay
Tim Shane
Ralph Shellhammer
Wendy Shellhammer
Alice & Sam Short
Jarred Shouder
Dave & Amy Smail
Eva Valentic
Alvin Whitehall
Jennifer Whitman

Home Touch

Lohra Allcorn
Joe Biddle
Fran Boyde
Bim Brightwell
Don & Nancy Deutsch
Linda Eiler
Pat Elick
Paul Grimes
Sylvia Hendrickson

Elmira Hollingshead
Lee Jenkins
Thelma Koch
Josephine Lopic
Esther Miller
Thelma Miller
Dawn Mohrbacher
Jackie Neal
Janet Pfaff
Tim Ramsey
Duane & Diana Rape
Amie Ritter

Missionaries

Karl & Deb Crossman
Franz Payoute
Darlene Rimer
Skybacher Ministries

Praise

Our Children & Youth
Our Church
Our Teachers & Leaders
Our Staff
Pastor Alan & Lois
Unionville Ministries



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

(724)843-0862

Happy Birthday To You...



12/02 Barb Mulik	12/19 Emily Walker
12/05 Odel Miller	12/21 WINTER BEGINS
12/05 Jennifer Smith	12/21 Madeline Sheely
12/08 Gavin Sharp	12/22 Elsie Ebel
12/09 Lori Calve	12/22 Rachel Sewall
12/09 Brandon Vargo	12/24 Chris Castor
12/11 Chuck "Bim" Brightwell	12/25 JESUS
12/13 Mitchell Goehring	12/26 Jon Beige
12/14 Deena Blue	12/26 Carol Flickinger
12/15 Bob Wright	12/27 Josh Knopp
12/16 Bryson Deal	12/31 Heather Salter
12/16 Wayne Loschinskey	12/31 Emma Chachin
12/18 Erin Spielman	
12/18 Holly LeFebvre	
12/18 Don Deutsch	
12/18 Zac Huwar	
12/19 Wyatt Donawitz	



*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

12/26 Mike & Donna Miller



DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- December 2 Community Breakfast
- December 3 Sunday Worship, Santa Breakfast
Kids' Club, Youth Group, Time, Talent & Treasure Class
- December 4 UWF Christmas Party
- December 6 AM Adult Bible Study, Choir Practice, PM Adult Bible Study,
30 & over Men's Basketball
- December 7 Safe Sanctuary Training
- December 9 Youth Group Lock-In
- December 10 Sunday Worship, Take-15, Sunday School
Time, Talent & Treasure Class
- December 11 Family Service Night—Caroling @Lutheran Senior Life
- December 13 AM Adult Bible Study, Choir Practice, PM Adult Bible Study,
30 & over Men's Basketball
- December 16 Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal
- December 17 Sunday Worship, Take-15, Sunday School, Christmas Pageant
- December 19 Compassionate Ministries Food Pantry
- December 20 AM Adult Bible Study, Choir Practice, PM Adult Bible Study,
30 & over Men's Basketball
- December 22 Newsletter Deadline
- December 24 Sunday Worship, Christmas Eve Worship
- December 31 Sunday Worship, Fifth Sunday Luncheon



MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

LOOKING AHEAD...

- January 6 Community Breakfast, Morrison's Epiphany Open House
- January 8 Trustee Meeting
- January 9 Finance Meeting
- January 16 Compassionate Ministries Food Pantry
- January 22 Ad Council Meeting
- January 29 Family Service Night—FLC
- January 31 Blood Drive



PASTOR'S CORNER

Pastor Alan

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Come & See 

heart of Christmas? What is Christmas about?

The Bible tells us that the reason for the season is to celebrate the saving grace offered to us through the birth, life, and death of Gods' son, Jesus. *The Heart of Christmas* is centered on the story of Christ's birth. From the prophetic promise of the coming of the Christ child to the miraculous arrival, the advent themes of hope, peace, love, and joy will help us prepare for Christmas by getting to the heart of the holiday.

Come share your story. Come share your journey. Come prepare your heart as we experience *The Heart of Christmas* together!

Blessings!

Alan



Dec 3	<i>"Hope is at the Heart of Christmas"</i>	Isaiah 9:2-7 Matthew 1:22-23
Dec 10	<i>"Peace in the Heart of Christmas"</i>	Luke 2:8-14 Colossians 1:19-22
Dec 17	<i>"The Heart of Christmas Brings Joy"</i>	John 1:14 Romans 5:8
Dec 24	<i>"The Heart of Christmas is Love"</i>	Galatians 4:4-5 Ephesians 1:3-14
Christmas Eve	<i>"Jesus is The Heart of Christmas"</i>	Matthew 1:18-25

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES

9:30 AM—Sunday Morning Worship

7:00 PM—Candlelight Service

11:00 PM—Candlelight Service with Communion

*As we begin this Season of Advent,
we pray that you and your family will join us in worship.
Sunday morning Worship begins at 9:30 am.*



The SAFE Corner

The Administrative Council adopted a revised Safe Sanctuaries policy and program for Unionville Church in September. More updates are planned to ensure we provide a SAFE environment for all. Each month we will share a portion of the policy in the newsletter as one of the ways to help everyone in the church to know our process to be safe.

Supervision

Persons in authority are required to be at least 18 years of age or older. Under 18 may function as assistants and may even lead an activity, but they must be under adult supervision. Our goal is to have adult to child ratios of 1:5 for elementary children and 1:7 for youth.

Windows/Doors

All classrooms and program spaces shall have windows in the doors and/or observation windows that shall not be blocked. Otherwise, the doors must remain open during all teaching/learning activities.

Nursery & Vacation Bible School

Parents are required to complete a registration form for their child/youth that provides name and cell number of parents; names and allergies of each child/youth; and the names of “approved” adults to check out their child. A sign-in/sign-out log will be maintained. Staff in these areas will notify a “Facilities” person should someone other than an “approved” adult try to remove a child.

Building Access

Care will be taken to limit the number of unlocked doors during all church events. For Sunday worship, only the narthex doors will be unlocked. For Kids Club and Youth, only the Education Building doors will be unlocked. Other events will determine the preferred entrance to be used. Once events are underway, doors may be locked at the discretion of the event leader or the assigned “Facilities” person until time for pickup.

Every step we take is essential to providing ministry in a safe environment and allow us to comply with the requirements of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Supervision, environment, and procedure are part of the foundation of keeping our children and youth Unionville SAFE.



SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING
Unionville UMC
Thursday, December 7th
7:00 pm—9:00 pm

FINANCE

GENERAL FUND 2023

MONTH		INCOME		EXPENSES		SURPLUS/DEFICIT
JANUARY		\$ 15,621.38		\$ 19,521.13		\$ (3,899.75)
FEBRUARY	*	\$ 17,535.15		\$ 19,597.67		\$ (2,062.52)
MARCH	*	\$ 25,546.94		\$ 19,865.80		\$ 5,681.14
APRIL		\$ 17,761.19		\$ 17,960.11		\$ (198.92)
MAY		\$ 21,173.91		\$ 21,468.78		\$ (294.87)
JUNE		\$ 13,911.17		\$ 15,329.69		\$ (1,418.52)
JULY		\$ 15,152.83		\$ 16,255.59		\$ (1,102.76)
AUGUST		\$ 15,773.16		\$ 21,480.79		\$ (5,707.63)
SEPTEMBER		\$ 13,831.65		\$ 17,748.79		\$ (3,917.14)
OCTOBER		\$ 16,161.87		\$ 18,559.87		\$ (2,398.00)
NOVEMBER						
DECEMBER						
YEAR TO DATE		\$ 172,469.25		\$ 187,788.22		\$ (15,318.97)

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

*includes fish fry net income

Thank you for your support of Unionville UMC and it’s ministries. Your support is greatly appreciated. Unfortunately we find ourselves falling behind our projected income in our General Fund for the year and as of the end of October our expenses have exceeded our income by more than \$15,000. Fortunately our overall finances remain healthy, however, just like at home when you start dipping into savings, eventually they run out. We hope to keep that from happening.

Enclosed in this newsletter is an End of Year Giving Envelope —To “Help Us Catch Up”. Give as you are able and as the Lord lays on your heart. Together we will continue to do the work God has directed us towards.



**"IT'S NOT
HOW MUCH
WE GIVE BUT
HOW MUCH
LOVE WE PUT
INTO
GIVING."**

Mother Theresa



ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

	Acolytes	Greeters	Children's Church	Snow Removal
December 3	RJ Gigliotti Ruby Gigliotti	Alice Ketterer Walt Ketterer	Linda Miller Jayce Lawrence	Gary Boyd
December 10	Declan Salter Taylor Moehrle	Matt Currey Kelli Currey	Tonya Mohrbacher Tina Petrik Connor Moehrle	Deal Family
December 17	Connor Moehrle Gregory Kline	Charlene Murray	Heather Salter Jordyn Moehrle	Moehrle Family
December 24	Jayce Lawrence Grady Lawrence	April Beige Jon Beige	No Children's Church	Mitchell Goehring
Christmas Eve	Brian Beige April Beige	Declan Salter April Beige	No Children's Church	Help Needed
December 31	Jordyn Moehrle Janna Kline	Jenny Smith Holly LeFebvre	No Children's Church	Marlin Blue

Our nursery is staffed and open for your infant through preschool aged children during the Worship and Sunday School hours.

** The nursery will not be staffed on the evening of Christmas Eve, however it is always open to be used as a cry room if parents find it necessary. There is a speaker on top of the bookcase from which you can hear the worship service. Please note that we welcome the sound of children in our sanctuary and your fussy child is NOT bothering anyone but you. :)



Hard to believe it's that time of year again when you're help is needed to shovel snow on our walkways!

Please sign up in the narthex.

CHOIR

Robin Beige

Heaven and Nature Sing! Starting December 3rd, the choir will be ushering in Advent with Christmas music! If you love Christmas...and who doesn't?.....join us as we rejoice in the celebration of Jesus' upcoming birth!

If you're interested in joining us, see Robin Beige for details!



TRUSTEES

Property Updates

The Old Church – after several months of negotiation, a demolition permit has been obtained and a contract awarded for the demolition of the old church building that served Unionville effectively for many years of ministry.

The Freedom Facility – with sadness we received the news earlier this fall that as of the end of this past September, the Lighthouse Lutheran Church that has rented the Freedom Facility for about 13 years was closing their doors as a congregation. They are ending their lease as of the end of November. We have done a soft listing of the property via Facebook posts which has resulted in two serious potential buyers. One potential buyer is looking at the possibility of making it their home. Another potential buyer is looking at the possibility of making it the corporate offices for a string of independent pharmacies. Neither has made an offer at this point. We are intending to sell the building to eliminate future expense for repairs keeping in mind that being a landlord is not our primary mission.

As a result of the closure of the Lighthouse congregation, the following items are coming into our possession that were originally a part of the Freedom United Methodist Church prior to its merger:

Pew Bibles and Hymnals – we will use to supplement where needed in the Sanctuary and classrooms.

Cooking and serving items – that can be used in our kitchen and conference room.

Books – to be added to our library.

Lifetime Chairs and Tables – to be used in the Family Life Center.

Chancel furniture – tentatively being used in our Sanctuary in hopes that we will be able to find another congregation that needs the chancel furniture.

As a gift from the Lighthouse congregation, we have also received:

An outdoor nativity with stable – on display in front of the church.

A copier machine – that we will incorporate into our ministry.

Brass Oil Candle Torches to be mounted on the Sanctuary Pews – these will appear on Christmas Eve and may be used for weddings and other appropriate worship services.

We are also investigating the possibility of removing the organ from the Freedom Facility and having it installed at Unionville.

For Sale – The Trustees have authorized the sale of 150 of the steel folding chairs, 7 of the old Lifetime 8' serving tables, and 5 of the round tables that have served our Family Life Center for many years. The chairs can be purchased for \$5 each and the tables for \$35 each. See Pastor Alan.



United Women in Faith

Invites All Women
to our Annual Christmas Party!

December 4th, 6pm-8pm, FLC

What to bring:



Covered dish,



\$10 wrapped exchange gift,



at least 2 toppings to use in the gingerbread house creations



What to expect: Devotions, laughter, games, delicious food, and team built gingerbread house creations

Unionville UMC is Caroling! You are Invited!



Monday, December 11th at 6pm
Lutheran Senior Life Center
400 Culvert Street, Zelenople
(8 minutes from the church)

Songsheet will be provided.

We will make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Festive clothing will be fun for the residents.

Folks of all ages are invited to come and join the fun!



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!

December 9th, Hosanna Industries Christmas Gift Delivery

Time slots are 8-8:30am, 8:30-9am, 9:30-10am, 10-10:30am, 10:30-11am

Hosanna is looking for those interested in delivering gifts to their clients in need for the holidays. You must register by November 30th by emailing Becky at rjhetzer@gmail.com and choose a time slot to arrive at Hosanna to pick up the donated gifts and food items for delivery. Please bring a cooler for frozen food items.

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.



Many of you have heard of "Secret Santa", we here at Unionville like to call it "The hands and feet of Jesus"! There is a special blessing received in giving without expectation of receiving. Unionville is no stranger to this practice and for that we are a blessed congregation and ever thankful to God for the hands and feet he has provided us.

I recently watched a Hallmark-ish type movie where the main character looked around her town and noted people and ministries in need and then secretly provided for that need. It became contagious and people throughout the town began giving in secret as well, changing lives and hearts all the while.

We do a lot here through-out our ministries to provide anonymously, but what if we took things just a little bit further? What if we invited someone to Christmas festivities, that would otherwise sit at home alone? What if we dropped a card in the mail to remind someone that they are loved and cared for? What if we dropped in on someone and visited for a little while? What if we took time to make a phone call? What if?...

Being the hands,
feet, and voice of
Jesus is how we
live the
Christmas story
out loud.



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The greatest gift of compassion that I can think of is the gift of Jesus. How can you gift Jesus to someone? How can you be the hands and feet of Jesus? How can you show God's love?

The list is endless, be a friend, be a help, walk the talk, love without end....I pray that you will challenge yourself this Advent Season to give the gift of Jesus to everyone around you.

You will be blessed beyond measure for having done so.



JUST FOR FUN!

Let's talk Turkey!

For those of you who counted turkeys last month, the correct answer is 51.



See Linda for a count by page if you're stumped.



This Christmas tree was jostled around by the wind and lost all of its silver Christmas ornaments!



Can you help me find all the silver Christmas balls? They seem to have rolled throughout the pages of this newsletter!

See Linda with a count of how many you find and see if your number matches hers!

TIME, TALENT & TREASURE



Time, Talent & Treasure is an Adult Study offered alongside our Kids' Club and Youth Group on Sunday Evenings from 6:30—8PM. Each week there is a Guest Speaker who comes to share with the group on a variety of topics. We have learned to make cheese, learned about bees, and learned about insurance, basic kitchen herbalism, financial planning, Neurodevelopment disorders, how to crochet granny squares and make cards and we have learned about protecting our identity against scams and internet thieves. Every class has served to inform and educate as well as inspire. We have been deeply touched at times and we have smiled and laughed together a lot! This class is about building Community and we invite you to come and take part!

December 3rd we will be learning to make Sour Dough Bread and December 10th, just in time for the holidays we will have a class on Mindful Movement. These classes will wrap up our 2023 schedule and we are currently scheduling into January and February.

If you have an idea for a class or know someone who would like to come and speak on a topic, please let me know and I will work to get them on the schedule.

This class as well as our Kids' Club and Youth Group are open to the Community. Come and be a part!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Unionville is brimming with opportunities to come together and study God's Word. In addition to our adult Sunday School Classes following the Worship hour and our Sunday evening programming ; we offer two adult studies on Wednesdays. The daytime class runs from 10:30—noon and is currently studying 1 Corinthians. The evening class begins at 7:00 pm and is taking a short break from the study of Romans to complete a 3 week Advent Study which will begin on December 6th. The evening class is also offered virtually. See Jon Beige to join in from home.

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ~Romans 15:4

UUMC SECRET PALS



UUMC Secret Pals is a new program which provides a way for adults in our church family to encourage, support and affirm the children and youth of our congregation. Adult partners are matched with a child from our church family. They agree to pray for their Pal everyday as well as send cards of encouragement and for special occasions and to remember them with a gift on Christmas and their birthday. A party will be held late in 2024 to reveal the Secret Pals.

As of this writing, 32 young people have been matched with a Secret Pal. "We all can't believe the amazing number!" We ask that you come along side these kids and Secret Pals with your prayers also, connecting you with them on this adventure!

Any questions about the program can be directed to Elizabeth Deal, Kelli Currey or Heather Salter.

A VERY UNIONVILLE

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Presented by Youth and Kids Club
Dec. 17 @ 7 PM





**---Kids Club and Youth
Christmas Pageant Practice
Schedule**

Meet in Sanctuary

**Sunday, December 3
6:30-8:00 PM**

Kids' Club (Music night/rehearsal)

**Sunday, December 10
12:00-12:45 PM
Rehearsal**

**Saturday, December 16
10:00 AM-12:00 PM
DRESS REHEARSAL**

**Sunday, December 17
7:00 PM**

SHOW TIME!!!!

(Kids to be at church by 6:15 PM)

YOUTH GROUP

Tiffani Keil & Wendy Kline

Sunday, December 3rd, 6:30–8:00 pm

Watching The Chosen—Episode 7 “Invitation”



Matthew struggles to reconcile the miracles he has witnessed with reality.

Nicodemus meets with Jesus at night.

December 9th-10th Youth Group Lock-In Agenda

December 9th

- Noon— Meet at the church to set up sleeping quarters and dinner
- 1:30 pm— Car pool to Lemieux Ice Complex
- 2-4 pm— Ice skating - *see registration info on page 18*
- 4:30 pm— Return to UUMC
- 5:15-6:30 pm— Dinner
- 6:45-10 pm— Baking cookies for youth group fundraiser.
- 10 pm— Watching The Chosen Christmas special—
“The Good Shepherd”



December 10th

- 7:30 am— Wake up
- 8-9 am— Breakfast
- 9:30 am— Church Service
- *Youth will NOT be meeting this evening*

December 11th— Family Service Night

Caroling at Lutheran Senior Life,
Zelienople 6:00pm

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YOUTH GROUP*Tiffani Keil & Wendy Kline*

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December 17th—7:00 pm

Kids Club & Youth Christmas Pageant Show

We are asking that all youth attend whether it's to participate or to just support the kids of UUMC.

**Looking Ahead**

January 12-14, 2024— SPARK/Current WPAUMC event in Cranberry

January 29, 2024 @6:00 pm—Family Service Night—Community Hero Bags
We will package goodie bags for our local police, medic, and fire rescue teams.

**UUMC Youth Group
Homemade Cookie Fundraiser**

2 dozen assortment box—\$10 each

Orders due by December 13th

Pick up on December 17th

Please give orders to Wendy Kline 412-760-4444



The Youth are also selling
2024 Wall Calendars

\$8 each

The youth are accepting
donations of baking ingredients
for their cookie fundraiser.
Should you wish to donate, you
can see Wendy for a list of
needed items.

Thank you for supporting our
Youth Group
With your prayers, presents
and your presence!

We appreciate you!



JOIN PACK 444 AS WE

SKATE FOR A CAUSE

**SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 9**

**UPMC LEMIEUX
SPORTS COMPLEX**

2:00 - 4:00 P.M.

ONLY **\$10** PER PERSON

REGISTER HERE:
bit.ly/skatewith444

INCLUDES ENTRANCE TO PUBLIC SKATE + SKATE RENTAL!

Pack 444 receives \$5 for each ticket purchased online so bring the whole gang for a fun afternoon supporting our Pack!





UNIONVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Please bring a stocking stuffer or two (unwrapped) for the kids to give to Santa! He will pass them along to our Compassionate Ministries to bless local children (infant through high school) in need.

We will have games and crafts for the kids!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

IMMEDIATELY

FOLLOWING

WORSHIP



COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES

Jo Shane

It has been a rewarding year for the Pantry. There is much to be thankful for. Groceries have been donated by the local churches and Cub Scouts. There has been help to carry groceries to the cars by Boy Scout Troop 444, there has been faithful workers who have filled bags and boxes and faithful men who have carried groceries to the cars when the Boy Scouts are not available. There have been workers who shop when the shelves are low and there are those who put the groceries away when groceries have arrived. We have also been blessed with the help of a few grandchildren that seem to have endless energy and are always willing to carry a container of detergent to a car and have a smile for the recipient.



This month we received 350 pounds of groceries from the Cub Scout Pack 444. What a job they did in gathering so many groceries! We also received a car load of groceries from Dutilh Church in Cranberry Twp. that they had left over after preparing their Thanksgiving boxes for their local schools. Thank you for thinking of us.

After our November distribution, we received a call from Lindsay Edens, who had turkeys that she wanted to donate. After making calls, we ended up with 9 people who wanted turkeys. Lindsay's kids had raised the turkeys and were happy to see someone use them. The kids came along when Lindsay brought the turkeys and they had great stories to tell about the turkeys and raising them. Thank you to all youth who have helped this Thanksgiving.

This past month we helped 50 families and will help that many or more for Christmas. Along with the groceries, they also received a gift card from Shop and Save or Aldi's to purchase meat for Thanksgiving. The gift cards were donated by supporters of the Pantry.

The Giving Tree is up and several of the Tags have been taken. Oak Grove Lutheran Church has requested that any tags left over after November 29 be given to them. Oak Grove has been a partner with Unionville with the Giving Tree for years and we are most thankful for their support. Gifts are due back by December 3 so that they can be sorted, checked and matched with the requests. Thank you for your help. Also thank you to Alice Ketterer and Paula Boyd, who took on the Giving Tree program.



Thank you to everyone who reads this newsletter article. It is you who makes a difference in the lives of others. Whether we give a smile to someone who is sad or a can of soup to someone who is hungry we are doing what we can to make the world a better place. God Bless You!

Just a reminder:

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



Pantry Distribution

**December 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

HOME TOUCH

Lohra Allcorn

Franciscan Manor RM 205
71 Darlington Road
Beaver Falls, PA 15010

Joe Biddle

902 Eighth Avenue
Freedom, PA 15042

Bim & Deb Brightwell

1290 Route 68
Rochester, PA 15074

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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.***

UNIONVILLE CHRISTMAS CARD POST OFFICE

Will be open December 3rd through December 25th.

The purpose of the post office is to deliver cards to your Unionville church family, saving you postage. You may want to consider giving part or all of your savings as an extra offering.

Please only leave cards to those families or persons who regularly attend worship. Families are responsible for picking up their cards by January 1st.

Please do not leave cards for our Home Touch Friends. These cards must be mailed through normal postal service.



ONCE AGAIN – IT’S A CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AT THE HOME OF DAVE & NANCY WILSON AND YOU’RE INVITED!

**201 Mowry Road, Monaca, Pa.
Sunday, December 10th
1:00—6:00 pm**

Full details and directions can be found in November’s newsletter and on the bulletin board in the Education Building.



Boy Scout Troop 444 collected 123 personal care items for the Mental Health Association.

The Christmas Poinsettia order must be called in by the 7th of December. If you missed placing your order, you may call the church office by December 6th and leave your order over the phone.



Mark your calendar and Plan to join us Sunday, December 31st, immediately following Worship for our 5th Sunday Potluck Luncheon

Help us welcome in the New Year, a little early here, but it will be midnight somewhere!

Bring your favorite dish and celebrate with us!



Prayer Ministry

Father as we enter into this Season of Advent in anticipation of your most precious gift to us, Jesus the Christ; fill us with your hope, peace, joy and love and help us to share your gift with others. Show us Lord those who need to hear the good news, grant us not only the opportunity to share Jesus, but provide us with the confidence and the words to do so. Father as you provide those opportunities, prepare the hearts to receive Jesus and to enter into fellowship with other believers. Amen



Baby Jesus Word Search

Christmas is a very joyous holiday for Christians all around the world. This holiday marks the celebration of the birth of God's son Jesus. It is celebrated by attending church and the giving of gifts to others, just as God gave us the gift of his Son, Jesus.

Directions:

Find all the words in the word list. Words are hidden in straight lines, going forwards, backwards and diagonally.



Word List

- ANGEL
- BABY
- BETHLEHEM
- BIRTH
- DONKEY
- GIFT
- GLORY
- GOD
- HEAVEN
- HOLY
- INNKEEPER
- JESUS
- JOSEPH
- KING
- MANGER
- MARY
- MERCY
- PEACE
- REST
- SAVIOUR
- SHEPHERDS
- SON
- STAR
- VIRGIN
- WISE MEN

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C	P	I	E	I	V	H	V	G	V	E	X	B	S	O
T	Z	E	R	T	F	D	C	I	P	N	A	R	P	V
O	G	Z	A	T	H	T	O	E	R	B	Q	H	H	U
C	B	O	C	C	H	L	E	N	J	G	M	T	R	O
G	C	N	A	C	E	K	E	S	K	O	I	J	H	M
O	Q	F	I	E	N	N	N	H	A	E	S	N	I	A
D	R	S	P	N	E	E	J	L	E	V	Y	E	E	R
K	E	U	I	M	V	H	E	Y	Y	M	I	Q	P	Y
I	S	Y	E	A	R	G	R	C	U	J	H	O	E	H
N	T	S	E	E	N	O	R	Y	F	C	E	L	U	J
G	I	H	G	A	L	E	E	C	A	R	Z	S	C	R
W	A	N	H	G	M	Q	T	C	I	J	W	G	U	Z
I	A	H	O	L	Y	S	T	A	R	M	P	K	J	S
M	M	J	U	C	D	S	H	E	P	H	E	R	D	S



**Community Breakfast
December 2nd & January 6th
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*