

# The Disciple

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Holy Week

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<b>Mar 3</b>	<b><i>"I Will Raise It Up"</i></b> <b>John 2:13-22</b>
<b>Mar 10</b>	<b><i>"Loving the Light"</i></b> <b>John 3:14-21</b>
<b>Mar 17</b>	<b><i>"Whoever Serves"</i></b> <b>John 12:20-33</b>
<b>Mar 24</b>	<b><i>"Blessed is the One"</i></b> <b>Mark 11:1-11</b>
<b>Mar 28</b>	<b><i>"By This Everyone Will Know"</i></b> <b>Maundy Thursday – 7 PM</b>
<b>Mar 29</b>	<b><i>"Hail, King of the Jews"</i></b> <b>Good Friday – 7 PM</b>
<b>Mar 31</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b> <b>6:30 AM @ Oak Grove</b> <b>9:30 AM @ Unionville</b>



# PRAYER CHAIN

Begins In The Church Office  
(724)843-0862

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



## Mourning Loss

Stevie Kruger Family  
Mario Lucente Family  
Kevin Ream Family

## General Health

Cody Boors  
Wendy Kline  
Linda Miller  
Michael Ream  
Katie Sullivan  
Unspoken  
Viral Illnesses

## Surgery & Procedures

Teresa Brown  
Chrissy Guay  
Bud Meade  
Finley Metzler  
Terry Mohrbacher  
Tonya Mohrbacher  
Jack Mulik  
Unspoken

## Missionaries

Karl & Deb Crossman  
Franz Payoute  
Darlene Rimer  
Skybacher Ministries

## Praise

Church Family  
Successful Surgeries

## Other Prayer Needs

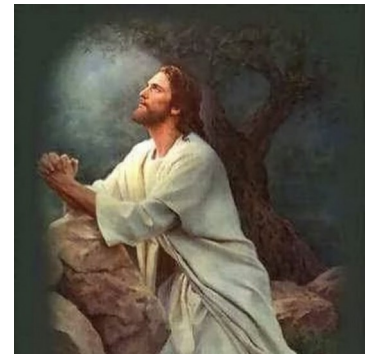
Armed Forces  
Elected Officials  
First Responders  
Our Children & Youth  
Our Community  
Our Ministries  
Our Schools  
Pastor Alan & Lois  
Struggling Families  
VBS SCUBA

## 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  
Thelma Miller  
Dawn Mohrbacher  
Jackie Neal  
Janet Pfaff  
Tim Ramsey  
Duane & Diana Rape  
Amie Ritter

## Extended Care

Lohra Allcorn  
Troy & Nora Baker  
Deb Britton  
Judy Cantner  
Caitlin Edge  
Lindsey Novak Errett  
Carolyn Ewing  
Margaret Ewing  
Mike Gray  
Bruce Guay  
Freida Kughn  
Gary Lucente  
Bud Meade  
Mary Ann Mencher  
Finley Metzler  
Richard Moody  
Jack Mulik  
George Peffer  
Janet Pfaff  
Tim Shane  
Ralph Shellhammer  
Wendy Shellhammer  
Alice & Sam Short  
Dave & Amy Smail



**“My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”**

*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...



- |                        |                        |                       |
|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 03/01 Kim Pavlinich    | 03/13 Aubrey Sharpless | 03/26 Larry Ewing     |
| 03/04 Nancy Deutsch    | 03/14 Pat Boyde        | 03/27 Kelly Triplett  |
| 03/04 Rhett Ames       | 03/17 ST PATRICK'S DAY | 03/28 MAUNDY THURSDAY |
| 03/04 Shawna Solinger  | 03/17 Jo Shane         | 03/29 GOOD FRIDAY     |
| 03/04 Kim Lewis        | 03/17 Ryan Lafferty    | 03/30 Fran Frankovich |
| 03/05 Cindy Vargo      | 03/18 Terry Ewing      | 03/31 EASTER SUNDAY   |
| 03/05 Marlin Blue      | 03/19 Raelene Mack     | 03/31 Dawn Evans      |
| 03/07 Teresa Brown     | 03/21 Rick Furgiuele   | 03/31 Matt McKinney   |
| 03/07 Tiffani Keil     | 03/22 Jack Boyde       |                       |
| 03/08 Jesse Miller     | 03/22 Daisy Lewis      |                       |
| 03/08 Audrina Keil     | 03/23 BJ Sharp         |                       |
| 03/09 Joe Landis       | 03/24 PALM SUNDAY      |                       |
| 03/09 Thelma Castor    | 03/24 Jared Lewis      |                       |
| 03/09 Ron Lucente      | 03/25 Kathleen Novak   |                       |
| 03/10 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS | 03/26 Rayna Gigliotti  |                       |



## HOLY WEEK

*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

- 03/18 Jack & Barb Mulik
- 03/19 TJ & Sue Presto



## MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 1	Fish Fry Prep, Fish Fry
March 2	Community Breakfast, Skybacher Dinner Auction
March 3	Sunday Worship, Sunday School, Lay Servant Ministry Class, Kids' Club, Youth Group, Time Talent & Treasure Class
March 4	Trustee Meeting
March 5	VBS SCUBA Worknight
March 6	AM Adult Bible Study, Choir, PM Adult Bible Study
March 7	Fish Fry Set-up
March 8	Fish Fry Prep, Fish Fry
March 10	Sunday Worship, Sunday School, Lay Servant Ministry Class, Family Service Night—RYYR
March 12	VBS SCUBA Worknight
March 13	AM Adult Bible Study, Choir, PM Adult Bible Study
March 14	Fish Fry Set-up
March 15	Fish Fry Prep, Fish Fry, Scouting for Food
March 17	Sunday Worship, Sunday School, Lay Servant Ministry Class, Kids' Club, Youth Group, Time Talent & Treasure Class
March 19	Compassionate Ministries Food Pantry, VBS SCUBA Worknight
March 20	AM Adult Bible Study, Choir, PM Adult Bible Study
March 21	Fish Fry Set-up
March 22	Fish Fry Prep, Fish Fry, Newsletter Deadline
March 24	Palm Sunday Worship, All Church Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt
March 28	Maundy Thursday Worship
March 29	Good Friday Worship, 24 Hour Prayer Vigil
March 30	24 Hour Prayer Vigil
March 31	Sunrise Easter Service @Oak Grove, Easter Worship

**Mark Your Calendar**



**PASTOR'S CORNER***Pastor Alan***Pastor's  
Corner****Are We Listening?**

Life is often like a whirlwind. Certainly, this year seems to be like that. We are already 1/6<sup>th</sup> through the year. Lent is almost ½ over. The days seem to go fast, like a whirlwind. It is so easy for us to lose track of the days slipping by us. The older I get the faster I see time go by.

1 Kings 19:11-13 tells the story of Elijah retreating to the caves in the mountains after Elijah's victory over the prophets of Baal at Mount Carmel. There the Lord told Elijah to stand on the mountain as the Lord passed by. First a whirlwind tore into mountains and broke the rocks in pieces, but the Lord was not in the wind. Then an earthquake came, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. Then a fire came, but the Lord was not in the fire. Then a still small voice came.

When Elijah heard the voice, he wrapped his face with a scarf and stood in the entrance of the cave. The voice of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

Are we listening for God? Or are we too busy, listening to the whirlwind, feeling the earthquake, and watching the consuming fire? Life in the world will always seek to distract us. But God quietly awaits us; ready for us to listen to that still small voice. As the Psalmist says, "Be Still, and Know that I am God."

Take time to be still. Take time to listen. Discover God waiting to speak to you, to speak to the depth of your heart, to speak to your deepest pain, to speak to your greatest fear. God is waiting for you!

We invite you to join our Wednesday morning Bible Study, Wednesday evening Bible Study, or Sunday School following worship as opportunities to grow in your life as a disciple of Christ. We invite you to join us on Sunday evenings for Kid's Club, Youth Group, or Time, Talent, and Treasure as adults share the gifts that God has blessed them with. We invite you to participate in the 24-hour Prayer Vigil that starts on Good Friday.

We invite you to come join us for worship of the God who waits for us! Come join us as we seek to worship, to encounter the Holy, as the still small voice of God speaks to us.

Blessings!

*Alan*

**Easter Flower Orders****Due by March 10th****\$8 per 6" pot****Choose from:****Easter Lily—white****Tulip—red, white, yellow, pink, purple****Hyacinth—white, blue, pink**

*Pick up an order form in the narthex or  
call the church office.*



## The SAFE Corner



The Administrative Council adopted a revised Safe Sanctuaries policy and program for Unionville Church in September 2023. 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.

### Offsite Events

Events of Unionville United Methodist Church not held at our 1297 Route 68 property that include children, youth, and vulnerable adults shall follow all basic procedures outlined in this policy to the extent possible given the nature of the event and location.

#### A) Additional Procedures

- 1) All activities must be supervised by at least two unrelated, approved, cleared, and trained adults.
- 2) No adult shall have one-on-one contact with a child or youth. Confidential conversations that need to be held with a child or youth shall be done in a way that maintains full visibility of the interaction to others present for the event.

#### B) Transportation

- 1) The preferred transportation for local events is for participants to meet at the offsite location with families/individuals taking responsibility for their own transportation.
- 2) Arrangements made between parents, even if one or more of the parents are volunteers, is a matter between those parents and not subject to this policy except that youth are not permitted to drive other youth or children to our events.
- 3) If transportation is offered and/or provided for the event, then the following applies:
  - a) Drivers are screened and trained as any other volunteer under this policy.
  - b) Drivers must provide a current valid driver license.
  - c) Drivers must be at least 25 years of age.
  - d) The vehicle must be licensed and insured.
  - e) A record of the passengers in each vehicle shall be maintained.
  - f) TWO adults must be in the vehicle, unless the group is caravanning multiple vehicles to the event.

#### C) Overnight Event Housing

- 1) Unless staying as family units, adults and youth shall not share a room. Youth stay with youth of the same gender; adults stay with adults of the same gender.
- 2) There must be at least one adult chaperone of the same gender as the participants.
- 3) In a cabin setting with a bunkroom by gender, the **"Two-Adult Rule"** and **"Rule of Three"** must be observed. Shower and bathroom hours will need to be established as well as changing spaces to give privacy between youth and adults.
- 4) Other special needs for housing shall be decided in consultation with the event leaders, the parent of the child or youth, and the pastor dependent upon the facility options.

#### D) Mission Trips

- 1) The Mission Trip leader shall be at least 25 years of age and must be familiar with this policy to make reasonable accommodations of provisions of this policy based on the mission trip event.
- 2) If the mission trip includes persons under the age of 18, all adult participants must be screened as volunteers under this policy.

## PRAYER VIGIL

### Sign up now for the 24 hour Prayer Vigil “In God We Trust”



**Good Friday @8:00 pm—Saturday@8:00 pm**

The prayer visual has been a unique experience each and every time it is held. You won't regret taking part for one brief hour, in fact most would choose to stay longer if time allowed. Sign up today for your 1 hour time slot.



You can sign-up for the prayer vigil  
by registering online at the link below  
or by scanning the QR code

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054EA9A62BA6FC1-48069307-ingodwe>

## PRAYER MINISTRY

*Linda Miller*

Throughout the Gospels we find Jesus praying, which expresses to us the importance of prayer. If Jesus needed the Father's help, how much more do we?

*Father, we come to you this day asking that you will fill us with the desire to draw close to you in prayer. Help us Lord to hear your voice in the midst of the world's noise. Amen*

### **Jesus Prays in Gethsemane**

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "**So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.**" Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand." Matthew 26:36-56



<b>FINANCE</b>
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**GENERAL FUND 2024**

MONTH		INCOME		EXPENSES		SURPLUS/DEFICIT
JANUARY		\$ 11,509.74		\$ 19,162.30		\$ (7,652.56)
FEBRUARY	*					
MARCH	*					
APRIL						
MAY						
JUNE						
JULY						
AUGUST						
SEPTEMBER						
OCTOBER						
NOVEMBER						
DECEMBER						
YEAR TO DATE						

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

\*includes fish fry net income





## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

	Acolytes	Greeters	Children's Church	Snow Removal
<b>March 3</b>	RJ Gigliotti Ruby Gigliotti	Matt & Kelli Currey	Wendy Kline Gregory Kline	Moehrle Family
<b>March 10</b>	Declan Salter Taylor Moehrle	Charlene Murray	Holly LeFebvre Christy Lawrence	RJ Gigliotti Rich Gigliotti
<b>March 17</b>	Connor Moehrle Gregory Kline	Jon & Robin Beige	Robin Beige Brian Beige	No Snow???
<b>March 24</b>	Jayce Lawrence Grady Lawrence	April Beige Brian Beige	Lori Calve Terry Ewing	No Snow??
<b>March 31</b>	April Beige Brian Beige	Sharon Miller Dave Madura	No Children's Church	No Snow!

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



## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

*Elizabeth Deal*

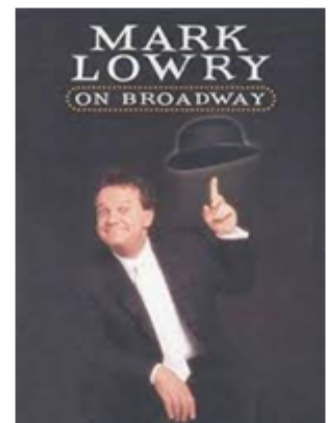


United  
Women  
in Faith

*Coffee, Comedy, and Cake*

Join us on April 29th, 6:30pm at Unionville for women's fellowship. Our Christian comedy show that night will feature Mark Lowry on Broadway.

See Robin Beige, Elizabeth Deal or Tiffani Keil if you are able to donate dessert that evening!



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Linda Miller

***Ephesians 6:18 - Pray for all the Lord's people with alertness and perseverance.***

Sunday, February 25th, the Kids' Club and Youth Group had a Game Night in the Family Life Center. What a joy to have 31 kids and youth come through our doors that evening. I think our leaders were caught off guard a bit but they pulled it together for a successful evening.

I along with others have been praying for our Christian Ed Programs a long while with the expectation that God will bring the masses through our doors. At times it seems the wait is so long and then just like that we have an evening or event that surprises us with the number in attendance. God reminded me this week, that we need to be ready at all times. And so I ask for your prayers.

**Don't be surprised  
when God answers  
your prayers.  
Be ready.**

Pray for helpers and volunteers with a heart for the Lord and joy for His children to step forth and come along side our leadership. Pray for our leadership that they not become weary and that the joy comes not in the numbers but in each child that God sends our way. Pray for our programming that it be effective in lighting a fire for the Lord within the hearts of our children, youth and adults alike. Pray for direction and like minds. Pray for programs that burst forth with contagious enthusiasm that participants want to invite their friends to come and see and be a part. Pray for self that God identify for you the call he has placed on your life. Pray for God to be your first love. Pray that we are ready when God answers our prayers.

God has given us glimpses of answered prayers with numbers greater than expected for VBS, Family Service Events, Kids' Club and Youth Group, all at varying times. He is reminding us to get ready.

**Let us not be surprised by God but expectant and waiting.**

***And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling  
in which God lives by his Spirit.—Ephesians 2:22***

Praying for Rain is Prayer  
Carrying an Umbrella is Faith



**JESUS  
CAME TO  
SEEK AND  
SAVE THE  
LOST**

What is our mission?

**Luke 15-19** What are we here for?

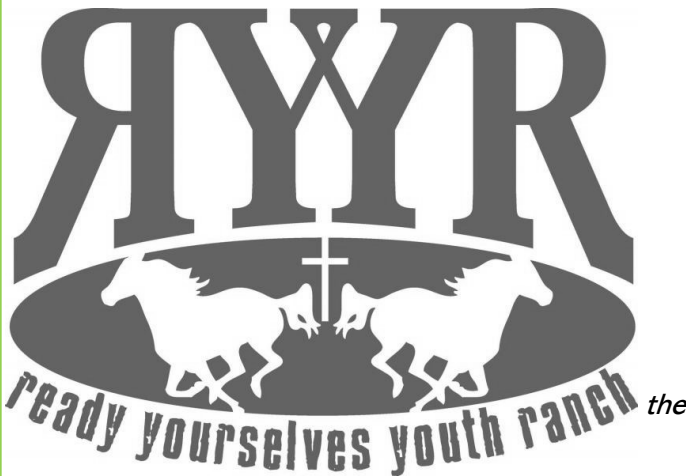
# YOUTH GROUP

*Tiffani Keil & Wendy Kline*

Join us for Youth Group as we continue our Journey of Jesus' life through the amazing production of "The Chosen". A Question and Answer time following each episode allows us to gain a better understanding of Jesus and his followers.

March 3rd, 6:30—8 PM  
 Season 2 episode 4  
 Episode passage—John 5:1-16  
 The Perfect Opportunity

As Jesus and his disciples travel to Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles, a new enemy follows them, while a familiar enemy awaits.



March 10th, 4-6PM—(note time change)  
 Join us for Family Service Night at Ready Yourself Youth Ranch  
 162 Meehan Lane, New Brighton

Join us as we work together to help out at this local Horse Rescue Ranch. Always a great experience.

All are welcome to eat dinner together at 68's Feed Mill after the work time. 562 PA 68, New Brighton

*Transportation and meal cost are responsibility of participant. This is an All Church, All Ages Event.*

March 17th, 6:30—8 PM  
 Season 2 episode 5  
 Episode passages—John 3:22-36; Mark 1:21-27  
 Spirit

After stirring the water, Jesus is now pursued by Simon, the Zealot, Atticus, and Shmuel. John the Baptizer visits the group and tells Jesus his dangerous mission. Meanwhile, back at camp Mary Magdalene is devastated by an encounter with a mysterious and dangerous stranger.



March 24th—Palm Sunday  
 Youth Group will NOT Meet

Join us for worship at 9:30 AM  
 Followed by our annual  
 Pancake Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt



March 31st—Easter Sunday  
 Youth Group will NOT Meet

Join us for worship at 9:30 AM  
 Have a Blessed Easter!



# KEEPING KIDS SAFE

A WORKSHOP SERIES  
FOR PARENTS AND  
CAREGIVERS



COMMERCIAL  
EXPLOITATION  
MARCH 3, 2024



DIGITAL  
VIOLENCE  
MARCH 17, 2024

UNIONVILLE UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH  
6:30-8 PM



BEAVER COUNTY  
ANTI-HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING  
COALITION

◆ **Beaver County Anti-Human Trafficking Coalition:** Since 2007, we have strived to prevent, eradicate, and educate about human trafficking in Beaver County while defending the dignity of trafficking victims, advocating for justice, & growing community resources through partnerships.

*“We have seen an increase in the use of technology to recruit & exploit children, teens, and young adults in the United States.”*

Join us on March 3rd at 6:30 PM for the first part of our two part series!

## ◆ Commercial Exploitation ◆

Debunking myths surrounding human trafficking & how exploitation operates in the United States. Attendees will learn who the victims are, who the traffickers are, and how we can all help.

And again on March 17th at 6:30 PM for the second part of our series!

## ◆ Digital Violence ◆

The use of social media and other communicative applications in grooming, exploitation, digital dating violence and internet related crimes. Participants will learn warning signs and how to support survivors.





**Ready Yourselves Youth Ranch**  
(162 Meehan Lane, New Brighton)

**Family Service Night**

**Sunday, March 10th**

**4-6pm**

All are welcome to eat dinner together at 68's  
Feed Mill after the work time.  
(562 PA 68, New Brighton)

Put on your work gloves, boots, and pants! It's time to join our friends at Ready Yourselves Youth Ranch again to lend a hand! If you remember the last time we volunteered our time and talents here, we crossed off almost everything they had listed on their Wish List!

There are jobs for all ages! We hope to see you all there!

October 2021 UUMC Visits Ready Yourselves Youth Ranch







**Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt  
And Congregation Breakfast  
will be held on Palm Sunday, March 24th  
following worship.**

Come join us for food, fun and fellowship,  
including an outside egg hunt (dress accordingly).

You are asked to bring yourself and your family!  
Kids, don't forget your Easter Basket!!

We will have a sausage/pancake breakfast and you are  
welcome to, but not required  
to bring a brunch type food dish to share.

**This is an All Church Event**

**We will be accepting candy donations to fill the eggs  
from now until March 17th.**

**Please bring your donations to church and place in  
the designated box in the Narthex!**



# 2024 VBS

## June 9-13

HEATHER SALTER 724-601-2299



# REGISTRATION

Participants and  
volunteers - scan QR  
Code to register!



or use the following link: <https://vbspro.events/p/uumc-scuba>

# SET BUILDING

All are welcomed!

WORK NIGHTS:

Every Tuesday starting  
March 5th from 6-8 PM



Help us take kids deep into  
an amazing undersea  
adventure where they'll  
experience the ever-flowing,  
never-ending love of God.





## UNABLE TO VOLUNTEER... BUT STILL WANT TO HELP?

### NEW THIS YEAR IS A GIFT REGISTRY!

We have added items that are used each year to decorate and give the kids a phenomenal experience! Monetary donations may be made directly to the church!



Scan this code or visit  
<https://bit.ly/UUMCgiftregistryVBS>  
to view our Group.com Registry.





## Compassionate Ministries—New Beginnings

Linda Miller

Eleven plus years ago, after much prayer, Jo Shane answered the call to take on the leadership of Compassionate Ministries. Jo had led the Mission Team for quite some time but with the vacancy in leadership following the death of Nancy Liston, she knew that someone had to step up to the call, something Jo did not feel qualified to do. *“I did a lot of praying about it, and kept waiting for someone else to stand up and say they were gonna do it, but nobody did. And I prayed a lot because I did not feel qualified. Nancy knew everybody, I didn’t know anybody. After praying about it a lot, I felt that that was what God wanted me to do. So I gave up Missions and went to a different mission.”*

God calling....

What are you  
waiting for?

Under Jo’s leadership the ministry made some changes and evolved along the way. Jo visited a number of pantries in the area to see how they did things and only made change as was necessary at the time and when people who were helping came up with better ideas. *“It is a group effort and it has been, because I couldn’t have done it without the help of other people.”*

When asked what her greatest joy has been, Jo responded with, *“Probably getting to know other folks, whether it’s other churches, people in other churches or the people who have come to the pantry and how people have responded when we need help.”* She hopes the support will continue. Her greatest challenge— *“Probably giving it up. It has been a challenge because I want it to continue and I probably am not 100% ready to give it up but I know that it’s time for someone else to come along side and do it. That person has to learn the names of other people and has to be responsible and maybe they will have it easier than I did.”*



I asked Jo, “In letting go of the lead do you have any concerns for how the pantry may change or for the new leadership?” She responded, *“I don’t have any concerns because I feel that God is supporting the ministry and feels that it should continue. I will do anything I can to help. I know it will change and that’s fine because it changed from when Nancy had it. And sometimes it has to change.”* Asked if she felt God’s call to pass along the baton so to speak, she responded with, *“I would say yes, I just don’t know how. He prepared me, so He has to prepare someone else.”*

Jo identifies her greatest supporter besides God, as her husband of 61 years, Tim Shane. She says that it would have been hard without him and all the things he does to support her and the pantry especially since the pandemic. Together they have 4 children, 9 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. When asked what her plans are for all the spare time she will have, she responded that she doesn’t have any plans and takes one day at a time.

Jo wants the pantry clients to know that they are friends, not just people who come to the pantry. She has enjoyed getting to know them and to hear their stories. *“I’ll miss it, I’ll miss talking to them, I’ll miss their stories and how they are doing. I’m not sure that they’re going to miss me, but I will miss them!”*

To pantry supporters she says, *“Thank you! Thank you for the prayers, for the support whether it is financial, groceries, paper products...we have been fortunate that we have the support not only of the area churches but different organizations, the police department and it sometimes amazes me, but Tim always tells me, ‘You can’t outgive God.’”*

*“You can’t outgive God”* is a phrase that she attributes back to Tim and is often heard when Jo speaks of the pantry. As I spoke with Jo this phrase prompted a memory of (continued on next page)

## COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES

*New Beginnings*

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my own that I asked if she too remembered. Someone had called the church wanting to donate a Christmas tree and decorations for the tree. I went to Jo to ask if there was need and her response, “Yes, I just prayed for that.” Jo did indeed remember this time and I think it speaks to her great faith in what God can do.

To her coworkers in the pantry, *“I don’t know what to say. I don’t know what I would have done without them because they have been supportive of not only the pantry but of me. When Tim was sick they would step up and run the pantry without me and it would run smoothly. I really appreciate all that they have done to keep the pantry running. They go get the groceries, they will do whatever it is that I ask, I don’t know what else to say except, Thank You!”*

Jo’s parting thought as we ended our conversation was, *“I really don’t want to step down, but it’s that time.”* As I thanked Jo for her year’s of service we were in agreement that God has prepared someone to take over and He has great plans for the pantry. We don’t know how He’s going to do it, but He will! I don’t doubt that it will continue on and that he has future plans for Jo as well.

Jo, we as a church thank you and believe that God’s response to you at this time is “Well done, good and faithful servant!” We can’t wait to see what God has in store for you next. We hold you in our prayers.

**If you, like Jo did once, have been wrestling with this call to leadership.  
Know that we too are praying for you.**



*Just a reminder:*

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



**Pantry Distribution**

**March 19th & April 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**

Villa St Joseph  
1030 State Street  
Baden, PA 15005

**Joe Biddle**

902 Eighth Avenue  
Freedom, PA 15042

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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 Lenten Fish Fry

~ Eat-In or Take-Out ~

724 – 843 – 0862

Serving 3:30 until 6:30

## FISH DINNER

Fried or Baked

French Fries OR Macaroni & Cheese OR Baked Potato  
Cole slaw & roll Adults: **\$14.00**

## SHRIMP DINNER

French Fries OR Macaroni & Cheese OR Baked Potato  
Cole slaw & roll Adults: **\$14.00**

## FISH SANDWICH DINNER

French Fries OR Macaroni & Cheese OR Baked Potato  
Cole slaw & roll Adults: **\$14.00**

## CHICKEN TENDER DINNER

French Fries OR Macaroni & Cheese OR Baked Potato  
Cole slaw & roll Adults: **\$14.00**

## REDUCED PORTION MENU

Fish Dinner (1 PIECE) ~ **\$8.00**

Shrimp Dinner (4 PIECES) ~ **\$8.00**

Chicken Tender Dinner ~ **\$8.00**

Includes: Cole slaw & roll,

French Fries OR Macaroni & Cheese OR Baked Potato

## SIDES

**\$4.00** ~ Fish (Fried or Baked)

**\$4.00** ~ French Fries, Baked Potato OR Macaroni & Cheese

**\$4.00** ~ Shrimp OR Chicken Tender

**\$3.00** ~ Cole Slaw





Please Join Troop 444, New Sewickley Township  
as they Collect Items of Need or Cash donations to support the  
*Compassionate Ministries Food Pantry*  
at Unionville United Methodist Church

**Cash Donations or Items of Need  
will be collected  
at the Fish Fry  
March 15  
3:30-6:30pm**



*Items in great need: toilet paper, paper towels,  
laundry detergent, and sugar*



# NexTrex Recycling Challenge

Unionville has signed up to participate as a collection site for plastic bags/films/wraps. Soon you will see the square bins back in our building.

When we collect 1000 pounds of plastics by March 2, 2025 we will receive a NexTrex bench free of charge.

That's a lot of plastic, so spread the word and start gathering and saving.



**What can I win?**



Trex Bench

**Below is a list of items accepted.**

**All items must be clean, dry and free of food residue!**

### What can be recycled?

*All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.*



Grocery bags



Bread bags



Bubble wrap



Dry cleaning bags



Newspaper sleeves



Ice bags



Plastic shipping envelopes



Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags



Cereal bags



Case overwrap



Salt bags



Pallet wrap & stretch film



Wood pellet bags



Produce bags

### WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

HDPE (#2)
High Density Polyethylene

LDPE (#4)
Low Density Polyethylene

LLDPE (#4)
Linear Low Density Polyethylene



Jesus is RISEN,  
the VICTORY is won,  
sins are FORGIVEN  
praise God  
for His Son!



**Community Breakfast  
March 2nd & April 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*