

The Union Press

Reflect
ON YOUR

Blessings

November 2020

"To know Him and make Him known"

SESSION HAPPENINGS

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**Newsletter
submissions for
the Dec. issue
are due
Nov.22nd**

The session met on September 9th in the cafe to allow for Covid19 social distancing. The meeting was called to order and opened with Prayer by acting moderator Tom Milligan of LBPC.

All members were present and previous minutes were approved.

Ray Wallace is Unions representative to the September EPC General Assembly meeting which will be a Zoom internet virtual meeting due to Covid. We were hoping he would be able to make a pitch for potential minister candidates for Union but it appears that won't be possible. The POTE presbytery meeting will also be virtual. This was a disappointment as it was to be at Upper Octoraro which is very close.

We have completed a roll update which had not been done for several years. Letters were sent out to individuals who have not been taking an active part but are still on our rolls asking for guidance to keep them on or to change to inactive or off altogether. This was doubly important as Donegal Presbytery had forced us to give them all of our roll, minute and history books in the discernment process and we needed to recreate them.

The finance committee reported that an air conditioner had to be repaired at a cost of \$1000. We have paid all of the Benevolence items but one from the

2020 budget and are waiting to do that during the "Special Give" time where donations are matched. The nominating committee will start meeting soon to begin work on selecting the 2021 slate of officers. The finance committee will also start soon on the next budget.

The worship committee mentioned that Jerry Phillips son Scott will be working into our slate of Pulpit supply members along with Mick Chase and Elaine Swinehart. He recently left a church in Brownstown. He will be here twice in October and 3 times in November. Elaine will lead a communion service on October 4th. We are tentatively hoping to resume Sunday School on October 4th. (This has since been moved back to October 18th) We will be having Homecoming on October 18th. It will not be a special service and there will be NO meal, once again due to the pandemic. We will be having the deceased members service on November 1st and Blanket Sunday on the 8th.

The pastor search committee has sent out advertisements to several colleges and seminaries and other search locations. They have only gotten a few replies and are studying them.

The minutes of 2019 Session meetings were reviewed by the EPC Presbytery committee, as required. They were approved as sent but mentioned a few areas that could be improved. Being new to EPC we will be incorporating these suggestions as we move forward.

The meeting closed with prayer by Rev. Milligan for the Union congregation.

HOMECOMING

Service



To all our Friends at Union Presbyterian Church –

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are thankful to our Lord that the ministry of proclaiming the riches of our God continues in Kirkwood, Pennsylvania. What a wonderful history you have as you celebrate another year of laboring together even in the midst of a pandemic. And what a delightful time you always have as long-time friends meet and worship together. My wife Isabel and I, as well as our daughters, will never forget the many, many times we sang the praises of our Lord with you, and had the joy of preaching his word Sunday after Sunday. Though we will not be able to be with you this year, our thoughts and prayers will be. May God's richest blessing be with you all.

In Christian love, Rev. William Allen Zulker



2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints' Day <i>Daylight-Saving Time Ends</i> 9:15 Sunday School 10:00 Worship & Memorial Sunday – Elaine Swinehart	2 7:00 Trustee Meeting	3	4 9:00 Art Class	5	6 1:30 Deacon Meeting	7
8 9:15 Sunday School 10:00 Worship & Blanket Sunday – Scott Phillips	9 1:00 Bible Study 7:00 Bible Study	10	11 9:00 Art Class 7:00 Session Meeting <i>Veterans Day</i>	12	13	14
15 9:15 Sunday School 10:00 Worship – Scott Phillips	16	17	18 9:00 Art Class	19	20	21
22 9:15 Sunday School 10:00 Worship – Mick Chase	23	24	25 9:00 Art Class	26 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	27	28
29 <i>Advent Begins</i> 9:15 Sunday School 10:00 Worship – Scott Phillips	30					



Many thanks to all for your thoughts and prayers for me as I waited through the eight weeks for the bubble to dissipate after my eye surgery. It seemed interminable for someone who doesn't have much patience with being interrupted by health issues but the results were terrific!
 God bless you. ~ Charlotte Stoner

Thank you for the delicious fruit delivered to us this past week. So refreshing! Although we still stay close to home, we look forward to a time when we return to church services. ~Trudy Bard

I would like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, phone calls, and your concerns following my surgery and challenging recovery. ~Dan McCardell



Union Post Office

The post office at Union Church will operate for the Christmas Holiday Season. Christmas Cards will be delivered to anyone who attends church. Please place the cards in the box in the lobby. Please have first and last name on the envelope. **December 6th will be the last day to bring cards.** The sooner cards are deposited the better! If you have any questions, please ask Arlene or Donald Hastings 529-2495.

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, phone calls, fruit and flowers as I recover from hip replacement. I am doing well and hope to be back on my feet soon. Again, thank you to a caring church family.
 ~Pat McCardell

Thank you for pouring into my life through the gifts of hope and opportunity. One day, I will return the favor by giving the gift of hope to someone else. I know now that I am worthy of a life without abuse and I want that same truth to be known by all survivors.

~North Star Resident S.B.

Dear Friends at Union Church,

Helen and I saw that you had sent in a gift again in support of our ministry outreach to international students. Thank you for your \$200 gift! We continue to extend love and Christian witness to graduate students here in Boston, especially from India, China, and other nations. Since most have little understanding of Jesus or the real message of our faith, we talk, help, pray, encourage them, and provide a safe place for them to connect. It's been 9 months since we visited "home" in Quarryville. Hopefully, we will be able to safely travel again soon. ~Jim & Helen Layman



Each year the Solanco Food Bank distributes Thanksgiving baskets to qualifying families in our community. Following is a list of the items needed for each basket.

Thanksgiving Meals 2020

(**please bring items to food bank by Tuesday, Nov. 17th)

- Turkey (10-12 lb) OR \$15 gift card to Giant
- 1 can turkey gravy Fresh potatoes (5lbs)
- 1 box stuffing mix 1 container garlic powder
- 1 (1lb) bag of carrots 1 bag of apples
- 1 can cranberry sauce 1-2 cans green beans
- 1 box white cake mix 1 box brown sugar
- 1 container of cinnamon 1 lb Unsalted butter or margarine

If donating perishable items, please make sure they are dated past Thanksgiving Day (11/26/20).

FOOD BANK

Chicken Noodle Soup, Tomato Soup, Manwich, Pancake Syrup, Apple Sauce/Pudding/Fruit Cups, Chicken Rice-a-Roni, Oatmeal Packets, Snack Crackers, Knorr Pasta Sides, Mashed Potato Pouches, Canned Tuna/Chicken, Canned Fruit (All sizes and varieties), Baked Beans, Canned Potatoes, Individual Cereal Boxes, Granola Bars

LECTIONARY PASSAGES

November 1st

All Saints' Day

Revelation 7:9-17;

Psalm 34:1-10, 22;

1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

November 8th

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25;

Psalm 78:1-7;

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18;

Matthew 25:1-13

November 15th

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123:1-4;

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11;

Matthew 25:14-30

November 22nd

Christ the King Sunday

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24;

Psalm 100:1-5;

Ephesians 1:15-23;

Matthew 25:31-46

November 29th

1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9;

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19;

1 Corinthians 1:3-9;

Mark 13:24-37

NOVEMBER FLOWERS

1 – Dana Nixon

8 – Dwight & Cheryl Wallace

15 – Marty & Judy Greenleaf

22 – (Still Available)

29 – (Still Available)



- 1 Charlotte Stoner
- 2 Richard Stoner
- 3 Casey McCardell
- 4 Ray Wallace
- 5 Michael Whiteside
Bill Bard
Gregory Nixon
James Nixon
- 6 Lois Rineer
Evan Hastings
- 8 Judy Beiler
- 9 Andrea Nixon
Richard Hastings
Tom Chase
Mick Chase
- 10 Sharon Noonan
Joyce Gunzenhauser
Mary Denise Slodki
Glen Weickel
- 16 William Jackson, Jr.
- 22 Brian Wade
- 23 Matthew Sheaffer
- 28 Thomas McCardell
- 30 Laura Greenleaf



We have resumed Sunday School. Please note the time change to 9:15.



SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

Giving for September: \$7,368 September Expenses: \$6,132

Keep in mind that a full-time minister will add about \$6000 per month.

Sunday School Collection for Glovers: \$100

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BLANKET SUNDAY

Although this activity is usually held in May, since Covid19 we have some changes! Blanket Sunday offering will be received on Sunday, November 8. An envelope and pamphlet will be in your bulletin Sunday, November 1st. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity!