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OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

You are one body and one spirit, just as God also called you in one hope. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of all, who is over all, through all, and in all.
Ephesians 4:4-6

Dear Friends,

This first Sunday in October is one of my favorites throughout the church year: World Communion Sunday. This annual commemoration began in 1933, when Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr, pastor of Shadyside Presbyterian in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, wanted to bring various churches in the area together for a service focused on unity. In a world of extreme turbulence and division, he felt that one thing that unites us all in the Christian faith is the celebration of Holy Communion. The idea really took off during World War II, when churches around the world felt the need for unity more deeply than ever before. Since then, it has spread to over 38 different denominations.

When we participate in communion, we are always reminded that these elements bind us to one another through the Body of Christ. On World Communion Sunday, we emphasize that unity throughout the world, while celebrating the diversity that God intentionally created - the beauty of many different cultures, languages, and traditions, all unified in one common belief: the salvation and blessing offered through the bread and cup.

Celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Table together reminds us of this ideal of unity, despite our differences between denominations and within our own church. Around the table on this day will be folks who disagree with one another about many things, including theological, cultural and personal issues; but on this day, around this table, and collectively with Christians in churches throughout the world, they will be united as one. We may seem so deeply fractured, but this ideal of unity, however elusive, is still present and God is still moving in our world to make us one in Christ.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Julie

THIS IS FOR YOU,
BUT IT MAY CHANGE YOU
FROM ONE WHO IS ANXIOUSLY CONCERNED
ABOUT THEIR OWN REDEMPTION

INTO ONE WHO KNOWS
THAT CHRIST'S BODY IS THE EARTH
AND ALL WHO WALK UPON IT,
ARE ONE IN HIM

INTO KNOWING THAT
WE ARE NOT REDEEMED
BY OUR BEING GOOD
BUT BY OUR BEING CONNECTED

INTO KNOWING THAT
DARING TO EAT
AT THE TABLE OF JESUS CHRIST
HAS UNIMAGINABLE CONSEQUENCES.

SO COME,
COME TO BE MADE WHOLE,
AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK
OF MAKING US ONE WITH HIM AND EACH OTHER.

by Ann Siddall, Stillpoint Spirituality Centre



Continuing the following in our thoughts and prayers.

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| Janet Harrington | Gayle Schermitzler |
| Lisa Schermitzler | Fran Ormond |
| Duane Marty | Mike & Sherrie Holub |
| Brian Eddy | |

Please let us know if others not listed (with their permission) would like prayer requests.



With Sincere Sympathy

To family and friends of those departed – We want to let you know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.

- † Arlene Stark, 87 passed away on September 13, 2025
- † Dolores Walker, 93 passed away on September 14, 2025
- † Charlotte Hediger- Tetzlaff, 86 passed away on September 17, 2025. She’s the mother of these members of our church - Crispin & Lisa Hediger, Lydia & Ron Schumacher
- † Doris Sigurdson, 97 of Albert Lea, MN passed away on September 20th. She’s the mother of Craig & Wendy Sigurdson.



Sunday, September 7, the radio broadcast was sponsored by Karen & Dave Northup in honor of her parents, Harry & Ruby Ambelang’s wedding anniversary.

Sunday, September 14, the radio broadcast was sponsored anonymously by a “faithful listener”

Sunday, September 21, the radio broadcast was in loving memory of Dale & Betty Opelt by their children.

Sunday, September 28, the radio broadcast was sponsored anonymously by a “faithful listener”

2025 Radio Broadcast Sponsors Needed

Would you like to sponsor a radio broadcast?

You may choose to dedicate or honor someone for a particular service date.

The cost remains the same - \$75

Please contact Janice in the office or phone 715-743-2147 to reserve a date.

September 2025

Attendance for In-Person Worship

September 7	online 8	Sunday 51
September 14	online 3	Sunday 48
September 21	online 4	Sunday 61
September 28	online 0	Sunday 56



- 3- Tim Steinbach
- 4- Mickey Marty
- 7- Brian Eddy
Joe Felser
- 10- Luke Erickson
- 11- Tim Voigt
- 12- Clarissa Rochester
- 17- Dante Erickson
- 25- David Harnisch

***Happy Birthday to all who have an October birthday!
Did we miss your birthday or have the wrong date?
Let us know if we did.***



- 2- Earnie & Julie Ruegsegger
- 4- Michelle & Luke Bergemann
Jim & Rosie Repinski
- 5- Fritz & Dixie Hediger
Erik & Jenna Sigurdson
- 7- Debbie & Joe Holman
- 9- Julie & Clinton Woods
- 14- Karen Northup
- 17- Kevin & Jenny Erickson
- 18- Byrl & Sharol Buddenhagen
- 20- David & Carol Harnisch



NOVEMBER 1-9

We are adding the first days of NOVEMBER birthdays and anniversaries so as not to miss any if the newsletter comes out late.

November 1-9

Birthdays

- 2- Debbie Holman
- 4- Alexander Vine

Anniversaries

- 5- Phil & Donita Follen

The Circle of Friends is looking for more "friends". No special talents are required, we can do on the job training.

We meet on the first and third Mondays of the month at 9 AM in the fellowship hall to work on making cards. On the second Thursday at 1:30 PM we gather for our monthly meeting.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 19th - "Thank-You" Sunday
Refreshments served after worship

October 26th - Polka Worship Sunday
with a lunch to follow

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

from Stephanie Heck-



JAM (Pre-K thru 6th)
Meets on **Wednesday, October 8th -at 5 pm at Calvary.** We will meet again every other week from 5-5:45pm at Calvary.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes will be held again on **Wednesday October 8th, 2025.**

We will meet every other Wednesday, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Anyone who is in 7th grade or older is welcome to join us, and we are happy to make accommodations if the proposed schedule is a concern. Please call the church office at 715-743-2147 or Pastor Julie at 608-558-2397 if you have questions or are interested in participating.



NUCC Book Club will be gathering on Thursday, October 23rd at 10:00 a.m. at Just Love Cafe. There is always room for more to join us! Even if you don't have time to read the entire book before we gather, feel free to come and join the discussion.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Romans 2:1

So then my friends because of God's mercy to us I appeal to you; Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing him.

This is the true worship you should offer.



Meal Giveaway

UCC NEILLSVILLE
515 WEST SECOND STREET
October 19, 2025
10:15-10:30 AM

AUDIO VISUAL - We are looking for volunteers to help with Sunday worship. Our audio-visual system is an extremely important component of our worship service and our ministry to those in the community who are unable to join us in the sanctuary. Alan Hoesly has done an incredible job of operating and maintaining our system over the years, but he has decided it is time to step down from this responsibility. Al is retiring from this important position at the end of this year, and we are hoping to have volunteers trained by then. If you are interested at all, please contact Al or the church office 715-743-2147.



Change of Seasons

Interfaith Caregivers will meet Saturday, October 25th at 8 AM for breakfast here at UCC. They will then

go out to rake leaves at resident's homes that need assistance. Call the church office at 715-743-2147 for more information or if you would like to request help with raking.

UCC Committee Membership for 2026

Neillsville UCC is blessed with many talented and caring individuals who donate their time and talents to make our church a vibrant and welcoming place. Annually each December committees are asked to review their membership and seek additional members or replace members who are no longer able to serve.

Below is a list of the committees, a brief description of their responsibilities and chairperson who are currently serving Neillsville UCC. We are inviting any members or friends of UCC who are interested in helping and serving on any of these committees to consider joining. Some committees meet monthly, others on an as-needed basis. Most do not meet in June, July or August. If you are interested in getting involved and/or helping please contact the committee chairperson, Paul Vine or Pastor Julie.

1. Auditing Committee, Chairperson, Michelle Kranz, Annual meetings.

Duties: Complete an internal audit of the treasurer's books at the close of the year and make known their findings to the congregation.

2. Christian Education: Chairperson, Stephanie Heck. Monthly meetings.

Duties: In partnership with the Pastor, are responsible for Christian Education of the Church including Sunday School, Bible School, Confirmation and Adult Education.

3. Deacons, Chairperson, Karlene Wallace Monthly meetings.

Duties: Cooperate with the pastor to minister the spiritual needs of the church and community. Assist in administering the sacraments, membership, pulpit supply, ushers, greeters, hosts and other aspects of the church service.

4. Mission & Outreach, Chairperson Bonnie Weyer. Meetings as needed.

Duties: Carry out the activities related to the church missions both local and on state, national or work level.

5. Music, Chairperson, Corrine Armitage, Meetings as needed.

Duties: In cooperation with the pastor, provide and organize the music program of the church.

6. Stewardship, Co-Chairpersons, M.E. Sjolin & JoAnne Voss. Monthly meetings.

Duties: Provide the principles of stewardship in the congregation by every available means including the planning and implementation of the One Great Hour of Sharing, Strengthen the Church, Neighbors in Need, Christmas Fund.

7. Trustees, Chairperson, Hap Eddy, Monthly meetings.

Duties: Care & custody of the church buildings and grounds as all financial transactions and affairs of the church.

Neillsville United Church of Christ

is hosting a **POLKA SERVICE** featuring the

Richie Yurkovich Band

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025 at 9:30 AM

515 W 2nd Street, Neillsville, WI 54456



Music & Lunch following worship

suggested donation of - \$12 adults, \$8 children

Serving brats, hotdogs, chips, German & regular potato salad,

Slovenian & regular sauerkraut

Desserts, Beverages

We hope to see you there!



6th Holiday Fair

United Church of Christ

515 W 2nd Street, Nailsville

Saturday, November 8, 2025

9 AM – 1PM

Gift Boutique, Greeting Cards,
Kitchen Cupboard, &
New to You Treasures

Lunch from 11AM – 1PM

Chicken Salad on a Croissant

Baked Potato Soup & Dessert

Adults- \$8; Kids Under 10 - \$5



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE
October 5, 2025 – November 30, 2025

	Deacon/ host	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Power Point
Sunday, Oct. 5, 2025	JoAnn Wren	Audrey Vradenburg Jim Vradenburg	Mickey Marty Joel Raine	Emile Miller
Sunday, Oct. 12, 2025	Byrl Buddenhagen	Pat Acheson Herman Seebandt	Emile Miller Janet Meredith	Bonnie Weyer
Sunday, Oct. 19, 2025	Barb Shoemaker	Doris Bakker Ellie Golembiewski	Don Quicker Jerry Quicker	Barb Petkovsek
Sunday, Oct. 26, 2025 Polka Worship Service	Sally Sadowska	Paul Vine Kelley Burch	Ken Shoemaker Russ Karl	Paul Vine
Sunday, Nov. 2, 2025	Karlene Wallace	Rosie & Jim Repinski	Hap Eddy Roger Carl	Emile Miller
Sunday, Nov. 9, 2025	Janice Miller	Ken & Barb Shoemaker	Bob Petkovsek Barb Petkovsek	Bonnie Weyer
Sunday, Nov. 16, 2025	JoAnn Wren	Nancy & Kirk Rodman	Neil Armitage Corinne Armitage	Reese Ziegler
Sunday, Nov. 23, 2025	Wayne Voss	Carole Romens Jenny Erickson	Don Quicker Jerry Quicker	Barb Petkovsek
Sunday, Nov. 30, 2025	Byrl Buddenhagen	Lydia Shoemaker Karen Northup	Ken Shoemaker Barb Shoemaker	Janice Miller
Please call the church office if you are unable to be here, or make arrangements with another church member. 715-743-2147				



2025 United Church of Christ

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 PM Bible Study Each Tuesday - 1 PM Marge Goetsch Bible Study – church lounge / bring bible	1 7 PM NA	2 Noon- T& C Quilters	3 Pvt event 8PM set up	4 Pvt event 8AM – 4 PM
5 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost- <u>World Communion</u> 9:30 AM Worship 7 PM NA	6 9 AM Card Making *Noon- Interfaith Caregivers Meet	7 1 PM Bible Study	8 1 PM Stewardship Mt 5– 5:45 PM JAM Calv 3:30 – 5:30 PM Confirmation here 7 PM NA	9 1:30 PM Circle of Friends Meeting	10	11
12 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Worship 7 PM NA	13 6 PM PEO	14 1 PM Bible Study	15 7 PM NA	16	17	18
19 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Worship THANK-YOU SUNDAY 7 PM NA	20 9 AM Card Making 9 AM- T& C Quilters 3:30 PM Deacon's Mt	21 1 PM Bible Study 9 AM- Ad Hoc Comm Mtg 5:30 PM Trustees Mt	22 5– 5:45 PM JAM Calv 3:30 – 5:30 PM Confirmation here 6 PM Council Mtg 7 PM NA	23 10 AM -Book Club meet @ Just Love	24	25 8 AM – Here at UCC Breakfast Change of Seasons/ raking
26 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 AM Polka WorshipService/Meal 7 PM NA	27	28 1 PM Bible Study 6 PM – HCE Homemakers	29 7 PM NA	30	31 <i>HALLOWEEN</i>	