

# The Disciple

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## Pastor's Corner

### Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously

The United Methodist Church makes disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, but it can be hard to picture connecting to the whole world. Our mission field starts right outside the sanctuary door, but it also reaches as far as Africa, Europe, and the Philippines.

Between April 12 and May 17, Unionville Church is joining millions of United Methodists around the world for a journey of prayer, learning, and generosity—inviting our whole connection to love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously. This journey culminates in Miracle Sunday, May 17, for a shared act of generosity that supports the next generation of pastoral leaders across the globe.



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The focus is on intensely needed pastoral education outside the United States. More than 71% of pastors in the United States hold a master's degree in theology compared to less than 5% of pastors outside the U.S. Furthermore, thirteen United Methodist seminaries in the U.S. have a combined \$1.2 billion of endowment; in contrast, over 20 seminaries outside the U.S. have little to no endowment.

Through the Miracle Sunday offering, we will fund an endowment that helps support 500 students each year as they prepare for pastoral ministry in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines. These students will answer God's call to lead faithfully in their own contexts, bringing hope, stability, and spiritual leadership to some of the most challenging missional communities. Achieving this in a single Sunday will require prayer, faith, and a miracle from God. We trust the Holy Spirit to multiply our gifts way beyond what we imagine.

Leading up to Miracle Sunday, we are focusing on specific parts of the Bible that relate to transformational discipleship. These are the topics, scriptures and prayers:

#### April 12 – Disciples Formed by Jesus Christ

- Psalm 119:1-8 – A prayer of blessing for those who walk in God's ways
- Ephesians 4:11-16 – The body of Christ growing into maturity, shaped by Christ the head
- Luke 5:1-11 – Jesus calls the first disciples, forming lives for mission

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus Christ, you love us and call us to be members of your body on earth. Through the Holy Spirit, transform our lives from the inside out so that we may build community and help transform society. Strengthen each of us to share boldly the gifts you give for the joy and courage of ministry in this world. Amen.

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# PRAYER CHAIN

Begins In The Church Office

(724)843-0862

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

## General Health

Jayne Aller  
Christopher Boyde  
Pat Elick  
Walt Ketterer  
Jax Ramirez  
Jim Rowse  
Don Smith  
Carole Young

## Surgery & Procedures

Dave Bathgate  
Craig Dietrich  
Linda Eiler  
Chrissy Guay  
Aaron Henck  
Tiffany Miller  
Declan Salter  
Sloane Salter  
Tim Shane  
Jenny Smith  
Donna Taylor  
Emily Thielman

## Extended Care

Carolyn Ewing  
Margaret Ewing  
Mary Ann Mencher  
Alice Short

## Mourning Loss

Holden Eckman Family  
Brady Hunker Family  
George Peffer Family  
Pat Sammons Family

## Our Church

Pastor Barry & Family  
Christian Ed  
VBS  
Unity

## Cancer Treatments

Mary Beck  
Lin Carpenter  
Wayne Davis  
Valerie Dietrich  
Caitlin Edge  
Barney Higgins  
Mark Hoenig  
Billie Kaiser  
Heidi Lois  
Wayne Loschinsky  
Shane Miller  
Kristen Russ  
Tim Shane

## Other Concerns

Iran Conflict  
Service Men and Women  
Traveling Mercies  
Unspoken Requests



## Home Touch

Joe Biddle  
Bin Brightwell  
Carol Bubb  
Linda Eiler  
Pat Elick  
George & Carol Flickinger  
Sylvia Hendrickson  
Elmira Hollingshead  
Lee Jenkins  
Mary Johnston  
Walt & Alice Ketterer  
Thelma Miller  
Janet Pfaff  
Tim Ramsey  
Amie Ritter  
Walter & Carole Young

## Missionaries

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

## Praise

Answered Prayers  
Ella Rose Huntley  
Our Young Athletes

## 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 Kelli Currey

05/03 Ron May

05/03 Miller Albright

05/09 Kari Stewart

05/10 MOTHER'S DAY

05/13 Jaime Loschinsky

05/17 Colleen White

05/18 Jim Smith

05/19 Orrin LeFebvre

05/21 Linda Smith

05/22 Alexander Huwar

05/24 Walter Young

05/25 MEMORIAL DAY

05/29 Isaiah Henck

05/31 Sylvia Hendrickson



*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

05/05 Jim & Odel Miller

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

05/25 Brian & Erin Spielman



## MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2	Community Breakfast
May 3	Sunday Worship, Sunday School
May 5	Sewing Ladies
May 7	VBS Worknight
May 9	Christian Women's Luncheon
May 10	Sunday Worship, Muffins with Mom
May 12	Sewing Ladies, Trustee Meeting, VBS Worknight
May 17	Sunday Worship, "Sundae" School Picnic
May 19	Election Day, UWF Soup and Sub Sale, VBS Worknight
May 20	Food Pantry
May 21	Newsletter Deadline
May 24	Sunday Worship
May 25	Memorial Day
May 26	Sewing Ladies, VBS Worknight
May 27	Newsletter Mailing
May 28	VBS Worknight
May 31	Sunday Worship

Please hold all our events in your prayers.



**Mark  
Your  
Calendars**

### Looking ahead:

June 2~6	VBS Set-up
June 6	Community Breakfast
June 7~11	Rainforest Falls VBS
June 14	VBS Worship Celebration
June 16	Food Pantry
June 16~17	VBS Cleanup
June 21	Donuts with Dads & Grads

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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**April 19 – Disciples Empowered by the Holy Spirit**

- Psalm 16 – “In your presence there is fullness of joy”
- Colossians 2:6–10 – Rooted, built up, and filled with the fullness of God
- John 10:10 – Abundant life received and shared for the sake of the world

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, we come with humble hearts. Strengthen the roots of our salvation. Fill us with your strength and power. Give depth for ministry on a strong foundation. Create hunger and thirst for your gifts and anointing. Bless us so that we become channels of blessing for others. We claim victory in your name over challenges that hinder service. Bless our households, our schools, our workplaces, and our churches with your love and power. In the mighty name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

**April 26 – Love Boldly**

- Leviticus 19:9–18 – Love expressed through justice, compassion, and neighborly care
- John 13:34–35 – Loving as Christ has loved—bold, visible, and sacrificial
- Mark 12:28–34 – Loving God and neighbor as the heart of faithful living

**Prayer:** Dear God, these Bible passages are the core of our discipleship. Open our eyes to see the face of Christ in every person. Where there is inequality or exclusion, let our love dismantle injustice. Where there is hurt or division, let our love bring healing and reconciliation. Help us to love in deed and in truth. Unite us in this sacred calling. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who loved us completely and teaches us the way. Amen.

**May 3 – Serve Joyfully**

- Psalm 100 – Serving the Lord with gladness and song
- 1 Peter 4:8–11 – Serving one another with God-given gifts

**Prayer:** Our Father in Heaven, you put new words in our mouths and new intentions in our hearts, especially a new understanding of power: power shaped by love and righteousness, justice and mercy. Instead of using power to exploit or dominate, help us use it to serve others as Jesus did. His life and death demonstrated how the love of power could be transformed by the power of love. We celebrate your rule of love in our hearts as we experience it in Jesus and through the enabling gift of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**May 10 – Lead Courageously**

- Joshua 1:5–9 – “Be strong and courageous... for I am with you”
- Psalm 27:1–3, 14 – Courage rooted in trust in God
- Ephesians 6:10–18 – Strength and resilience for faithful leadership
- Isaiah 58:6–10 – Courageous leadership confronts injustice and transforms

**Prayer:** God of truth and compassion, you call your people to stand firm in love when fear tempts silence. Give strength and resilience to lead courageously. Clothe us with your Spirit to speak truth where lies prevail, seek justice where dignity is denied, and bring light where darkness wounds your beloved. Give courage in word and action to defend the vulnerable, challenge harmful systems, and walk humbly with those who suffer. Make the United Methodist Church a community where prayer becomes justice, worship becomes compassion, and leadership becomes service shaped by grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**May 17, Miracle Sunday – Disciples Transform the World**

- Psalm 96 – Declaring God's glory among the nations

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**PASTOR'S CORNER***Pastor Barry*

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**Prayer:** God, we praise you with thousands of United Methodist congregations across the earth on this special Sunday. We want to tell of your salvation from day to day, through generations. Bless this offering so that it forms leaders in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines for many years to come. To you be all honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.

**Please help us pray, and we thank you for your support and generosity. If you cannot be at Unionville Church on Miracle Sunday, you have options for giving:**

**CHECK.** Make a check payable to "WPAUMC" and write "Miracle Sunday" in the memo line of the check, and mail to WPAUMC, PO Box 5002, Cranberry Township, PA 16066.

**ONLINE.** Go to the Conference online payment page at [www.wpaumc.org](http://www.wpaumc.org) and select "make a payment online." In the "General Advance" section, using one of the "Other General Advance" line items, write in "Miracle Sunday" in the space provided.

**THANK YOU TO OUR WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Usher/Greeter</b>	<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>Children's Church</b>
May 3	Brian Beige April Beige	Tina Petrik Gary Boyd	Linda Eiler	Tonya Mohrbacher Tina Petrik
May 10	Jordyn Moehrle Sloane Salter	Karen Valko Linda Miller	Jim Miller	Heather Salter Jordyn Moehrle
May 17	Declan Salter Taylor Moehrle	Mark & Tonya Mohrbacher	Linda Eiler	No Children's Church
May 24	No scheduled Acolyte	Orrin & Holly LeFebvre	Tammy Goehring	No Children's Church
May 31	No scheduled Acolyte	Matt & Kelli Currey	Mitchell Goehring	Christy Lawrence Jayce Lawrence

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

*Linda Eiler*

### ELECTION DAY SOUP AND SUB SALE

Pick up on May 19th, 11am—6pm at Unionville Church Family Life Center

Quart of Soup from PJ's Deli—\$10 each  
 Pepperoni Roll from J&J's Catering—\$5 each  
 16" Italian Sub Sandwich from J&J's Catering—\$10 each  
 Call orders in by May 3rd to  
 Paula Boyd 724-417-6648  
 or Linda Eiler 724-622-6278



### CHOICE OF SOUPS

Creamy Chicken Gnocchi  
 Lasagna  
 Cheddar Broccoli  
 Loaded Baked Potato



**Don't forget!**  
 Christian Women's Luncheon  
 Saturday, May 9th. @ Noon  
 Theme: Bloom where you are Planted  
 Guest Speaker: Nikki Henck

## TRUSTEES

*Doug Hefner*

### A quick update from the Trustees:

The trustees have been busy with the following projects -

- ⇒ The FLC and stairway lights have been updated to LED bulbs. We plan on upgrading all the lights in the facility to LED bulbs for cost saving purposes.
- ⇒ The balcony area and stairway have been painted
- ⇒ At the moment, we are working on the back FLC hallway. We will be updating it with new paneling, paint and flooring. So, please excuse our mess.
- ⇒ The FLC carpet will be getting cleaned after VBS finishes up.
- ⇒ A new damper was installed in the ductwork in the FLC kitchen to stop the cold air from coming in through the outside vent to keep the kitchen warmer.
- ⇒ We are getting bids to paint the steeple.
- ⇒ We are selling the metal chairs - \$5 a chair and replacing them with white plastic chairs from Lifetime at a cost of \$25 a chair.
- ⇒ We are looking towards the future with some HVAC upgrades. We are gathering bids for a forced air system. A forced air system will help take some of the strain off the boilers and extend their life.

***Any donations are welcomed  
 to help off-set the financial burden to the church  
 for any of the listed projects.***

## FINANCE—GENERAL FUND 2026

### Unionville Church—Rochester, PA Detailed Fund Activity Report as of 03/31/2026

Account Name	YTD Activity
<b>General Fund (started 2023) Balance</b>	
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	<b>69,231.54</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Building Use Fees and Rentals	1,260.00
Fundraising (Net Income)	12,868.76
General Fund Income (Unionville Use Only)	16,253.00
General Fund Income (Included in 10% Tithe)	27,170.89
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$57,552.65</u></b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Apportionments	5,758.35
Church Utilities	4,982.75
Lay Staff Expense	6,047.57
Missionary Support Expense	00.00
Operating Expense	12,788.32
Parsonage Utilities	00.00
Pastor Expenses	16,257.21
Program Expense	1,341.28
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$47,175.48</u></b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>\$79,608.71</u></b>

MONTH		INCOME		EXPENSES		SURPLUS/DEFICIT
JANUARY		\$ 13,542.43		\$ 10,516.94		\$ 3,025.49
FEBRUARY	*	\$ 18,664.41		\$ 16,710.05		\$ 1,954.36
MARCH	*	\$ 25,345.81		\$ 19,948.49		\$ 5,397.32
APRIL						
MAY						
JUNE						
JULY						
AUGUST						
SEPTEMBER						
OCTOBER						
NOVEMBER						
DECEMBER						
YEAR TO DATE		\$ 57,552.65		\$ 47,175.48		\$ 10,377.17

This chart provides a look at our 2026 General Fund, monthly income and expenses  
 Figures do not include in-church transfers  
 Months marked with \*includes fish fry income  
 If you have questions about the finances of the church, please see Judy Cantner, Finance Chair

## CHRISTIAN ED

Linda Miller

*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. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*

*Hebrews 12:1-3*

We have just finished out the school year for Kids' Club and Youth Group, we will have our last Sunday School classes on Sunday, May 3rd. May 10th we will celebrate Mothers' Day as we join together in the Family Life Center following worship for Muffins with Mom. May 17th we will hold our annual "Sundae" School Picnic out in the church yard, and then on to VBS and Donuts with Dads and Grads in June!

It's been a whirlwind year as it seems as though we were just gathering to kick-off the school year. It's been a good year. Kids' Club held steady all year with 9-11 kids in attendance each week. Youth Group had a pretty consistent attendance though we did miss some faces this year. Sunday School had great attendance for our adult and young adult classes, however was a struggle with low attendance week to week for our children's classes.

The Christian Ed Team met recently where we discussed how to move forward in the fall especially concerning Sunday School. We had two classes this year with only one student in each class most weeks. Our middle school classroom had 2-3 students each week. We acknowledged the difficulty in holding classes with low attendance numbers and we are in prayer for how to proceed. I have asked the team that as they pray to write down those things which God brings to mind. The following are some things that have been brought to my mind.

*Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

*Galatians 6:9*

This week during a discussion at Administrative Council, the following words were shared with us by a council member, *"To know Christ and to make Him known"*. These words resonated with me, because isn't that exactly what Christian Education is all about—the very definition of discipleship, is it not? We have a responsibility to do just this—*Know Christ*, get into your bible daily, be in prayer daily, get into a bible study or Sunday School class, do not give up meeting together and building up one another and then—*Make Him Known*—go and tell it! Invite others, share the Good News with others, let your life reflect Christ. As I think about one student in a classroom, I think about the one sheep. What would Jesus do for the one?

One of the difficulties we have had and continue to have is not only a lack of students but also of leaders, teachers and volunteers. We are a small congregation that is spread thin with everyone doing double and triple duty. We are easily wearied, especially when our daily personal lives are so busy. I listened to a YouTube video sermon by Josh Howerton this week which helped me a great deal.

### Here are some quotes that I found helpful:

- "Satan will try to convince you it's not worth it. Just because it's hard does not mean it's not from God."
- "Do not grow weary—do not get discouraged."
- "Figure out how to say no to worthless things in order to say yes to Godly things."
- "People do not have expiration dates (*for serving*), if you've got a pulse, God's got a purpose for you."
- "Races are won by going hard in the last 10 meters, finish strong." (*the race God's mapped out for you*)
- "Every time you get knocked down, get back up."
- "Don't lose your spiritual vision for why these things matter."
- "Claim the promises of God, don't forget them."
- "Jesus elevates your vision for what's possible!"

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**CHRISTIAN ED***Linda Miller*

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- “Small things infused with the power of God, begin to change everything. Elevate your vision and see what God can do.”
- “People need what God has given YOU today.”
- “If you are weary and tired and falling down, know that people need what God has given YOU today.”

I have believed for a number of years now that God has a very large plan for Unionville but I find myself more and more asking “how long, Lord?” I would not have done well wandering in the desert with the Israelites on the way to the Promised Land—I know this about myself! I also know though that God is preparing us and this season is necessary to help us to grow in our faith, to mature—to *Know Christ* in such a way that we are well able to *Make Him known*.

**Please hold the Christian Ed Team and our Children in your prayers,  
and if God gives you a word, please write it down and share it with us.**

**YOUTH GROUP***Wendy Kline*

On April 26th we joined with kids club for our final gathering of the season. The kids enjoyed playing games and eating pizza and brownies. If you have never witnessed 15 kids aged 4-17 play without organization, I highly recommend it. A bunch of balls and random items is all that is needed for 90 minutes of pure fun and chaos.

It has been many years since we have had a youth member that started in Kids’ Club and aged out of Youth Group. This summer, Janna Kline will turn 18 and leave for college in the fall. Youth Group will gain two boys from Kids’ Club in the fall. We are in a season of change, thankfully we

have God to guide us through it all.

For our latest mission, Youth Group sent \$300 to the missionary that visited Unionville in March, Rich Mroczka, from Johnstown. These funds are to be used to purchase school supplies for the kids in Guatemala where he and his wife serve.

Please stay tuned for the next article to include plans for July and August activities. Blessings to all!

**SAVE THE DATE!****Monday, July 13th****The Youth Group will take a trip to Moraine State Park.****We will meet at the church at 12:30 pm****Watch for more details as the event draws closer.**

## PRAYER MINISTRY FOR VBS

*Linda Miller*

### 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 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 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 Our 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.



### Pray for Our VBS

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 sink 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.



I am thoroughly convinced that the overwhelming success of our annual VBS is directly due to the amount of time we spend in prayer over it!

Please join in, by adding these prayers throughout your week.

As of this writing we have 77 children registered. We have a goal of 100 children who will attend throughout the week. God already knows the names of all who will attend.

# PLEASE PRAY

For VBS Participants, Youth & Adult Volunteers

Asher	Enzo	Steven	Caroline	Kinsley
Jocelynn	Dominic	Ellie	Jayce	Weslynn
Lilyan	Blair	Makennah	Klaire	Calia
Sebastian	Alice	Ava	Adelaide	JJ
Reed	Wyatt	Rosalie	Rayna	Bryson
RJ	Greyson	Harper	Jaxon	Logan
Elsie	Madelyn	Bentley	Brody	Lukas
Grady	Emmy	Peyton	Athena	Caitlyn
Asher	Aaliyah	April	Nolan	
Autumn	Karaline	Chase	Clara	
Camilla	Colton	Peyton	Anniston	
Jaxton	Amerie	Andrea	Ryder	
Dyhruma	Liliana	Kinsley	Makennah	
Klaire	Sebastian	Alice	Ava	
Emma	Patrick	Jackson	Ryan	
Nolyn	Haydn	Olivia	Savannah	
Sloane	Declan	Wyatt	Avery	
Jace	Dawn	Roy	April	
Brian	Jon	Robin	Pat	
Kelli	Farah	Kristi	Linda	
Terry	Ashley	Ruby	Makayla	
Tammy	Olivia	Audrina	Haven	
Tiffani	Chelsea	Gregory	Janna	
Wendy	Madi	Christy	Jacey	
Lisa	Linda	Sharon	Connor	
Jordyn	Taylor	Heather	Jennifer	
Jodie	Addison	Cooper	Nick	



# 2026 VBS Work Night Schedule

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



2026							APRIL						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4							
5	6	7	8	9	10	11							
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25							
26	27	28	29	30									

2026							MAY						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					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													

2026							JUNE						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	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 6-8:30 pm**

**Saturday June 6th  
8 am until set up is finished!**

**June 16<sup>th</sup> - cleanup 5-8pm  
June 17<sup>th</sup> - cleanup 9-noon**

Work nights are a very important part of bringing everything together! Each week, we will be working on a variety of projects to help prepare decorations, activities, and all the special details that make VBS such a meaningful experience for our kids. We truly need helping hands- many hands make light work, and your time and effort will make a big difference in making VBS unforgettable!

We will also have cleanup times on June 16<sup>th</sup> and June 17<sup>th</sup>, which are just as important as we work together to get the church back in order. Whether you can come once or multiple times, we would love and appreciate your support!



THANK  
YOU!

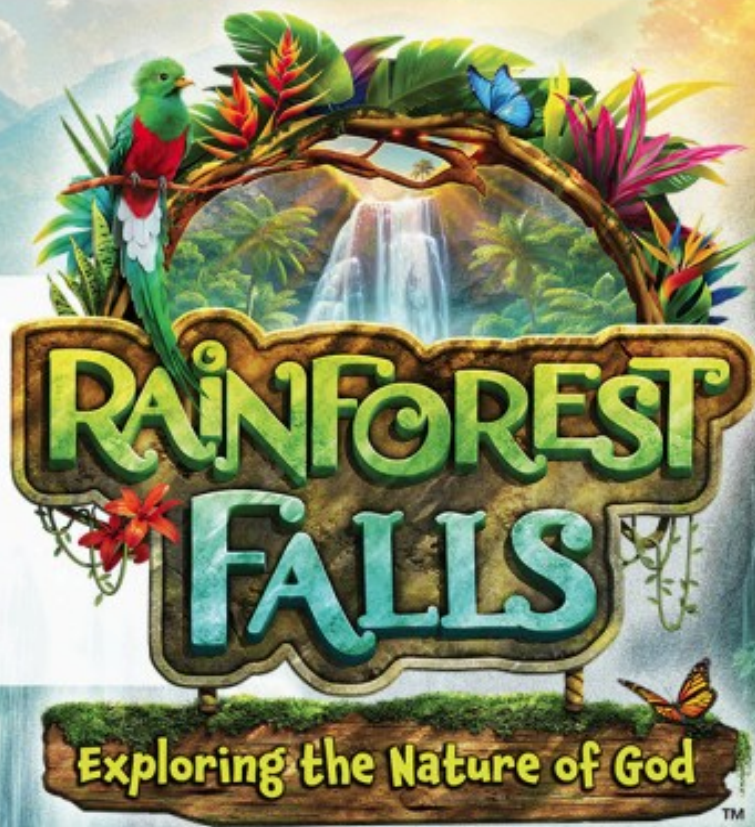
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026

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!

**Sunday, June 7th through Thursday, June 11th**



## NEW SEWICKLEY TWP NEWS

*Jack Boyde*

**Celebrating America 250—New Sewickley Township will be burying a time capsule to be opened in 2076.** We have an opportunity to participate.

Our church has been provided with a book to tell our story. We will be including our history, mission statement, community outreach and other items. We are looking for other thoughts that could also be included. Perhaps photos of our children and youth can be included as future ambassadors of our church when the capsule is opened. Each of you are invited to sign the book and offer your thoughts to the future generations.

**Unionville Church has been a part of New Sewickley for over 185 years; we have been an active participant in the growth of the township. Help us preserve our story. Our deadline to submit is June 5.**

**Please see Jack Boyde with any additional ideas or for more information.**

## MISSION GIVING

*Jon Beige*

In March, Unionville Church invited Rich Mroczka to speak with us about the mission work he and his wife, Lulu, are doing in Guatemala. We were encouraged to hear how the Holy Spirit is working through them to spread the Gospel and to help meet the basic needs of the people they serve.

Unionville Church has a long history of supporting mission work. Recently, however, we needed to discontinue sending funds to Pastor Frantz Payout, as we have not heard from him and the checks that were sent were no longer being cashed.

As we began looking for additional missionaries to support, the Ad Council invited Rich to share about his family's ministry with the congregation. After learning more about their work, the Ad Council voted to provide quarterly financial support through the United Methodist Church's missions program.



In addition, there has been a strong desire to support mission work closer to home. Unionville Church has partnered on multiple service projects with Hosanna Industries, assisting with their various endeavors. The Ad Council also voted to provide quarterly financial support to this ministry.

Additional donations may be given through the offering plates or via online giving and designated specifically for either of these causes. Please continue to support these ministries through your ongoing prayers as well.



**“For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”  
How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed?  
And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?**

**And how are they to hear without someone preaching?**

**And how are they to preach unless they are sent?**

**As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”**

**~Romans 10:13-15**

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Walter Young  
will celebrate  
a milestone 90th birthday  
on May 24th!  
Help us wish him a  
Happy Birthday!  
Cards may be mailed to  
the above address.



***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.***

## FAMILY SERVICE DAY

The last Family Service Day of the 2025/2026 school year was a great success, with 5 adults and 8 children visiting Passavant Retirement Center in Zelenople for a bingo afternoon. We brought energy and smiles, providing prizes and assistance throughout the event. The staff thanked us for our help and marveled at the kids' enthusiasm and compassion when interacting with the residents.

This event highlighted the value of community engagement and the joy that young people can bring to seniors' lives. Thank you to all who participated by providing prizes and/or attendance. Special thanks to Sharon Miller for planning this and all our Family Service Days this year!



### Celebration and Recognition of 2026 Graduates Sunday, June 21, 2026

A recognition of graduates will take place during worship followed by a celebration in the Family Life Center after worship. Please let the church office know of any graduates to be recognized.



### YOU'RE INVITED TO A GRADUATION PARTY FOR JANNA KLINE! Saturday, June 6th, noon—4:00 pm Green Valley Park

The Kline Family is so grateful for the impact our church family has had on Janna's life. Every one of you has touched her life in some way so we would like to extend an invitation to you to her high school graduation party.

Her party is June 6, 2026 at Green Valley Park Pavilion 3  
(close to the softball fields) from noon-4pm.

Please join us as we celebrate Janna's accomplishment  
as she heads forward to her next journey in life.  
**Freedom Area High School Class of 2026!**



## FISH FRY NEWS

*Jack and Pat Boyde*

Fish Fry Season 2026 was a great success. As usual we had a lot of discussion about the upcoming season. What changes should be made and do we have enough help to make it happen. They were answered with a resounding yes. We made some changes and continued to improve our dinners; the help was terrific with our regulars continuing to participate as well as many new volunteers joining the process. Weather this year was good and we were not affected by snow. We did experience a power outage week 3 which resulted in one of our poorest weeks.

Special Thanks to you if you participated in any way, either by joining us for meals or helping to work in the kitchen, setting up tables or clean-up afterwards. We couldn't have been successful without your support. Once again Unionville opened its doors. Each week we had folks from our community enter our facility and see our people in action. This opportunity for fellowship is a unique feature of Unionville.

We had an opportunity this year to help a young boy named Jax Ramires who suffers from a rare disorder, IPEX and requires specialized treatments. Our week 5 dinner was dedicated to him. We were able to donate \$2700 towards his treatment. In addition to helping Jax, we made a donation of food to Twelve Loaves Pantry in New Brighton.

Our efforts this year were blessed. During our six weeks we averaged almost 190 meals per week. Our net profit for the season was \$11,000, we donated \$2700, \$8300 will go back into our general budget. These funds will enable us to develop additional ministry opportunities. We are thankful for the safety for our workers, fellowship with each other and the opportunity to have new folks see what Unionville is all about. Thanks for all of your support.

*Thank  
you!*

## COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others,  
as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. ~1 Peter 4:10

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



**Food Pantry Distribution**

**May 20th**

**4:00—6:00 pm**

*(note the change from Tuesday to Wednesday  
In the month of May due to election day)*

**Questions? Call the Church Office**

**@724-843-0862**

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

*Community Breakfast*  
**Saturday, May 2nd**  
**8-10 am**  
**\$10 ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET \$10**  
**at Unionville Church**  
**1297 Rt 68 Rochester, PA 15074**



**UNIONVILLE VBS**  
**RAINFORREST FALLS**  
 Exploring the Nature of God  
**JUNE 7-11**  
**6:00 - 8:30 PM**  
**AGES 3 - 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**  
 Get ready for a fun-filled week of exciting adventures, awesome music, creative crafts, and unforgettable Bible stories! We can't wait to see your kids there!  
**SIGN UP TODAY!**  
 Don't miss out on the adventure!  
**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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