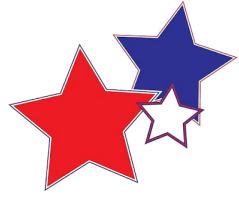


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YOU WILL
**RECEIVE
POWER**
WHEN THE
Holy Spirit
COMES ON YOU.
ACTS 1:8

Pastor's Corner

THE POWER OF THE LORD IS WITH US

God is awesome in power; it is on display in everything he created. Just think about how God holds everything together—from stars in the sky to starfish in the ocean. Or consider how God knows each of us better than we know ourselves and cares for all our needs as a patient, wise and loving parent. We can't help but be in awe. We praise God's power as we read Psalms and acclaim it each time we pray the Lord's prayer. All power belongs to God. But God's power is more than a character trait; he also gives it away.

GOD'S POWER TOWARD US

The Apostle Paul wanted the Christians in Ephesus to know "...*the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places...*" (Ephesians 1:19-20).

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God shares his power. Paul wanted his fellow believers to know that serving as a disciple of Jesus is not just about one's own strength and abilities (which are limited). He wanted to open their eyes to the immeasurably great power from heaven that comes to believers through the life of Jesus. We are still benefiting from the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who continues to give life. In the same way God's power raised Jesus after three days in the grave, God's power gives life to us through his Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God's power toward us, and this supply is limitless.

GOD'S POWER IN US

Being forgiven by grace through faith in Jesus Christ and cutting the cord to our old sinful nature is just the beginning. Then we begin the lifelong process of working out our salvation, as Paul described to the Philippians: "*Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure*" (Philippians 2:12-13).

As we are being changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ, it is through the power of God and the grace he gives freely. If there is any work involved, it is God working in us. God's power empowers us to carry out God's will. In her book on Christian ethics, Ellen Ott Marshall helps us understand God's power in us: "God is not only present with us; God is at work in us, all the time, nurturing our best inclinations and encouraging our best thoughts." If there is anything good working its way out of us, it is to the credit of God who placed his goodness in us in the first place. God's goodness makes an impact for God's kingdom and shines the spotlight on God instead of human strength.

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PRAYER CHAIN

Begins In The Church Office

(724)843-0862

Prayer concerns for our Church Family & Friends...

General Health

April Beige
Matt Currey
Chrissy Guay
Rick Johnston
Geanne Presto
Sue Presto
Pat Sanchez
Jenny Smith
Connor Valchene
Nan Wiser
Carole Young
Unspoken Concerns

Surgery & Procedures

Wayne Boyd
Joanie Ondrako
Petie Petrik
Sloane Salter

Extended Care

Carolyn Ewing
Margaret Ewing
Mary Ann Mencher

Cancer Treatments

Toni
Mary Beck
Lin Carpenter
Kevin & Jessica Castelli
Wayne Davis
Valerie Dietrich
Caitlin Edge
Maryann Fenneych
Barney Higgins
Mark Hoenig
Billie Kaiser
Heidi Lois
Wayne Loschinsky
Shane Miller
Regis Pascuzzi
Kristen Russ
Tim Shane
Brenda Werling

Home Touch

Joe Biddle
Bim Brightwell
Carol Bubb
Nancy Deutsch
Linda Eiler
Pat Elick
George & Carol Flickinger
Sylvia Hendrickson
Elmira Hollingshead
Lee Jenkins
Mary Johnston
Walt & Alice Ketterer
Wayne & Chris Loschinsky
Thelma Miller
Karen Pepper
Janet Pfaff
Sue Presto
Tim Ramsey
Amie Ritter
Walter & Carole Young

Mourning Loss

Milo Corll Family
Jeff Grant Family
Betty Hodovanich Family
Alice Short Family

Our Church

Pastor Barry & Family
Don & Nancy Deutsch
Compassionate Ministries

Missionaries

Karl & Deb Crossman
Hosanna Industries
Rich & Lulu Mroczka
Franz Payout
Darlene Rimer—traveling
Skybacher Ministries

Praise

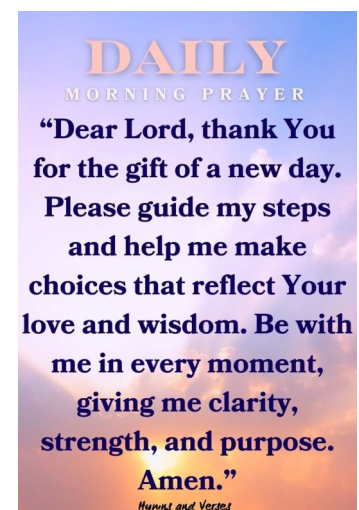
Makayla & Nick
Walt Ketterer
Mary Johnston 90th
2026 Graduates
112 VBS Kids
Youth Camps—Church,
Band, Scouts

Other Concerns

World Conflicts
Our Nation & Leaders
Caregivers
Traveling Mercies
Unspoken Concerns

**Pray without ceasing.
1 Thessalonians 5:17**

Prayer Chain
If you or anyone you know would like to be added to the prayer list or to the email prayer chain, please contact Linda (724)544-6758 or the church office (724)843-0862



Happy Birthday To You...



07/01 Leah Currey	07/15 Connor Moehrle	08/11 Paula Boyd
07/02 Mary Johnston	07/20 Terry Keil	08/13 Judy Cantner
07/02 Nikki Henck	07/23 Nicole Liston	08/14 Andy Vargo
07/04 INDEPENDENCE DAY	07/25 Alan Morrison	08/19 Janet Pfaff
07/04 Pam Souders	07/30 Olivia Jones	08/23 Walt Ketterer
07/05 Robin Beige	07/30 Andy Ebel	08/25 Petie Petrik
07/10 Chris Loschinsky	08/01 Mike Miller	08/28 Kristi Ebel
07/11 Elaine Hefner	08/02 RJ Gigliotti	08/28 Kylan Mack
07/12 Tom Miller	08/03 Enzo Darrigo	08/29 Susan Boyd
07/14 Gregory Kline	08/04 Lily Poplawski	08/29 Tj Presto
07/15 Mike Catalano	08/06 AJ Murray	

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

07/03 Doug & Denise Myers	08/06 Jake & Kim Turner
07/06 Tim & Jo Shane	08/06 Paul & Shannon Moehrle
07/08 Larry & Terry Ewing	08/08 Merle & Phyllis Schultheis
07/14 Terry & Jackie Simpson	08/09 Barry & Nikki Henck
07/15 Bill & Thelma Castor	08/16 Doug & Elaine Hefner
07/31 Walt & Alice Ketterer	08/21 Jesse & Sara Miller
08/05 Gary & Paula Boyd	



JULY/AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 1	VBS Wrap-up Meeting
July 4	Independence Day, No Community Breakfast
July 5	Sunday Worship
July 7	Sewing Ladies
July 12	Sunday Worship
July 13	Youth Group @Moraine, Unionville Softball
July 14	Sewing Ladies, Trustee Meeting
July 15	Red Cross Blood Drive
June 16	Sewing Ladies, Trustee Meeting
July 19	Sunday Worship
July 21	Sewing Ladies, Food Pantry
July 26	Sunday Worship
July 27	Unionville Softball
July 28	Sewing Ladies
August 1	Community Breakfast
August 2	Sunday Worship
August 4	Sewing Ladies
August 9	Sunday Worship
August 10	Unionville Softball
August 11	Sewing Ladies, Trustee Meeting
August 16	Sunday Worship
August 18	Sewing Ladies, Food Pantry
August 23	Sunday Worship
August 24	Unionville Softball
August 25	Sewing Ladies
August 26	Newsletter Deadline
August 30	Sunday Worship

Please hold all our events in your prayers.



**Mark
Your
Calendars**

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.

Looking Forward

September 5	Community Breakfast
September 13	Worship and Picnic in the Park
September 14	UWF Meeting
September 16	AM Adult Bible Study

PASTOR'S CORNER

Pastor Barry

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GOD'S POWER FOR GOD'S CALLINGS

When Jesus requested his followers to wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit, he promised God's power: *"But you will receive power after that the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses..."*

(Acts 1:8). The call to wait for the Holy Spirit was from Jesus himself, and this point in the history of Christianity was huge, and the power that was needed was God's.

When writing to encourage Timothy, Paul explains that any fear he may sense is not worth taking note of. Remember the spirit of power that God has given Timothy (and us as well) to carry out the purposes and plans of God. Because of God's power, Timothy can be confident in the gospel of Jesus Christ and in his mentorship with Paul to develop as a leader in the body of Jesus Christ.

GOD'S POWER TO HEAL

Jesus fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy to bring good news to the poor, bind up the brokenhearted and proclaim liberty to captives and prisoners (Isaiah 61:1). But through what power did Jesus heal bodies and souls? Jesus was not a self-powered leader or super-gifted healer; Jesus was human like we are. It was the powerful Spirit of the Lord that was upon him. The fifth chapter of Luke has some incredible healing miracles, and yet power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal (Luke 5:17). Jesus received the power of the Lord to carry out the Lord's will. It was a partnership.

As we fulfill the call of the Lord to reach our communities with the gospel of Jesus Christ and bring God's promised healing to hearts and bodies, we can partner with God as Jesus did during his ministry on earth. As disciples of Jesus in relationship to God, we are recipients of his power toward us, working in us and flowing through us. And God's power is immeasurably great.



THANK YOU TO OUR WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	Usher/Greeter	Liturgist
July 5	Tina Petrik Gary Boyd	Wendy Kline
July 12	Sharon Miller Dave Madura	Jim Miller
July 19	Mark & Tonya Mohrbacher	Linda Eiler
July 26	Orrin & Holly LeFebvre	Tammy Goehring

	Usher/Greeter	Liturgist
Aug 2	Tina Petrik Gary Boyd	Paula Boyd
Aug 9	Karen Valko Linda Miller	Jim Miller
Aug 16	Mark & Tonya Mohrbacher	Linda Eiler
Aug 23	Orrin & Holly LeFebvre	Tammy Goehring
Aug 30	Matt & Kelli Currey	Mitchell Goehring

UNIONVILLE SOFTBALL

Nick Wolfe

FAITH, FELLOWSHIPS, & FASTBALLS

It's that time of year again — summer softball season is here! Join us for a fun season of fellowship, friendly competition, and community connection. Whether you're a fan in the stands, a participant on the field, or just looking to enjoy time with others, everyone is welcome!

Games will take place on Mondays throughout the summer, and players of all skill levels are encouraged to participate. Bring your glove, invite a friend, and come be part of the fun both on and off the field.

**We are playing at Green Valley Park, every other Monday at 6:00 pm
July 13 & 27, August 10 & 24 are our next scheduled games.**

We look forward to a great summer together!

**If you would like more information,
please contact Nick Wolfe at 724-683-2449.**



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Linda Eiler



The United Women of Faith will resume meetings in September. We will meet Monday Sept. 14th at 6 pm since the first Monday of the month is Labor Day.

We will be making plans for our soup & sub sale for election day in November.

All women of the church are welcome. We would love to see more women attend the meetings.

Money raised from our different fundraisers is used to support our missionaries and help defray the cost of needed repairs and replacements for our church.

Hope to see you in September.



SEWING/QUILTING GROUP

Tuesdays 10:00 am—noon

All are welcome whether or not you sew or quilt.

Great time of fellowship!

YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Pastor Barry

If you are a guest, regular visitor or a lifelong attendee, we believe the Lord has led you here to Unionville Church. We thank God for you.

If you would like to discuss church membership or holy baptism, please call the pastor at 724-518-0035. Thank you.

FINANCE—GENERAL FUND 2026

Unionville Church—Rochester, PA Detailed Fund Activity Report as of 05/31/2026

Account Name	YTD Activity
General Fund (started 2023) Balance	
Beginning Fund Balance	69,231.54
Income	
Building Use Fees and Rentals	1,850.00
Fundraising (Net Income)	10,573.04
General Fund Income (Unionville Use Only)	26,853.00
General Fund Income (Included in 10% Tithe)	45,780.77
Misc Special Offerings Income	5,789.27
Skybacher Ministries Income	150.00
Total Income	<u>\$90,996.08</u>
Expenses	
Apportionments	9,597.25
Church Utilities	7,798.46
Lay Staff Expense	9,851.36
Missionary Support Expense	1,300.00
Operating Expense	24,751.05
Parsonage Utilities	00.00
Pastor Expenses	27,891.76
Program Expense	4,009.54
Total Expenses	<u>\$85,199.42</u>
Ending Fund Balance	<u>\$69,088.93</u>

MONTH		INCOME		EXPENSES		SURPLUS/DEFICIT
JANUARY		\$ 13,497.43		\$ 10,466.94		\$ 3,030.49
FEBRUARY	*	\$ 18,664.41		\$ 16,710.05		\$ 1,954.36
MARCH	*	\$ 25,830.31		\$ 19,948.49		\$ 5,881.82
APRIL		\$ 9,381.81		\$ 18,557.58		\$ (9,175.77)
MAY		\$ 17,682.85		\$ 19,516.36		\$ (1,833.51)
JUNE						
JULY						
AUGUST						
SEPTEMBER						
OCTOBER						
NOVEMBER						
DECEMBER						
YEAR TO DATE		\$ 85,056.81		\$ 85,199.42		\$ (142.61)

Thank You for Your
Generous Giving!

CHRISTIAN ED*Linda Miller*

June 11th we wrapped up VBS with a celebration in the church yard complete with hot dogs, cupcakes, water fun, 100+ VBS kids and their families!! Praise God! What a wonderful evening we had!

Early on Thursday, the weather stations were calling for storms to roll in and threaten our outside celebration. We called for prayer and continued to plan for outside. The storm moved through and the night was amazing!!

God's blessings poured out over Unionville the entire week, no doubt in answer to the many many prayers that were lifted up for months as we prepared for the week!

Please keep the prayers coming! We can't wait to see what great things the Lord has planned as we move forward towards the fall!



If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.

—Matthew 21:22

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026

Heather Salter

In June 2026, Unionville Church welcomed children from throughout our community for an exciting week of Vacation Bible School themed **Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God**.

From June 7–11, children ages 3 through 5th grade gathered each evening to learn about God's character through Bible stories, music, games, experiments, snacks, and memorable encounters with our rainforest-themed Bible Buddies.

Throughout the week, children discovered that God is our Creator, God knows everything, God is our safe place, and God is love.

The week was a tremendous success and a powerful reminder of God's faithfulness. We had **123 children registered** for VBS. Although four participants withdrew before the start of the week and seven were unable to attend, we welcomed **112 children throughout the week**, with a highest single-night attendance of **99 children**.

None of this would have been possible without the dedication of our many volunteers, youth helpers, church members, parents, and community supporters who provided monetary donations and supplies and invested countless hours planning, decorating, teaching, leading activities, preparing snacks, and praying for the children who attended. We thank you!

On June 20th we placed this memory into the New Sewickley Township 250th Anniversary Time Capsule. We celebrate not only the numbers, but the lives touched, friendships formed, seeds of faith planted, and the incredible spirit of community that made Rainforest Falls VBS 2026 such a special week.

To God be the glory! "WOW, God!"



There will be a VBS wrap-up meeting on
Wednesday, July 1st @ 6:30 pm
Please come to share your thoughts and ideas on how we can improve for next year.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Lori Calve

Wednesday morning Bible Study: I hope that you are all having a Blessed Summer!

We will start up our Wednesday morning Bible Study on September 16th at the same time, 10:30! I am looking forward to our continued study of Amos and we will be on Chapter seven. Hope to see you all then.

If you have not attended this Bible Study please consider doing so. You do not need any other book than your Bible. See you in the Fall.

Love in Christ, Lori Calve

CONFIRMATION JOURNEY*Pastor Barry*

If we have enough interest, Unionville Church will form a confirmation journey class for our youth. Students will learn the basics of the Christian faith; review the history of the UMC; and explore the meaning of grace, sacraments, and discipleship.

Each student will prepare to make a conscious, personal choice to follow Jesus Christ. The class culminates on Confirmation Sunday when participants publicly declare that Jesus is the Lord of their lives before taking vows to become members of our church.

**For questions, or if you are interested,
please reach out to Pastor Barry.**

PRAYER TEAM*Pastor Barry*

The Lord is near to all who call on Him, and there can never be too much prayer. For those who feel called to pray more, there are more opportunities to pray together and participate in occasional prayer activities.

Prayer activities may include prayer services, prayer at private homes, praying together in a zoom call or praying at a community vigil or event (such as the National Day of Prayer).

**We welcome you to join us in group prayer.
If interested, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.**

SOUND BOOTH*Jon Beige*

Did you ever stop to think about the technology behind our worship services? We have several volunteers who provide microphones, graphics and computer programs to enhance our in-person and online worship experience. And we need more people to share these responsibilities.

We will provide training if you can help. Even one Sunday per month would help take the load off our long-time sound booth volunteers.

Please reach out to Jon Beige for details. Thank you.

YOUTH GROUP*Tiffani Keil & Wendy Kline***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.**

In August, we will gather in the church yard for slip and slide kickball.

Date and time to be announced.



Good News Day Camp!

August 3-7 & August 10-14, 2026

"The best 2 weeks of summer!"
from 9:30am-2:30pm *kids completed K-5th grade

Location: Prayer Mountain Ministries, 114 Fisher Drive, Darlington, PA 16115

Join us for Bible lessons, missionary stories, puppets, crafts, games,
Bible memorization, singing, breakfast & lunch daily, plus "Friday Fun Day"!

Our theme this year is "Turned Around".

Choose a week and enjoy this wonderful time of fun, learning & growing!

This camp is FREE (donations are gladly accepted).

Transportation was available from site locations around the county.

Bus transportation is limited to 50 students per week.

All volunteers have completed their PA child clearances and CEF's child protection policy.

[Register at beavercountycef.com/camp](https://beavercountycef.com/camp)

HOME TOUCH

Joe Biddle

902 Eighth Avenue
Freedom, PA 15042

Bim & Deb Brightwell

1290 Route 68
Rochester, PA 15074

Nancy Deutsch

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Freedom, PA 15042

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New Brighton, PA 15066

Pat Elick

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Rochester, PA 15074

George & Carol Flickinger

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Rochester, PA 15074

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Mars, PA 16046

Elmira Hollingshead

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Walt & Alice Ketterer

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Blue Ridge Apt 2014
Zelienople, PA 16063

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Tim Shane

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New Brighton, PA 15066

Walter & Carole Young

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Stay in Touch!

***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.***

Save the Date:

Join Unionville Church
 Sunday, September 13, 2026
 @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

Bring your glove for a pickup
 softball game after lunch!

Bring your lawn chair and
 favorite potluck dish to share.
See list below.

Last Name A-M - dessert
 Last Name N-Z - side dish
 Chicken, drink & dinnerware
 will be provided.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
 Wednesday, July 15th
 12:30 pm—6:00 pm
 Appointments are needed.
 Schedule online at redcrossblood.org
 or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

Did you know?

**One blood
 donation could
 save up to
 three lives**

COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY

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

**Food Pantry Distribution**

July 21st & August 18th
 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

Community Breakfast
Saturday, Aug 1st
8-10 am
\$10 ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET \$10
at Unionville Church
1297 Rt 68 Rochester, PA 15074



FAMILY LIFE CENTER RENTALS

We are currently taking
Rental reservations.
 Call the Church Office
 At (724)843-0862

MEET WITH OUR PASTOR

For this summer, Pastor Barry is in Unionville
 on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays,
 Saturdays and Sundays. Please call him at
 724-518-0035 and set up a good time to meet
 together. Thank you.



Join us for Sunday Worship
 In our Sanctuary @9:30 am or virtually.
 via
 Our YouTube channel.

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