

The Disciple

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To Serve



Not to be served

Mark 10:45

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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.



PRAYER CHAIN

Begins In The Church Office

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Prayer concerns for our Church Family & Friends...



Mourning Loss

Sam
Terry Flint Family
Paul Luke Family

General Health

Christopher Boyde
Patty Boyde
Brad Burton
Sharlaine Gallegos
Carolyn Kristophel
Hilliary Lawson
Kim Pavlinich

Medical Treatments

Russ Bernardo
Finley Metzler
Terry Mohrbacher
Jack Mulik
Karen Valko

Surgery & Procedures

Tim Beam
Teresa Brown
Chrissy Guay
Heidi Lois
Tom Miller
Wade Sewall
Keith Young

Missionaries

Karl & Deb Crossman
Franz Payoute
Darlene Rimer
Skybacher Ministries

Praise

Answered Prayer
Brian Beige
Church Family
Farah Donaldson
Maddie Knopp
Jordyn Moehrle
Praise in Waiting
Scouts

Other Prayer Needs

Armed Forces
Elected Officials
First Responders
Milbert Family
Our Children & Youth
Our Community
Our Ministries
Our Schools
Pastor Alan & Lois

Someone you haven't seen in awhile

Struggling Families
Unspoken needs
VBS SCUBA

Home Touch

Lohra Allcorn
Russ Bernardo
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
Cody Boors
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

Lord, I surrender my anxieties and racing thoughts into Your loving hands. Grant me the strength to trust Your wisdom, for You know the path ahead. Fill my mind with Your peace, which surpasses all understanding. Help me focus on the present moment, leaving behind the weight of unnecessary worries. Guide my thoughts towards what is true, noble and praiseworthy. In Your presence, may overthinking lose its hold on me, and may Your calming grace prevail. I place my faith in You, the ultimate source of peace and serenity. Amen

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.

Happy Birthday To You...

- | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 04/01 Pat Elick | 04/24 Lohra Allcorn |
| 04/01 Asher Huwar | 04/25 Mary Kughn |
| 04/02 Mike Kastroll | 04/27 Nathan Fronzaglio |
| 04/03 Jake Turner | 04/27 Regina Boyd |
| 04/03 Colin Lafferty | 04/27 Carole Young |
| 04/03 Jessica Fogle | 04/27 Mikalah Smith |
| 04/07 Karen Valko | 04/28 Lyle Kughn |
| 04/10 Karen Dawson | |
| 04/11 Phil Ziter | |
| 04/12 Debbie Canonge | |
| 04/12 Walker Donawitz | |
| 04/14 Paul Moehrle | |
| 04/15 Samantha Sharpless | |
| 04/16 Jason Walker | |
| 04/17 Debbie Brightwell | |
| 04/18 Marty Fleissner | |
| 04/18 Noah Harris | |
| 04/19 Karen Peffer | |
| 04/20 Tim Shane | |
| 04/23 Danny Evans | |
| 04/23 Stephania Badamo | |



Prayer for Church Family

Lord God, we come before You as a church family united in faith and love for one another. We humbly pray for Your blessings and direction as we spread the word of Your mercy and love to the rest of the world. May we always seek to follow Your holy ways, and may our hearts be open to Your will. Through Christ our Lord. AMEN

*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

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 04/04 Don & Nancy Deutsch | 04/25 Mark & Tonya Mohrbacher |
| 04/10 Jason & Kim Walker | 04/25 Tom & Linda Miller |
| 04/18 Kelly & Chris Triplett | 04/27 Lew & TC Lawrence |
| 04/21 Mike & Sherry Lewis | |



APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 2 VBS SCUBA Worknight, Ad Council Meeting
- April 3 AM Adult Bible Study, Choir, PM Adult Bible Study
- April 4 Pray & Go Feedback Session
- April 6 Community Breakfast
- April 7 Sunday Worship, Sunday School,
Kids' Club, Youth Group, Time Talent & Treasure Class
- April 9 VBS SCUBA Worknight, Finance Meeting
- April 10 AM Adult Bible Study, Choir, PM Adult Bible Study
- April 14 Sunday Worship, Sunday School, Christian Ed Meeting
Kids' Club, Youth Group, Time Talent & Treasure Class
- April 15 Safe Sanctuary Training
- April 16 Food Pantry, VBS SCUBA Worknight
- April 17 AM Adult Bible Study, Blood Drive, Choir, PM Adult Bible Study
Rummage Sale Set Up
- April 18 Rummage Sale Set Up, SPPRC Meeting
- April 19 Rummage Sale
- April 20 Rummage Sale
- April 21 Sunday Worship, Sunday School,
Kids' Club, Youth Group, Time Talent & Treasure Class
- April 23 Election Day, VBS Worknight
- April 24 AM Adult Bible Study, Choir, PM Adult Bible Study
- April 28 Sunday Worship, Sunday School, Time Talent & Treasure Class
Kids' Club & Youth Group Pizza Party
- April 29 UWF Coffee, Comedy & Cake
- April 30 VBS SCUBA Worknight
- Looking Ahead
- May 12 Muffins with Mom
- May 19 Sunday School Picnic



PASTOR'S CORNER

Pastor Alan

Pastor's Corner

It's All About...

When I got married, I learned pretty quickly that it would not work if I thought that life is all about me. Having an instant family, I discovered that for our marriage to work life had to be all about my spouse and my son. As the years have gone by, I am at my best in the marriage when I remember that. And of course, Lois and I often muse that it really isn't about either one of us, it is all about our dog. All you have to do is ask Jo and he will let you know that.

As we grow up (not older) we must learn that life is **not** all about "me". Part of our Lenten journey to give up something and take on some positive behavior seeks to show us that life isn't about "me".

But then the message of Easter turns that on its head. We discover that the mystery of God's gift of his Son as a sacrifice for our sin **is all** about us. Christ died for us!

We discover that who life is all about is answered in different ways.

When we come together to worship, it is all about God. We come to sing praises to God, to offer our prayers to God, to give our gifts of time, treasure, and talent to God's glory, and to hear a word from God through the scriptures and message. It is all about God!

When we come together in fellowship and study, it is all about us. It is our opportunity to learn more about God's love, to have fellowship with others on the journey, and to grow in our understanding of what it means to be a Christ-follower, a Christian.

When we come together in mission and service, it is all about others. It is our opportunity to live out our Discipleship as we care for the needy and we share God's love.

In truth, our life in faith is like a three-legged stool. For the stool to be the most functional and useful, it needs all three legs to be present and firmly connected. For our faith to be the most functional and useful, it needs all three legs of 'worship', 'fellowship and study', and 'mission and service' to be present and firmly connected. Without all three, like the stool, we become less than God intends.

We gather for worship each Sunday at 9:30 AM.

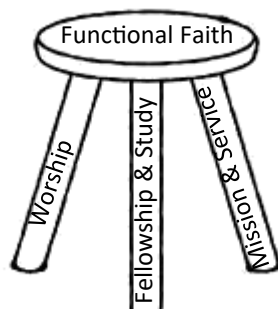
We offer fellowship and study opportunities through Sunday School for children, youth, and adults after worship each week. On Sunday nights we offer children and youth opportunities from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. On Wednesdays, we have two different studies, one at 10:30 AM and one at 7:00 PM.

We offer a variety of service and mission opportunities, some that meet the needs of our community of faith and our surrounding community, while others meet the needs of people all around the world as we share our time, talent, and treasure.

Of course, nothing about "church" is mandatory. But when we take the opportunity to live out our lives remembering that it is **all** about God, us, and others, we will discover the depths of what it means to be a Disciple!

Christ is Risen! Alleulia!

Alan



How Shall We Live

WORSHIP SERIES



**Apr
7**

“We Walk in the Light”
1 John 1:1-22 & John 20:19-31

**Apr
14**

“We Purify in Hope”
1 John 3:1-7 & Luke 24:36b-48

**Apr
21**

“We Abide in Christ”
1 John 3:16-24 & John 10:11-18

**Apr
28**

Rev. Dave Wilson
Guest Preacher

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.



WHY HAVE A SAFE SANCTUARY POLICY?

A) The Biblical Mandate and Mandate from the General Conference

Beginning with the 1996 General Conference of The United Methodist Church, a resolution has been adopted, amended, reaffirmed aimed at eliminating any potential for child sexual abuse in the church. The resolution includes the following statement:

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes a child welcomes me." (Matthew 18:5). Children are full participants in the life of the church and in the realm of God.

Jesus also said, "As for whoever causes these little ones who believe in me to trip and fall into sin, it would be better for them to have a huge stone hung around their necks and be drowned in the bottom of the lake" (Matthew 18:6). Our Christian faith calls us to offer both hospitality and protection to the little ones, the children. The Social Principles of The United Methodist Church state that "children must be protected from economic, physical and sexual exploitation and abuse." (§ 162C)

Tragically, churches are not always safe places for children. Child sexual abuse, exploitation, including online, and ritual abuse occur in congregations of all sizes and geographical locations. The problem cuts across all economic, cultural, and racial ethnic lines. Most annual conferences can cite specific incidents of child sexual abuse and exploitation within churches. Virtually every congregation has among its members adult survivors of early sexual trauma.

Such incidents are devastating to all who are involved: the child, the family, the local church, and its leaders. Churches are torn apart by the legal, emotional, and monetary consequences of litigation following allegations of abuse. ...

God calls us to make our churches safe places, protecting children and other vulnerable persons from sexual and ritual abuse. God calls us to create communities of faith where children and adults grow safe and strong.

Resolution 3084

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B) Part of the Baptismal Covenant We Make with Each Child

In all our ministries with children and youth, Unionville United Methodist Church is

committed to demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ so that each child will be “surrounded by steadfast love, ...established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.” (*Congregational Pledge 2, United Methodist Hymnal*, p. 44)

C) For the Protection of Volunteers and Staff in Case of False Allegations of Abuse

Today’s families are busier than at any time in our history, presenting a challenge to find volunteers for our various ministries. Additionally, in today’s litigious society, volunteers and staff face an increased risk of false accusations. Therefore, our Safe Sanctuaries policies are designed not only to protect children, youth, and vulnerable adults, but also to protect our volunteers and staff.

PURPOSE

In covenant with all United Methodist Congregations, Unionville United Methodist Church commits to establish this policy and to conduct our ministries to assure the physical and emotional safety and spiritual growth of our children, youth, and vulnerable adults as well as our workers with children and youth. This policy seeks to:

- establish reasonable safety measures when selecting and recruiting workers.
- implement appropriate operational procedures in all areas of programming and care.
- deploy workers with children and youth trained on our procedures and policies.
- provide a clearly defined procedure for reporting a suspected incident of abuse consistent with Pennsylvania law.

The policy is essential to providing ministry in a safe environment and allow us to comply with the requirements of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This process will ensure that we have adequately identified and documented basic information on our volunteers and paid staff including all the required clearances for volunteering with children and youth or working as an employee of the church. Repetitive training will help make the safety of our children and youth a part of the fabric of our lives.

Safe Sanctuary Training Reminder

Our volunteers and staff working with children and youth are required to take training on an annual basis to stay aware of our *Unionville Safe Policy*. The training is intended for those who volunteer in the nursery, work with children’s church, Sunday School teachers, Kid’s Club & Youth Group leaders, and Vacation Bible School. **Our next training is being offered at 6:30 PM on Monday, April 15th.**

Unionville Church Camper's Fund

PURPOSE:	The <i>Camper's Fund</i> is a ministry established to support the participation of our children, youth, and "adults with intellectual disabilities" to attend a faith-based summer camp experience or faith-based retreat each year. These include United Methodist or other denominational camps or retreats. This does not include mission trips or non-residential sport camps.
SOURCE OF FUNDING:	Funds received from the blue clothing collection box in the parking lot are designated to the camper's fund. Periodically, tips from the Community Breakfast, fish fry, or other events may be designated to the camper's fund by the pastor and fundraising event chair. Other funds may be designated by the Administrative Council at their discretion in addition to any funds specifically designated by a donor.
CAMPER ELIGIBILITY:	The camper must be regularly active in Unionville Church's worship, Sunday school, and/or other age-specific ministries such as Kid's Club and Youth Group.
FUND ADMINISTRATION:	Requests for scholarships are to be made in writing to the pastor who has approval authority to grant the scholarship. The pastor may consult with the Christian Education chair, Lay Leader, and Administrative Council chair, if a question arises.
SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT:	Based on available funds, the amount of the scholarship will be up to 50% of the total per person and paid directly to the event registrar once the camper has registered and paid their portion of the cost of camp (as of 2024, camp fees range from \$125 - \$725 depending on host facility, duration, age-level, and primary program feature).

Adopted by the Administrative Council on April 2, 2024.

FINANCE

GENERAL FUND 2024

MONTH		INCOME		EXPENSES		SURPLUS/DEFICIT
JANUARY		\$ 11,509.74		\$ 19,162.30		\$ (7,652.56)
FEBRUARY	*	\$ 18,513.99		\$ 18,501.33		\$ 12.66
MARCH	*					
APRIL						
MAY						
JUNE						
JULY						
AUGUST						
SEPTEMBER						
OCTOBER						
NOVEMBER						
DECEMBER						
YEAR TO DATE		\$ 30,023.73		\$ 37,663.63		\$ (7,639.90)

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

*includes fish fry net income

Lord, we lift up our church finances. May we sow generously into our church without reluctance or compulsion. Make all grace abound so we have all we need for every good work you've assigned us. Make us rich in ways that result in generosity on our part so You will be praised. AMEN



ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

	Acolytes	Greeters	Children's Church
April 7	Declan Salter Taylor Moehrle	Jenny Smith Holly LeFebvre	Paula Boyd Janna Kline
April 14	Jordyn Moehrle Janna Kline		Tonya Mohrbacher Tina Petrik Jayce Lawrence
April 21	Preston Deal Bryson Deal	Matt Currey Kelli Currey	Linda Miller Connor Moehrle
April 28	RJ Gigliotti Ruby Gigliotti	Charlene Murray	Heather Salter Jordyn Moehrle

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

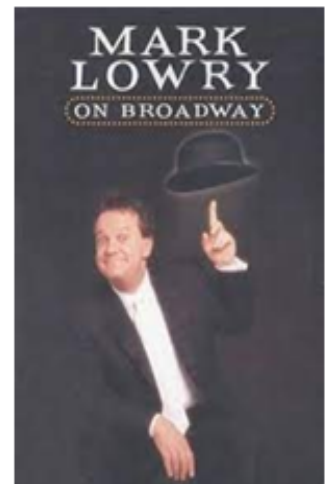


United
Women
in Faith

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!



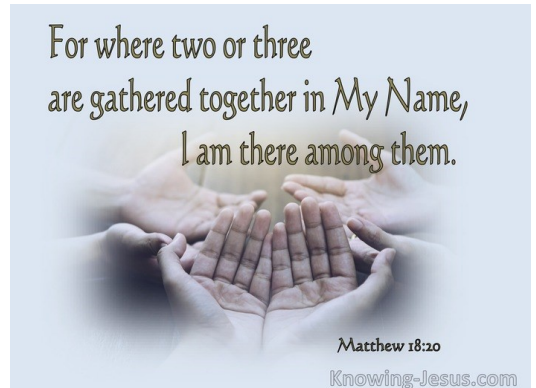
PRAYER MINISTRY

Linda Miller

The 24 Hour Prayer Vigil is a favorite event for me each year and this year did not disappoint. Thank you to each of you who took the time to plan and set up a table. We were led to pray for our church, our country, our service men and women, against the storms in our life, against overthinking, for our pantry friends, for our missionaries, praise for God's creation, for those who mourn, for those who are lost or who have fallen away from their faith. The tables were so good that I have decided to share with you in the coming newsletters some of what was shared with us at the vigil.

I would also like to thank each one of you who took an hour out of your busy weekend to join us in prayer. We ended up with 50 people praying in house at the vigil for one hour each and at least 8 people who were away for the weekend but took an hour where they were to lift prayers with us. Thank you.

For where two or three
are gathered together in My Name,
I am there among them.



PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET BELIEVED

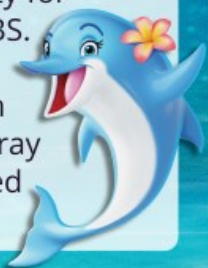
God, I know that it is Your deepest wish to have all people have faith in You. It must break your heart in seeing someone choose false gods. I pray that You continue to be patient and merciful on those who have not yet found You. As it is said in 2 Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish but everyone to come to repentance."

How blessed are we to have a God that will wait for us to turn our hearts to Him! We are blessed by a merciful and loving God that receives no joy in watching someone perish without knowing His love. AMEN.

Pray that each Sunday the Lord will lead seekers to Unionville. Pray that they will be ministered to effectively and loved abundantly. ~Acts 2:47

PRAY FOR OUR VBS

"Dear God, thank you for going before us as we prepare for VBS. Help us meet any need of supplies, decorations, and volunteers we may have. Provide the opportunity for families far and wide to attend VBS. Thank you for the opportunity to pour into the lives of these kids in deep and meaningful ways. We pray that above all else you are glorified in our VBS."



Pray for an evangelistic spirit to pervade the members of the church. Pray that each week members of Unionville will have clear opportunities to build relationships and share the message of Jesus. ~Acts 2:46-47

Pray for a spirit of unity in the church.
~Philippians 4:2-3

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Linda Miller

He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. ~Luke 10:2

Heavy on my heart this last month has been thoughts about commitment and the need within the church for champions, persons who make a ministry within the church their number 1 commitment. For instance if I were to say Compassionate Ministries, who do you immediately think of? I doubt there is anyone who did not think of Jo Shane. Jo has been the champion of Compassionate Ministries for a long time. It is her priority next to God and Family. Jo is ready to pass along the baton to the next champion. Who will that be?

We are in a time where our attentions are so scattered. We run from one event to the next trying to squeeze it all in. We have double and triple if not more leadership roles that we take on because we think, "if not me, then who?" And sometimes sadly that is probably a correct assumption. But in which of these roles am I a true champion? Which of these roles is a calling from God? Are any of these roles more of a chore that I dread or resent? Which of these roles can I not wait to get to? Which of these roles gives me joy? The things we love, the things that give us joy are the things that we will give the best of ourselves to. Those are the places where we will be most effective. Those things are our calling.

I believe with all my heart that God wants the best of us. He wants us to be champions in anything we commit ourselves to. I believe that He has a call on each one of our lives and we all ought to be praying about what that call is. There's a champion in each one of us. Pray to be a champion.

Pray for the children of Unionville. Pray that those who teach and care for them will do so with love, patience and JOY. Pray that as those children grow up in church, they will grow strong in faith, coming to know Jesus as Savior and Lord early in their life.
~Mark 10:14

Pray for small group leaders and Sunday School Teachers. They are entrusted with helping other believers grow into a full measure of maturity. Pray that they will be JOY-filled, strong in their own faith, and able to be sensitive and discerning when leading others. ~Hebrews 13:17

Pray for the youth of Unionville. They will need strong roots of faith to maintain a positive witness throughout high school and into college or a career. Pray that their leaders will have JOY and the necessary wisdom to teach and lead in a way that connects with teens and attracts more.
~1 Timothy 4:12

Pray for special ministries of the church and their leadership. These ministries will change with the season of the year, the needs of the church or the needs of the community. Pray that they are JOY-filled and effective in sharing the good news of Jesus with others.
~Ecclesiastes 3:1

YOUTH GROUP*Tiffani Keil & Wendy Kline***Sunday, April 7th 6:30—8:00 pm****Episode 6—Unlawful****Episode passages****1 Samuel 21:1-6, Matthew 12:1-14**

Matthew and Simon try to get along as they search for Mary in dark places. The group fears for Mary as they struggle with lack of food and bad news about John the Baptist. Meanwhile, Jesus continues to upset Pharisees across multiple regions.

Sunday, April 14th 6:30—8:00 pm**Episode 7—Reckoning****Episode passages****Matthew 4:12-17, Matthew 6:5-15**

After learning about Jesus's whereabouts Quintus sends Gaius to arrest him. The disciples lose control as they argue about how to respond. While seeking information about where Jesus was taken, Andrew and Philip encounter old friends.

**Sunday, April 21st 6:30—8:00 pm****Last episode of season 2—Beyond Mountains****Episode passages****Matthew 5:1-16**

While Jesus and Matthew prepare the content of the big sermon, the disciples spread the word while fighting amongst themselves. A high-ranking Sanhedrin member is shocked by Samuel's report on Jesus. thousands arrived for the sermon, including familiar faces.

Sunday, April 28th 6:30—8:00 pm**Last Youth Group meeting until Fall 2024****Join us for a PIZZA PARTY!!**

We just want to thank all the parents for sharing their teens with us as we watched Jesus' life unfold on screen. The kids have all agreed that The Chosen really helped them to see what life was like when Jesus walked the earth. Thank you to all our youth for showing up and sharing your life experiences as they related to each episode.



As this season comes to a close, the youth have discussed pivoting our lessons next year to a curriculum so we have more time for interaction with one another, more conversation, and of course time to play games.

Watch for upcoming events throughout Spring and Summer in future newsletters!



**SPRING CLEANING?
DO YOU HAVE THESE ITEMS
LYING AROUND?
PERHAPS YOU DON'T WANT TO
TOSS THEM BUT YOU ALSO
DON'T "NEED" THEM!**

wood scraps
tarps
toilet paper/paper towel rolls (empty)
mesh and/or mesh scraps
used cans of paint/spray paint
boxes
packing peanuts
pool noodles
craft pipe cleaners
plastic containers (any size)
plastic bottle caps (all sizes)
party decorations (balloons, anything Scuba related)
cardboard egg cartons
gift filler/easter basket grass
Wooden clothes pins



**We can take
them off your
hands!**



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.



HOME TOUCH

Lohra Allcorn

Villa St Joseph
1030 State Street
Baden, PA 15005

Joe Biddle

902 Eighth Avenue
Freedom, PA 15042

Bim & Deb Brightwell

1290 Route 68
Rochester, PA 15074

Fran Boyde

c/o Jack Boyde
904 Pine Run Road
Freedom, PA 15042

Don & Nancy Deutsch

535 Lincoln Blvd
Freedom, PA 15042

Linda Eiler

125 Pflug Road
New Brighton, PA 15066

Pat Elick

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Rochester, PA 15074

Paul Grimes

The Grove at Harmony
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Harmony, PA 16037

Sylvia Hendrickson

10 Adams Ridge Blvd. Rm A-8
Mars, PA 16046

Elmira Hollingshead

1013 Stockton Ridge
Cranberry Twp., PA 16066

Lee Jenkins

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Freedom, PA 15042

Thelma Koch

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New Brighton, PA 15066

Josephine Lopic

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New Brighton, PA 15066

Thelma Miller

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Dawn Mohrbacher

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Jackie Neal

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Cowpens, SC 29330

Janet Pfaff

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Blue Ridge Apt 2014
Zelienople, PA 16063

Tim Ramsey

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New Brighton, PA 15066

Duane & Diana Rape

130 Harkins Mill Road
Rochester, PA 15074

Amie Ritter

141 R Harold Street
New Brighton, PA 15066



***Please take a moment to remember our
Home Touch Friends***

With a note, card, phone call and especially a prayer.

***If you know of someone who should be
added to our Home Touch Friend List,
Please contact the church office.***

***If you would like a visit from our Home Touch Team or
Pastor Alan, please notify the church office.***

COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES

Just a reminder:

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



Pantry Distribution

April 16th & May 21st

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**

Father, we pray for a vision for Compassionate Ministries and for a leader to come forward to carry on the work of compassion that Jo Shane has carried thus far. We pray Lord for the continued cooperation within the community as we care for those less fortunate among us. May we be known for compassion, love and grace as we do the work you have called us to. AMEN



Mission Impact Collections

The Mission Barn, a ministry of the Western Pennsylvania Conference of The United Methodist Church and a regional partner of the United Methodist Committee on Relief, need cleaning kits, hygiene kits, and menstrual kits for distribution around the world as a part of our relief work through UMCOR.

There are specific lists of items needed for each kit including sizes and descriptions that are needed to allow the kit to be able to be shipped through customs anywhere in the world. These lists are available at our "information center" by the bulletin boards at the church or follow the link to the kit you are interested in putting together at umcmmission.org/relief-supplies/.

Another option is that you can donate toward the cost of making kits through the offering plate. Be sure to mark your gift "relief kits".

All kits received by June 2nd will be delivered to the Mission Barn collection at annual conference.

RUMMAGE SALE

@ Unionville UMC - 1297 Rt 68 Rochester, PA 15074

Proceeds benefit BSA Troop 9444



UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH



Held each day of the sale.

Volunteers and donations accepted and needed PLEASE!!!!!!

Donations (no electronics) may be dropped off on Wednesday and Thursday, April 17th & 18th from 630-830pm.

Bag sale \$2 per bag
noon-2pm on Saturday



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.

Below is a list of items accepted.

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



What can I win?



Trex Bench

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



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March 12, 2024

Unionville U M Church
ID: 96861

Dear Friend in Ministry,

On behalf of the Conference Treasurer's Office and the Conference Council on Finance & Administration ("CF&A"), thank you for your 2023 Connectional Apportionment giving of **\$26,295.00**.

We recognize that the last few years have introduced unprecedented change and challenges, and that further change is on the horizon as we **all** live into our new realities. **Please know that every dollar given towards the Conference connectional apportionment budget is graciously, and thankfully, received. Your faithful giving contributes to our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

We understand that some churches continue to struggle financially, and in those instances, we ask that you pray to God for guidance as to what your church is capable of paying and pay that amount; and to not be discouraged if the goal of 100% is not attained. At some point, **every** church will experience growth, and decline, in their financial vitality. In some years, your church may have been able to pay 100% of their apportionment, effectively bolstering those churches that were unable to do so; in other years, your church may be the one being bolstered. **This is truly a demonstration of our connectional system at work.**

Just as it is with the local church budget and finances, covering that final 15-20% of the Conference connectional apportionment is what has the most significant impact in making more funds available for the programs and grants available through our Nurture, Outreach and Witness ministries. **Through intentional efforts a spirit of generosity can be fostered, and benefits reaped well beyond connectional apportionment giving.**

Lastly, please know that CF&A and the Conference Treasurer's Office are resources available to **every local church**. It is our ministry to serve. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions.

Sincerely,



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**Community Breakfast
April 6th & May 4th
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*