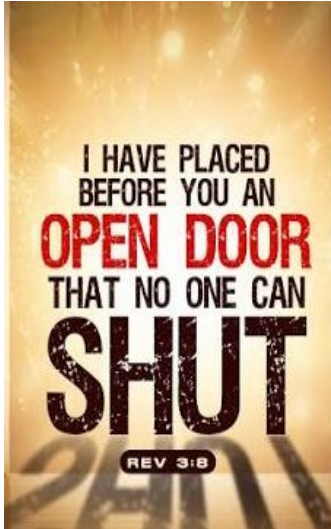


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Pastor's Corner

SOUL RENEWAL

“The Odyssey,” Homer’s literary classic, was just released as a film this summer. Two hours and 52 minutes may seem like a long time to look at a screen larger than a two-car garage, but Christopher Nolan (an Academy Award winning producer and director) says the movie is “a grand and worthwhile cinematic trip.” Movies and sports are two ways we leave reality to entertain ourselves in a world of images.

And yet there is another world calling out. When we open the Bible and start reading, we enter the land of faith. We zero in on what we can’t see. We read stories of miracles; we meet men and women who didn’t make a hall of fame but made the hall of faith; and we hear from the author and perfecter of our faith, Jesus. And while God’s word may not entertain us with images, it can regenerate our souls.

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Regenerate Yourself

When we look in the bible, we see who we really are. And because it rings so true and sharp, it can give us a reset. When we grow arrogant, the Bible whittles down puffed up areas. On the other hand, we may feel hopeless, helpless, worthless or condemned. Then as we read and believe, we see who we are in Jesus: an overcomer, a valued son or daughter, and part of a chosen generation. The Apostle Paul said that when we look into God’s word and do what it says, we are like a person who takes a long look in the mirror and then remembers what they see (James 1:22-24). Through Bible-reading, we come face-to-face with our motives; we get right-sized.

Regenerate Belief

We don’t see many pictures in the Bible, but we see God. During a typical day, God’s nature and characteristics are drowned out by the noise and circumstances of life. Then we read the Bible and remember who the highest authority is. Political and social leaders are seen by God and exist under God’s authority. When we step into a Bible passage, God is everywhere. Priests and other leaders are making plans for God’s people to worship. A New Testament letter reminds us to be sober and vigilant for the return of Jesus. The gospels show people finding meaning through relationship with Jesus. When we open the Bible, we are in a world where God is present and accounted for.

Regenerate Your Spirit

The Bible relates to parts of us that cannot be seen but are just as real as an ear or elbow. Biblical insights get past the mind and onto the wide plateau of the spirit. And the same Holy Spirit who knows everything and who inspired the authors of the Bible is present to help get truths and inspiration into our

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PRAYER CHAIN

Begins In The Church Office or Pastor's Office
(724)843-0862

Prayer concerns for our Church Family & Friends...



General Health

Courtney & unborn child
Joe Biddle
Bob Cantner
Debbie Benner Davis
Sue Ann Evans
Elmira Hollingshead
Rick Johnston
Aidan Lafferty
Jenny Smith
Connor Valchene
Chrissy Vincenzo
Unspoken Concerns

Surgery & Procedures

Grandma Sally
Misty Lucente
Tom Miller
Barb Mulik
Donna Pasterik
Petie Petrik
Shirley Wigal
Tom Wolbert

Extended Care

Carolyn Ewing
Mary Ann Mencher

Cancer Treatments

Colleen
Kim
Toni
Mary Beck
Renee Baldinger
Trish Brown
Lin Carpenter
Kevin & Jessica Castelli
Joanne Chaousy
Wayne Davis
Valerie Dietrich
Caitlin Edge
Maryann Fenneych
Barney Higgins
Mark Hoenig

Billie Kaiser

Heidi Lois
Wayne Loschinskey
Shane Miller
Regis Pascuzzi
Geanne Presto
Sue Presto
Kristen Russ
Tim Shane
Michelle Shelak
Essie Stuart
Brenda Werling
Unspoken

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
Thelma Miller
Karen Pepper
Janet Pfaff
Tim Ramsey
Duane Rape
Amie Ritter
Walter & Carole Young

Mourning Loss

Margaret Ewing Family

Our Church

Administrative Council
Church Conference
Children and Youth
Christian Ed Committee
Compassionate Ministries
Fall Programming
Finance Committee
Nominations Committee
Pastor Barry & family
Trustees
Prayer Ministry
Unity

Missionaries

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

Praise

Anniversaries
Birthdays
Owen Lewis Lawrence

Other Concerns

Back to School Blessings
Caregivers
College Kids
Don & Nancy Deutchch
Traveling Mercies

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...



09/01 Madelyn Ebel
 09/05 Kathy May
 09/06 LABOR DAY
 09/08 Julie Fronzaglio
 09/09 Damon Ziter
 09/10 Mike Lewis
 09/11 Wendy Kline
 09/11 Cheryl Fiscus
 09/11 Matt Salter
 09/12 Sara Miller
 09/14 Merle Schultheis

09/14 Jonny Fiscus
 09/14 Duane Rape
 09/16 Chuck Liston
 09/18 Lucas Miller
 09/18 Devyn Greggs
 09/19 Cheyenne Sharp
 09/21 Asher Darrigo
 09/22 Tina Petrik
 09/22 Jack Mulik
 09/22 Tori Loschinskey
 09/23 Marge Dunn

09/25 Dick Ream
 09/26 Paul Poplawski
 09/26 Zane Smith
 09/27 Kelly Harris
 09/28 Annette Zajac



*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

09/05 Tom & Linda Smith
 09/11 Duke & Jessica Donawitz
 09/16 Matt & Heather Salter
 09/21 Rick & Chelsea Carpenter
 09/30 Mike & Debby Catalano



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept 1	Sewing Ladies
Sept 5	Community Breakfast
Sept 6	Holy Communion Sunday Worship
Sept 7	Labor Day
Sept 8	Sewing Ladies, Trustee Meeting
Sept 9	Finance Meeting
Sept 13	Worship & Picnic in the Park
Sept 14	UWF Meeting
Sept 15	Sewing Ladies, Food Pantry, SPPRC Meeting
Sept 16	AM Adult Bible Study, Red Cross Blood Drive
Sept 20	Sunday Worship, Sunday School, Fall Kick-off Bonfire
Sept 22	Sewing Ladies
Sept 23	AM Adult Bible Study
Sept 24	Choir Practice, PM Adult Bible Study
Sept 25	Newsletter Deadline
Sept 27	Sunday Worship, Sunday School, Nominations Meeting
Sept 29	Sewing Ladies, Newsletter Mailing
Sept 30	AM Adult Bible Study

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.

 **Mark
Your
Calendars**

Looking Ahead

Oct 3	Community Breakfast
Oct 26	Annual Church Conference



**EmpowHER
Women's Leadership
Conference**

September 28-29th

**Jumonville Camp &
Retreat Center**

Register at
[https://wpa-reg.brtapp.com/
EmpowHER](https://wpa-reg.brtapp.com/EmpowHER)

Please hold all our events in your prayers.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Pastor Barry

spirit. We start with a simple phrase or verse, and then our spirit soars. We look off into the distance, ask God questions or start praying. Some people have sensed the arms of the Lord wrapping around their shoulders. Our experience with God becomes more impactful the more we read, and we are satisfied in a deeper way. Jesus said it is not only food that satisfies but everything that comes from the mouth of God (Matthew 4:4). In 2 Corinthians 4:16, Paul explains how our inner self can be regenerated by the power of God.

Guaranteed Regeneration

The Bible is guaranteed to satisfy. I like how the relevance of the Bible is reaffirmed by each generation that reads it. Written prophecies were made new for Daniel when he was studying and praying in Babylon. The words of the prophets were critical to Jesus, who quoted them often during his ministry. The Psalms were a source of comfort and truth to our grandparents, and they will also be relevant to our great grandchildren. God's words last through time and culture and change. The poignancy of God's truth rings in multiple different translations. No resource is more lasting and hard-hitting than the Bible.

Take some time today to leave the world of images and regenerate your soul.



THANK YOU TO OUR WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	Usher/Greeter	Liturgist	Acolyte
Sept 6	Alice Ketterer Gary Boyd	Paula Boyd	
Sept 13	Sharon Miller Dave Madura	Jim Miller	Worship in the Park
Sept 20	Mark & Tonya Mohrbacher	Linda Eiler	Brian & April Beige
Sept 27	Orrin & Holly LeFebvre	Tammy Goehring	Jordyn Moehrle Sloane Salter



UNIONVILLE SOFTBALL



This is the most recent softball gathering photo. The faces may change each time but the fun remains the same. We hope you will all bring your gloves (to play) or your lawn chair (to watch) as we gather on the field once more at our Worship and Picnic in the Park!!

CHOIR

Robin Beige

The Fall Season for Unionville's Choir will begin September 24th. (6:15-7 PM). We will be rehearsing during the month of October and our first Sunday's Anthem will be Sunday Nov 1. Everyone is welcome to join. The more voices the better! Come make a joyful noise! See Robin Beige if you'd like to participate.



SPPRC

Lori Calve

The committee will be meeting on Tuesday September 15th at 6:00. All members of the committee, please plan to attend. We have several things that we need to address and the more in attendance the better. Thank You, Lori Calve

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Linda Eiler



The Unionville United Women of Faith will meet Monday, September 12th, at 6:30pm. in the conference room. We will be finalizing plans for another soup/sub sale for election day on November 3rd.

We again will be selling 16 "subs and pepperoni rolls plus a variety of soups including broccoli-cheddar, loaded potato, chicken gnocchi and vegetable.

Proceeds from the sale are used to support our missionaries and assist with many needs of the church.

We would love to have you join us on Sept 12th.

TRUSTEES

Doug Hefner

Just a quick note from the trustees.

The Trustees have been working on a number of projects:

- ♦ The downstairs hallway project has been completed. Damaged walls have been repaired and painted. All new trim and flooring has been replaced along with new light switches, plugs and covers. Pictures will be hung on the walls to dress up the hallway.
- ♦ The concrete steps leading down to the hallway by the youth room, have been power washed and look 100% better.
- ♦ The FLC carpet has been professionally cleaned.
- ♦ All lights downstairs have been changed to LED lights which are brighter and use less electricity.
- ♦ All metal chairs have been sold and are being replaced with white plastic and metal chairs from Costco.

Future Projects include:

- ♦ HVAC upgrades will be seen in September in the Family Life Center. We will be upgrading with additional piping and fins which will add almost 50K BTU of heat to the Family Life Center and will also help to better heat the conference Room and Classroom 5.
- ♦ The steeple will receive new flashings and will be painted.
- ♦ We are looking into a new cement pad for the handicapped parking spaces behind the Family Life Center.
- ♦ All lights upstairs will be changed over to LED in the Sanctuary and classrooms in order to be more efficient.

QUILTERS

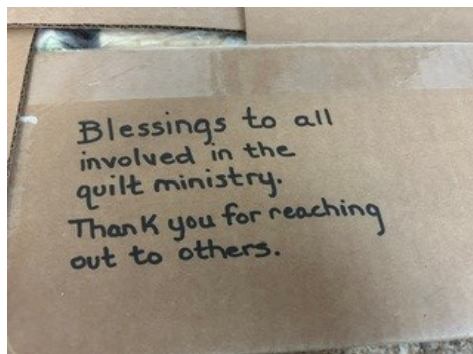


The sewing ladies donated 30 quilts to Villa St Joseph Memory Care. The following notes were received in response.

"Thank you to the Unionville Women's Quilters! 30 Lap quilts to Concordia St. Joseph Memory Care in Baden!"

"They are all so beautiful and made with love and prayers! They put the name of each patient on them and they are a blessing for sure!!"

The ladies also received a large donation of washed fabric pieces to use in their quilts, with a note stating: *"Thank you ladies for the way you bless others with your talent, skill and kindness."*



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	2,000.00
Fundraising (Net Income)	10,545.96
General Fund Income (Unionville Use Only)	34,607.00
General Fund Income (Included in 10% Tithe)	62,897.87
Total Income	<u>\$110,050.83</u>
Expenses	
Apportionments	13,436.15
Church Utilities	13,085.15
Lay Staff Expense	13,334.74
Missionary Support Expense	2,900.00
Operating Expense	32,244.27
Parsonage Utilities	00.00
Pastor Expenses	39,424.24
Program Expense	5,650.58
Total Expenses	<u>\$120,075.13</u>
Ending Fund Balance	<u>\$59,207.24</u>

MONTH		INCOME		EXPENSES		SURPLUS/DEFICIT
JANUARY		\$ 13,497.43		\$ 10,516.94		\$ 2,980.49
FEBRUARY	*	\$ 18,664.41		\$ 16,710.05		\$ 1,954.36
MARCH	*	\$ 25,346.31		\$ 19,948.49		\$ 5,397.82
APRIL		\$ 8,606.44		\$ 17,782.21		\$ (9,175.77)
MAY		\$ 17,782.85		\$ 19,273.06		\$ (1,490.21)
JUNE		\$ 12,837.87		\$ 20,769.67		\$ (7,931.80)
JULY		\$ 13,315.52		\$ 15,074.71		\$ (1,759.19)
AUGUST						
SEPTEMBER						
OCTOBER						
NOVEMBER						
DECEMBER						
YEAR TO DATE		\$ 110,050.83		\$ 120,075.13		\$ (10,024.30)

CHRISTIAN ED*Linda Miller***To know Him and make Him known.**

"The phrase "to know Him and make Him known" is a popular Christian motto inspired by key biblical passages about a personal relationship with God and sharing the Gospel." I first heard this phrase at a recent Administrative Council Meeting where it resonated deeply within me. Our responsibilities as Christians really come down to these words. The message of the "Good News" once heard, cannot be kept to ones self. It demands to be shared in order that no one should perish.

*"And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."
~John 17:3*

I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace. ~Acts 20:24

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9

As we roll quickly into our Fall Programs, I pray you will take a moment or more to reflect upon and pray about these truths. What is the Holy Spirit speaking to you? How is He leading you into a deeper relationship with Himself? Where is God leading you to serve? How is God preparing you to share the Gospel with others?

We are offering multiple opportunities this Fall for you to grow in your knowledge of God's word, increase your faith and relationship with Christ and with your faith community. At this time we have 2 Adult Bible Studies to choose from—Wednesday morning or Thursday evening. (check the calendar on page 4 to see the start dates for classes, these are also open to our high schoolers) We also have Sunday School for all ages following Sunday Worship. (see details on the next page) (We are open to additional classes if you have a desire to lead or a study request)

Our Youth Group and Kids Club will be gearing up and kicking off on September 20th at a bonfire in the church yard! Everyone is welcome to attend. (see details on page 11). These groups have a focus on fun with God's Word and mission activities rolled in together as one.

We have decided this year to keep our kids in Sunday Worship. If you have served as a volunteer teacher or helper during Children's Church in the past, we encourage you to think about helping out at Kids' Club, Youth Group or Confirmation Class this year. We really do need a lot of hands on deck in these areas. Please see Pastor Barry, Linda Miller, Wendy Kline, Tiffani Keil or Heather Salter if you are able to help out. It doesn't have to be every week but once a month would be an amazing help!

Heavenly Father, I come before You with a heart that longs to draw closer to You and your Word.

Lord, I pray that I may know You more deeply.

Ignite a fresh passion in my soul to seek You above all else.

Open my eyes to see Your truth and to guide my steps.

Show me the way Lord, to know You and to make You known.

Bless our congregation, our ministries and our children, to bless others and to glorify You.

In the mighty and matchless name of Jesus, I pray. Amen

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Linda Miller

Sunday School provides a small-group setting for people of all ages to learn the Bible, ask questions, and build a supportive faith community.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

STARTS SEPTEMBER 20TH FOLLOWING WORSHIP

KEY PURPOSES OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

- ♦ **Deeper Bible Study:** Main church services feature a sermon where one person speaks to a large crowd. Sunday School breaks people into smaller groups to read scriptures closely and discuss how to apply them to daily life.
- ♦ **Asking Questions:** You cannot interrupt a main sermon to ask for clarity. Sunday School creates a safe space to ask questions about confusing Bible verses or past messages and find answers together.
- ♦ **Building Community:** Small classes help you form close friendships. Members can share personal struggles, pray for one another, and support each other through hard times
- ♦ **Simple Learning for Kids:** Children often struggle to understand long sermons. Sunday school teaches kids about God, kindness, and right from wrong using stories and activities they can easily understand.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL —WE HAVE A CLASS FOR YOU!

*PreK-K * Grade 1-4 * Middle School (confirmation) * High School/Adult (2 classrooms)*

PM ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The evening adult bible study will resume on Thursday, September 24 at 7:00 pm.

Jon Beige will be leading the first study of the fall season. The name of the study will be announced in the coming weeks. Everyone is welcomed to attend!

We hope you will join us as we dig deeper into God's word.

AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Lori Calve

Wednesday morning Bible Study: It is time to get back into our study of Amos! We will start on Wednesday, September 16th at 10:30. Those of us who have been attending this Bible Study are looking forward to gathering again and hope and pray that you will feel led to join us! All you need is your Bible.

This study time has been a Blessed time for all of us! To date we have only had women at this study time, however, I would like to make sure all men are absolutely welcome also. Think about it and pray about it! See you soon.

Love in Christ, Lori Calve



JOIN US

FALL KICK OFF

EXCITING THINGS ARE HAPPENING

SUNDAY, SEPT. 20TH

6:00—8:00 PM

in the church yard!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

bring your lawn chair and your appetite

YOUTH GROUP

Wendy Kline

It's time for our first community service project— our annual passing out of treats for the New Sewickley trick-or-treat trail.

Donations can be placed in the designated bins located in the Narthex.

This is always a fun evening to see kids from all over the community and beyond.

HOME TOUCH

Joe Biddle

902 Eighth Avenue
Freedom, PA 15042

Bim & Deb Brightwell

1290 Route 68
Rochester, PA 15074

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

Mary Johnston

525 Allola Drive
New Brighton, PA 15066

Walt & Alice Ketterer

304 Mellon Road
New Brighton, PA 15066

Wayne & Chris Loschinsky

149 William Penn Way
New Brighton, PA 15066

Thelma Miller

1281 Route 68
Rochester, PA 15074

Karen Pepper

114 Lyon 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

Tim Shane

1232 Route 68
New Brighton, PA 15066

Walter & Carole Young

512 Allola Drive
New Brighton, A 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.***

Save the Date:

Join Unionville Church
 Sunday, September 13, 2026
 @Green Valley Park Amphitheatre



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, September 16th
 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
 September 15th & October 20th
 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

Address Updates

College is an exciting time for our young adults, but it's always fun to receive mail from home. If you wish to send a note, card or care package, I'm sure they will appreciate it!

Janna Kline

The University of Findlay
301 Davis Street
Fox Hall
Findlay, Ohio 45840

Mitchell Goehring

2115 Country Glen Lane
State College, PA 16801

MAIL CALL

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.

	
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Unionville CHURCH COMMUNITY Breakfast 

Good Food. Great People. Stronger Community. 

Saturday, **SEPT 5TH**
8 AM - 10 AM

ALL YOU CAN EAT \$10 per person

Everyone is WELCOME at the table! 

UNIONVILLE CHURCH
1297 Rt 68
Rochester, PA

Bring your family. Invite a friend. There's always a seat for you! 

GOOD FOOD. ♥ GREAT COMPANY. ♥ ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

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