



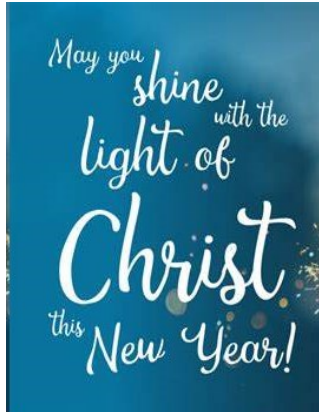
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# The Disciple

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## Pastor's Corner

### Dreams & Beginnings

I admit, when I grew up, I was a geek before we knew the word. I was into things like musicals. Perhaps it was the influence of having "Lawrence Welk" on our living room TV every Saturday night and having "easy listening" radio playing in the kitchen. Although I also had the influence of "Hee Haw" and "Laugh-in" and my brother's cassette tapes of Iron Butterfly and Woodstock.

So, although I did not see the musical until 2017, one of my favorite songs is **The Impossible Dream** from "Man of La Mancha".

*To dream the impossible dream; To fight the unbeatable foe; To bear with unbearable sorrow; To run where the brave dare not go. To right the unrightable wrong; To love pure and chaste from afar; To try when your arms are too weary; To reach the unreachable star. This is my quest To follow that star. No matter how hopeless. No matter how far. To fight for the right; Without question or pause. To be willing to march into Hell for a heavenly cause. And I know if I'll only be true to this glorious quest that my heart will lie peaceful and calm when I'm laid to my rest. And the world will be better for this that one man, scorned and covered with scars still strove with his last ounce of courage to reach the unreachable star.*

It is an especially fitting song as we begin a new year. It reminds us of the need for Dreams in our lives. It reminds us that regardless of the odds, we should be willing to do all that we can to achieve our dreams. I've always thought of New Years, like a birthday, to be a new beginning. What is done, is done... but now is the time to start fresh, to start anew. It is a common practice for many people to have new year's resolutions. Often the resolutions are big, audacious ideas like stop smoking, losing weight, and exercising more... you know, all those things your doctor tells you at every physical.

We should have goals and dreams that are bigger than we are. Such goals are good for us in our spiritual lives as well as our physical health goals. How can we spend more time with God?... through scripture... through prayer... through worship... through fellowship... through service...

January 14<sup>th</sup> I will start a 4-week worship series entitled "**Back to the Basics**". Basics is a noun that means the essential facts or principles of a subject. We will take a look at prayer, scripture, confession, and service as the basics of what it means to be a follower of Christ.

As I write this letter, we are preparing for Christmas Eve. We celebrate that God loves us so much that God became flesh to dwell among us. Jesus came to save us! Jesus came to show us God and to show us the way to God! Come and journey with us as we embrace the Love of God and learn to share it with the world.

Blessings!

*Alan*



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# PRAYER CHAIN

Begins In The Church Office

(724)843-0862

*Prayer concerns for our Church Family & Friends...*



**Mourning Loss**

All those who mourn

**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**

Sandy  
 Marge Brown  
 Margaret Ewing  
 Mario Lucente  
 Jim Smith

**Surgery & Procedures**

Dallas  
 Micah  
 Roy Alexander  
 Teresa Brown  
 Renae Mohrbacher  
 George Perrin

**Testing**

Dave Zielinski

**Other Prayer Needs**

Those who suffer with:  
 Addiction  
 Anxiety & Depression  
 Broken Relationships  
 Lack of finances  
 Loneliness  
 Viral illnesses  
 Caregivers  
 First Responders  
 Service Men & Women  
 World Conflict

**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  
 Pastor Alan & Lois

*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...



- |       |                   |       |                    |       |                    |
|-------|-------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|--------------------|
| 01/01 | HAPPY NEW YEAR!   | 01/09 | Mike Loschinskey   | 01/24 | Joss Lynn Castor   |
| 01/01 | Sarah Walker      | 01/10 | Madison Knopp      | 01/26 | Aaron Dawson       |
| 01/01 | Elaine Ankney     | 01/12 | Don Zajac          | 01/26 | Wayne Boyd         |
| 01/01 | Chris Ziter       | 01/13 | William Stanko     | 01/26 | Audrey Lawrence    |
| 01/02 | Andrew Fleissner  | 01/13 | Melissa Greggs     | 01/27 | Charles Brightwell |
| 01/02 | Emily White       | 01/13 | Diane Fash         | 01/29 | April Beige        |
| 01/03 | Laura Frankovich  | 01/15 | Christina Guay     | 01/30 | John Calve         |
| 01/04 | Amanda Chaousy    | 01/15 | Denise Myers       | 01/30 | Sloane Salter      |
| 01/04 | Makenzie Skiles   | 01/16 | Lila Houy          | 01/30 | Linda Eiler        |
| 01/05 | Hilliary Coe      | 01/17 | Terry Lewis        | 01/31 | Alice Ketterer     |
| 01/05 | Jordyn Moehrle    | 01/17 | Matt Currey        | 01/31 | Lyla Zundel        |
| 01/05 | Les McMillen      | 01/20 | Kathy Moran        |       |                    |
| 01/06 | Pat Katekovich    | 01/21 | Lucas Turner       |       |                    |
| 01/07 | Paulene Roncevich | 01/22 | Phyllis Schultheis |       |                    |
| 01/07 | Jackie Simpson    | 01/23 | Amy Smail          |       |                    |



*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.*

## UNIONVILLE CHRISTMAS CARD POST OFFICE

**There are quite a few Christmas Cards on the balcony that have yet to be picked up. Please take a look for any cards that may be yours and if you see cards for a neighbor or someone you will be seeing this week, please pick up their cards and deliver to them. Thank you!**



## JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 3	AM Adult Bible Study
January 6	Community Breakfast, Morrison's Epiphany Open House
January 7	Sunday Worship, Take 15, Sunday School, Christian Ed Meeting Kids Club, Youth Group, Time, Talent & Treasure Class
January 8	Trustee Meeting
January 9	Finance Meeting
January 10	AM Adult Bible Study, PM Adult Bible Study
January 12-14	Youth SPARK Event
January 14	Sunday Worship, Take 15, Sunday School Kids Club; Time, Talent & Treasure Class
January 16	Compassionate Ministries Food Pantry
January 17	AM Adult Bible Study, PM Adult Bible Study
January 20	Pinewood Derby
January 21	Sunday Worship, Take 15, Sunday School Kids Club, Youth Group, Time, Talent & Treasure Class
January 22	Ad Council Meeting, UWF Meeting
January 24	AM Adult Bible Study, PM Adult Bible Study
January 26	Skybacher Dinner Auction
January 28	Sunday Worship, Take 15, Sunday School, Family Service Night—FLC
January 31	AM Adult Bible Study, Blood Drive, Choir, PM Adult Bible Study

### LOOKING AHEAD...

February 3	Community Breakfast
February 14	Ash Wednesday Worship
February 16	Fish Fry
February 18	Lay Servant Ministry Class
February 20	Compassionate Ministries Food Pantry



MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

**PASTOR'S CORNER**

*Pastor Alan*

**Epiphany Open House at the Parsonage**

Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>

2:00 – 5:00 PM



The lights are on, the trees are decorated, the nativities are all set up. Please join Alan and Lois in their home for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

Stop in for a few minutes or for a while longer.

All are welcome!

**Thank You!**

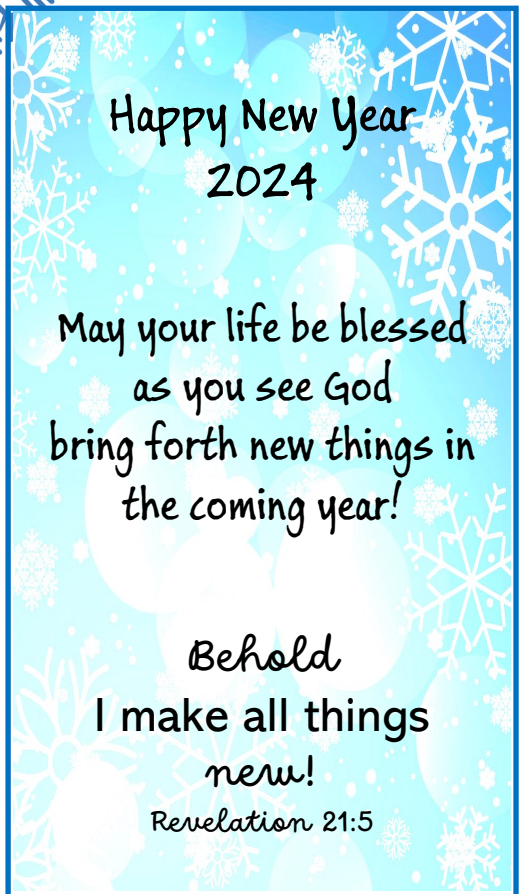
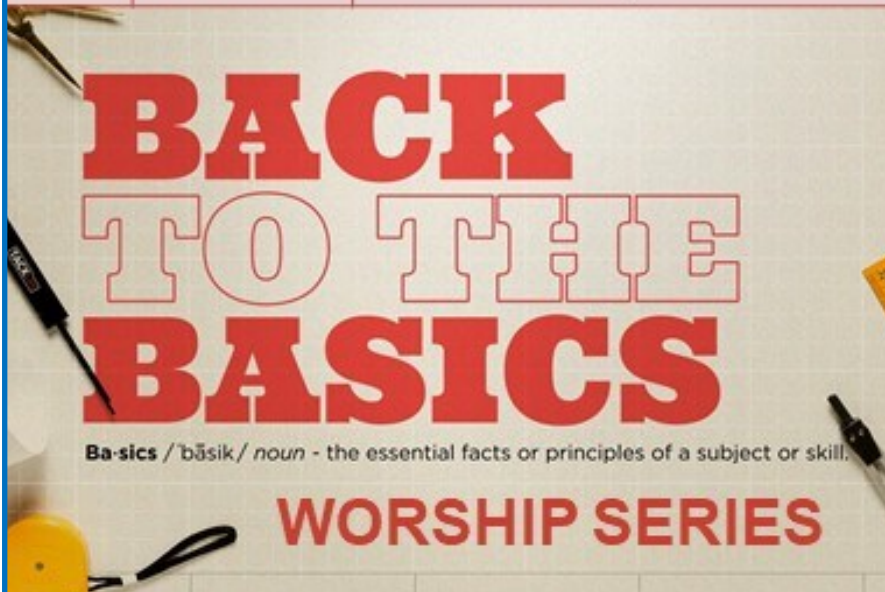
Thank you for the many ways you continue to bless us. Thank you for the gifts for Pastor's Appreciation and for the many blessings of this Christmas season. Thank you for the ways in which you continue to invite us into your lives, to lift us in your prayers, to share special moments and hugs, greetings, notes, emails, and words of encouragement and appreciation. It continues to be an honor and a blessing to be at Unionville Church.

In Christ's love!

Alan and Lois Morrison



Jan 14	<b>Prayer</b>	Mark 1:35, Ephesians 6:18
Jan 21	<b>Scripture</b>	2 Timothy 3:16-17
Jan 28	<b>Confession</b>	Nehemiah 9:1-3, James 5:16
Feb 4	<b>Service</b>	2 Corinthians 9:6-8, Matthew 20:28



## 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.



**Identification:** Paid staff and volunteers will be readily identifiable as a “Unionville SAFE Team Member” for events such as Vacation Bible School that have a high expectancy of persons in attendance who are not regularly a part of our church events. Initially, all persons deployed under this policy will be identified with a colored lanyard with name tags to identify them as a part of the team as follows:

Blue Lanyard for trained “Unionville SAFE Team” Medical Care Responders.

Gold Lanyard for “Unionville SAFE Team” key leaders.

Pink Lanyard for “Nursery Care” paid staff

Red Lanyard for all other volunteers and paid staff serving as part of the “Unionville SAFE Team”.

### Emergency Response:

In the event of an emergency, notify the closest person with a lanyard.

Unionville Safe Team members will notify blue lanyard and gold lanyard team members.

Unionville Safe Team members will assign someone to call 911 for fire, medical, or police emergencies and to direct them to the location of the emergency upon arrival.

Blue Lanyard Medical Care Responders will give directions as necessary to caring for the needs of the medical emergency including having a Unionville Safe Team member secure the First Aid Kit and/or AED as needed.

Gold Lanyard Key Leaders will take charge of the emergency, guiding other team members, event leadership, and event participants as necessary.

This year, the congregation has seen these steps followed during two medical emergencies that happened during worship. These procedures are essential to providing ministry in a safe environment and responding quickly as we care for everyone.

### Outside Groups Meeting on Church Property

Groups not under the supervision of Unionville United Methodist Church are not subject to this policy and are responsible for meeting any requirement for the protection of children, youth, or vulnerable adults as governed by their respective organization and Pennsylvania Law.



**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		\$ 20,647.36		\$ 14,254.87		\$ 6,392.49
DECEMBER						
YEAR TO DATE		\$ 193,116.61		\$ 202,043.09		\$ (8,926.48)

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

\*includes fish fry net income



As always Unionville does not disappoint. As of this writing, we have made tremendous progress on lowering our deficit in our general giving account for 2023. We will provide final numbers as soon as they become available, but we want to take this opportunity to Thank You! YOU make all the difference!

Did you know that designated giving can only be used for those line items to which it has been designated? The General Fund account is responsible for all regular expenses such as electric, gas, payroll, ministry, insurance, etc.. So though we are thankful for those designated gifts which take care of special projects as designated, it is important to care for our General Fund. Thank you for giving generously.

2023 Giving Statements will be prepared in the coming weeks and mailed so that you receive them prior to January's end.


*Thank You*  
FOR  
**GIVING**  
...  
**GENEROUSLY**

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP


	Acolytes	Greeters	Children's Church	Snow Removal
<b>January 7</b>	Bryson Deal Preston Deal	Walt & Alice Ketterer	Wendy Kline Gregory Kline	Jon Beige
<b>January 14</b>	Ruby Gigliotti RJ Gigliotti	Elaine Hefner	Holly LeFebvre Christy Lawrence	Moehrle Family
<b>January 21</b>	Taylor Moehrle Declan Salter	Matt & Kelli Currey	Robin Beige Brian Beige	Mitchell Goehring
<b>January 28</b>	Gregory Kline Connor Moehrle	Charlene Murray	Lori Calve Terry Ewing	Help Needed

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

**For those of you who counted silver Christmas balls last month, the correct answer is 52!**




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



### SNOWFLAKE CHALLENGE

I'm sure you've heard it said, "No two snowflakes are exactly alike". Well we've found that "With God, all things are possible"; so in this newsletter you will find hidden a number of snowflakes that... you guessed it, are exactly alike!

See how many you can find, then check in with Linda to see if you have found them all!



## CHOIR *Robin Beige*

The Unionville choir has been busy this December preparing for our Advent season with song! Throughout the month, we lifted our voices to sing of our waiting for the coming Messiah, and celebrating the joy of His arrival! We've had several new members join throughout the season....which is awesome! We would love to have more join us for our Lenten season as well!!

The choir will be taking a few weeks off to rest our voices, but will return to rehearsals on January 31, with our first anthem on February 25.

**If you love to sing, (even if you think you can't)  
then please consider joining the choir!  
All are welcome!!!**





## TRUSTEES

**Demolition Update:** The Old Church structure was demolished the week before Christmas. This was funded by the Capital Campaign proceeds received in 2020 and 2021. Thank you for the gifts you gave to the Capital Campaign that not only cared for the replacement of the roof, but now continue to care for other needs of the property God has entrusted to our care.



## COMMUNICATIONS

**Website Makeover:** Our website host is assisting us with a makeover of our website. We hope for the website to be a hub to our communications. Please visit the site frequently at [unionvilleumc.org](http://unionvilleumc.org) to get the latest information on our ministries.

### ***Know Your Church Survey***

Over the last several weeks, you have been holding me in prayer for discernment and wisdom. This past spring, we held two one-day retreats for the congregation to work on some vision discernment. Through the summer and fall, we have put much of the outcomes to work in the life of our congregation. It is now time to take another step to discern where we go next in our journey of faithfulness.

We are conducting a survey through ChurchAnswers.com that will help us to identify our strengths and weaknesses and find where we can improve. You are invited to take this survey online using this link: <https://churchhealthreport.com/survey/?s=TDVMKL1>.

The survey can be completed on any internet enabled device such as a tablet, your smartphone, or a computer. We will also send this link by email. Your answers will not be individually identifiable. The report we receive will be a composite of the answers from all participants.





**SNOWFLAKES**

*By Holley Gerth*

Every new snowflake comes to the earth  
 as a picture of our Savior's birth,  
 because they are sent from up above  
 and remind us of God's care and love.  
 Each one is so intricate and small  
 because Christ sees the details of us all,  
 and just as two are never the same  
 He knows and calls us each by name.  
 Snowflakes gently cover the world in white  
 and hide what's unlovely from our sight,  
 showing us how He covers our sin  
 and gives us His grace when we come to Him.  
 So may every snowflake bring Christ to mind  
 and in every bit of white may you find  
 a reason to celebrate anew  
 and a reminder of His love for you.



**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**

*Elizabeth Deal*



United  
 Women  
 in Faith

**January 22, 2024 at 6pm**

**Business Meeting for United Women in Faith for 2024 will be held Monday, January 22nd in the conference room.**

**We will conduct a formal voting meeting at this time. We encourage all active members to attend.**

**Dessert will be served :)**

United Women in Faith met for our yearly Christmas dinner on December 4th. Fifteen women of UUMC gathered for fellowship, fun, and a friendly gingerbread house competition. Always, we had a huge feast of delicious foods, too! If you haven't joined a United Women in Faith meeting yet then come join us!! God blesses our time together each and every time!





## PRAYER MINISTRY

Linda Miller

Hard to believe we are in the year 2024 already! It's been a busy year but one that brought many blessings to our congregation. In seven short weeks we will be entering into the Lenten season and with that comes the planning of the Prayer Vigil. Elizabeth and others are already kicking around ideas with the theme of "In God We Trust". If you think you'd like to be a part of planning this wonderful event, let Elizabeth Deal know. It will be here before we know it!

*Father, we thank you for the blessing of a new year and we look forward to all that you have planned for us. Lead us Lord according to your perfect will and show us all the places that you are at work around us and how we can be a part of that work.*

*Lord as we are just coming out of the Advent and Christmas season where we were reminded that Jesus is the Heart of Christmas, we are also reminded as we soon enter into the Lenten Season that, had it not been for the cross, Christmas day would just be like any other day, there would be no reason to celebrate.*

*Thank you Jesus, for the work that you did on the cross. Thank you for loving us so much that you were willing to risk entrance into this world as a fragile babe in order to give all on the cross to save us from ourselves and our bent towards sin. Forgive us Lord even as we receive your grace.*

*In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen*



## KIDS CLUB

December was a very busy month for Kids Club! We kicked off the month by joining with the Youth to have a movie night in the sanctuary to watch *The Star*. The nativity story told through the eyes of "BO," the donkey who carried Mary. It was a wonderful time of fun, fellowship and of course, snacks!

The following week, we celebrated with a birthday party for Jesus; complete with cupcakes, singing, games and making Nativity cards and ornaments for our home bound friends!

Since October, Kids Club and Youth group have been busy practicing and planning for our Christmas talent show. We decided to showcase the talents in which God has gifted our children....and wow! They were AMAZING! We had dancing, singing, Tae Kwon Do, poetry and even a band! What a great night! Thank you to all who participated! You were all outstanding!



Upon our return January 7, we will learn about how we are like snowflakes...being made unique by God!



## TIME, TALENT & TREASURE



Time, Talent & Treasure will resume on Sunday, January 7th at 6:30 pm. We are working on building our 2024 schedule. This has been a wonderful community opportunity and we have learned so much and had a fun time along the way!

Please plan to attend a class and see what it's all about and bring along a friend! Everyone from the surrounding community is welcomed to attend!

If you have a suggestion for a class or know of someone who would be willing to lead a class and share their knowledge, please see Linda Miller to get them on our schedule.



## ADULT BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

### Wednesday Morning Bible Study

The Wednesday morning bible study will pick back up on Wednesday, January 3rd at 10:30 am until noon as they continue their study in 1 Corinthians. All are welcome to attend.

### Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Our Bible Study group took a break from the book of Romans for Advent and have been working on Rick Warren's The Purpose of Christmas. It has been a nice study to help us focus on preparing our hearts for Jesus' arrival in the world. On Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> we will be picking up where we left off in Romans, and we welcome anyone who would like to join us! Romans is a great book that really outlines the core principals of our faith, and it's a great way to get into the Bible to start the new year!

### Other Opportunities

If you have a suggestion for other studies or would like to lead a study, please see Linda Miller or Pastor Alan and let's get it going!

## UUMC SECRET PALS



The kids were so excited to see all the Christmas gifts in the narthex, especially when one of the gifts had their name on it! Equally excited were their Secret Pals as they snuck their gifts into the pile!

We continue to pray for our kids and our adults who have elected to mentor our children through the Secret Pal Program and we ask that you too continue to hold them in prayer. Gifts are great but can never replace the prayers lifted each day and the encouragement given monthly through cards and notes to the kids. We pray for the bonds that are made through the program.

## YOUTH GROUP

*Tiffani Keil & Wendy Kline*

This year has flown by! Since October the youth have been very busy. In October we supported the church outing at Yeck's Farm by funding the wagons for the hayride. We also passed out candy at the annual Trick-or-Treat trail at Green Valley Park. This year Ms. Tiffani and Ms. Wendy won their 2nd decorating prize given by the New Sewickley Township police department. Thank you all who donated candy for us to fill bags along with information on the many programs Unionville has to offer.

In November we were able to fill, with the donations from the youth and the congregation, and provide shipping for 10 shoeboxes to support Operation Christmas Child.

In December we had a lock-in at the church. Ten youth were in attendance! We started with ice skating to support Pack 444 Skate for a Cause fundraiser. Thank God for no injuries, but they were wet and tired. We returned to church for dinner, root beer floats, and free time then proceeded to make over 60 dozen cookies in a few hours. We had multiple stations, so everyone was busy and very productive. They had a gingerbread house contest built with graham crackers and many types of candy (donated by United Women of Faith, thank you!!!). We ended our night with Christmas with the Chosen: The Messengers. The music and monologues express the love of Jesus. The story included was about the birth of Jesus. It was the perfect way to end the night. The next morning, we had eggs, bacon, sausage, and Danish for breakfast prior to attending the morning church service. What a wonderful time of fellowship, fun, and loads of sugar.

*One day some parents brought their little children to Jesus so he could touch and bless them. But when the disciples saw this, they scolded the parents for bothering him. 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. I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it." Luke 18:15-17*

The youth have decided to continue viewing The Chosen series so we will finish the last two episodes of season one then move on to season two. We watch each episode then follow up with a scripture review associated with each episode. It is a blessing to lead these youth in their faith journey.

**Happy New Year to you all and may you all be blessed in 2024!!!**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE  
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OAK HILL  
NEW BRIGHTON**

**TROOP 9191 AND UUMC YOUTH GROUP**

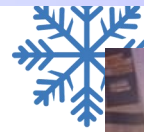
This church holds monthly free clothes drive for kids. They are an older congregation that doesn't utilize social media so they need our assistance. Let's do a good turn and do God's work by supporting this church. They support surrounding communities as UUMC food pantry does.

Items needed are: (new or gently used)

- ❖ Winter socks
- ❖ Gloves
- ❖ Hats
- ❖ Hoodies
- ❖ Long sleeve shirts
- ❖ Pants



**ITEMS DUE TO TROOP MEETING JANUARY 10,  
2024 OR TO CHURCH JANUARY 14, 2024**







# COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES

*Jo Shane*

Thank you to all who contributed in any way to the Pantry and the Giving Tree. Christmas has come and gone and Santa visited many a boy and girl thanks to all of you. You would have enjoyed the smiles on their faces as they received that prized toy or clothes that they so desired and were not sure they would receive. Parents received a gift card to Shop and Save to purchase meat or what ever they needed along with bags full of groceries from the Pantry.

There was a fire on Inman Drive right before Christmas at the Mizenko house on the corner. Fortunately, no one was seriously hurt but 6 children were left without a home. I understand they are living in an apartment in Cranberry Twp. for the time being. With the help of the community, the children had a Christmas full of toys and clothes. Our prayers are with them as they recover from this tragedy.

I also had word that a family that previously came to the Pantry will be coming back, since the husband has lost his job and has to file for unemployment. Winter is hard on everyone. We ask that prayers go out for those that are seeking work.

The Boy Scout Troop #444 were present at the Christmas distribution and did an excellent job of getting groceries and Christmas gifts to the various cars. Jon Beige did a good job of keeping everyone in line and busy. Thank you to the Troop for their help in November and December. We really appreciate them.

We received a thank you note from the Mental Health Association in Rochester, thanking the Quilters for the filled Stocking for the Christmas Party. Everyone enjoyed them and look forward to them every year. They also thanked the Boy Scouts for all of the personal items they collected for them.



*Just a reminder:*

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



**Pantry Distribution**

**January 16th  
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)**

## HOME TOUCH

### **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.***



## Christmas Caroling Family Service Night

December 11, 2023

We brought joy and cheer to the residents at Wittenberg Place Independent Living, Zelienople. The community room was filled with fun-loving singers of all ages! We spent about 30 minutes singing to the residents and many joined in!

Big smiles all around the room remind us this is a very special time of year. Jesus is Born! Good news of Great Joy!

When Pastor Alan asked, "What do you want for Christmas this year?" the answers included SNOW, a cap for a hurting tooth, and good health.

Family Service Nights leave your heart smiling with the love of Jesus for weeks to come. Please join us on Sunday, January 28th.



## Unionville UMC Up-Coming Family Service Night

**Sunday, January 28th at 6:30-8pm**  
**Family Life Center**

We will package, individually label, and plan delivery of care packages to local first responders.

There will be a list of items we need to collect on sticky-notes in the Narthex. Our goal is to assemble 200 care packages this year! Local fire departments, police departments, and ambulance centers will be treated to love and kindness...and best of all - prayers!



**Community Breakfast  
January 6th & February 3rd  
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*