

Community Events

Malanka New Year's Dance

Held in mid-January at and might be sponsored by various Ukrainian Community organizations. The annual dance is celebrated according to the "Old Calendar" New Year and has been a community tradition for decades.

UCOWPA Zapusty/Pre-Lenten Dance

Held annually just before the Great Lent fast.

Annual Ukrainian Easter Egg Sale (Pysanky) at SS Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Carnegie, PA

First held in 1966, the Pysanky Sale has become a Western Pennsylvania tradition and patrons lined up around the block waiting for the sale to begin. The event is held annually on Western Palm Sunday and features over 1,500 eggs decorated in traditional Ukrainian designs that date back centuries as well as modern interpretations.

Ukrainian Technological Society Scholarship Awards

Scholarship Presentation Ceremony at The Club at Nevillewood in late July/early August.

UCOWPA Ukrainian Film Festival

Held annually each autumn, the festival features a selection of contemporary films from Ukraine or about Ukrainian topics. The latest festival included the film "Mr Jones" a British film about Gareth Jones, who raised awareness of the artificial famine in Ukraine of 1932-33. Community calendar at <https://ucowpa.info>.

Vyshyvani Vechornytsi/Embroidered Evening

A decades-old Western Pennsylvania Ukrainian community tradition, this autumn event features dining, dancing, and the presentation of debutantes. Sponsored by the Ukrainian National Women's League of America (UNLWA)/Soyuz Ukrainok.

UTS Annual Dinner Dance

An annual event where the Ukrainian Technological Society of Pittsburgh presents their "Ukrainian of the Year" award.

The Ukrainian Cultural and Humanitarian Institute (UCHI)

UCHI's mission is to develop relationships between the US and Ukraine on cultural, educational, and humanitarian levels. It also serves to develop cross-cultural understanding between the peoples of the US and Ukraine.

It serves three constituencies: Ukrainians in Ukraine seeking to build democratic structures in Ukraine, Ukrainians in America, and others interested in learning about modern Ukraine.

The Ukrainian Humanitarian Relief Fund (UHRF)

UHRF was created in March 2022 to accept monetary donations for grants providing humanitarian aid arising from the 2022 Russian Federation military invasion of the sovereign nation of Ukraine. UHRF's purpose is to provide humanitarian aid, immigration, and relocation assistance to further the safety and wellbeing of Ukrainian affected persons, both within and without Ukraine and the United States, including all related and incidental purposes. Working in partnership with the Pittsburgh Ukrainian Relief Coalition (PURC), the Ukrainian Cultural and Humanitarian Institute (UCHI) is the fiduciary for this fund.

UCHI's Ukrainian Refugee Information Exchange

The information exchange is a two-part program to assist refugees from Ukraine settling in the Pittsburgh area.

Part I features an online resource database detailing the needs of refugees, organizations providing assistance to refugees and tools available to assist refugees.

Part II consists of a series of in-person networking events involving refugees and the various representatives providing assistance.



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Ukrainian Pittsburgh



Ukrainian immigrants, who settled in the Pittsburgh region settled near the coal mines, steel mills, railroads, and factories scattered throughout the Southwestern portion of the state of Pennsylvania. As such, their communities were built near these employment centers in the time before automobiles were widely owned. This led to a decentralized settlement of Ukrainians in the Pittsburgh region, which exists to this day.

The first Ukrainians arrived in Pittsburgh in 1880, attracted by job offers in local mines and steel mills. The community quickly grew, attracting significant numbers of immigrants from each of the four major waves of immigration from Ukraine (1880 - 1914; 1920s; 1950s; and 1991 - present). Today, more than 40,000 people in the Pittsburgh metropolitan area trace their heritage to Ukraine. The largest areas of Ukrainian settlement today are located in Carnegie, the South Side, McKees Rocks, McKeesport, Ambridge, and Aliquippa.

Inside this publication you will find an up-to-date picture of our Ukrainian-American community in the Pittsburgh area, including lists of churches, community organizations, events, and more!

Ukrainian Churches

SS Peter & Paul Catholic
592 Melrose Avenue, Aliquippa
724.375.7016

St. Vladimir Orthodox
319 9th Street, Ambridge
412.771.9124

SS Peter & Paul Catholic
404 6th Street, Ambridge
724.266.2262

Holy Virgin Orthodox
1701 Kenneth Avenue, Arnold
412.339.9622

SS Peter & Paul Orthodox
220 Mansfield Boulevard, Carnegie
412.279.2111

Holy Trinity Catholic
730 Washington Avenue, Carnegie
412.279.4652

St Demetrius Catholic
1015 Gaskill Avenue, Jeannette
724.523.9389

St. Michael Catholic
610 Hansen Avenue, Lyndora
724.283.0363

St. Peter & Paul Orthodox
21 Evergreen Street, Lyndora
724.287.4448

St. John the Baptist Catholic
204 Olivia Street, McKees Rocks
412.331.5605

St. Mary Orthodox
116 Ella Street, McKees Rocks
412.331.2362

Slavic Baptist Church
3100 Pioneer Avenue, Pittsburgh
412.999.9878

St. John the Baptist Catholic
1907 Eden Park Boulevard, McKeesport
412.672.9023

St. Nicholas Orthodox
17 Reed Avenue, Monessen
724.684.3614

St. Vladimir Catholic
1601 Kenneth Avenue, New Kensington
724.339.9622

St. George Catholic
3455 California Avenue, North Side Pittsburgh
412.766.8801

St. John the Baptist Catholic
109 S 7th Street/East Carson, South Side, Pgh.
412.431.2531

St. Vladimir's Orthodox
1810 Sidney Street, South Side, Pittsburgh
412.431.0687

Ukrainian Community Organizations

Christ Among Us Radio Program: Sundays from 2:00 pm to 2:30 PM on WPIT-AM 730 ~ wptradio.com/radioshow/3334 ~ *Ukraine In The Heart of Everyone*; <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/Ukraine-in-the-heart-of-everyone> - host Oksana Lernetovych.

Kyiv Ukrainian Dance Ensemble and School has been performing traditional Ukrainian folk dances since 1952 and under the name "Kyiv" since 1982. Practices are held at SS. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church Hall on Mansfield Boulevard in Carnegie Monday evenings. 6:00 PM Children; 7:30 PM Ensemble. www.kyivdance.org

Ridna Shkola School of Ukrainian Studies of Pittsburgh provides instruction in Ukrainian language, history, and art to children grades K-12. Native Ukrainian-speaking teachers for students who speak Ukrainian at home. English-speaking teachers for students who are beginners. Sponsors annual "Mothers' Day program and dance.

Soyuz Ukrainok/Ukrainian National Women's League of North America, Branch 27 preserves and presents Ukraine's rich artistic heritage at its best at the Pittsburgh Folk Festival held on Memorial Day Weekend yearly and other community events. Sponsor of the annual "Vyshyvani Vechornytsi" (Embroidered Evening) Dinner/Dance.

Ukrainian Community of Western Pennsylvania (UCOWPA) was organized in 2009 with the goal of creating a Ukrainian cultural center in the area. UCOWPA hosts an annual Ukrainian Film Festival in the Autumn months. It also hosts the annual "Zapusty" pre-Lenten dance/zabava. Ukrainian Community Calendar at <https://ucowpa.info>

Ukrainian New Wave, Pittsburgh Branch was founded in 2006, hosts various events calling attention to Ukrainian issues of interest, including political events. Also hosts social events for the community.

Ukrainian Community Organizations

Ukrainian Selfreliance of Western Pennsylvania Federal Credit Union (uswpfcu) is a cooperative, not-for-profit, member-owned financial institution serving the Ukrainian-American community of Western Pennsylvania. Founded in 1974 and located at 700 Washington Avenue in Carnegie, USWPFCU serves as a central location for the exchange of information in the community and has provided over \$75,000 in support to Ukrainian causes since 1988. 412.481.1865 www.samopomich.com

Ukrainian Students' Organization at the University of Pittsburgh provides fun and fellowship for students, faculty, and/or staff of any of the Pittsburgh area universities or colleges. Past events include a cultural excursion to Philadelphia and New York City, pysanky (Ukrainian Easter Egg painting) workshop, various lectures, and a month-long Ukrainian Contemporary Film Symposium. These and other events support creative expression of Ukrainian heritage as well as interest in modern-day Ukrainian issues and her unique contributions to the world. SORC+Ukraine@pitt.edu www.ukrainianclub.org

Ukrainian Technological Society (UTS) is the Pittsburgh area's Ukrainian professional association. Sponsor of the annual UTS Scholarship Program; charter member of the Federation of Ukrainian American Professional and Business Associations; Hosts annual Ukrainian of the Year Dinner/Dance in November; sponsors the "Pittsburgh Ukrainians" web-site. ~ www.pittsburghukrainians.org ~ The scholarship program has awarded over \$232,000 in scholarships since 1970 to students of Ukrainian descent, mostly locally, but also beyond the borders of the community. www.utsphg.org

University of Pittsburgh Ukrainian Language Program offers accredited courses in Ukrainian language at beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels. Includes independent study courses, which allow students to progress at their own pace and at convenient times. The Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures has offered these classes since 1974. www.pitt.edu/~slavic/

Ukrainian Community Website, sponsored by the UTS, announces community events www.pittsburghukrainians.com
