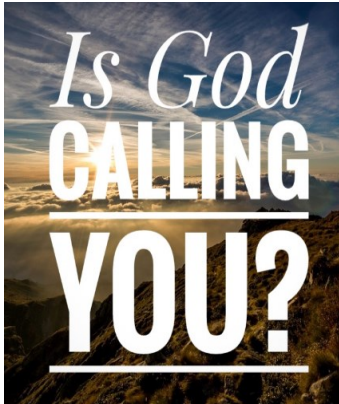


The Disciple

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Pastor's Corner

What does a Disciple look like?

The last three Sundays of September, the sermon series has focused on the theme of “Go Make Disciples”. It is the commandment that Jesus gave to his original disciples following the Resurrection as he moved toward Ascension. It is a command that if any generation of disciples of Jesus fail to do, then there will be no generations to follow. This is the best evidence that this was not merely a command for the 11 disciples, but a command for all of us.

But what is a disciple of Jesus?

Many years ago, many members of Unionville Church participated in Disciple Bible Study. This Bible study was a comprehensive overview of the entire Bible across 39-weeks in its original format and in 24-weeks in a new edition released about 10 years ago built around themes of what it means to be a disciple. Using those themes, here is a synthesis of ideas that begins to capture what it means to be a Disciple of Jesus.

“Disciples love. Disciples experience and express freedom as loving God and loving neighbor. They know themselves as distinctive people bearing the inner mark of character and the outer mark of compassion. They provide a sense of direction and purpose through godly obedient leadership.

Disciples trust God with all their thoughts and feelings. They know they belong to God, that God has claimed them. They remain faithful to God even amid persecution and suffering. They sense their unity with the historic people of God and live in hope with a vision of God’s kingdom. They respond to God’s call to enter the covenant community of faith and express commitment to the covenant through the tithe.

Disciples place themselves under the power and authority of Scripture. They accept consequences of their sin, seek forgiveness, look for healing and new opportunities for faithfulness. They receive and trust the forgiving love of God in Jesus Christ and serve out of love and gratitude. They commit their life completely to God to serve as God wills. They strive to live in harmony with God’s laws even though obedience is costly. They experience the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit in their life.

Disciples use their gifts in ministry to others. They throw their weight with God’s mission to the least, the last, and the lost. They witness to others to lead them to Jesus Christ.”

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PRAYER CHAIN

Begins In The Church Office

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Prayer concerns for our Church Family & Friends...

Mourning Loss

Hurricane Victim Families

General Health

Tim Hollingshead

Wendy Kline

Sylvia Stedina

Medical Treatments

Holden Eckman

Surgery & Procedures

Michelle Furguele

Missy Gardner

Kitty Herzog

Tim Ramsey

Brandie Taylor

Carole Young

Other Prayer Needs

Armed Forces

Church Family

Church Leadership

Community & Neighbors

Elections

Financial Concerns

First Responders

Flood Victims

Hurricane Victims

Kids' Club Leadership

Mental Illnesses

Political Leaders

Schools

Uncertain Times

Unspoken Needs

Extended Care

Russ Bernardo

Troy & Nora Baker

Cody Boors

Jean Brown

Judy Cantner

Kelly D.

Wayne Davis

Holden Eckman

Caitlin Edge

Michelle Furguele

Lindsey Novak Errett

Carolyn Ewing

Margaret Ewing

Mike Gray

Bruce Guay

Debbie Kline

Freida Kughn

Gary Lucente

Mary Ann Mencher

Finley Metzler

Richard Moody

John Pander

George Peffer

Petie Petrik

Janet Pfaff

Bernadette Rozman

Tim Shane

Wendy Shellhammer

Alice & Sam Short

Amy & Dave Smail

Home Touch

Joe Biddle

Fran Boyde

Bim Brightwell

Don & Nancy Deutsch

Linda Eiler

Pat Elick

George & Carol Flickinger

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

Missionaries

Karl & Deb Crossman

Hosanna Industries

Franz Payoute

Darlene Rimer

Skybacher Ministries

Praise

Jarrett & McKenna Boyd

Finley Metzler

Answered Prayer

Church Family

Praise in Waiting

The New Day

Father God,

Please answer my prayers but if not as I have asked then transform my desires to your will, to what is best for your glory and my good. Grant me the gift of trust and confidence in your goodness. 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.

(724)843-0862

Happy Birthday To You...



- 10/02 Elijah Miller
- 10/02 Brian Spielman
- 10/04 Sharon Miller
- 10/04 Hannah Chaousy
- 10/06 Madeline Rodecker
- 10/06 Joseph Fash
- 10/06 Chelsea Carpenter
- 10/07 Debby Catalano
- 10/10 George Flickinger
- 10/13 Mike Lewis
- 10/14 Emily Lawrence
- 10/14 Paul Grimes
- 10/16 Farah Donaldson
- 10/16 Brian Beige
- 10/17 Autumn Ashurst
- 10/19 Emily Ames
- 10/26 Teresa Lawrence
- 10/27 Michelle Davidson

- 10/27 Donna Grimes
- 10/27 Jim Miller Jr
- 10/30 Jessica Donawitz
- 10/31 Jacob Simpson

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

- 10/04 Robert & Amy McKinney
- 10/05 Orrin & Holly LeFebvre



FALL SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Oct 7—6:30 pm @Burry’s Church Field
Pink Out! Wear pink and bring a cash donation that will be given to American Cancer Society.

Oct 21—6:30 pm @Burry’s Church Field
Pink Out! Wear pink and bring a cash donation that will be given to American Cancer Society.

OCTOBER 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.

- Oct 1 Sewing Ladies
- Oct 3 Choir, Adult Bible Study
- Oct 4 Breakfast Set-up
- Oct 5 Community Breakfast
- Oct 6 Sunday Worship, Sunday School, Kids' Club, Youth Group & Time, Talent & Treasure
- Oct 7 Unionville Softball @Burry's Field
- Oct 8 Sewing Ladies, Finance Meeting
- Oct 10 Choir Practice, Adult Bible Study
- Oct 11 UWF Fall Tea Set-up
- Oct 12 UWF Fall Tea
- Oct 13 Sunday Worship, Sunday School, Yeck's Farm Fieldtrip
- Oct 15 Sewing Ladies, Compassionate Ministries Food Pantry
- Oct 17 Choir Practice, Adult Bible Study
- Oct 20 Sunday Worship, Sunday School, Kids' Club, Youth Group & Time, Talent & Treasure
- Oct 21 Unionville Softball @Burry's Field
- Oct 22 Sewing Ladies, Ad Council Meeting
- Oct 23 Adult Bible Study
- Oct 24 Newsletter Deadline, Choir Practice, Adult Bible Study
- Oct 26 Youth at New Sewickley Trick or Treat Trail
- Oct 27 Sunday Worship, Sunday School, Kids' Club, Youth Group & Time, Talent & Treasure
- Oct 28 Nominations Committee Meeting
- Oct 29 Sewing Ladies
- Oct 30 Adult Bible Study
- Oct 31 Choir Practice, Adult Bible Study



**Mark
Your
Calendars**

PASTOR'S CORNER

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A disciple, in the simplest form, is *one who hears and obeys Jesus*. Ralph Moore defines the act of disciple-making as *“an intentional friendship with another person, with Jesus at its core”* (Making Disciples, Page 42).

Discipleship is a life-long journey that each of us is on. We always have room for improvement. We are called to have intentional friendships with others, with Jesus at the core of our friendship. As a part of that friendship, we are both teacher and learner, co-learners together.

Don't go alone! Come, journey with us! That's what it means to be the Church!

Blessings!

Alan



<i>“We Believe” Worship Series</i>	
Oct 6	“God’s Love: Communion” Luke 24:13-35
Oct 13	“God’s Love: Preventive Grace” John 10:1-16
Oct 20	“God’s Love: Justifying Grace” John 14:1-14
Oct 27	“God’s Love: Sanctifying Grace” John 14:15-21

The Hope Initiative

Do you have a heart for prayer?

You are invited to take part in

Pray & Go

October 10 – November 8, 2024

Pray & Go is a simple yet powerful tool to help turn our focus outward and adopt a holy habit of prayer. It is easy. Anyone can do it. Those who have done it before, are encouraged to do it again. If you haven't done it yet, see Pastor Alan for a book. Please sign-up to receive daily text messages of encouragement.

PASTOR APPRECIATION

Paula Boyd



October is Pastor Appreciation Month! We as a Congregation have been “Blessed” by having Pastor Alan as our Pastor. He has gone above and beyond for us. SPPRC would like to start collecting money for Pastor Alan and it will be presented on a Sunday TBA in November. We will have a box in the narthex if you wish to place a monetary gift. (If this year has been a financial burden for you, a card to show your “Appreciation” would be a nice idea!)

Please let us not forget our first lady, Lois! Lois has to give up a lot of “together time” with Pastor as he has funerals, weddings, baptisms, meetings and events at our church. Lois is not only a retired Pastor herself, but she is also a Pastor’s wife. Though Lois would understand Pastor's passion for his job, she is still sacrificing time! SPPRC is always required to do a Review for Conference on Pastor. I can tell you that he has had a glowing report. Pastor Alan was given suggestions on ways we felt might enhance our services/ programs. Within weeks of the suggestions they were already implemented. Money is a little tight this year, so Pastor also agreed to go without a raise by his own request.

Please show Pastor & Lois your support, not only by monetary gifts but by letting him personally know how you feel. Shake his hand, give him a call, send him a text, email or a card!

Let’s make this a successful “Pastor Appreciation” this year!!

May God Bless,
Paula Boyd-SPPRC- Chair



MEET THE BISHOP

**Join Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball as she spends Wednesday, October 9,
visiting the Butler District**

- 1:30pm Laity & Clergy Event: Tour & Kit Assembly, Mission Barn, 181 Columbus Dr, New Castle
- 6:30pm Laity & Clergy Event: Dialogue with the Bishop, Savannah UMC, 84 Savannah Gardner Rd, New Castle

**Help us plan by letting us know which event(s) you will attend, RSVP by calling
the District Office at 724-252-3198**

In light of the devastating flooding and destruction from Hurricane Helene, please bring items needed for Cleaning Buckets and/or Hygiene Kits to the event you attend.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Linda Miller

Why is it a struggle to pray, when prayer has so much potential?

Respected professor, speaker, and pastor Dr. Chuck Lawless explores the power of a praying church and how it can transform your ministry.

Through prayer, we have access to the all-powerful living God. Even so, too often we're tempted to start our days prayerless and feeling alone. How can this be? We can't afford to be negligent about prayer, because whether we realize it or not, we all face a high stakes spiritual battle when we step out into our communities. In *The Potential and Power of Prayer*, Chuck Lawless:

- **Illustrates** how churches need to take prayer seriously in order to grow;
- **Explores** how Jesus and the early church depended on God through prayer;
- **Explains** how prayer is essential to preparing for spiritual battles; and
- **Guides** church leaders in establishing the priority of prayer and a thriving prayer ministry in their churches.

God chooses to move among Christians who humbly come to him in prayer, who depend on him for strength and guidance.

Taken from the back cover of The Potential and Power of Prayer.

Please join us Thursdays @7:00 pm
For Adult Bible Study
 as we learn together to unleash the power of prayer
See me for a book.



PRAYER MEETINGS

We are actively working to schedule additional prayer meetings and looking for those who would be willing to host in their homes, campfires, etc

Though the church schedule looks busy, if prayer is not the foundation of all that we do, then it remains just that, busyness. Our efforts remain powerless without God's blessing over them.

Please consider hosting a small group prayer meeting. Contact Linda Miller to schedule.

Watch for upcoming Prayer Events

PRAYER EXERCISES

We never know when we might find ourselves in a situation where prayer is requested. Here are some exercises to help prepare you when called upon.

If you are nervous about praying aloud with individuals or groups. Practice in your safe space during your individual devotional and prayer time by reading aloud and praying aloud, becoming comfortable with the sound of your voice and your conversation with God.

If the sound of silence is uncomfortable for you. Practice periods of silence during your individual devotional and prayer time to just listen for God.

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 are available 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

We will be joined by
guest speaker Robin Redfern from
"Bags & Blessings"

Bags & Blessings is a non-profit group dedicated to offering hope and love to cancer patients who are in treatment; to show them God's love, and to remind them they don't fight alone.



CHOIR***Robin Beige***

Merry Christmas! Well....not quite. But it's time to start thinking of this year's Christmas pageant. Last year's *A Very Unionville Christmas*, showed us the many talents and gifts to which God has blessed our children. This year, we will open it up to the congregation to grace us with their abilities. This is an intergenerational event! As the song goes "to kids from 1 to 92." Whether you sing, dance, play an instrument or make balloon animals, we want you to join in the fun and praise the Lord in the process. See Robin Beige for details.



On a Personal Note

Linda Miller

Running Towards God

It seems I have written and re-written this article a million times in my head over the last weeks but events of yesterday and yet to come today have given me pause for yet another go at it. This “season” in my life especially over the last 6 months has been extremely busy, ever-changing, at times frustrating and worrisome but over and over again God proves himself trustworthy and faithful. It has been a season where my faith has grown and deepened, where I have been stretched it felt like at times to a breaking point. At times I found myself asking, “God, what are you doing here? Why are you asking me to do that? Where are we going with this?” And....”But how, God?!” And...there are still unanswered questions! But I trust Him!

What I’ve learned over the months is that prayer does make a difference! Prayer that is not *perfunctory* (*my new word I learned in Bible Study*) makes a difference! Praying together with others, does make a difference! Prayer that is not “Just the next thing in the bulletin” makes a difference! God knows our needs without our asking, but we need to know that we need him! We need to recognize that the faith we claim is in a God, the only God, who desires a relationship with us! He is not a distant God! He loves us and he longs to speak with us. It’s a two way conversation with the best friend we’ll ever know if only we seek after the relationship.

What I’ve learned in a deeper way is that God’s word IS living and active...God speaks through it! Make time to get into it, not just in a *perfunctory* (*there’s that word again*) manner but read for understanding, read for knowledge and wisdom, read for an ever deepening relationship with God! Read to hear His voice.

What I’ve learned over the months is that if you allow for it, if you ask for it, God will draw you close. He will begin to work in and through you in ways you never imagined. He will change you and the change will be that you will *begin* to look and act more like Jesus. We are created in His image!

The things of this world will let you down. People will let you down. People will let themselves down. I will let myself and others down! But God....He will never let us down....seek after Him...long for Him...desire to be like Him. Ask Him for correction, for forgiveness and for help to forgive others. Ask Him to strengthen you to repentance. *Seek Him and He will be found*. Every answer we seek, will be found in Him!

My prayer for us all is that we run the race, that we run it well and that we always, always find ourselves running towards God!

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1-2

JUST ASK!

- ◆ **You're never in so deep that God can't reach you. Just ask Jonah!** ~*Jonah 1-4*
- ◆ **You're never so sick that God can't heal you. Just ask the woman with the 12-year issue of blood!** ~*Matthew 9:20-22; Mark 5:24-34; Luke 8:43-48*
- ◆ **You've never lost too much that God can't restore. Just ask Job!** ~*Job 1-42, Job 42:10*
- ◆ **Right now is not too late for God to forgive you of your sins. Just ask the man who hung on the cross next to Jesus!** ~*Matthew 27:38, Luke 23:32-43 and Mark 15:27*
- ◆ **You're never too old to be useful to God. Just ask Sarah!** ~*Genesis 18:1-15; Genesis 21:1-7*
- ◆ **God will equip you to do what He's called you to do. Just ask Noah!** ~*Genesis 6-8*
- ◆ **God will bless you for stepping out on faith. Just ask Abraham!** ~*Genesis 12:1-9; Genesis 15*
- ◆ **You're character is never so flawed that God can't change your nature. Just ask Jacob!** ~*Genesis 25:21-34, Genesis 27-35*
- ◆ **Just because many have put you down doesn't mean God can't turn it around. Just ask Joseph!** ~*Genesis 37, Genesis 39-45*
- ◆ **You're not too young to be useful to God. Just ask David! Better yet, just ask Goliath!** ~*1 Samuel 17*
- ◆ **The Lord can make sure your reputation from your past doesn't get in the way of your future. Just ask Paul!** ~*Acts 7:58, Acts 8:1-3, Acts 9:1-39, Acts 12:25-13:52*
- ◆ **God will help you stand in the face of adversity, even when you have to stand alone. Just ask Elijah!** ~*1 Kings 17-19*
- ◆ **God knows how to make a lot out of a little. Just ask the little boy who gave up his fish and bread!** ~*Matthew 14:13-21*
- ◆ **God can bring life to what everybody thought was dead. Just ask Lazarus!** ~*John 11:1-44*
- ◆ **The Lord always equips the one He has called. Just ask Jeremiah!** ~*Jeremiah 1*
- ◆ **God specializes in the impossible. Just ask Mary!** ~*Matthew 1:18-25*
- ◆ **Praying should be your first option, not what you do when you've run out of options. Just ask Daniel!** ~*Daniel 6*

- ◆ **Jesus can save anybody. Just ask Him!** ~*John 3:16*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Linda Miller

It has been a whirlwind few months as we have watched and waited to see how God would provide for our Christian Ed Programming, but we are off and running! God has worked in ways that I can only attribute to prayers at work and I am thankful! We still have need of Kids' Club leadership but we will carry on with "stand in the gap" leadership for now. I am still praying and believing God will provide for that need but also for more helpers. It would be great to see more male leaders also! Please pray!

YOUTH GROUP
 Join us this Sunday!
 @Unionville United Methodist Church
 6:30-8 pm

"LOVING GOD AND WELCOMING THE STRANGER"



Join us Sundays 6:30-8pm for

Time, Talent & Treasure

An Adult Class on a variety of topics

October 6th speaker will be
Katie from Hosanna Industries.

Please plan to be here and bring along a friend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is in full swing with 2 adult classes and 4 children and youth classes!

Please plan to stay following worship!

- ◆ Increase your knowledge and faith
- ◆ Fellowship and make new friends
- ◆ Lead by example for the children

Families growing in faith together

Kids' Club

Join us this Sunday!
 @Unionville United Methodist Church
 6:30-8 pm



It's a Hayride! It's a Campfire!
It's Hotdogs & S'mores!
 It's a great time of fellowship for the
 entire congregation!
Come and join us at Yeck's Farm
Sunday, October 13th from 6-8 pm



This is open to ALL the congregation
 along with the families of
 Kids' Club and Youth participants!

See Heather Salter for more details.

Hope to see you there!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY
Study of 2 Corinthians

resuming on
 October 23rd
 10:30-noon

Picking up in chapter 8

**All are welcome
 to attend.**



**Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds;
tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.
Deuteronomy 11:18**

MEMORIZATION CHALLENGE

This year we are issuing a memorization challenge to all our children and youth! We are excited to see how many of our kids take on the challenge and commit God's Word to memory! From the youngest to the oldest we are committed to raising up faithful witnesses of Jesus Christ. Recitations will be to their teachers or leaders each week and will be charted. Recognition and awards will be during worship. The following are some recommended scripture verses, creeds and other things that will serve them well throughout their lives. Some are more suited to the older children and we hope they will be embraced.

John 3:16

Ten Commandments

Psalms 23

Lord's Prayer

Apostle's Creed

Books of the Bible

1 Corinthians 13

Matthew 5:3-12 – Beatitudes

Philippians 4:13

Matthew 28:20

Proverbs 18:10

Matthew 28:19

Psalms 56:3

Proverbs 3:5

Psalms 136:1

Psalms 118:24

Psalms 46:10

Galatians 5:22

1 Peter 5:7

Hebrews 13:8

Psalms 119:105

Philippians 4:6

Romans 10:9

Romans 12:12

Joshua 1:9

Ephesians 4:29

Micah 6:8

Proverbs 17:17

1 Corinthians 10:31

Proverbs 14:21

Matthew 5:44

Luke 3:31

Proverbs 3:6

1 Thessalonians 5:18

James 1:19

Prayer Upon Waking

Dear God,

Thank you for this new day. Please walk with me through it. Watch over and protect myself, my friends and my family. May many people come to faith in Jesus today. Amen

Prayer Before Bed

Thank you, God, for today. Thank you for all the ways you helped me even when I didn't know. Watch over and protect myself, my family and my friends while we sleep. May people everywhere feel your peace. Amen

Special Thanks to Chris Camp, who provided \$5 Fun Card Certificates for Fun Fore All Family Fun Park and Free Small Blizzard cards for Dairy Queen Grill & Chill, both in Cranberry Twp, to be used as rewards for memorization. If you know of any businesses who would donate rewards or if you would like to donate \$5 gift cards for kid friendly businesses, please see Linda.

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

YOUTH GROUP

Wendy Kline & Tiffani Keil



We are so happy to start the new season of youth group. We had our "kick-off" last night and everyone appeared to have a great time enjoying fellowship, camp fire, s'mores, hotdogs and many games. Here we go....

The very first exciting news is that trustees approved youth group to utilize the vacated room previously rented by Skybacher Ministries, thank you trustees! Praise God! We are so blessed to be able to call this space ours. Now the youth have the opportunity to make this space theirs, but with that comes a lot of work, time, and money to fix up the space. We welcome any support of any kind. The before and after will be a huge transformation with the help of God, your prayers, and the hard work of our youth along with any help from others.

***"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men".
Colossians 3:23-25***

As you may have seen at church, the youth are selling 2025 calendars for \$9 each. They are also selling Christian themed fall decor as another fundraiser. Many may ask, "What does the youth do with their funds?" Well that is an easy question to answer....Our first donation will be to the hayrides for all who attend the Yeck's Farm event on Oct 13th. The next donation is for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes where we pay for the shipping for every box we fill, the final donation of the 2024 year will be to the jail guards and inmates at Christmas time, plus so much more. Without the support of the congregation, youth group would not be able to do what we do and help who we help. God is with us!

The second exciting news we have is that Oak Grove youth will be joining with our youth. Due to confirmation class, their youth leader and pastor will only be available the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month. Our congregations are no strangers to one another so this is a great opportunity for us both.

Our week-to-week monthly schedule will be run on the following schedule as much as possible:

Week 1: lesson

Week 2: mission

Week 3: lesson

Week 4: activity

You will see our first donation ask is for candy to distribute at the Trick-or-Treat trail at Green Valley Park on Oct 26th. We fill bags with candy and an information sheet providing a list of activities of UUMC. It is a wonderful evening we have enjoyed for several years now. There are two boxes in the Narthex for donations with last date to donate being Oct 20. Again, we thank you for your support!

Yours in Christ,
Wendy and Tiffani





Hosanna Industries!

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Saturday, October 12, 2024

12 noon

Located in the Gallery at Hosanna Gibsonia

3930 Dickey Road, Gibsonia PA 15044

An event designed to encourage culinary creativity, camaraderie, and friendly competition, all while raising funds to support the mission of Hosanna Industries, changing cries of "Hosanna!" into joyful shouts of "Hallelujah!"

An estimated 80 guests will be gathering together to engage in a friendly culinary competition and support Hosanna Industries!

If you would like to compete or be a guest please contact Emily Cadenhead at emilysafran@gmail.com
or 724.770.0262

If you would like to help sponsor this event, please contact us at 724.770.0262

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BIBLES BEHIND BARS

First and foremost, THANK YOU! Last year the Church congregations and churches in Beaver County donated over 16,000 bibles that we provided to prisons in all 50 states. Only God's Grace knew the success we had through churches simply placing a box in the back of their vestibule to collect extra bibles laying around congregation member's homes.

WE also thank those members who donated a new bible for shining the LIGHT OF THE WORLD to those in prison. A special thank you for those who through their social media who have helped us collect bibles we never expected. The Lord does work in mysterious ways!!!!

This year's drive will end on December 15th to ensure bibles get to prisons before January 2nd.

As always, WE DO NOT accept any financial donations- ONLY Bibles. We thank those who wanted to but we are committed to staying a 100% pure charity. All postage, wrapping, packaging, boxes, and shipping, we pay out of our own pockets.

Michael Martino
Bibles Behind Bars, PO Box 73, Industry, PA 15052

Used or New Bibles can be placed in the designated box in the Narthex by December 8th as they will be picked up that week by the Bibles Behind Bars Ministry.



ECKMAN FAMILY DONATION DRIVE

Makayla Goehring

Holden Eckman, the 20-month-old little boy who has AML Leukemia that we have been praying for, will soon be a BIG BROTHER in November 2024. While the family is caring for Holden and staying at the hospital over the next couple of months, they will not have much time to gather supplies for the new baby. As a congregation, I would like to collect baby items to help the Eckman family during this stressful time.

Starting Sunday October 6, there will be a poster board in the narthex with a baby item listed on a sticky note. We ask that all donations be returned by Sunday November 3rd so we can deliver the items before the baby arrives in November. There will be a box in the narthex for you to place your donations in.



COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES

It's official, Jo Shane has stepped down as director of Compassionate Ministries. Jo has been very dedicated to this program for many years, but with some health issues she has felt the need to back down on how much time she can dedicate. We are currently restructuring our program to allow Jo to have the time she needs to get her health in order and to have a well-deserved rest! Jo will still be with us but more on a consulting basis.

Thank you Jo!
Well done, good and faithful servant!

Currently we have distributed the tasks that need to be done to continue our service to the Pantry. Each member of our committee has agreed to take a task that Jo did and fit it into their regular routines. So there will be a slightly different way of distributing items. We are hoping it will work out for our pantry clients as well as for the persons who agreed to step up.

Grocery lists will need to be filled out and handed in at grocery pick-up for the next month. Changes or additions to the lists may be texted to Paula Boyd @724-417-6648.

We will also be working to update current address, phone and email information. Those forms will also be handed out at grocery pick-up.

Our Pantry Friends are welcome to come into the building at the time of grocery pick-up for any prayer requests or additional needs as far as the Pantry is concerned. Any of our workers are available to speak with.

Jo's shoes are big ones to fill, I don't think anyone fully realized the scope of all that she did. We want to continue to spread the Love of Jesus to all in need, please keep us in prayer as we go about the work of figuring out how best to do this in ways that are best for those we serve and for our Pantry. We are thankful for your understanding during this transition period.

Almighty God, we pray for guidance in all our endeavors.
Lead us, as we sometimes struggle with trying to accomplish tasks in our own strength. Guide us, Father, as we listen attentively to the sound of Your voice. We know that all things are possible because we believe in You and we can do all things through You, who gives us strength. Amen

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



Pantry Distribution

October 15th & November 19th

5:00—7:00 PM

Questions? Call the Church Office

@724-843-0862

**Current Food Pantry needs can be found on
Unionville's Website @ 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 & November 2nd
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
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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.*