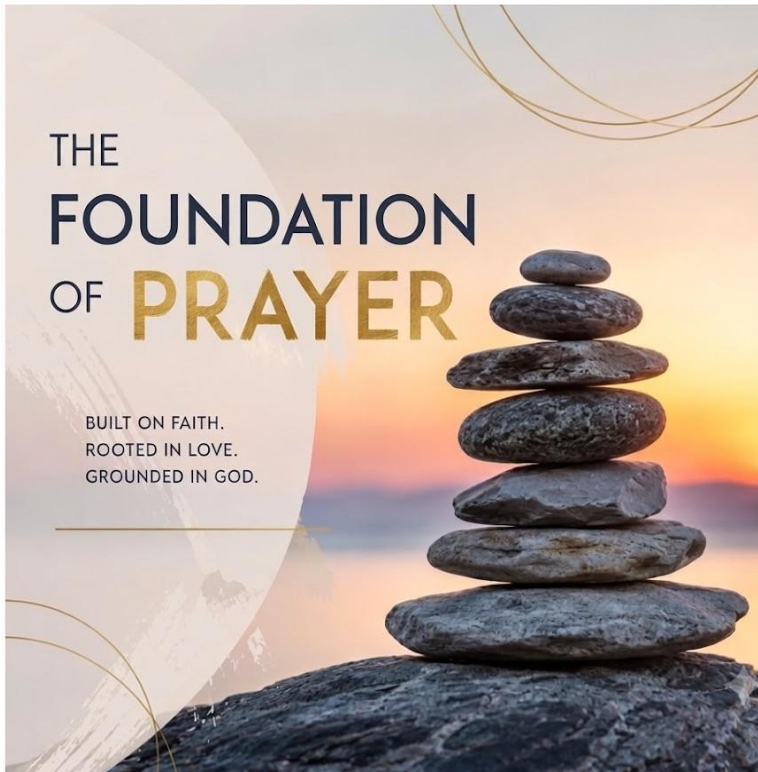


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UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



***We Worship, We Love, We Serve
– No Matter What!***

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026

9:30am

We Worship

*We are proudly an Open & Affirming (ONA) Congregation
of the Keystone Conference of the United Church of Christ!*

You are WELCOME HERE!

Our Offering is received as we gather for worship, with plates located on pedestals at the back. We graciously accept your gifts of praise and gratitude to God, to be presented during the service. While guests are welcome to contribute, please know there is no obligation; the financial support of our church is primarily the responsibility of our congregation members.

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*** Those who are comfortably able, please stand**

Chimes, Welcome, and Announcements Rev. Steve Davis

- TODAY, 3-7 pm, Union UCC, Neffs, Love Thy Neighbor Fundraiser – Undue Medical Debt Picnic
- Lehigh Valley Pride – August 30, 1-7 pm at SteelStacks
- Music Ministry this week – Tuesday bells, Thursday choir

***Greeting and Sharing the Peace of Christ**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Music to Prepare our Hearts for Worship

Morning Walk
Jason Tonioli

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Regi Mohr

One: Come, all who seek the presence of God.

All: We come with humble hearts, longing for God's grace.

One: God gathers the faithful from every nation, every language, and every walk of life.

All: We come as one family, united by God's mercy.

One: The Lord calls this house a house of prayer for all people.

All: We come to pray, to listen, and respond in worship.

One: Let us lay aside pride and self-reliance.

All: Let us draw near with humility and trust.

One: Come, let us worship the God whose mercy never fails.

All: We worship the Lord with grateful hearts. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

In Christ There Is No East or West

All Verses

CHRISTIAN UNITY

In Christ There Is No East or West 339

F C Dm C7 F Gm Am C

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
2 In him shall true hearts ev - ery-where their high com - mun - ion find;
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith; we are God's chil - dren all.
4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north;

C Dm F Bb C7 F Bb C7 F

but one great fel - low-ship of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his serv - ice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man-kind.
As fam - 'ly with the ris - en Christ, we share a com - mon call.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a hymn. It features two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system includes four verses of lyrics. The second system continues the melody with additional lyrics. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff: F, C, Dm, C7, F, Gm, Am, C for the first system, and C, Dm, F, Bb, C7, F, Bb, C7, F for the second system.

*Gathering Prayer

Liturgist: Regi Mohr

All: As we gather in worship, teach us the way of humility.

Open our hearts to receive Your truth, our minds to discern Your will, and our spirits to rest in Your presence. May our prayers rise before You as an offering of faith, and may our worship strengthen us to walk in justice, mercy, and love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who teaches us to pray and trust in You always. Amen.

Invitation and Prayer of Confession

Liturgist: Regi Mohr

One: God's mercy endures forever, yet we often live as though we can succeed without God. We become proud of our accomplishments, slow to listen, and reluctant to depend upon the Lord in prayer. Let us confess our sins before God and one another, first in silent prayer.

Time for Silent Prayer

Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not always walked humbly before You. We have trusted our own wisdom more than Your guidance. We have relied upon our own strength more than Your power. We have neglected prayer and failed to seek Your presence in all things.

Forgive us when pride blinds us to our need for You.
Forgive us when we judge others and forget that we all stand in need of grace. Teach us to pray with sincerity, listen with attentiveness, and serve with compassion.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Sung Response

*Hear our Prayer, O Lord, Hear our Prayer, O Lord;
Incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.*

*Hear our Prayer, O Lord, Hear our Prayer, O Lord;
Incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen*

Assurance of Forgiveness

Liturgist: Regi Mohr

One: Hear the good news! God's mercy is greater than our failures, and God's grace reaches beyond every barrier.

All: Through faith, our sins are forgiven, our hearts are made new. Thanks be to God!

Children's Message

Rev. Steve Davis and
Samantha Kistler

Children and youth are welcome to come up to the chancel steps.

ALL ARE WELCOME (Interfaith Version)

Let Us Dream a Home

TWO OAKS

Words and Music: Marty Haugen



1. Let us dream a home where love can dwell and
 2. Let us dream a home where proph - ets speak with
 3. Let us dream a home where hands will reach be -
 4. Let us make a home where all are named, their



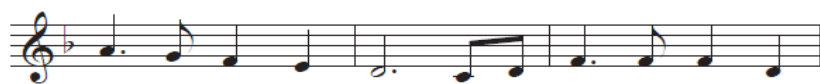
all can safe - ly live, a place where young and
 words so strong and true, where all God's chil - dren
 yond the wood and stone to heal and strength - en,
 songs and sto - ries heard, and loved and treas - ured,



old can tell how hearts learn to for - give.
 dare to seek a bro - ken world made new.
 serve and teach, and live the love they've known.
 taught and claimed— each verse and eve - ry word.



Built of long - ings, hopes and vi - sions, rock of
 Here the love of God might teach us, and re -
 Here the out - cast and the stran - ger bear the
 Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of



faith and vault of grace, as we seek a way to
 veal in time and space how we share this com - mon
 im - age of God's face. Let us bring an end to
 faith and songs of grace, may this home pro - claim from



end di - vi - sions
 home be - tween us: all are wel - come, all are wel - come,
 fear and dan - ger:
 floor to raft - er:



all are wel - come in this place.

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***Scripture Reading**

Scripture Reader: Dewey Yeatts

Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant--these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

One: The word of God for the people of God!

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Steve Davis

Foundation of Prayer

The Power of Prayer: Bold Intercession

Hymn WR #624

When the Poor Ones

All Verses

We Love

Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer

(Requests shared from the entry table basket)

Rev. Steve Davis and

Samantha Kistler

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

Presenting Our Gifts, Tithes and Offerings to God



Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness in supporting the ministry of St. John's UCC!

*Doxology

Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication

Liturgist: Regi Mohr

**All: Generous God, all that we have comes from Your hand.
Bless these gifts and those who offer them. May these
offerings help build a community where all are
welcomed, all are valued, and all are invited to know
Your saving love. We dedicate these gifts and ourselves
to Your service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We Serve

*Closing Hymn

We Are Called
Verses 1 and 3

Found on Page 7

*Benediction

Rev. Steve Davis

*Postlude

Toccata in A Minor
Gerald Peterson

Flower Sponsorship for August 16th

In Memory of Betty D'Argenio by Karen Stoitsits and Family

In Honor of the Birthday of Mike Gravely by Joy, Jonathan, and Michael Gravely

We Are Called

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1. Come! Live in the light! _____ Shine with the
 2. Come! O - pen your heart! _____ Show your
 3. Sing! Sing a new song! _____ Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called _____ to be
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called _____ to be
 great day when all will be one! God will reign, _____ and we'll



light for the king-dom, to live in the free - dom of the
 hope for the hope-less so all ha - tred and blind-ness will
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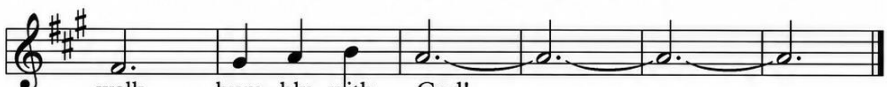
cit - y of God! _____
 be no more! _____ We are called to act with
 nit-ed in love! _____



jus-tice, _____ we are called to love ten - der - ly, _____



_____ we are called to serve one an - oth - er, _____ to



walk hum - bly with God! _____

WORDS: David Haas (Mic. 6:8)

MUSIC: David Haas

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WE ARE CALLED
Irregular with Refrain

Our Worship & Faith Formation Sunday Schedule

9:30am Worship

During the summer months, Adult and Children's Faith Formation activities take a break with special opportunities announced.

*We look forward to coming together again on **September 6**.*

Attendance – August 9

Onsite – 78 Online – 31 Total: 109

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, August 16

Lectionary Readings

Genesis 45:1-15 and Psalm 133

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 and Psalm 67

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 and Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

Serving in Worship Leadership

Liturgist: Regi Mohr

Scripture Reader: Dewey Yeatts

Worship Tech: Bill Castello

Greeters: Corrina and Jeffrey Purdon

Ushers: Charlotte Kerrigan and Corrina Purdon

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 23

Lectionary Readings

Exodus 1:8-2:10 and Psalm 124

Isaiah 51:1-6 and Psalm 138

Romans 12:1-8 and Matthew 16:13-20

Serving in Worship Leadership

Liturgist: DonnaLee Yeatts

Scripture Reader: Sherri Gangewere

Worship Tech: Bill Castello

Altar Guild: Charlotte Kerrigan

Greeter: Wayne Lichtenwalner and Linda Powell

Ushers: Carole O'Connell and Wayne Lichtenwalner

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers all those who are ill, in our area hospitals, or otherwise in need of prayer: Phyllis Ambearle, Gracie Arnold, Margaret and Richard Baatz, Nicholas Bach, Tammy Beitzel, Rob Czekner, Marion DeMilio, Janet and Jim Ebert, Sally Gibson, Sandy Glass, Tracey Glass, Mike Gravely, Donna Held, Rev. John Hoff and Charlee Hoff, JoAnn Hower, Barbara Jennings, Geraldine Keim, Mary Jane Kistler, Dawn Luckenbill, Dale Millham, Karen Moyer, Molly Nicholas, Eleanor and Joe O'Donnell, Elaine Parsons, Brenda Pascoe, Joey Raszler, Rebecca Schneck, Bobby Sherman, Bert Smith, Leona Snyder, Ronald Stocker, Barry Stephens

and Rev. Becca Stephens, Martha Strauss, Pat Thompson and George Williams.

Continued prayers for those in our military, especially Dominic DeMilio, Kaden Rossanese, and Nathan Unger.

If you or a family member is admitted to the hospital, tell them you are a member of St. John's or **use the church code, 473.** To add someone to our prayer list please contact the Church Office.

IN OUR PRAYER UPDATE

Beginning in the month of September, we will be introducing Our Monthly Prayers which will be taking the place of "In Our Prayers." A binder will be placed in the back of the church where you are encouraged to list individuals you would like to add to the prayer list. Our "In Our Prayers," will then be a monthly update with prayers of the congregation, our homebound members, and members of the military.

GRIEF SUPPORT ~ HEALTHCARE MINISTRY

If you're grieving the loss of a loved one, you're invited to attend a monthly daytime grief support group at Asbury UMC, 1533 Springhouse Rd, Allentown. Rev. Evelyn Stupp, Asbury's Pastor of Bereavement and Care Ministries, leads the group. For more information, please contact her at estupp@asburylv.org or (610) 428-9095.

WHITEHALL FOOD PANTRY

For the month of August, we're collecting **pancake syrup, jelly, and coffee**. Any other food donations, as well as monetary donations, are always welcome. Your donations can be placed in the shopping cart found in the coatroom area next to the sanctuary. For more information or to volunteer on the 4th Monday of the month, contact Gary Black at (484) 274-2405 or email at gary.t.black@outlook.com.

GIANT, WEIS, & REDNER'S

Buy Giant and Weis gift cards and the church receives 5% back. Also good for purchasing gas. You can get your gift cards from the office or by seeing Tom Moyer & Carol Raszler every Sunday. Save the register receipts from Redner's and the church receives 1% back. A collection jar for the receipts is on the table in the lounge area or see Karen Stoitsits. **Please do not roll the Redner's receipts and do not include receipts from other stores.**

PEEPS MEETING

The Lady PEEPS (**P**ositive **E**xtraordinary **E**ncouraging **P**rayerful **S**isters) will meet on **Tuesday, August 25 at 7:00 pm** in Fox Hall. Rev. Dr. Becky Beckwith will be the guest speaker. You can contact Regina Mohr at (610) 390-0872 to learn more about PEEPS.

COLLECTING ITEMS FOR BAZAAR

While the Bazaar isn't until November, we are starting to collect items now. If you have items left from your yard/garage sale; if you're moving or downsizing; if you've received gifts you'll never use; or if you have items you no longer need, we'll take them. They can be brought to the office or given to Amy Feidler or Carol Raszler on a Sunday morning. **Items not accepted: clothing, furniture, bowling balls, computers, monitors, printers, encyclopedias, magazines, and records.**

"FUN-RAISING" EVENTS COMING IN FALL

30th Annual Road Rally – Sunday, October 4 – Meet at 1:30pm at church. Follow the route and arrive at a restaurant for supper. See Tom or Don Schneck.

Halloween Gift Card Bingo – Friday, October 16 – Doors open at 6:00pm; games begin at 7:00pm. Food available to purchase. 50/50 & Tricky Tray. \$20 In advance; \$25 at the door. Tickets available the end of summer. See Tom.

Bosco's "Friends Helping Friends" – Wednesday, October 21– 8:00am to 11:00pm. Purchase a \$5 pass (offering 25% in sales) and the church keeps the funds. See Ginny.

St. John's Bazaar – Saturday, November 14 – 9am to 2pm in Fox Hall. Start bringing in items now that you no longer need or want. Look for list of items we will accept in the newsletter or online. See Amy or Carol.

LEHIGH VALLEY PRIDE

Sunday, August 30, 1 – 7 pm at Bethlehem SteelStacks

Lehigh Valley Pride is right around the corner! Help support and celebrate the Lehigh Valley's LGBTQIA+ community! The admission cost for adults (18+) is \$5, kids ages 13-17 is \$3, and kids under 12 are free OR you can bring a canned or non-perishable food item and get in for free.

The Mountain Valley Association will have a booth and you're encouraged to volunteer. Volunteer time slots are in 30 minute increments. You can sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DA5A62BA4FDC70-64723968-lvpride#.

NOTE: If you wish to purchase a ticket prior to the event, you can do so at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-lehigh-valley-pride>.

**WANTED: BRAVE SOULS WITH LUNGS, LARYNXES AND A LOVE FOR
MAKING A JOYFUL NOISE!**

THIS IS YOUR 4-DAY WARNING!!!!

*(oh and of course anyone who can successfully ring a handbell
without lunging it across the room)*

 **BELLS OF ST. JOHN** 

**Begin Tuesday, August 18th at 6:00 PM
In the Church**

  **THE CHOIR**  

**Begin Thursday, August 20th at 6:30 PM
In the Music Room**

 *For additional information, please contact Lord Whistledown himself (Patrick) either through email: Music@sjuccf.org or through Phone: (484) 241-0250  *

Love Your Neighbor Churches FUNDRAISER



**for Medical Debt Relief
Now through August 16th**



Every \$10 donated relieves \$1,000 of medical debt.

A group of churches are working together to raise \$20,000 which would forgive \$3 million of medical debt in Lehigh and Northampton counties through an agency called Undue Medical Debt.

Learn more at: unduemedicaldebt.org

How to donate:

1) Donate to one of the participating churches with a note for "Medical Debt Relief"

OR

**2) Donate directly to our campaign at:
<https://unduemedicaldebt.org/campaign/love-your-neighbor-churches-friends/>**



*Scan
to Donate*



**COMMUNITY-WIDE PICNIC & CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH 3PM-7PM**

Union UCC Grove 5550 Route 873 Neffs, PA

Hosted by all of the churches and friends participating!

Food * Music * Playground * Gift Card Raffle

FREE ~ donations accepted for Medical Debt Relief

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL AMOUNT RAISED!

PICNIC SIGN UPS:

VOLUNTEER

Sunday, August 16th

<https://bit.ly/3R5rxnD>

ATTEND Picnic

Sunday, August 16th

<https://bit.ly/4dofKaD>



***We won't take attendance or
turn folks away but signing
helps us with planning.***

Love Your Neighbor Churches:

Asbury Methodist, Allentown;

The Barn, Allentown;

Good Shepherd UCC, Slatington;

Grace Lutheran, Macungie;

Grace UCC Northampton;

Heidelberg Union, Slatington;

Jordan UCC, Allentown;

New Creation UCC, Easton,

St. John's Lutheran/Second Chance

Shoppe, Slatington;

St. John's UCC, Fullerton;

St. John's UCC Laury's Station;

Union Lutheran, Schnecksville;

Union UCC, Neffs;

AND YOU!

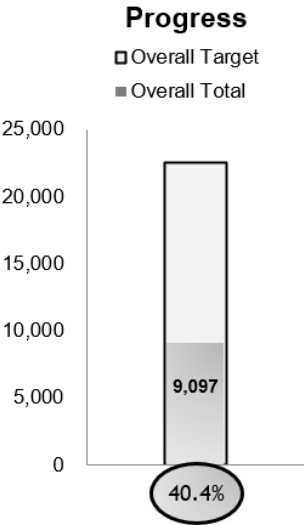
MONTHLY OFFERINGS

AUGUST 2026

Overall	
Overall Target	22,500.00
Overall Total	9,096.78
Overall Percent	40.4%

Last Week	
Start:	8/9/26
End:	8/15/26
Total:	1,761.00

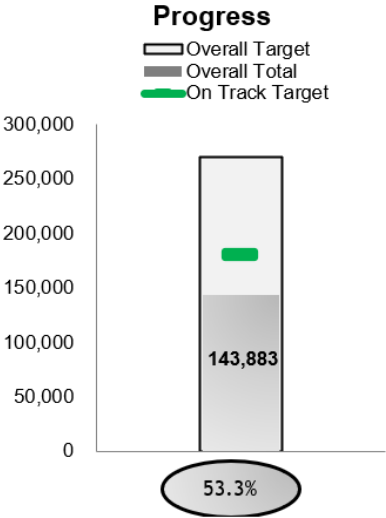
Amt needed to reach Target	
AUGUST 2026	13,403.22



YTD OFFERINGS

AUGUST 2026

Overall	
Overall Target	270,000.00
On Track Target	180,000.00
Overall Total	143,882.96
Overall Percent	53.3%



CHURCH CALENDAR—AUGUST 16 – 23

Sun 8/16	9:30 am	Worship
	3:00 pm	UCC Picnic at Union UCC, Neffs
Mon 8/17	6:00 pm	Fun Raising
Tue 8/18	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
	6:00 pm	Bells Practice
	6:00 pm	Elders
	7:00 pm	Consistory
Wed 8/19	12:00 pm	Painting Group
	6:00 pm	Painting Group
	6:30 pm	Zumba
	7:00 pm	SAA Recovery Group
Thu 8/20	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Sat 8/22	9:30 am	Zumba
Sun 8/23	9:30 am	Worship

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