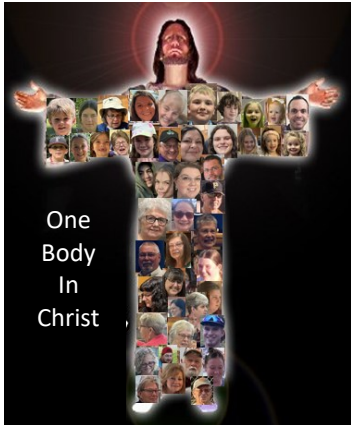


The Disciple

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Pastor's Corner

There is No Loneliness in Prayer

In his song "Narrow Road," Chris Renzema's lyrics are an honest conversation with Jesus:

"You said it'd be a narrow road
This world will never be my home
The journey might be lonely
But I'd never be alone."

The songwriter doesn't deny the feeling of loneliness, but he does add that Jesus promised we will never be all alone. Prayer is a great way to snap back into the reality of speaking with the One who is always with us.

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We may have started our walk with Jesus thinking prayer was a duty, channel for blessings or strategy to survive life. But prayer grows along with our relationship with God. We can get used to taking refuge in the presence of the Lord at any time. We can renew our relationship with God, seek insight from Heaven, and realign our thoughts with God's. Through prayer, we find the way forward again. As we walk and talk with Jesus, it grows deeper, just like any beautiful and lasting friendship.

I remember praying in children's church; we would start with, "Dear Jesus," and Mrs. Kurzrok would help us direct our praises and prayer requests to Jesus. As children who had not developed our tendency to doubt everything, it did not feel odd to speak with someone we couldn't see. Jesus was there, hearing every faith-filled word.

An additional way to pray is LIKE Jesus. This is taking Jesus up on his advice to pray in the way he directed. In the Lord's prayer, we confirm the most Holy name of our God, invite his eternal Kingdom and perfect will into the present moment, request the provision he promised, request forgiveness for sins, forgive others (being forgiven always goes with forgiving others), ask for help avoiding and being delivered from the evil we run into here on earth. We end by affirming God's sovereignty: the eternal kingdom really belongs to God, and God retains all power and deserves all the glory. Sometimes we adapt the prayer into our own words or emphasize certain parts, but when we pray the Lord's prayer, we can be assured we are praying like Jesus. We should call it "the disciple's prayer" because it was given first to the 12 disciples of Jesus, and it teaches us to live as disciples of Jesus.

In addition to praying TO Jesus and LIKE Jesus, there is another way: praying WITH Jesus. And there are few examples of this in the Bible because Jesus often went to desolate places to pray alone. But as Jesus prepared to make his ultimate and world-changing sacrifice, we get new insight for (continued on page 5)

PRAYER CHAIN

Begins In The Church Office

(724)843-0862

Prayer concerns for our Church Family & Friends...

General Health

Billy
DJ
John
Ryan
Debbie Evans
Sandy Fredericks
Isla Harr
Diane Hemphill
Joyce Henck
Mary Johnston
Walt Ketterer
Wendy Kline
Chris Loschinsky
Donna Parker
Tim Shane
Eric Swaney
Travis Valko

Surgery & Procedures

Addie
Carolyn
Prynce
Roy Alexander
Theresa Brown
Melissa Gregg
Carrie Koch
Sherry Lewis
Thelma Miller
Sue Presto
Jenny Smith
Charlene Thomas
Keith Young
Walter Young

Treatments

Bernadette
JR Inman
Deborah Ackley-Killian

Mourning Loss

Harry "Paul" Grimes Family
Mary Kughn Family
Bud Lassiter Family
Shalene Thomas Family
Ken Winters Family

Missionaries

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

Praise

Doug & Elaine Hefner
Answered Prayers
Church Family
Loving & Active God
Praise in Waiting
Troop 444 Philmont Crew

Extended Care

Troy & Nora Baker
Cody Boors
Judy Cantner
Jessica Castelli
Wayne Davis
Holden Eckman
Carolyn Ewing
Margaret Ewing
Michelle Furguele

Mike Gray
Heidi Lois
Mary Ann Mencher
Finley Metzler
George Pepper
Petie Petrik
Janet Pfaff
Tim Shane
Alice Short
Amy & Dave Smail

Home Touch

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

Other Prayer Needs

Matthew
Vucinic Family
Aliquippa Football
Back to School
Church Family
Community
Fall Kick-off
Pastor Barry & Family
Unspoken Needs

WATCH

GOD

WORK

TODAY!

**Let's
Pray!**

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

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.

Happy Birthday To You...



09/01 Madelyn Ebel	09/18 Devyn Greggs
09/01 LABOR DAY	09/19 Cheyenne Sharp
09/05 Kathy May	09/21 Asher D'Arrigo
09/08 Julie Fronzaglio	09/22 Tina Petrik
09/09 Damon Ziter	09/22 Tori Loschinskey
09/10 Mike Lewis	09/23 Marge Dunn
09/11 Wendy Kline	09/25 Dick Ream
09/11 Cheryl Fiscus	09/26 Paul Poplawski
09/11 Matt Salter	09/26 Zane Smith
09/12 Sara Miller	09/27 Kelly Harris
09/14 Merle Schultheis	09/28 Annette Zajac
09/14 Jonny Fiscus	
09/14 Duane Rape	
09/16 Chuck Liston	
09/18 Lucas Miller	



*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 Matt & Heather Salter
09/30 BJ & Shannon Sharp
09/30 Mike & Debby Catalano



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept 1	Labor Day, Budget Request Deadline
Sept 2	Sewing Ladies
Sept 3	Prayer Service
Sept 4	Choir Practice
Sept 6	Community Breakfast
Sept 7	Worship in the Park & Picnic
Sept 8	UWF Meeting
Sept 9	Sewing Ladies, Trustee Meeting
Sept 11	Choir Practice
Sept 13	New Sewickley Twp. Community Day
Sept 14	Sunday Worship, Sunday School, Fall Kick-off
Sept 16	Sewing Ladies, Food Pantry
Sept 17	Blood Drive
Sept 18	Choir Practice, Adult Bible Study
Sept 21	Sunday Worship, Sunday School, Youth Group, Kids' Club
Sept 23	Sewing Ladies
Sept 24	Adult Bible Study
Sept 25	Choir Practice, Adult Bible Study
Sept 26	Newsletter Deadline
Sept 28	Sunday Worship, Sunday School, Youth Group, Kids' Club
Sept 30	Sewing Ladies



**Mark
Your
Calendars**

This Calendar of Events is complete as of the newsletter writing, however it is likely that additional dates will be added. Keep an eye on the weekly bulletin announcements for additions.

Looking Ahead

Oct 4	Community Breakfast
Oct 14	Finance Meeting
Oct 18	Every Daughter Luncheon
Oct 20	Ad Council Meeting

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 Barry*

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praying. In the garden of Gethsemane, we learn his own prayer requests. He asks if there is a way to avoid the next painful part of his mission. We also get a posture of Jesus praying: he falls to the ground in deep sorrow, and the beads of sweat on his body change into drops of blood. This kind of prayer is more intimate; we hear the emotions of Jesus and see his heart. And we can pray this way also. We can pray with Jesus for the same things he is praying for.

When we pray TO Jesus or LIKE Jesus or WITH Jesus, the most important part is Jesus. Jesus is right there in the middle of the room even if we do not see or feel his presence. And when we pray, we can be assured that we are never alone. In Matthew 28:20, Jesus said to remember that he is with us "always, even until the end of the age."

**TRUSTEES***Lisa Lewis*

Just a few words from the Trustees - We've been working hard on getting the parsonage ready to rent.

Projects that we've completed recently - the FLC bathrooms were painted, the FLC men's handicap toilet was repaired, all smoke detectors have been replaced throughout the church and parsonage with 10-yr smoke detectors. New window tint is scheduled to be installed on the front stain glass windows.

Future projects - painting the balcony area walls & ceiling, placing windows in 3 classroom doors, replacing the parsonage garage windows, replacing the FLC carpet, and painting the steeple. Any donations are welcomed to help off-set the financial burden to the church for any of the listed projects.

**As Pastor Barry mentioned in one of his sermons – God has given each of us special gifts.
Our church family is stronger when we all work together.**

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH*Linda Eiler*

United Women of Faith's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 8th at 6:30p.m. We will be planning our All Daughters Luncheon for October and discussing plans for our second Election Day Soup and Sub Sale for November.

All women of the church are invited. We'll even give you a delicious dessert.

A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER



Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.

Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year.

Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy.

Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

Lord, watch over our students, teachers, administrators, staff and bus drivers.

Surround them with your love and protection. May they always feel your presence and know you are with them.

In Jesus Name. Amen

House for Rent

1301 Route 68, Rochester

(New Sewickley Twp)

The parsonage will not be in pastoral use at this time.

The Trustees are interested in renting it.

If you know anyone who may be interested,

contact Jack Boyde for more info.

NEW SEWICKLEY COMMUNITY DAY

SEPTEMBER 13TH

Noon—fireworks at dusk

Unionville will have a tent at community day.

We will be handing out lollipops and information on our ministries.

Volunteers are needed for 2 hour time slots.

Sign up in the narthex

CHRISTIAN ED FALL KICK-OFF**Sunday, September 14th**

The following programs will kick-off on Sunday, September 14th. Please hold all in prayer. We lift prayers for God's provision of teachers and students.

- ⇒ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH** –if you are able to be a teacher or helper, please see Linda Miller or Kelli Currey. A rotating schedule will be prepared. You would serve once every 6-8 weeks.
- ⇒ **ACOLYTES** -An acolyte schedule is being prepared, if you would like to serve as an acolyte this school year, please see Linda Miller or Robin Beige to be added to the schedule. Training will be provided.
- ⇒ **LITURGISTS** –We need liturgists to participate in Sunday Worship Services through announcements, call to worship and receiving our tithes and offerings. Please see Pastor Barry
- ⇒ **USHER/GREETERS**—Serving in worship services to recognize and welcome visitors and walk the offering plate to the altar. Please see Pastor Barry.
- ⇒ **SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES** - We will have an adult class, pre—K, elementary, middle school and high school classes. If you are able to teach or be a substitute, please see Linda Miller or Pastor Barry.
- ⇒ **KIDS' CLUB**—We are in need of leadership for Kids' Club and plan to kick-off on Sept 14. Please see Linda Miller for more details
- ⇒ **YOUTH GROUP** - Leadership is in place, helpers are appreciated, please see Tiffani Keil, Wendy Kline or Linda Miller

ADULT BIBLE STUDY**WEDNESDAY MORNING CLASS—begins September 24th @10:30**

We are beginning our study in Ruth and then deciding from there. Please join us! We are looking forward to the continued blessings this study offers through our Lord Jesus Christ!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY**THURSDAY EVENING CLASS—begins September 18th @7:00**

Study to be announced.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

We will offer as many study opportunities as we have leadership. If you are lead to start up a class in your home or at the church, please see Linda Miller to get you on the schedule!

SERVICE NIGHTS

An All-Congregation Service Night will again be held once a month beginning in October and continuing through April. These events are wonderful mission activities that include all ages! Watch for the schedule of events to be announced!

PRAYER SERVICES

Wednesday, August 27th & September 3rd @6:30 pm

Prayer Services will be held with an emphasis on Christian Ed and Discipleship. Please plan to attend.

YOUTH GROUP

Wendy Kline & Tiffani Keil

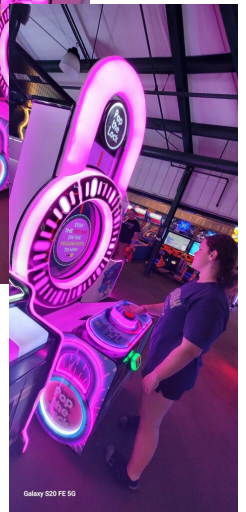
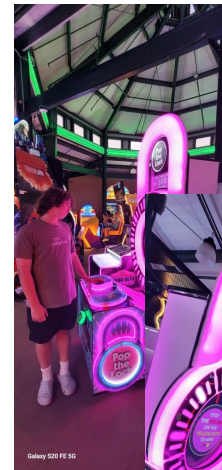
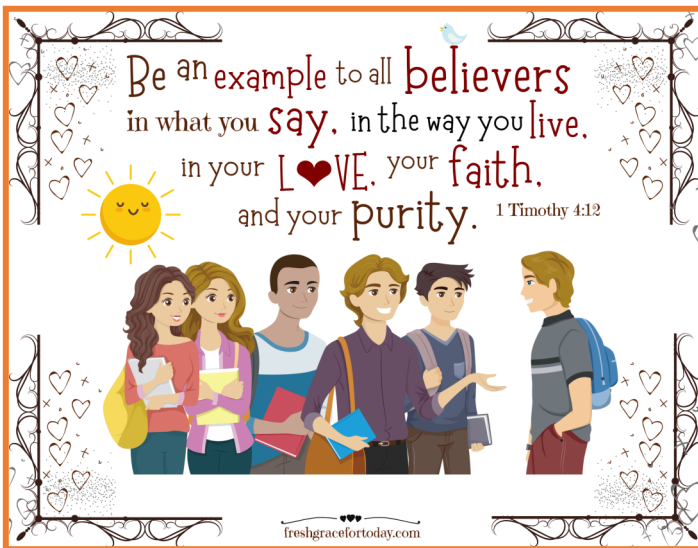
We hope you all had a wonderful summer, it sure was a hot one! It is time to start our programming again. Oak Grove will be partnering with us again, this is a blessing for all of us. There are so many people with so many gifts, it is a blessing to be surrounded by those people in our community.

On September 8th, the youth leaders from Unionville and Oak Grove will be meeting in the new youth group room to plan the year. God has great things in store for us!

We are asking the youth to invite their friends to attend with them. The more the merrier. The more kids we can introduce to Jesus, bring closer to Jesus, and grow with Jesus the better. Let's try to fill as many hearts as we can with the love of Christ! We will meet weekly on Sundays, 6:30pm-8pm.

Christian Ed will start the Fall Season with a kick-off celebration on September 14th, from 6:30-8 pm in the grassy area at the picnic tables. Please join us for a campfire, hotdogs, games, and fellowship.

SAVE THE DATE: December 13th Youth Group Lock-in/Christmas Party/Cookie Baking



JOIN US



FALL KICK OFF

EXCITING THINGS ARE HAPPENING

SUNDAY, SEPT. 14TH

6:30—8:00 PM

in the church yard!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

bring your lawn chair and your appetite

SEWING/QUILTING GROUP

Tuesdays 10:00 am—noon

All are welcome whether or not you sew or quilt.

Great time of fellowship!



PRAYER MINISTRY*Linda Miller*

"Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

~Matthew 18:19-20

PRAYER SERVICES

Wednesday @6:30 pm

August 27th & September 3rd

Please join us as we lift our voices in prayer for our Christian Ed Programming, teachers, leaders and students. May our heart for discipleship be blessed as we move forward this fall.

"We are stronger together—each person doing their part, one at work while another prays them through it." ~Priscilla Shirer

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. ~1 Thessalonians 5:25

CHOIR*Robin Beige*

The Fall Season for Unionville's Choir will begin Thursday, September 4th (6:15-7 PM).

We will be rehearsing for the month of September and our first Sunday's Anthem will be October 5th.

Everyone is welcome to join. The more voices the better!

Come make a joyful noise!

See Robin Beige if you'd like to participate.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT*Janna Kline***The Youth Room is Complete!!**

I want to thank everyone for the donations that went towards my project. I also want to thank you all for the help and support of the project. It has been finished and now ready to use so thank you!

Many hands sure made light work. The room is finished in time for the start of the Fall Season, praise God! Please stop down and check it out!!



COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES*Paula Boyd***ATTENTION: I HAVE A COMPETITION FOR THE PANTRY**

Before you know it our "Thanksgiving" table will be set up in front of the Church to receive food items for our Pantry. Unfortunately, our Pantry Patrons can't always wait for the next holiday to come around. Did you know that we spend over \$2,100.00 a month for items in the Pantry, and food prices are only going up?!!

So Jo always use to have some competitions among the Congregation and the Pantry always was the winner!! So here is our Competition, Men/Young Men/Boys vs Women/Young Women/Girls!! Each week I will give you a run down on who has bought in the most groceries.

SO HERE WE GO !! HERE ARE YOUR LISTS!!**Men/Boys:**

Paper Towels, Kleenex
Coffee, Coffee Mate
Ketchup, Mustard
Pop Tarts, Rice Krispie Treats
Bleach, Dryer sheets
Q tips

Women/Girls

Toilet Paper
Sunny D (non refrigerated), Apple Juice
Mayo, BBQ Sauce
Microwave Popcorn, Pudding Cups (vanilla/chocolate)
Laundry Detergent, Any Cleaning Product
Baby Wipes

Let the Competition begin!!!

Contest will run until September 30th!!

Bins will be in back that say Men or Women!!

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

**Food Pantry Distribution**

September 16th & October 21st

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**

Save the Date:

Join Unionville Church

Sunday, September 7, 2025

@Green Valley Park Amphitheatre

for WORSHIP & PICNIC IN THE PARK

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.

Bring your ball glove for a pick up softball game after lunch!

ALL WELCOME!

INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN US!

HOME TOUCH

Joe Biddle

902 Eighth Avenue
Freedom, PA 15042

Bim & Deb Brightwell

1290 Route 68
Rochester, PA 15074

Don & Nancy Deutsch

535 Lincoln Blvd
Freedom, PA 15042

Linda Eiler

125 Pflug Road
New Brighton, PA 15066

Pat Elick

1310 Route 68
Rochester, PA 15074

George & Carol Flickinger

1252 Route 989
Rochester, PA 15074

Sylvia Hendrickson

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

Elmira Hollingshead

1013 Stockton Ridge
Cranberry Twp., PA 16066

Lee Jenkins

1080 Robinson Street
Freedom, PA 15042

Thelma Koch

900 3rd Ave
3rd floor Rm 310
Beaver Falls, PA 15010

Thelma Miller

1281 Route 68
Rochester, PA 15074

Janet Pfaff

103 Burgess Drive
Blue Ridge Apt 2014
Zelienople, PA 16063

George Peffer

114 Lyons Lane
Harmony, PA 16037

Tim Ramsey

724 Druschel Road
New Brighton, PA 15066

Duane Rape

130 Harkins Mill Road
Rochester, PA 15074

Amie Ritter

141 R Harold Street
New Brighton, PA 15066

Rhonda Sharp

951 Route 68
New Brighton, PA 15066

Walter & Carole Young

512 Allola Drive
New Brighton, PA 15066



***Please take a moment to remember our
Home Touch Friends
With a note, card, phone call and especially a prayer.***

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

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



PACK 444

New Sewickley Twp, PA

101 Big Knob Rd, Rochester, PA 15074

cubscoutpk444@gmail.com | 724-622-7416

Experience Family Scouting with us!

Scouting programs offer an opportunity to have fun in the outdoors, learn skills, and help instill values in our young people that will last a lifetime.

Scout Oath: On my honor, I will do my best. To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

Scout Law: A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

The oath and law coupled with the fun and adventures of camping, hiking, fishing, archery, shooting, with continued learning and academics, making new friends, and opportunities to seek existing and new interests, is a program all families can be proud of and should consider.

Pack 444 is a Family Pack, meaning that both boys and girls in kindergarten through fifth grade are encouraged to join. Families appreciate that all of their children are under the same leadership and Pack calendar, minimizing the schedule juggle since siblings have the same Pack activities.

Kids can join at any time of the year. For more information on joining scouting, please email Cub Scout Pack 444 at cubscoutpk444@gmail.com or call/text 724-622-7416.

Ready to join? Sign up here and we will get you started!



Upcoming Events:

Come find out more about cub scout and Pack 444 at our Meet-A-Friend Event, on September 17th at 6:30pm at Green Valley Park.

Or sign up at New Scout Sign-Up Night, on September 24th at 6:30pm at New Sewickley Presbyterian Church

**Community Breakfast
Saturday, September 6th!
8:00—10:00 am**

**Please come and lend a hand; come and eat;
invite your friends & neighbors!**

An all-you-care-to-eat buffet for only \$12.00!

**The proceeds from these meals help fund
various ministries throughout the year.**



**Meet
for
Breakfast**

**FAMILY LIFE CENTER
RENTALS**

**We are currently taking
Rental reservations.**

Call the Church Office

At (724)843-0862

Join us for Sunday Worship

**In our Sanctuary @9:30 am
or virtually. via**

Our YouTube channel.

**Pastor Barry is available in his office
to meet with you. Stop in and see him.**

Tuesdays: Noon—3:30PM

Thursday: Noon—3:30PM

Saturdays: Noon—3:30PM

Additional hours available by appointment.

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