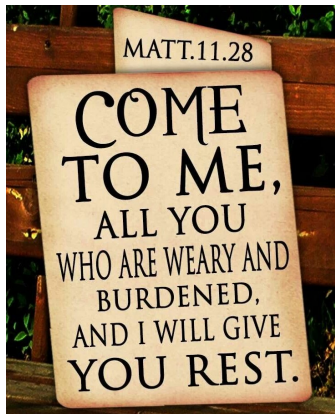


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**WORSHIP  
& PICNIC  
IN THE  
PARK**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
For our annual  
**Worship & Picnic in the Park**

**Sunday, September 8th**  
**Green Valley Park**  
**Amphitheatre**

**All are Welcome!**

**9:00 am**  
Coffee & Donuts

**9:30 am**  
Worship Service  
*Bring your lawn chairs*

**11:00 am**  
Potluck Picnic  
Games & Fellowship

Bring your lawn chair and favorite potluck dish to share. *See list below.*

Last Name A-M - side dish  
Last Name N-Z - dessert

Chicken, drink & dinnerware will be provided.

# PRAYER CHAIN

Begins In The Church Office

(724)843-0862

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

**Mourning Loss**

Bogacki Family  
 Jordan Geiger Family  
 Mariellen Ketterer Family  
 Ty Lucente Family  
 Diana Rape Family  
 Joseph Roach Family

**General Health**

April Beige  
 Patty Ward Freshcorn  
 Chelsea H.  
 Sue Prescott  
 Patricio Sanchez  
 Jenny Smith

**Medical Treatments**

Larry Ewing

**Surgery & Procedures**

Mike  
 Aubrey Bogacki  
 Matt Currey  
 Elizabeth Deal  
 Tom Ellis  
 Sharlaine Gallegos  
 Tom Miller  
 Terry Mohrbacher  
 Petie Petrik  
 Darlene Rimer  
 Sylvia Stedina  
 Dave Wilson

**Missionaries**

Karl & Deb Crossman  
 Franz Payoute  
 Darlene Rimer  
 Skybacher Ministries

**Praise**

Answered Prayer  
 Church Family  
 Praise in Waiting

**Other Prayer Needs**

Armed Forces  
 Back to School  
 Church Family  
 Church Leadership  
 Community & Neighbors  
 Election  
 Frank Black  
 Mental Illnesses  
 Political Leaders  
 First Responders  
 Uncertain Times  
 Unspoken Needs  
 UUMC Fall Programming

**Home Touch**

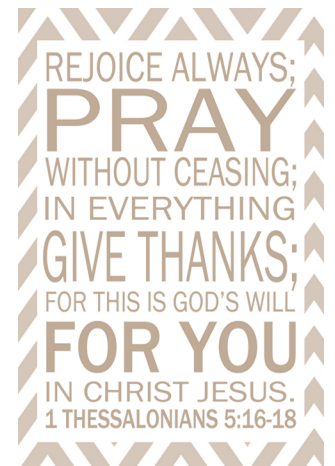
Joe Biddle  
 Fran Boyde  
 Bim Brightwell  
 Don & Nancy Deutsch  
 Linda Eiler  
 Pat Elick  
 Paul Grimes

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**

Jeannie  
 Lucas  
 Stacey  
 Russ Bernardo  
 Troy & Nora Baker  
 Cody Boors  
 Jean Brown  
 Judy Cantner  
 Kelly D.  
 Wayne Davis  
 Holden Eckman  
 Caitlin Edge  
 Michelle Furgieue  
 Lindsey Novak Errett  
 Carolyn Ewing  
 Margaret Ewing  
 Mike Gray  
 Bruce Guay  
 Debbie Kline

Freida Kughn  
 Gary Lucente  
 Mary Ann Mencher  
 Finley Metzler  
 Richard Moody  
 George Peffer  
 Janet Pfaff  
 Bernadette Rozman  
 Tim Shane  
 Wendy Shellhammer  
 Alice & Sam Short  
 Amy & Dave Smail



*Names will appear on the prayer list for four consecutive weeks with the exception of the Home Touch and Extended Care lists. The Extended Care list is for those with Chronic Illnesses who will likely need prayer long term. From time to time, if we have not received an update on a person or if a person has been doing well, they may be removed from the Extended Care list until we are asked to put them back on with an update to their condition.*

## Prayer Chain

If you or anyone you know would like to be added to the prayer list or to either the telephone or email prayer chain, please contact the church office.

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# Happy Birthday To You...



09/01 Madelyn Ebel  
 09/01 LABOR DAY  
 09/05 Kathy May  
 09/08 Julie Fronzaglio  
 09/09 Damon Ziter  
 09/10 Mike Lewis  
 09/11 Wendy Kline  
 09/11 Cheryl Fiscus  
 09/11 Matt Salter  
 09/12 Sara Miller  
 09/13 Jim McMillen  
 09/14 Merle Schultheis  
 09/14 Jonny Fiscus  
 09/14 Duane Rape  
 09/16 Chuck Liston  
 09/18 Lucas Miller  
 09/18 Devyn Greggs  
 09/19 Cheyenne Sharp

09/21 Asher D'Arrigo  
 09/22 Tina Petrik  
 09/22 Tori Loschinsky  
 09/23 Marge Dunn  
 09/25 Dick Ream  
 09/26 Paul Poplawski  
 09/26 Zane Smith  
 09/27 Kelly Harris  
 09/28 Mark Moran  
 09/28 Annette Zajac  
 09/30 Tyler Schultheis



*We enjoy being able to share your special dates.  
 Please, if we overlook you or someone you know, let us know  
 so that we can add the special date to our records.  
 Please hold these special people in prayer this month.*

# Happy Anniversary

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



## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please hold all our events in your prayers. Scheduled activities might be stronger and more fruitful if our congregation intentionally prays about them.

- Sept 2                    Sunday Worship
- Sept 3                    Labor Day
- Sept 4                    Sewing Ladies
- Sept 5                    Prayer Meeting @ Cantner's Campground Site
- Sept 8                    Worship in the Park and All Church Picnic
- Sept 10                  Sewing Ladies
- Sept 11                  Red Cross Blood Drive
- Sept 12                  Choir Practice, Adult Bible Study
- Sept 14                  New Sewickley Twp Community Day & First Responders Fall Fest
- Sept 15                  Sunday Worship, Sunday School Kick-off, 2025 Committee Budget Requests Due
- Sept 16                  Unionville Softball @Burry's Field
- Sept 17                  Sewing Ladies, Compassionate Ministries Food Pantry
- Sept 19                  Choir Practice, Adult Bible Study
- Sept 22                  Sunday Worship, Sunday School, Fall Program Kick-off @Baden Bowl
- Sept 24                  Sewing Ladies, Newsletter Deadline
- Sept 26                  Choir Practice, Adult Bible Study
- Sept 29                  Sunday Worship, Sunday School, Fifth Sunday Dinner, Youth Group, \*Kids' Club
- Sept 30                  Unionville Softball @Burry's Field

*Looking Ahead*

- Oct 5                    Community Breakfast
- Oct 8                    Finance Committee Meeting
- Oct 12                  UWF Mother/Daughter Tea
- Oct 13                  Yeck's Farm Fieldtrip
- Oct 22                  Ad Council Meeting



Mark  
Your  
Calendars

# Pastor's Corner

## 100-day Bible Challenge

During July and August, we have had several small group home-based Prayer Meetings. Prayer is an essential tool we have been given to be in communication and relationship with God and with each other. Our goal is for those to continue in various ways as we continue to seek God's will for Unionville Church.

Another important aspect of our journey with God is to spend time in the Scriptures.

You are invited to join me in a 100-day Bible Challenge called "The Essential 100". This reading plan, put together by *Scripture Union*, takes you through 50 Old Testament passages and 50 New Testament passages that give you the essential 100 stories that allow you to see the big picture of God's Word.

Find a Bible translation that is easy for you to understand.

Set aside a special time and place to read the Bible each day.

**PRAY:** before you read, asking God to help you understand.

**READ:** the Bible passage for the day, perhaps more than once.

**REFLECT:** on the passage. Write your thoughts in a journal.

**APPLY:** what God teaches you from God's Word to your life.

**PRAY:** again, asking God to help you live out God's Word.

### ***The rhythm of this reading series is as follows:***

The reading plan is set to start on October 14<sup>th</sup>. You will read Monday – Friday. Saturday is your day of rest (Sabbath). Sunday is your mini-resurrection day in which our community of faith gathers for Worship. We will read the Old Testament readings through December which allows us to hear some of the prophecy of the coming Christ. We read the birth narratives in the three days finishing on Christmas day. Then we read the New Testament through January and February, finishing the last reading the week before Lent begins.

### ***But wait, there's more:***

I'll host a new Sunday School class in the Sanctuary beginning on Sunday, September 15th. The first four weeks will be a video series by Christian History Institute entitled: Discovering the Bible. The four weeks include: 1-Getting Acquainted; 2-The Old Testament; 3-The New Testament; and 4-Survival, Spread, and Influence.

On Sunday, October 13th, I'll introduce the study that we will do around The Essential 100 Bible passages from Sunday, October 20th through Sunday, March 2nd. Each week we will learn a little more about the context of the week's readings as we reflect on what we learned along the way with our daily readings and how we can apply it in our lives.

I hope you will take the challenge each weekday and join me on Sundays.

Blessings!

*Alan*

**TAKE** *the*  
**Challenge**

**100-day Bible Challenge Reading Plan**

In the Beginning		
Oct 14	Creation	Genesis 1:1-2:25
Oct 15	The Fall	Genesis 3:1-24
Oct 16	The Flood	Genesis 6:5-7:24
Oct 17	God's Covenant with Noah	Genesis 8:1-9:17
Oct 18	Tower of Babel	Genesis 11:1-9
Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob		
Oct 21	The Call of Abram	Genesis 12:1-20
Oct 22	God's Covenant with Abram	Genesis 15:1-21
Oct 23	Isaac's Birth and "Sacrifice"	Genesis 21:1-22:19
Oct 24	Jacob and Esau Compete	Genesis 27:1-28:22
Oct 25	Jacob and Esau Reconcile	Genesis 32:1-33:20
The Story of Joseph		
Oct 28	Sold into Slavery	Genesis 37:1-36
Oct 29	Prison and Promotion	Genesis 39:1-41:57
Oct 30	Ten Brothers go to Egypt	Genesis 42:1-38
Oct 31	The Brothers Return	Genesis 43:1-44:34
Nov 1	Joseph Reveals His Identity	Genesis 45:1-46:7
Moses and The Exodus		
Nov 4	Birth of Moses	Exodus 1:1-2:25
Nov 5	The Burning Bush	Exodus 3:1-4:17
Nov 6	The Ten Plagues	Exodus 6:28-11:10
Nov 7	Passover and Exodus	Exodus 12:1-42
Nov 8	Crossing the Red Sea	Exodus 13:17-14:31
The Law and The Land		
Nov 11	The Ten Commandments	Exodus 19:1-20:21
Nov 12	The Golden Calf	Exodus 31:1-35
Nov 13	Joshua Succeeds Moses	Joshua 1:1-18
Nov 14	Crossing the Jordan	Joshua 3:1-4:24
Nov 15	The Fall of Jericho	Joshua 5:13-6:27
The Judges		
Nov 18	Israel's Disobedience	Judges 2:6-3:6
Nov 19	Deborah Leads Israel	Judges 4:1-5:31
Nov 20	Gideon Defeats the Midianites	Judges 6:1-7:25
Nov 21	Sampson Defeats the Philistines	Judges 13:1-16:31
Nov 22	The Story of Ruth	Ruth 1:1-4:22
The Rise of Israel		
Nov 25	Samuel Listens to God	1 Samuel 1:1-3:21
Nov 26	King Saul	1 Samuel 8:1-10:27
Nov 27	David and Goliath	1 Samuel 16:1-18:16
Nov 28	David and Saul	1 Samuel 23:7-24:22
Nov 29	King David	2 Samuel 5:1-7:29
The Fall of Israel		
Dec 2	David and Bathsheba	2 Samuel 11:1-12:25
Dec 3	King Solomon	1 Kings 2:1-3:28
Dec 4	Solomon's Temple	1 Kings 8:1-9:9
Dec 5	Elijah and the Prophets of Baal	1 Kings 16:29-19:18
Dec 6	The Fall of Jerusalem	2 Kings 25:1-30
Psalms and Proverbs		
Dec 9	The Lord is My Shepherd	Psalms 23:1-6
Dec 10	Have Mercy on Me	Psalms 51:1-23
Dec 11	Praise the Lord	Psalms 103:1-22
Dec 12	Godly Wisdom	Proverbs 1:1-4:27
Dec 13	Proverbs of Solomon	Proverbs 16:1-18:24
The Prophets		
Dec 16	The Suffering Servant	Isaiah 51:1-53:12
Dec 17	Jeremiah's Call and Message	Jeremiah 1:1-3:5
Dec 18	Daniel in the Lion's Den	Daniel 6:1-28
Dec 19	The Story of Jonah	Jonah 1:1-4:11
Dec 20	The Day of Judgment	Malachi 1:1-4:6

In the Beginning		
Dec 23	The Word Became Flesh	John 1:1-18
Dec 24	Gabriel's Message	Luke 1:1-80
Dec 25	The Birth of Jesus	Luke 2:1-40
Dec 26	John the Baptist	Luke 3:1-20
Dec 27	Baptism and Temptation	Matthew 3:13-4:17
The Teaching of Jesus		
Dec 30	Sermon on the Mount – Part 1	Matthew 5:1-6:4
Dec 31	Sermon on the Mount – Part 2	Matthew 6:5-7:29
Jan 1	The Kingdom of Heaven	Matthew 13:1-58
Jan 2	The Good Samaritan	Luke 10:25-37
Jan 3	Lost and Found	Luke 15:1-32
The Miracles of Jesus		
Jan 6	Feeding the Five Thousand	Luke 9:1-36
Jan 7	Walking on Water	Matthew 14:22-36
Jan 8	Healing the Blind Man	John 9:1-41
Jan 9	Healing a Demon Possessed Man	Mark 5:1-20
Jan 10	Raising Lazarus from the Dead	John 11:1-57
The Cross of Christ		
Jan 13	The Last Supper	Luke 22:1-46
Jan 14	Arrest and Trial	John 18:1-40
Jan 15	The Crucifixion	John 19:1-42
Jan 16	The Resurrection	John 20:1-21:25
Jan 17	The Ascension	Acts 1:1-11
The Church is Born		
Jan 20	The Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-47
Jan 21	Growth and Persecution	Acts 3:1-4:37
Jan 22	The First Martyr	Acts 6:8-8:8
Jan 23	Sharing the Word	Acts 8:26-40
Jan 24	Good News for All	Acts 10:1-11:18
The Travels of Paul		
Jan 27	The Road to Damascus	Acts 9:1-31
Jan 27	The First Missionary Journey	Acts 13:1-14:28
Jan 28	The Council at Jerusalem	Acts 15:1-41
Jan 30	More Missionary Journeys	Acts 16:1-20:38
Jan 31	The Trip to Rome	Acts 25:1-28:31
Paul to the Churches		
Feb 3	More than Conquerors	Romans 8:1-39
Feb 4	The Fruit of the Spirit	Galatians 5:16-6:10
Feb 5	The Armor of God	Ephesians 6:10-20
Feb 6	Rejoice in the Lord	Philippians 4:2-9
Feb 7	The Supremacy of Christ	Colossians 1:1-23
Paul to the Leaders		
Feb 10	Elders and Deacons	1 Timothy 3:1-16
Feb 11	The Love of Money	1 Timothy 6:3-21
Feb 12	Good Soldiers of Christ	2 Timothy 2:1-26
Feb 13	All Scripture is God-breathed	2 Timothy 3:10-4:8
Feb 14	The Coming of the Lord	1 Thess. 4:13-5:11
The Apostles' Teaching		
Feb 17	The Most Excellent Way	1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Feb 18	A New Creation in Christ	2 Corinthians 4:1-6:2
Feb 19	A Living Hope	1 Peter 1:1-2:12
Feb 20	Faith and Works	James 1:1-2:26
Feb 21	Love One Another	1 John 3:11-4:21
The Revelation		
Feb 24	A Voice and a Vision	Revelation 1:1-20
Feb 25	Messages to the Churches	Revelation 2:1-3:22
Feb 26	The Throne of Heaven	Revelation 4:1-7:17
Feb 27	Hallelujah!	Revelation 19:1-20:15
Feb 28	The New Jerusalem	Revelation 21:1-21

**PRAYER MINISTRY***Linda Miller***Are you listening?**

Last month we began a series of small group Prayer Meetings. I have been excited to see those who have recognized the importance of prayer and have gathered together to lift our voices to God's ear. We have prayed for individuals, we have prayed for ministries, we have prayed for the way forward to be made known and so much more.

***We currently have on the schedule one more prayer meeting at the campground site of Bob and Judy Cantner, located in Slippery Rock on September 5th at 2:00 pm. I hope if you are able that you will take advantage of this time together in fellowship and prayer. Please RSVP with Pastor Alan for directions and to be let in through the locked gate. I am also hoping that more will step up to host a prayer meeting.***

You may be wondering about the emphasis of prayer lately. God tells us, "You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13. The emphasis of prayer in our churches and our personal lives often takes a back seat to self-sufficiency. We too often look for the way that we can fix things instead of inviting God to go before us and lead the way. Too often only when we can't fix things, are the times we seek after God as a last resort. What would happen if we intentionally sought after God daily with all our hearts?

2 Timothy 3:5 also tells us that in the last days there will be those who have a form of godliness but deny it's power. The apostles and the early church knew there was power in the name of Jesus and they made daily use of it. Jesus himself knew the need and power of prayer as he regularly went off on his own to seek the Father in prayer. If Jesus, the apostles and the early church recognized the need for prayer why don't we? When did we get so far from it? Even prayer during worship at times just becomes the next thing in the bulletin. Do we take the time to invest ourselves into the time of praying? Have we ever learned to pray? How much time in a day do we spend in conversation with God?

***Beginning September 12th at 7:00 pm we will begin a study on prayer from the book, "The Potential and Power of Prayer" by Chuck Lawless. I hope you will mark your calendar to be a part of the class.***

In the meantime, remember that prayer is just conversation with God. To have a conversation you must listen as much as you speak. God is speaking to us just as he spoke to the early church, the apostles and yes, even Jesus. Are you spending time in the scriptures through which God often speaks? Are you listening?

**Lord, help us keep our hearts open to what You have to say.**

**When we gather to hear Your Word,**

**Let it sink in and change us from the inside out.**

**May we be responsive to Your Spirit. Amen**

# UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH FALL TEA

*Tiffani Keil*



This year's tea has a bit of a twist! The Women United in Faith cordially invites all ladies from the congregation to our first Mother Daughter Tea Contest. We are asking that anyone who plans to attend to bring a teacup from home that they will use and also be voted on.

There will be seven categories, inspirational, elegant, unique, funny, colorful, sentimental and best that matches our butterfly theme. Please be prepared to share a background story of why you chose your teacup.

Tickets will be available starting in September at \$5 per person. There will also be a sign up sheet for food and desserts. The \$5 fee will be waived for anyone signed up to bring a dish.

We look forward to your fellowship and can't wait to learn something about you in a non-conventional way.


My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

Psalm 42:2



United Women in Faith has maintained a mission focus and spirit of fellowship. Our Board is transitioning and we are in need of a President and up to 2 Co-Vice President roles. UWF has been meeting every other month throughout the year.

The Fall Tea is still being planned but we will need someone to fill these roles prior to the Christmas Party scheduled for December 2nd. Please see Robin Beige or Tiffani Keil for more information or to share your interest.

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH***Elizabeth Deal*

On Monday, August 12th, Unionville United Women in Faith welcomed Diane Miller from the Ruth M Smith Center to speak to us about the mission and progress on location. Diane brings a lifetime of Methodist experiences and stories. She now serves on the Board for Ruth M Smith Center and is an advocate using platforms like our meeting time to share the magnificent ways God is using Ruth M Smith Center to show compassion and care for others. Currently, there are 20 males and 8 females living in the assisted living area. There are always 3 staff members on site to cook meals, spend quality time with residents, and maintain the facility. Residents are between the ages of 30 and 80. No one is ever turned away based on financial need.

They have a one million dollar budget that is funded 32% by grants and benevolent giving and 68% funds contributed by the residents. This year marked 102 years of service at the Ruth M Smith Center!! It was wonderful to learn more about their ministry. UWF donated \$50 plus \$121 additional funds collected at the meeting to give towards the Kitchen Project at Ruth M Smith Center. Diane was so pleased to share the message with Unionville and take back a portion of giving! Please hold this ministry in prayer!



# UUMC SOFTBALL

*Bryson Deal*

UUMC softball league continues to be a fun and active way for church members of any age to come out and enjoy fellowship with one another! Various spirit days were put on so that participants could dress up to a theme to add to the fun.

It is a blessing to see continued support along with new faces showing up in the batting order every week. Please join me in prayer for safety and continued camaraderie!

- Bryson Deal



Photo below 8/5/24

## Fall Softball Schedule

**September 16th, 6:30pm Burry's Church field**

Favorite Team Jersey - Any Sport

**September 30th, 6:30pm Burry's Church field**

Tim Ramsey is joining us to play the guitar as we enjoy s'mores around the campfire. Sign up in Narthax for s'mores donations.

**October 7th, 6:30pm Burry's Church field**

**PINK OUT!** Wear pink and bring a cash donation that will be given to the American Cancer Society at the end of the month.

**October 21st, 6:30pm Burry's Church field**

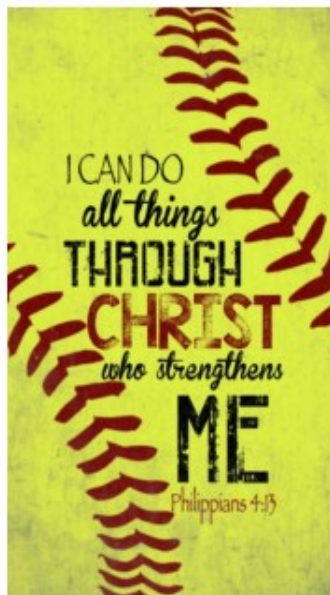
**PINK OUT!** Wear pink and bring a cash donation that will be given to the American Cancer Society at the end of the month.



Photo on Right 7/8/24

Photos Below 7/22/24 Christmas in July  
and a VERY rainy Wing Night on 7/29/24

Join Us!



# CHOIR

*Robin Beige*

Now that the church’s summer “slow season” is coming to a close, it’s time to get back into the “groove” of choir practice.

Things will be a little different this year with choir rehearsal being Thursday nights (6:15-7:00 PM) instead of Wednesday nights. We will begin rehearsals Thursday September 5<sup>th</sup> with a tentative date of our first Sunday morning anthem on Sunday October 6.

We had such an amazing group last year! I hope you all decide to join us again, as well as seeing some new faces! If you’re interested in joining choir, or playing an instrument for a Sunday morning anthem, please see Robin Beige.



# FINANCE

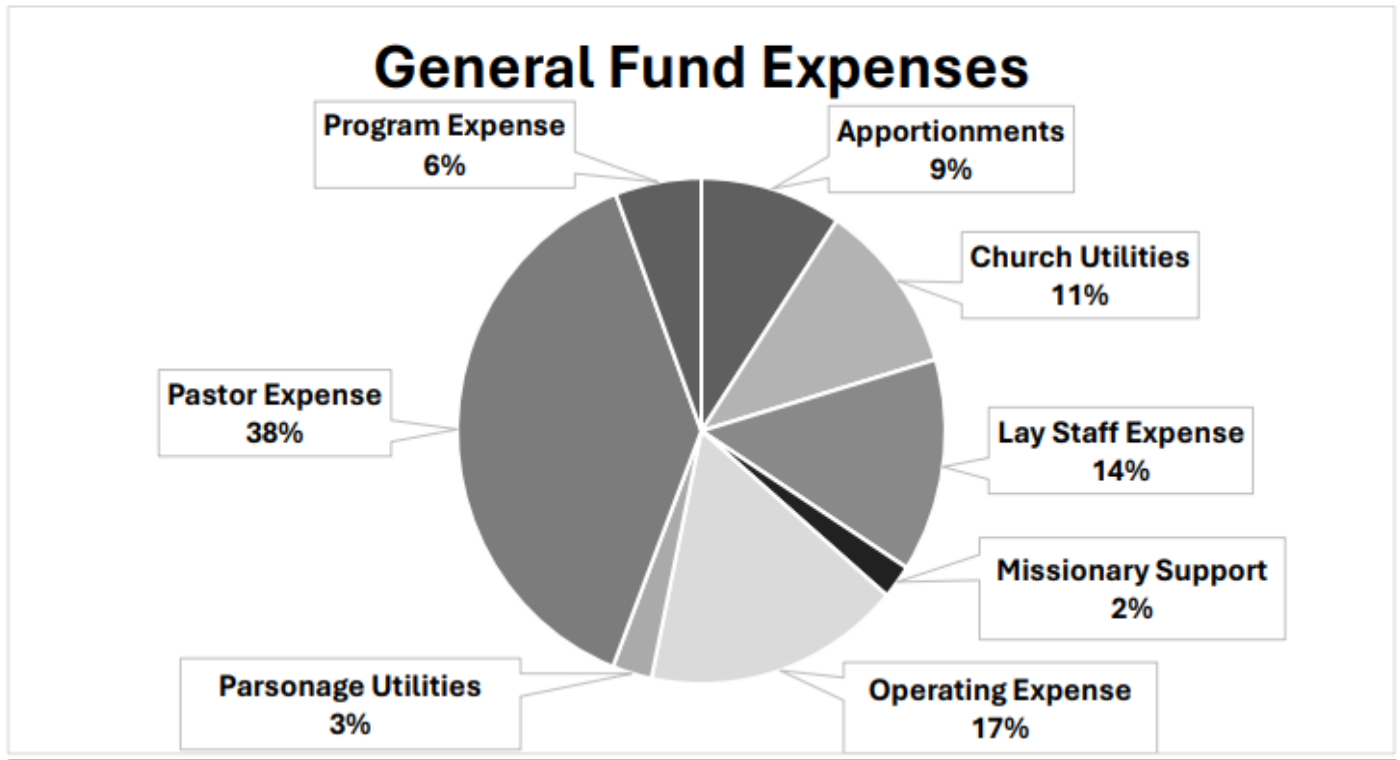
**Unionville United Methodist Church - Rochester PA  
Treasurer's Report as of July 2024 (General Fund Reporting)**

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Budget YTD

Account Name	Previous YTD	YTD Balance	Budget YTD
<b>Income</b>			
<i>Building Use Fees &amp; Rentals (52f)</i>	2,575.00	2,475.00	3,381.00
<i>Freedom Rental (Net Income) (52f)</i>	3,771.40	(2,377.69)	3,031.00
<i>Fundraising (Net Income) (52g)</i>	13,362.26	12,346.93	
<i>General Fund Income</i>	107,077.93	91,972.49	116,081.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$126,786.59</b>	<b>\$104,416.73</b>	<b>\$122,493.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
<i>Apportionments (29a)</i>	18,406.50	15,868.30*	13,223.00
<i>Church Utilities (47)</i>	15,570.44	11,819.33	15,610.00
<i>Lay Staff Expense (45)</i>	17,658.76	16,681.28	19,250.00
<i>Missionary Support Expense (38)</i>	2,846.00	2,625.00	3,066.00
<i>Operating Expense (47)</i>	14,802.54	14,865.44	24,017.00
<i>Parsonage Utilities (42a)</i>	3,146.21	3,857.10*	3,696.00
<i>Pastor Expenses</i>	49,088.94	53,551.93	54,138.00
<i>Program Expense (46)</i>	8,168.40	6,915.69	8,043.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$129,687.79</b>	<b>\$126,184.07</b>	<b>\$141,043.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(\$2,901.20)</b>	<b>(\$21,767.34)</b>	<b>(\$18,550.00)</b>

# Unionville United Methodist Church

## *What do my general fund financial gifts do?*



### Apportionments

**Apportionments** – 9% supports the mission and ministry of The United Methodist Church in Western Pennsylvania and around the world. See next page for more detail.

### 91% stays right here at Unionville to care for our ministry expenses.

**Church Utilities** – includes gas, electric, water, sewer, garbage, internet, and telephone for church building.

**Lay Staff** – includes payroll, employer taxes and worker’s compensation for secretary, organist, custodians, and nursery worker.

**Missionary Support** – direct support for our missionaries.

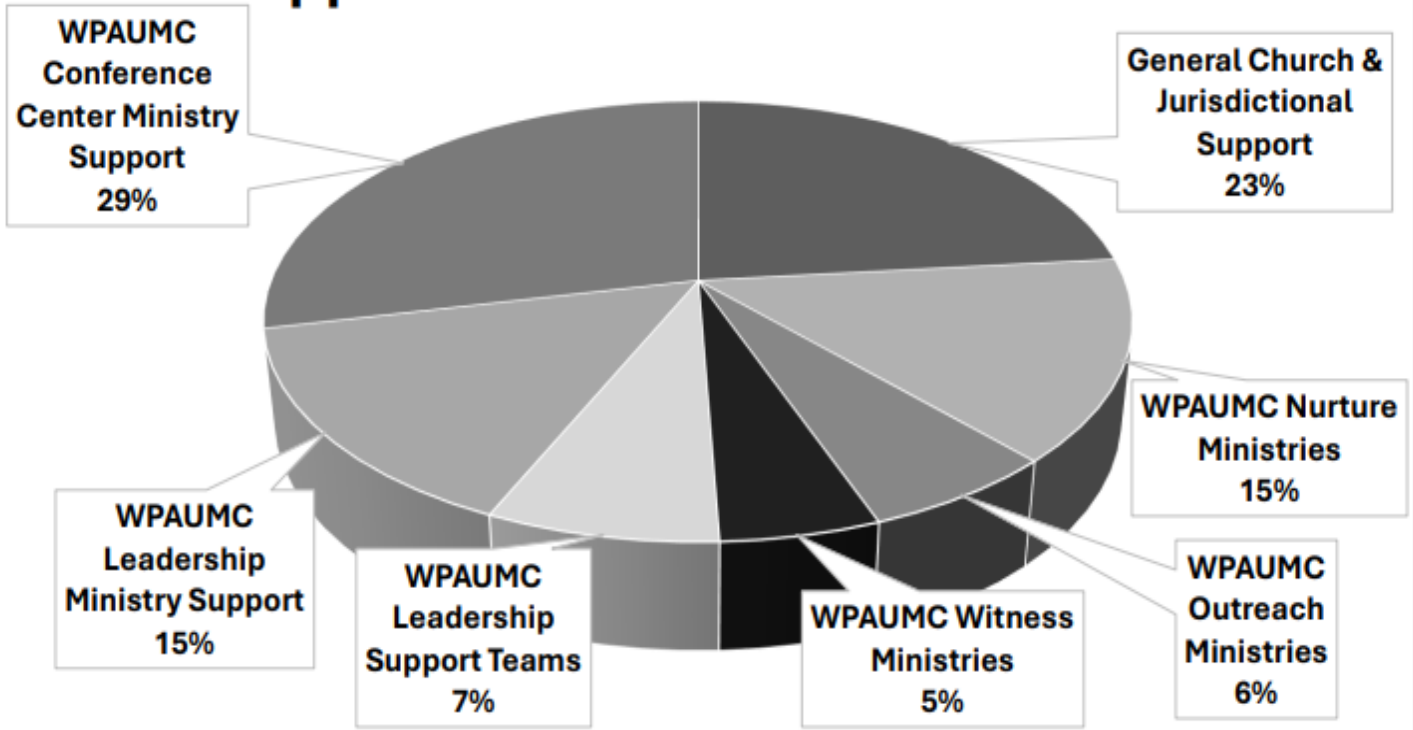
**Operating Expense** – includes bank charges, lawn mowing, snow plowing, property & liability insurance, minor maintenance, office equipment & supplies, postage, and custodial & kitchen supplies.

**Parsonage Utilities** – includes gas, electric, and internet for the parsonage.

**Pastor Expenses** – includes compensation, pension, healthcare, and accountable reimbursements.

**Program Expenses** – includes Christian education (Sunday school, children’s church, kids club, youth, vacation Bible school), communications, outreach, worship & hospitality.

# Apportionment Dollars at Work

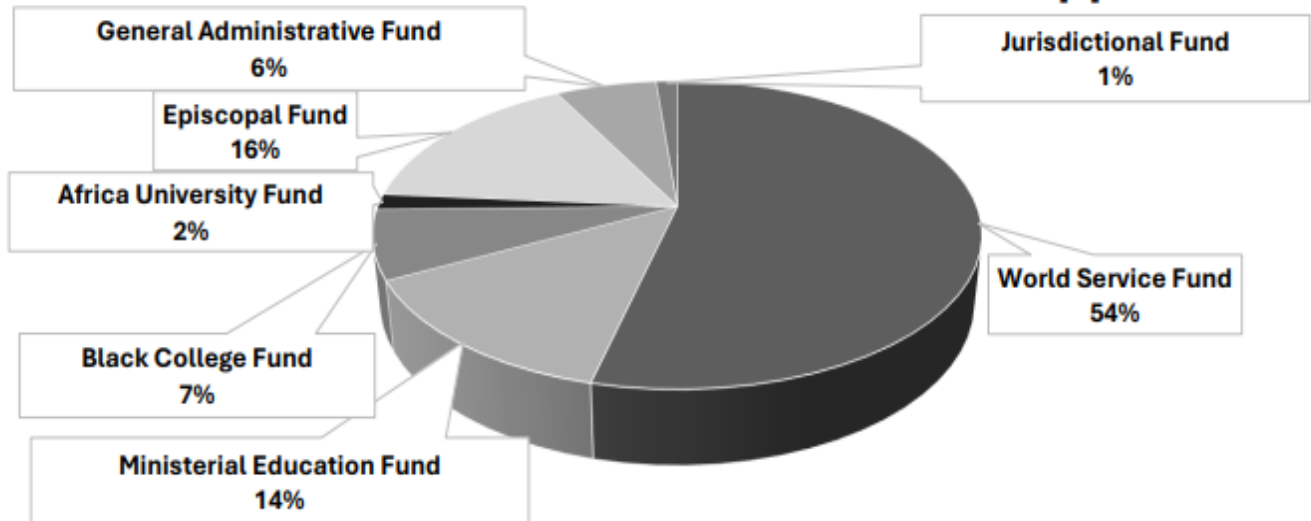


*77% of our apportionment dollars stay in Western Pennsylvania to support the ministries of our annual conference.*

*23% of our apportionment dollars support the work of the national and global level of the United Methodist Church*

*This work breaks down into seven different funds as follows:*

## General Church and Jurisdictional Support



## Pack 444 AOL Boy Den Builds Picnic Tables for UUMC

Seventeen years ago the AOL Den in Pack 444 built picnic tables that have been well utilized at Unionville UMC. Some of the scouts in that Den earned Eagle rank and still contribute to our New Sewickley community.



In August, the current AOL Boy Den built two picnic tables with donated materials that could be used at UUMC for years to come. Den Leaders Bill Deal and Jeremy Dosch along with Charles Brenckle, Troop 444 Junior Assistant Scoutmaster led five scouts in the building process. Scouts reviewed the blueprints, organized materials, constructed the table, and used

tools to create a strong product. This service project incorporated engineering skills and project management.

Just like the existing picnic tables, the Den added a small plaque to each picnic table to memorialize the names of each scout who participated for years to come.



**Pack #444**  
Arrow of Light Den  
2024  
Preston Deal    Jacob Dosch  
Gabe Freeman    Lucas Turner  
Brenton Young    Owen Weir



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Linda Miller

And just like that...summer has ended and the kids have returned to school! Where does the time go?

The Christian Ed Team has spent much time in prayer as we look to the coming month and our Fall Programming. It has not been an easy journey but we are trusting that God will provide as we have need.

**Sunday School is slated to begin on September 15th.** At the time of this writing we are still looking for additional teachers to fill our classrooms. If you have felt God's nudging in this area, please see Linda Miller.

### There will be 2 Adult Sunday School Classes to choose from:

1. Adults will meet in classroom 5 for a study of 1 & 2 Thessalonians from "Good Questions Have Groups Talking"
2. Pastor Alan will lead a class in the Conference Room (see the Pastor's Corner for details)

### Children's Classes will be as follows:

Pre-K—K, Elementary, Junior Youth and Senior Youth

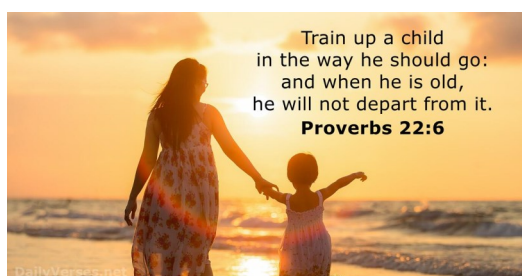
**Our evening programming will be held on Sunday Evenings 6:30—8 PM and consist of Youth Group, Time, Talent & Treasure, and Kids' Club.** At the time of this writing we do not have leadership for Kids' Club. If you have felt God's nudging in this area, please see Linda Miller. Oak Grove Lutheran Church will be gathering with us on Sunday evenings.

**We will kick-off our evening programming on September 22nd, 6-8 PM with an all church event at Baden Bowl. Children and Youth will be paid for. Adult Cost will be \$6 per game. (shoes included) This will be a great time of fun and fellowship for all ages. There will be snacks! Mark your calendars and plan to join us!**

**Family Service Nights will return monthly beginning in October. These are great mission minded service events that have always been well received and well attended. These are All Church Events. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Watch the next newsletter and upcoming bulletins for details.**

To close I will leave you with a quote from "The Potential and Power of Prayer". *"Jesus made it clear that faithful laborers are to pray for more laborers (Luke 10:1-2) This means that those of us who serve must continually pray and watch for the new workers that God is raising up. We pray as we go, not waiting for an opening in the church workforce before we start to pray. We pray and trust that God is already preparing the next generation of workers for our church.*

Folks we have leadership and teaching jobs to be filled. Pray that God will call laborers into the workforce at Unionville and by all means if it is you he is calling, please don't hesitate to say, 'Here I am Lord, send me''.



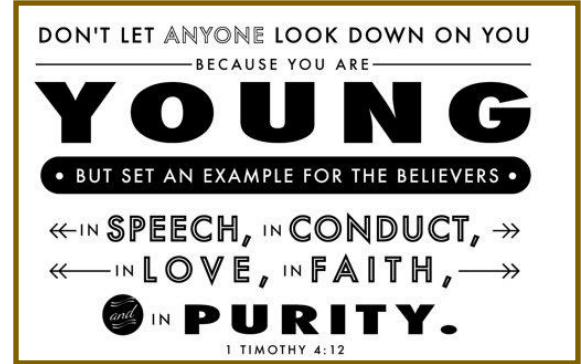
**Mark your calendars for  
Yeck's Farm and Hayride  
Fieldtrip  
Sunday, October 13th.**

# YOUTH GROUP

Wendy Kline & Tiffani Keil

As Fall rolls around so does the time to kick off Youth Group. We would like to enjoy this Kick-off Night with the congregation.

Please join us at  
 Baden Bowl  
 September 22nd  
 6:30-8:30 pm.



*Please consider attending even if bowling isn't your thing, join us for fellowship and snacks. It is sure to be a good time!*

Fall leading into winter is typically our busiest time so with that comes a lot of planning. Oak Grove Lutheran Church's Youth Group will be joining with us this year. This is very exciting to have this opportunity to have more connection with Oak Grove. Their pastor, Steve, and youth leader, Tracy, will join us as part of our leadership throughout the month on the weeks that they are not leading confirmation classes at Oak Grove. This year we will be using a program titled "Journey to Adulthood". This is a promising set of lessons appropriate for the variety of ages in youth group.

Our first ask will be candy collection for the trick-or-treat trail held at Green Valley Park. We have been setting up a table to pass out candy and information on Unionville's programming for a few years now, it is a joy to see the smiling little faces of so many kids and to connect with them. Candy donations will be accepted through Oct 6th in the Narthex.

Please keep us in prayer as we go through this year, Pray for it to be a positive journey for our youth as they seek to connect with Christ and one another.

Yours in Christ,  
 Wendy & Tiffani



Children's Church Schedule	Teacher	Helper
Sept 1	No Children's Church	No Children's Church
Sept 8	Worship in the Park	Worship in the Park
Sept 15	Lori Calve	Terry Ewing
Sept 22	Linda Miller	Connor Moehrle
Sept 29	Heather Salter	Jordyn Moehrle

An Acolyte Schedule is being prepared and will be sent out as soon as it becomes available. If you have not been contacted and want to serve as acolyte, please contact Robin Eiler.

**PRAISE PACKS**

Soon you will see a new addition to the narthex. Praise Packs full of activities for Children and Youth will be provided. Watch for them and if you have any questions, contact Makayla Goehring.

**Children's Church Schedule**

A new Children's Church Schedule is being prepared beginning in October. If you are willing to teach or help out in Children's Church on a rotating basis, please reach out to Kelli Currey. We do not have Children's Church on holiday weekends

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

Thursdays beginning September 12th @7:00 PM—"The Potential and Power of Prayer"  
 Wednesdays beginning October 23rd @10:30 AM—beginning in 2 Corinthians chapter 8  
 If you have an idea for a Bible Study, please reach out to Pastor Alan

**COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES**

*Just a reminder:*

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



**Pantry Distribution**  
 September 17th & October 15th  
 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)

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

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

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

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

**Community Breakfast  
October 5th  
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 –2:00 pm**

**Thursday noon—4:00 pm**

*Messages and emails are being checked  
throughout the week.*