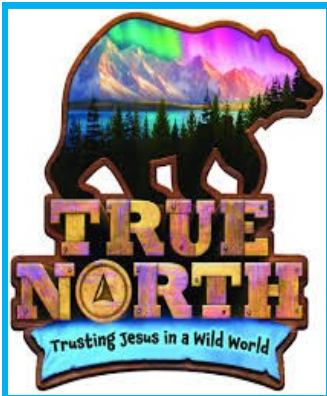


# The Disciple

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## Pastor's Corner

### Children in Worship

Yesterday, we had two babies in the Sanctuary for worship and many children of varying ages. I love having children in worship. Yes, sometimes they can be noisy (though I very rarely hear it and when I do, it makes me smile). Yes, sometimes they can be messy (that's why we have a custodian to help care for our messes so we can be the church). If there are no children in the church, there is no future for the congregation.

I've adapted the following from "Include Children in Worship: A Simple Plan" written by William Boekestein in 2022 and from some other sources including my 35-years of experience as a pastor. It is meant to be helpful to the parents of children and a reminder to the other adults in the room as we seek to welcome young families and make them feel at home at Unionville Church.

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We are glad you are here. The presence of children is a gift to our church. Relax! Let your children be children. When they are old enough, we do have crayons and children's bulletins available for them in the Narthex (that's church speak for entry area). Don't be afraid to sit toward the front so that they can see and hear what is going on.

During the school year, we typically do offer children's church for children up through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade. They stay in the sanctuary for the beginning of worship, are welcome to come forward for the children's time, then those who want to are welcome to go to children's church. If your child is having a tender day causing them to just want to sit with you, that's ok too!

Children belong in worship with the congregation. But children squirm and talk. They are easily distracted. They haven't grown up yet, so they don't always know how to behave in every circumstance. They can even scream... loudly! Most of the time, I never hear it! Although sometimes I see other adults that tease the behavior that erupts (some of you know who you are).

All of us are spiritual. There are rituals that attract us and that we want to be part of. Children learn to worship at church by being with God's people. That's why it is important that we include our children in worship for at least part of the worship service and sometimes for the whole worship service. Including them in worship is a godly act of discipleship training. There are things we can do to help the children grow in worship. Here are a few.

#### Train the children at home.

Adults struggle sometimes to be still and quiet at church. How much harder it is for a child, especially if they only do it once a week at church without any practice at home. Make sure your children have regular quiet times at

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# PRAYER CHAIN

Begins In The Church Office

(724)843-0862

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

## General Health

Dave Hoffman  
Pat Elick  
Elmira Hollingshead  
Gregory Kline  
Mary Ann Menscher  
Petie Petrik  
Rhonda Sharp  
Glen Willis  
Carole Young

## Surgery & Procedures

Aria  
Lowin  
Gary Boyd  
Kathie Mohrbacher  
LuAnn Santillo

## Praise

Beauden Alexander David  
Dappenbrook  
Anderson Richard Ebel  
Holden Eckman  
Micah Alexander Jones  
Finley Metzler  
Doug Miller  
Jennifer Smith  
Answered Prayers  
Church Family  
Loving & Active God  
Praise in Waiting

## Mourning Loss

Wendy Shellhammer  
Family  
Sam Short Family  
Donald Whippo Family

## Missionaries

Karl & Deb Crossman  
Hosanna Industries  
Franz Payoute  
Darlene Rimer  
Skybacher Ministries

## Home Touch

Joe Biddle  
Bim Brightwell  
Carol Bubb  
Don & Nancy Deutsch  
Linda Eiler  
Pat Elick  
George & Carol Flickinger  
Paul Grimes  
Sylvia Hendrickson  
Elmira Hollingshead  
Lee Jenkins  
Thelma Koch  
Thelma Miller  
Dawn Mohrbacher  
Jackie Neal  
George Peffer  
Janet Pfaff  
Tim Ramsey  
Amie Ritter  
Walter & Carole Young

## Other Prayer Needs

Armed Forces  
Church Family  
Church Leadership  
Community  
Financial Concerns  
First Responders  
Government Leaders  
Marriages & Parenting  
Mental Illnesses  
Our Young People  
Pastor Alan & Lois  
Pastor Barry & Nikki  
Prayer Ministry  
Schools  
Uncertain Times  
Unspoken Needs  
Unionville Church  
VBS  
World Unrest

## Extended Care

Troy & Nora Baker  
Cody Boors  
Judy Cantner  
Jessica Castelli  
Wayne Davis  
Holden Eckman  
Michelle Furgieuele  
Carolyn Ewing  
Margaret Ewing  
Rick Johnston  
Heidi Lois  
Mary Ann Mencher  
Finley Metzler  
George Peffer  
Petie Petrik  
Janet Pfaff  
Tim Shane  
Alice Short  
Amy & Dave Smail

## Trust God

even when the  
circumstances haven't  
changed yet.  
Trust His timing,  
at all times.

*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 may 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 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 Linda or the church office.

(724)843-0862

(724)544-6758

# Happy Birthday To You...



- 05/03 Ron May
- 05/03 Kelli Currey
- 05/03 Miller Albright
- 05/10 Kaley Zundel
- 05/11 MOTHER'S DAY
- 05/13 Jaime Loschinsky
- 05/15 Rick Canonge
- 05/17 Colleen white
- 05/18 Jim Smith
- 05/19 Orrin LeFebvre
- 05/20 Thelma Koch
- 05/21 Linda Smith
- 05/22 Alexander Huwar
- 05/24 Walter Young
- 05/26 MEMORIAL DAY

- 05/28 Michele Furguele
- 05/31 Sylvia Hendrickson

## Happy Anniversary

- 05/05 Jim & Odel Miller
- 05/11 Eric & Madeline Rodecker
- 05/12 Dick & Pat Ream
- 05/12 Bob & Judy Cantner
- 05/16 Wayne & Chris Loschinsky
- 05/23 Jon & Robin Beige
- 05/24 Ron & Kathy May
- 05/30 Rick & Debbie Canonge



*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.*

### HELPING WITH WORSHIP

	Acolytes	Children's Church
May 4	RJ & Ruby Gigliotti	Wendy & Gregory Kline
May 11	Declan Salter & Taylor Moehrle	Holly LeFebvre & Kelli Currey
May 18		Lori Calve & Terry Ewing
May 25		No Children's Church

## MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 1	AM Adult Bible Study
May 3	Community Breakfast, Ladies Luncheon @ Prince of Peace
May 4	Sunday Worship, Sunday School
May 6	Sewing Ladies
May 7	AM Adult Bible Study
May 11	Sunday Worship, Muffins with Mom
May 13	Sewing Ladies, Food Pantry, VBS Worknight
May 18	Sunday Worship, Ice Cream Sundae Picnic
May 20	Election Day, Sewing Ladies, VBS Worknight
May 25	Sunday Worship
May 26	Memorial Day
May 27	Sewing Ladies, VBS Worknight
May 31	VBS Workday

### Looking Ahead

June 2	UWF Picnic
June 8-12	VBS True North
June 15	Donuts with Dad
June 17	Food Pantry
June 22	Pastor Alan's Retirement Luncheon
July 6	Pastor Barry Henck's First Worship Service

 **Mark  
Your  
Calendars**

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

## Pastor's Corner

Pastor Alan

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home as well (it will be good for both you and them). But you can also include some simple acts of family worship – a Bible story, a little explanation of what it means for them, singing, and prayer. Teach your children songs and hymns at home. Most of the songs we sing are on YouTube.

### **Help the children participate at church.**

Explain to your children what's happening. Involve them. As they begin to read, use the hymnal (even though it is on the screen) and run your fingers along the words on the page. But not just the parents, the whole church needs to encourage them to memorize and recite the Lord's Prayer, the creeds, scripture, and songs. Teach them to pray, sing, and to listen to preaching. Explain to them what baptism and communion are about. Let them help... lighting the candles, passing out bulletins, etc. If we don't teach our children how to be present in worship as children, they probably won't be there as adults.

### **Be positive and patient.**

Worship habits are caught as much as they are taught being passed down from one generation to the next generation. Our children will sense our heart for worship long before they understand the logic of how we worship. Sometimes discipline is necessary, but remember we want our children to sense that praising God in the congregation is the most joyful experience in the world.

### **Get help from others with more experience.**

Learning to train our children in worship is like every other act of parenting. There is always a first-time and we have never done this before. But others have gone before us. We can learn what worked for others and what did not work! Make friends in the congregation so that they can help you with your children too. Sometimes your children will respond to other adults before they respond to you (trust me, that's normal).

When Lois and I first got married, our 9-year-old son, Ron, would move back and forth down the pew as he played. It would seem like he was not paying attention at all. Then in the car on the way back home, he would sing some of the songs sung in worship that morning. Children are always learning, even when we don't understand how. Eventually Ron learned how to sit still and fully enter the worship experience as he discovered God's grace for him.

Each of us maturing disciples have the privilege of personalizing Jesus' invitation to *"Let the children come to me."* And all of us are reminded that Jesus said, *"unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."*

Come and Worship!

Blessings!

Alan





PASTOR. SPY. ASSASSIN.  
**BONHOEFFER**

April 27<sup>th</sup> – *“Faith in Action”*  
May 4<sup>th</sup> – *“The Cost of Discipleship”*

**TAKE UP YOUR CROSS**



**AND FOLLOW JESUS**

CELEBRATE  
MOTHER'S DAY  
WITH US!



**“Singing Our Faith”**

**Mother's Day – May 11<sup>th</sup>**

## UNIONVILLE CHURCH ELECTION DAY SOUP/SANDWICH SALE

Order by May 4th, 2025

Pick up at the church May 20th, 2025

11:00 am—6:00 pm

If you vote at Unionville Church or if you pass us going home from work or you need a break for lunch, stop in and grab a 16-inch Italian Sub, a quart of Soup or a Pepperoni Roll. We will be selling them at the Church! Let us do the cooking for lunch or dinner!!

### SOUP/QUART (PJ's Deli) \$10 each

- ♦ Creamy Chicken Gnocchi
- ♦ Beef Vegetable\*
- ♦ Cheddar Broccoli\*
- ♦ Cream of Potato\*



(\*soups are gluten free) Some soups may contain Soy or Milk.

### PEPPERONI ROLL (J&J's Catering) \$5.00 each

### 16 INCH ITALIAN SUB (J&J's Catering) \$10 each



You can call 724-843-7627 (Paula) & pre order your Sub/Soups/Pepperoni rolls & then stop in on Election Day & pick up at Unionville Church between 11:00am-6:00pm., or if you are voting or passing by, you can just stop in, take a chance your favorite soup, sub or pepperoni roll will be there! Your choice!!

We thank you for the opportunity to serve you & we will be "Blessed" by your support!!

**Proceeds to benefit the ministries and missions of the  
United Women in Faith**

Order forms are available in the narthex if you wish to help out by taking orders.

## SPPRC



The Rev. Barry Henck has been appointed as our pastor effective July 1, 2025. We extend our welcome to Pastor Barry, his wife Nikki, and their sons Isaiah and Aaron.

Born in Upstate New York, Barry Henck earned a BA from Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, Massachusetts, and MA in English Literature from the State University of New York at New Paltz.

Barry appreciates the multicultural aspect of the Body of Jesus Christ. He developed a passion for teaching and pastoral care while volunteering as part of a Korean-American congregation in Highland, NY.

Barry left a career in marketing and communications in 2016 when he and his wife followed the Lord's lead to relocate to Pittsburgh. Within a few weeks of arriving, Barry began volunteering at Roots of Faith, a ministry center of Faith United Methodist Church (Fox Chapel, PA). He answered a call to pastoral ministry and completed Clergy Licensing School in 2019. He was appointed to the Herminie United Methodist Church (Greensburg District) in 2021.

### RETIREMENT DINNER FOR PASTOR ALAN (Lois too!)



**Sunday, June 22nd**  
**Following Worship**  
**(around 10:30-11:00 am)**  
**In the Family Life Center**



Please come and help us celebrate Pastor Alan & Lois' next chapter in their lives. We will be honoring Pastor Alan's many years of service to the Lord and to Unionville. We are asking for reservations, as we will be having the dinner catered.

Please have your **reservations in by June 12th, 2025**. You can make your reservations with any of the following SPPRC members:

***Paula Boyd, Jack Boyde, Judy Cantner, Chad Kline, Tonya Mohrbacher, Linda Eiler, Chris Loschinskey, Lori Calve, Mitchell Goehring or Jim Miller***

We have a theme for the dinner, come see what Linda Eiler's crafty hands have come up with!!

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!**

**FINANCE***Judy Cantner*

*Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him, and he will help you. Psalms 37:5  
But when I am afraid, I will put my trust in you. Psalms 56:3*

Last year I was asked to take chair of finance and I reluctantly signed on knowing we were struggling financially. The past few years have seen numerous conference rulings and disaffiliations occurring. Rulings and deaths have caused a loss of members, impacting our budget. I was not ready to give up on my church, so I am putting my trust in God.

Our first Finance meeting of the year on April 8th showed optimistic figures for the first quarter. We are controlling expenses while maintaining all ministries without changes. The employees have cut back on their hours to help and the fish fries and breakfasts have helped. We are watching our 2025 budget closely. The conference listened to our struggles and are trying to help us with our expenses as Pastor Alan retires In June 2025. The conference chose Pastor Barry Henck starting in July 2025 which should help lessen our overall pastor expenses. Pastor Alan has used his talents to set us up for future success with our record keeping and computer skills, we have been blessed and are grateful for his faithful service to our church.

I will endeavor to provide regular updates in the newsletter. Should you need any further clarification regarding the financial matters of Unionville Church, please do not hesitate to contact me. Our next meeting is July 8, 2025.

The finances are available for anyone who has questions. Please contact any committee member for information. We are here working with your church to support future generations.

Blessings  
Judy A Cantner



**Unionville Church - Rochester PA**  
**Treasurer's Report as of March 2025 (General Fund Reporting)**

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Account Name	Previous YTD	YTD Balance	Budget YTD
<b>Income</b>			
<i>Building Use Fees &amp; Rentals (52f)</i>			
Family Life Center - Income	900.00	1,475.00	1,500.00
Skybacher Rental - Income	225.00	0.00	
<i>Total Building Use Fees &amp; Rentals (52f)</i>	<i>\$1,125.00</i>	<i>\$1,475.00</i>	<i>1,500.00</i>
<i>Freedom Rental (Net Income) (52f)</i>			
Freedom - Building & Grounds Maintenance	(405.00)	0.00	
Freedom - Electric - 150	(376.95)	0.00	
Freedom - Gas	(633.00)	0.00	
Freedom - Rental	0.00	0.00	
Freedom - Water & Sewage	(394.47)	0.00	
<i>Total Freedom Rental (Net Income) (52f)</i>	<i>(\$1,809.42)</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	
<i>Fundraising (Net Income) (52g)</i>			
Breakfasts - Expense	(869.25)	(853.46)	
Breakfasts - Income	1,665.00	1,427.00	
Fish Fry - Expense	(5,093.91)	(6,662.59)	
Fish Fry - Income	16,915.42	11,348.36	
Holiday Flowers - Expense	0.00	0.00	
Holiday Flowers - Income	284.00	160.00	
Rural King, Rada, Etc. - Income	4.99	0.00	
VBS Candy Bar - Expense	0.00	(972.00)	
VBS Candy Bar - Income	0.00	0.00	
<i>Total Fundraising (Net Income) (52g)</i>	<i>\$12,906.25</i>	<i>\$4,447.31</i>	
<i>General Fund Income - Unionville Use Only</i>			
Equitable Compensation Grant (54a)	0.00	3,333.34	
Identified Givers - Children's Ministries (52b)	0.00	90.00	
Identified Givers - Unionville Use Only (52b)	0.00	14,627.00	
Mission Support Income - Crossman (52b)	0.00	0.00	
Mission Support Income - General (52b)	221.00	229.75	
Mission Support Income - Payoute (52b)	260.00	240.00	
Mission Support Income - Rimer (52b)	0.00	0.00	
VBS Support Contributions (52b)	0.00	0.00	
<i>Total General Fund Income - Unionville Use Only</i>	<i>\$481.00</i>	<i>\$18,520.09*</i>	<i>18,000.00</i>
<i>General Fund Income (included in 10% Tithe)</i>			
Identified Givers - Plate (52b)	25,876.02	19,483.67	
Identified Givers - VANCO (52b)	11,702.00	4,285.00	
PennEnergy Resources - Income (52g)	108.21	232.89	
Unidentified Givers - Loose Offering (52c)	1,866.20	1,053.00	
<i>Total General Fund Income (included in 10% Tithe)</i>	<i>\$39,552.43</i>	<i>\$25,054.56*</i>	<i>23,250.00</i>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$52,255.26</b>	<b>\$49,496.96*</b>	<b>\$42,750.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Apportionments (29a)	6,800.70	867.94	6,315.00
<i>Church Utilities (47)</i>			
Church - Cable/Internet/Telephone	721.72	812.43	825.00
Church - Electric - 930	1,986.78	1,584.76	2,250.00
Church - Gas	1,272.00	2,310.00*	1,875.00
Church - Refuse Removal	401.67	551.00*	375.00
Church - Water & Sewage	165.00	940.60	1,000.00
<i>Total Church Utilities (47)</i>	<i>\$4,547.17</i>	<i>\$6,198.79</i>	<i>6,325.00</i>
<i>Lay Staff Expense (45)</i>			
Custodian - Downstairs	629.17	102.72	507.00
Custodian - Upstairs	1,663.20	593.33	1,092.00
Employer Payroll Tax	543.36	327.72	429.00
Nursery Worker - Assistant	0.00	0.00	

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Account Name	Previous YTD	YTD Balance	Budget YTD
Nursery Worker - Lead	186.10	30.59	369.00
Organist	1,633.50	1,524.60	1,596.00
Secretary	2,919.70	1,995.37	2,505.00
Worker's Compensation Insurance	0.00	468.98	600.00
<i>Total Lay Staff Expense (45)</i>	<i>\$7,575.03</i>	<i>\$5,043.31</i>	<i>7,098.00</i>
Missionary Support Expense (38)	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
<i>Operating Expense (47)</i>			
Annual Conference Lay Attendance Costs	85.00	50.00	63.00
Bank Charges - NSF, Vanco, Square, Payroll Prep	435.84	428.01	501.00
Grounds - Grass & Snow Removal	690.00	220.00	939.00
Insurance - Property & Liability	2,967.68	2,615.32	2,751.00
Maintenance - Church	2,310.95	0.00	
Maintenance - Parsonage	0.00	0.00	
Miscellaneous Operating Expense	0.00	0.00	249.00
Office - Equipment	858.95	736.93	750.00
Office - Postage	233.75	100.00	249.00
Office - Supplies	472.89	355.74	438.00
Property Taxes	0.00	0.00	
Supplies - Building & Custodial	191.41	180.17*	126.00
Supplies - Kitchen	62.50	25.43	51.00
<i>Total Operating Expense (47)</i>	<i>\$8,308.97</i>	<i>\$4,711.60</i>	<i>6,117.00</i>
<i>Parsonage Utilities (42a)</i>			
Parsonage - Cable/Internet/Telephone	269.97	377.67*	249.00
Parsonage - Electric - 650	718.00	821.00	999.00
Parsonage - Gas	1,060.72	1,294.27*	564.00
<i>Total Parsonage Utilities (42a)</i>	<i>\$2,048.69</i>	<i>\$2,492.94*</i>	<i>1,812.00</i>
<i>Pastor Expenses</i>			
Pastor Accountable Reimbursement (43)	0.00	80.00	1,500.00
Pastor Compensation (41a)	15,502.50	13,940.62	15,657.00
Pastor Health Benefits (40)	4,479.00	4,086.00	4,101.00
Pastor Pension Benefits (39)	1,565.61	1,467.75*	1,467.00
<i>Total Pastor Expenses</i>	<i>\$21,547.11</i>	<i>\$19,574.37</i>	<i>22,725.00</i>
<i>Program Expense (46)</i>			
Christian Ed - SS, Child Church, Kids C, Youth	363.02	(45.00)	300.00
Christian Ed - VBS	352.98	352.98	1,000.00
Communications (Website & Technology)	896.00	1,190.20*	300.00
Home Touch / Health Touch	0.00	0.00	24.00
Miscellaneous Program	200.00	0.00	126.00
Missions Committee Expense	0.00	0.00	24.00
Outreach / Compassionate Ministries	19.25	0.00	24.00
Pulpit Supply	0.00	0.00	63.00
Safe Sanctuaries	0.00	0.00	24.00
Worship & Hospitality	495.62	103.55	450.00
<i>Total Program Expense (46)</i>	<i>\$2,326.87</i>	<i>\$1,601.73</i>	<i>2,335.00</i>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$53,154.54</b>	<b>\$41,690.68</b>	<b>\$53,927.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(\$899.28)</b>	<b>\$7,806.28</b>	<b>(\$11,177.00)</b>

\* = Income/Expense exceeds amount budgeted to date

If the accounts in the subtotals have changed or if ledger and subsidiary account attributes have changed, Previous YTD totals may not represent a valid comparison.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

*Linda Miller*

Did someone blink?!! So hard to believe we are entering into May and winding up another school year! We have been blessed with many opportunities this year to plant seeds in the lives of our young people. Let's be watching as God nurtures and grows those seeds into all that he has ordained for each one of these kids!

Regular meetings for Youth Group and Kids' Club wrapped up in April, Sunday School wraps up on May 4th and Adult Bible Studies will be wrapped up on May 7th. Children's Church will also wrap up on May 18th.

Coming up next will be **Muffins with Mom on May 11th** following worship! This is an all church event! Mark your calendar and plan to join us in honor of all Moms!

The following week on **May 18th** immediately following worship we will celebrate the end of the school year with our Annual Ice Cream "Sundae" School Picnic! This also is an all church event! There will be games for the kids, ice cream for all and of course a great time of fellowship! Plan to be there!

**Vacation Bible School** is just around the corner on **June 8th-12th** and there is much work to be done. Check out the work night schedule and come out to help! It's always a great time! I love to watch the building transform into a special VBS experience each year! It is one of the many great things our VBS is known for throughout the county!

As of this writing we have 41 children registered with a goal of 90! So Spread the News!!! Adult and youth volunteers are also needed, the sign-up information can be found on page 13 and donation information can be found on page 14. There are so many ways you can help, including prayer (check out page 15) and we appreciate all your support!

As we enter into a slower season...please take time to pray for our children and youth ministries and our leadership. We pray that God will lead the way as we rest, yet continue to make plans for the future. May we always be listening for His voice.



We need you! Is God calling?!



ICE CREAM  
"SUNDAE"  
SCHOOL  
PICNIC



# Unionville Church 2025 VBS

*Registration  
is open!*



**JUNE 8TH-12TH, 2025**

**6-8:30 PM**

**AGES: 3 YRS-ENTERING 5TH GRADE**

Participants and Volunteers can register by scanning the QR Code or visiting <https://vbspro.events/p/unionvillevbs>.





# 2025 VBS Work Night Schedule

Scan this QR code to see the donation list of items needed!



APRIL 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

MAY 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

JUNE 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Weeknights will be from 6pm-8:30 pm

Saturday May 31st  
11 am-3 pm

Saturday June 7th  
8 am until set up is finished!

## PRAYER MINISTRY

*Linda Miller*

Hey Everyone!

I am fully convinced that the success of VBS has been and will continue to be, directly proportionate to the prayers lifted up for it! God is faithful and he has richly blessed VBS at Unionville over the years. Please take this page and put it in your bible or journal, or hang it somewhere where you will see it daily and remember to lift up this very important ministry! Like last year, I will soon begin putting the first names of our participants and volunteers in the bulletin to be included as part of your VBS prayer time. Thank you for your commitment to prayer and to VBS!

### 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 OUR CHURCH

God, let our church be a great influence in our community through our VBS. We want your perfect love to be at the foundation of our city, and we pray that we spread your love. Let our doors be open and our hearts be welcoming to all kids and their families. Let your goodness shine through us.



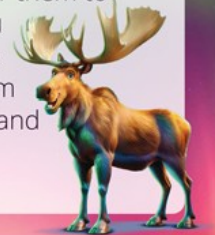
### PRAY FOR VOLUNTEERS

Lord, please bring volunteers to serve at VBS. Fill their hearts with your love and patience to be poured out upon the kids. Give them strength, health, and an overwhelming joy to serve! We pray that our volunteers are given the opportunity to help children experience you and that they would grow closer to you!



### PRAY FOR OUR STAFF

Lord, be with our staff as they plan, prepare, and put on our VBS this year. Keep them healthy in body and mind before, during, and after VBS. Allow opportunities for them to share the good news of who you are with kids. Give them creative ideas to reach children, give them peace when times get stressful, and fill their hearts with joy as they faithfully complete your work.



### PRAY FOR OUR KIDS

Jesus, we pray that through VBS, kids in our community will grow in their relationship with you. We ask that you begin to break down any walls that might be preventing their young hearts from receiving your love. We ask that the truth of who you are sinks deep into their hearts. Let them leave knowing who you are and the overwhelming, joyful love you have for each and every one of them. May the impact of VBS last a lifetime.



### PRAY FOR FAMILIES

Heavenly Father, let the changes in kids' hearts this week be an inspiration to their families. Let parents and caretakers pursue a deeper relationship with you. Let family connections grow stronger, deeper, and focused on you. Give kids strength to stand firmly rooted in their faith and relationship with you.



## CLAYTON'S ARMY IS ON THE MARCH AGAIN!

On **Saturday May 17** the Pittsburgh Region Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will hold its annual Great Strides 5K Walk to raise money for research to fight cystic fibrosis – a rare, genetic, life-shortening disease that makes it difficult to breathe. At this time there is still no cure for it. At present there are some 40,000 patients in the USA and another 65,000-70,000 overseas. Most patients die before the age of 45.

Once again, we'll be walking as part of Clayton's Army. Clayton Himmler is our nephew. Clayton is now 7 and a half years old and, most of the time, he looks pretty healthy – largely due to the care his parents (Dale and Jennifer) give him and some experimental drugs. Nevertheless, he and his parents have to be very careful about infections. A minor chest cold could send him to the hospital.

The last time we were able to participate (2 years ago), Clayton's Army raised just under \$10,000; the total for the Great Strides Walk was around \$300,000. This year, we hope to do better. Most of the money raised is used for research.

We're asking for your help. It's a 5K walk. Could you donate 20 cents a kilometer (\$1.00)? Or 40 cents (\$2.00)? Or \$1.00 (\$5.00)? Or some other amount?

If you're willing to be one of our sponsors, you could give your donation to Nancy or Dave at church some Sunday. Or you could mail it to us: 201 Mowry Road, Monaca, PA 15061. If you use a check, make it out to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. On the memo line write "Clayton's Army."

Help us to help Clayton and the other kids have the chance to grow old.

Thank you,  
Dave and Nancy Wilson



## COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES

*Paula Boyd*

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



**Food Pantry Distribution**

**May 13th & June 16th**

**4:30—6:00 PM**

**Questions? Call the Church Office**

**@724-843-0862**

**Current Food Pantry needs can be found on  
Unionville's Website @ [unionville.church](http://unionville.church)**

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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

No June, July or August Breakfast  
See you again on September 6th!



**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.

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**Tuesday - Noon—2PM**  
**Thursday - Noon—4 PM**

*Messages and emails are being checked  
throughout the week*

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