

# The Disciple

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God is too good, to just be good!



## Pastor's Corner

### God's Awesome Attributes

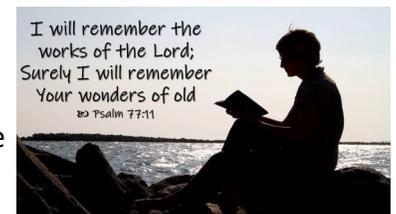
In the Old Testament book of Deuteronomy, we read how God's people are special: "You are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth." And they knew God loved them. They had seen powerful miracles as they escaped from Egypt (through the Red Sea), and

they experienced miraculous provision in the desert. Taking the land God promised to them would require winning some terrifying battles, but God assured them with these words: "...the Lord your God is in your midst, a great and awesome God" (Deuteronomy 7:21).

They really needed to remember the awesome attributes of God.

But when their leader Moses was away working on the tablets of the covenant, they made a metal calf and started to worship it. God was angry enough to destroy them, but Moses prayed and fasted for the people; and God listened. It is surprising that God was ready to start over with Moses, and it is shocking to imagine God's chosen people creating an idol and then bowing down to it. How could the people have turned away so quickly? How could they have forgotten how great God was? And did they realize how close they were to God's wrath!? This is what the Lord said after this ordeal: "And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul..." (Deuteronomy 10:12).

It may be thousands of years later, but we can forget how awesome and great God is. We forget the depth of his love and the range of his power. We would never be bedazzled by a golden calf, but we are often distracted. We can also be rebellious. We are tempted to forget the victories and breakthroughs accomplished for us through God's power and steadfast love.



At Unionville Church we are looking at some of the awesome attributes of God in order to understand the fear of the Lord. How holy is God? Holy, holy, holy. How powerful is God? He is the almighty Lord of Hosts. How wise is God? Wisdom belongs to him. How just is God? He is the ruler of rulers and the ultimate judge. Fearing God is not becoming terrified in a way that destroys relationship; it is deep, awestruck honor. My favorite definition of the fear of the Lord is from the second edition of The Jewish Study Bible: "respect for God that leads to following his ways."

Fear of the Lord is not a gift; it is something we learn from everything good that comes from the mouth of God. (continued on page 5)

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## PRAYER CHAIN

Begins In The Church Office

(724)843-0862

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



### Gen-

#### eral Health

Joyce Henck  
Walt Ketterer  
George Peffer  
Tim Shane  
Jenny Smith

#### Surgery & Procedures

Cameron Smith  
Linda Smith  
Bob Vucinic

#### Cancer Treatments

Addie  
Bernadette  
Rick  
Grandma Oma  
Mary Beck  
Lin Carpenter  
Jessica Castelli  
Kevin Castelli  
Wayne Davis  
Craig Dietrich  
Valerie Dietrich  
Holden Eckman  
Barney Higgins  
Mark Hoenig  
Billie Kaiser  
DS Deborah Killian  
Heidi Lois  
Wayne Loschinsky  
Shane Miller

Sue Presto  
Kristen Russ  
Mary Stantry  
Kristina Webb

#### Extended Care

Troy Baker  
Cody Boors  
Carolyn Ewing  
Margaret Ewing  
Mary Ann Mencher  
George Peffer  
Petie Petrik  
Janet Pfaff  
Tim Shane  
Alice Short

#### Mourning Loss

Thuan Kuo Family  
Andi Raye Family

#### Our Church

Pastor Barry and Family  
Children & Youth  
Christian Ed Team  
Church Family

#### 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 Miller  
George Peffer  
Janet Pfaff  
Tim Ramsey  
Amie Ritter  
Rhonda Sharp  
Walter & Carole Young

#### Missionaries

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

#### Other Concerns

Civil Unrest  
Unspoken Requests  
Winter Storm Recovery

**" And I set my face  
unto the Lord God, to  
seek by prayer and  
supplications, with  
fasting, and  
sackcloth, and  
ashes "**

— Daniel 9:3

*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.

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(724)544-6758

# Happy Birthday To You...



02/01 Alene Ashurst

02/02 GROUNDHOG DAY

02/03 Dave Smail

02/05 Anderson Ebel

02/05 Aidan Lafferty

02/06 Michael Ream

02/06 Keith Ditmore

02/07 Peyton Carpenter

02/08 Melissa Albright

02/08 Maegan Fabanich

02/11 Bob Cantner

02/12 Mark Mohrbacher

02/13 Julia Fleissner

02/14 Braeden David

02/15 Deana Rape

02/16 PRESIDENTS' DAY

02/18 Rosalie Gigliotti

02/18 ASH WEDNESDAY

02/19 Colin Boyd

02/20 Tammy Goehring

02/22 Melissa Gardner

02/24 Pat Ream

02/25 Beth Winkle

02/26 Kim Turner



*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 all these special people in prayer this month.*

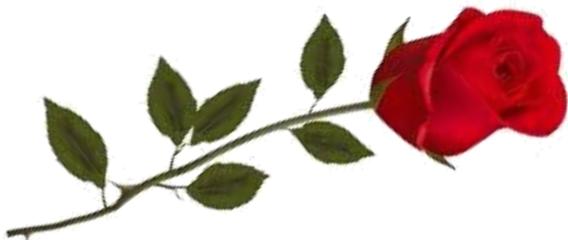
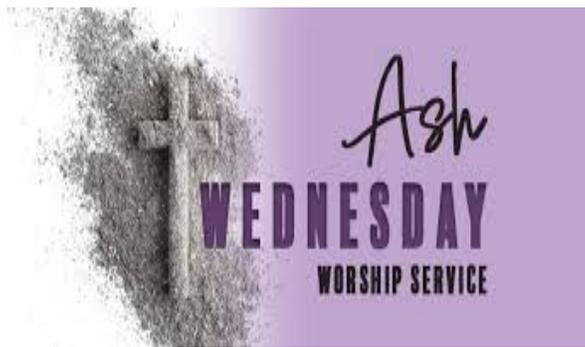
## Happy Anniversary

02/15 Joseph & Diane Fash

02/17 Alan & Lois Morrison

02/23 Mark & Kathy Moran

02/23 Don & Annette Zajac

**Join us Wednesday**

**February 18, 2026**

**@7:00 pm**

## FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 1	Sunday Worship, Sunday School, Kids' Club & Youth Group
Feb 2	UWF Meeting
Feb 3	Sewing Ladies
Feb 4	AM Adult Bible Study
Feb 5	Choir Practice, PM Adult Bible Study
Feb 7	Community Breakfast
Feb 8	Sunday Worship, Sunday School, Family Service Day
Feb 10	Sewing Ladies, Trustee Meeting
Feb 11	AM Adult Bible Study, Nomination Committee Meeting
Feb 12	Choir Practice, PM Adult Bible Study
Feb 15	Sunday Worship, Sunday School, Kids' Club & Youth Group
Feb 16	Pantry Set-up
Feb 17	Sewing Ladies, Compassionate Ministries Food Pantry
Feb 18	AM Adult Bible Study, Ash Wednesday Worship
Feb 19	Fish Fry Set-up, Choir Practice, PM Adult Bible Study
Feb 20	Lenten Fish Fry
Feb 22	Sunday Worship, Sunday School, Kids' Club & Youth Group
Feb 23	Newsletter Deadline
Feb 24	Sewing Ladies
Feb 25	AM Adult Bible Study
Feb 26	Fish Fry Set-up, Newsletter Mailing, Choir Practice, PM Adult Bible Study
Feb 27	Lenten Fish Fry

Please hold all our events in your prayers.


**Mark  
Your  
Calendars**

### Looking Forward

Mar 6	Lenten Fish Fry
Mar 7	Community Breakfast
Mar 10	Trustee Meeting
Mar 17	Compassionate Ministries Food Pantry
Mar 29	Palm Sunday Worship, Easter Egg Hunt

This Calendar of Events is complete as of the newsletter writing, however dates may be added.

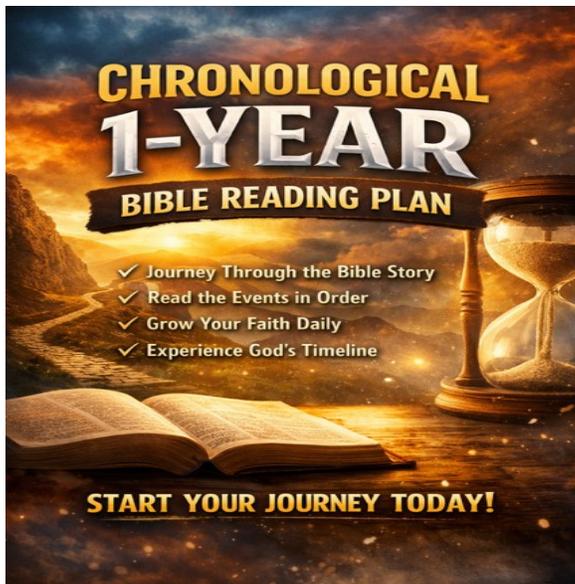
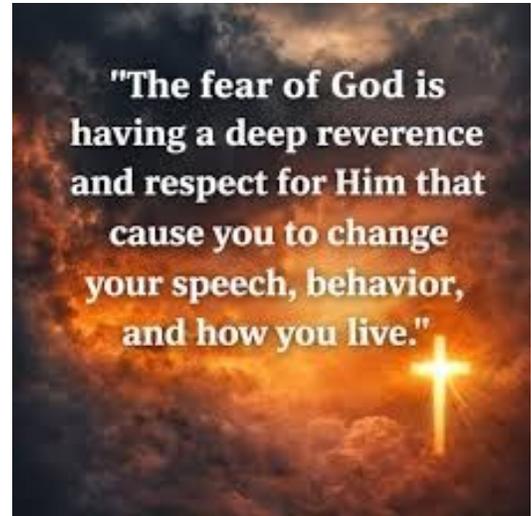
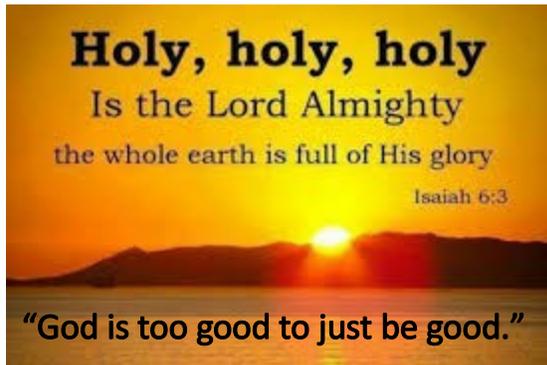
Keep an eye on the weekly bulletin announcements for additions.

**PASTOR'S CORNER**

*Pastor Barry*

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It also comes through experiencing relationship with God. When we fall in love with God, there is always more to understand about his amazing nature. Mike Kelsey, pastor and author of our Thursday night Bible study lessons, put it this way: "God is **too good** to just be good."



**Daily Bible-reading in 2026**

Unionville Church is offering a Bible-in-a-year reading plan with one 15 to 20 minute passage for every day of 2026. We are using the chronological reading plan offered by Blue Letter Bible, and it is not too late to start. If you miss a day, simply pick up again with today's passage. Pick up a paper copy of the reading plan in the narthex of our church. If you are not a big reader, we can recommend an app for your cell phone that will read passages out loud to you. For more resources, see the pastor. This may be the year you complete reading the entire Bible!

**THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS**

	Acolytes	Usher/Greeter	Liturgist	Children's Church	Snow Removal
Feb 1	Brian Beige April Beige	Alice Ketterer Gary Boyd	Paula Boyd	Wendy Kline Gregory Kline	Moehrle Kids
Feb 8	Jordyn Moehrle	Sharon Miller Dave Madura	Jim Miller	Wendy Kline Gregory Kline	HELP
Feb 15	Connor Moehrle Gregory Kline	Mark & Tonya Mohrbacher	Linda Eiler	Lori Calve Terry Ewing	HELP
Feb 22	Haven Keil	Orrin & Holly LeFebvre	Tammy Goehring	Tonya Mohrbacher Tina Petrik	Mitchell Goehring

<b>FINANCE - GENERAL FUND 2025</b>						
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MONTH		INCOME		EXPENSES		SURPLUS/DEFICIT
JANUARY		\$ 13,201.93		\$ 13,574.56		\$ (372.63)
FEBRUARY		\$ 12,947.92		\$ 14,315.35		\$ (1,367.43)
MARCH	*	\$ 24,336.57		\$ 15,377.65		\$ 8,958.92
APRIL	*	\$ 22,947.29		\$ 15,935.37		\$ 7,011.92
MAY		\$ 15,087.02		\$ 17,712.62		\$ (2,625.60)
JUNE		\$ 15,350.67		\$ 20,826.69		\$ (5,476.02)
JULY		\$ 15,127.00		\$ 15,125.92		\$ 1.08
AUGUST		\$ 21,193.15		\$ 25,054.77		\$ (3,861.62)
SEPTEMBER		\$ 12,899.30		\$ 12,020.30		\$ 879.00
OCTOBER		\$ 14,240.50		\$ 10,558.90		\$ 3,681.60
NOVEMBER		\$ 17,144.31		\$ 14,558.91		\$ 2,585.40
DECEMBER		\$ 18,918.93		\$ 19,407.90		\$ (488.97)
YEAR TO DATE		\$ 203,394.59		\$ 194,468.94		\$ 8,926.25

Thank you for your giving!



**CHOIR***Robin Beige*

Choir practice will resume Thursday, February 5 at 6:15 PM to prepare for the Lenten season. Our first anthem will be Sunday March 1.



Anyone who is interested in joining choir, please see Robin Beige. You do not need to be a classically trained singer to join. Anyone who loves to sing and loves the Lord is welcome!

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH***Linda Eiler*

Women of Faith will be meeting at 6:00 pm, Monday February 2nd to discuss desserts for Lenten Fish Fries and to also begin planning for the May luncheon of the New Sewickley Christian Women. This is Unionville's year to sponsor this event. If ladies could come with ideas for themes for the luncheon that would be great. We will also discuss luncheon menu. Hope to see you there!

**PRAYER VIGIL***Robin Beige*

**24 Hour Prayer Vigil**  
**Friday -Saturday April 3rd & 4th**  
**8:00 pm—8:00 pm**

It's that time when the Lenten Season is fast approaching and we begin looking forward to the 24 hour Prayer Vigil at Unionville. If you would like to be a part of the planning, by designing a prayer table for the vigil, please see Robin Beige.

Through the many years that Unionville has been holding a 24-hour prayer vigil, so many participants have said that they have felt a peace and been blessed by the experience. This year will be no different.

As we approach the Lenten season, please consider signing up to pray for an hour during the vigil. Our scripture theme this year is: *You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out. Deuteronomy 28:6.*

The prayer vigil will take place following Good Friday Worship and continue through Saturday evening, 8pm—8pm. In the coming weeks, a sign up list will be in the Narthex to sign up for the hour you wish to participate in prayer.

## YOUTH GROUP

*Wendy Kline & Tiffani Keil*

This month, 7 of the youth group attended the youth retreat called, "Current". This was our 3rd year attending this event. This year's speaker was Rev. Ron Bell. He presented four times with topics such as: God Isn't Mad at You (Faith, Fear, and the God Who Stays); Your Feelings Aren't a Sin (Emotions, Jesus, and Telling the Truth); You are Not What Happened to You (Identity, Calling, and Becoming Whole); and You Were Never Meant to Do This Alone (Community, Courage, and Carrying Each Other). Each session had questions for discussion with the youth and leaders.

Session 1: When you mess up or fall short, what do you assume God is thinking about you in that moment? Where did you first learn the idea that God might leave, punish, or withdraw when you're not at your best? What would change in your life if you truly believed God stays-even when you're afraid or uncertain?

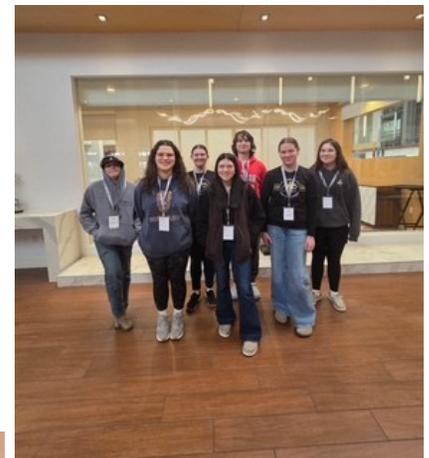
Session 2: Which emotions were you taught-directly or indirectly-not to show or talk about? If Jesus could handle people's anger, grief, and fear in the Bible, what does that say about how God handles yours? What feeling have you been carrying lately that might be trying to tell you something important?

Session 3: What label-given by someone else or yourself-have you started to believe about who you are? How do you think your life would look different if your story didn't stop at your hardest moment? When you imagine who God says you are, what part of that feels hardest to believe?

Session 4: When life gets heavy, do you tend to pull away, power through, or reach out-and why? What makes it hard to let other people see when you're not okay? Who has helped you feel more like yourself just by being present, and what did they do that matters?

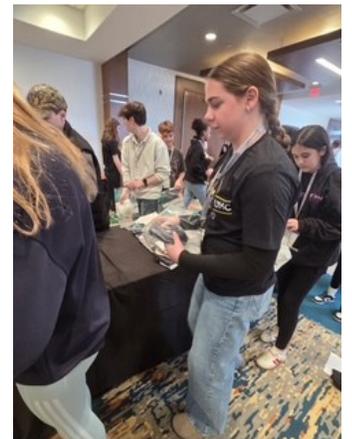
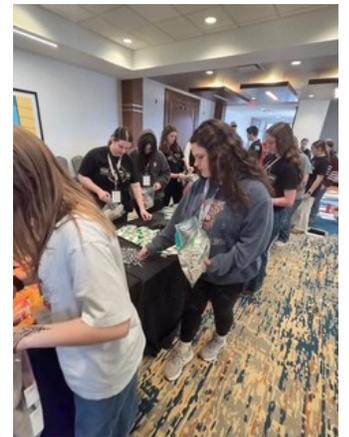
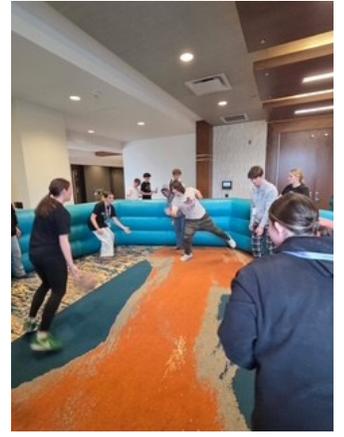
During the retreat there was a representative from the Mission Barn there to organize an assembly line to fill Blessing Bags with items so that the bags can be distributed to those in need. She discussed what the Mission Barn is, how to donate to it and how to volunteer for them.

This year the Youth Mission Team (YMT) put together a band for the music portions of the event. They were outstanding, a true blessing. The talent that flowed from those kids was a gift from God, a great addition to what they already do by planning this event.



# YOUTH GROUP

*Wendy Kline & Tiffani Keil*



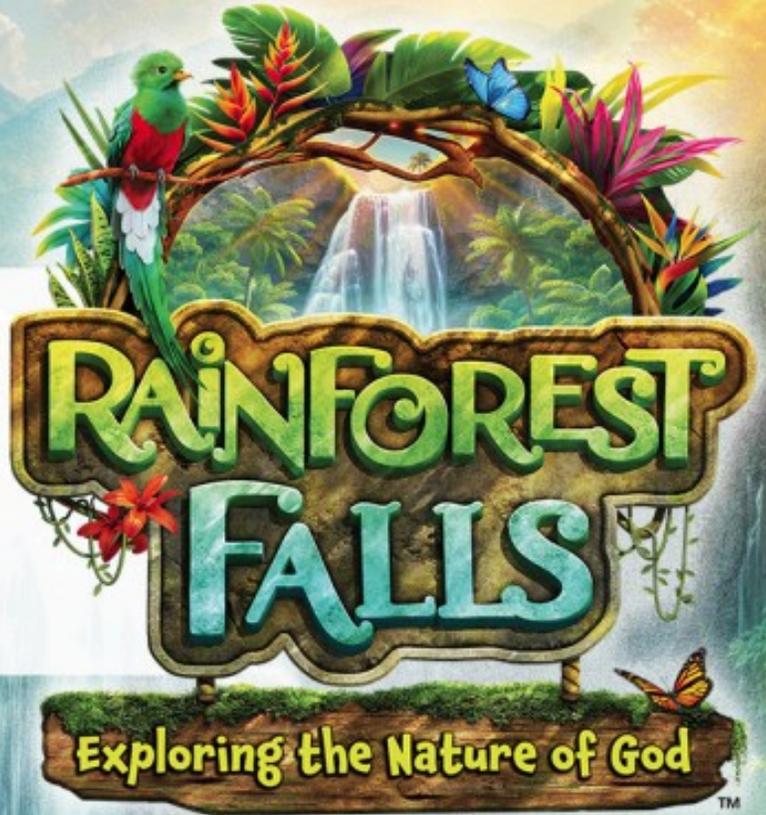
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026

Heather Salter



Participants and Volunteers - use the QR Code or visit <https://vbspro.events/p/b865ec> to register today!

Register today!



Can't wait to hang out with you at VBS!



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026

*Heather Salter*

# Help our VBS soar above the treetops— donations needed!



Each year, we are only able to give our kids the amazing VBS experience they love because of the generosity of our church family. From decorations to snacks and supplies, donations make it all possible! We have a gift registry available, and we would truly appreciate any and all contributions as we prepare to make this year's VBS another unforgettable one. Thank you for helping us pour into our children!



Scan the  
QR Code  
to find  
our Gift  
Registry



## EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

On Jan 18th, we celebrated Janna's Eagle Scout Court of Honor, in recognition for her dedication to scouting and the completion of her project; the youth group room. The rank of Eagle is the highest rank in Scouting America (Boy Scouts). Janna is a founder of her troop, Troop 9444, the first Eagle scout in the troop and the first female Eagle scout in Freedom Area School District. Janna has paved the way for many other young ladies in scouting in our area.

She thanks everyone for their support during her time in scouts, with her Eagle project, and the quilters for helping make her quilt. Janna's project is very near and dear to her heart and is proud to have been able to contribute something that will last a very long time in the church she loves and was raised in.



# RUMMAGE SALE

@ Unionville Church (back of the church)

1297 Rt 68 Rochester, PA 15074



**SAVE-THE-DATE!!!!**

**Rummage sale happening this spring.**

**All hands that are willing and able to help are welcomed!  
This is a huge undertaking that includes a lot of  
laughs and fellowship.**

**Please consider spending some time helping,  
you may even find some treasures you didn't know you needed!**

**Donation collections April 15 & 16.**

**See Wendy Kline for more information**

## 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 Miller

1281 Route 68  
Rochester, PA 15074

### George Peffer

114 Lyons Lane  
Harmony, PA 16037

### Janet Pfaff

103 Burgess Drive  
Blue Ridge Apt 2014  
Zelienople, PA 16063

### 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.***

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

**YOU DON'T  
NEED A  
REASON  
TO HELP  
PEOPLE**



**Food Pantry Distribution**

**February 17th & March 17th  
4:00—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)**



**FAMILY SERVICE LUNCHEON AND OUTING**  
**join us**  
**Sunday, February 8th**  
**Immediately following Sunday School**



We will gather for a quick lunch before  
 splitting into groups to deliver Valentine Cards to some of our  
 Home Touch Friends.

*The number of visitations will be dependent upon the number of participants.  
 We hope to see as many as possible.*

**This is an all church—intergenerational event!**  
**All are welcomed and encouraged to participate.**



**Annual Big Knob Grange**  
**Pancake & Sausage**  
**Dinner**



this year benefiting:

**EVAN & MELISSA ALAND**

**FEBRUARY 17, 2026 4 PM - 7 PM**

**BIG KNOB GRANGE: 336 GRANGE RD. ROCHESTER, PA 15074**

Dinner: Pancakes, Buckwheat Cakes, Gluten-Free  
 Pancakes, Sausage, Applesauce, & Dessert!

**BASKET  
 RAFFLES!**

Adults: \$10 Kids 4-10: \$5

**BAKE  
 SALE!**

*Community Breakfast*  
**Saturday, February 7th**  
**8-10 am**  
**\$10 ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET \$10**  
**at Unionville Church**



**LENTEN FISH FRY FRIDAYS!**  
**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Every Friday**  
**Feb 20<sup>th</sup> - March 27th**  
**CHURCH OFFICE: 724-843-0862**



[WWW.UNIONVILLE.CHURCH](http://WWW.UNIONVILLE.CHURCH)

**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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