

HUFF'S CHURCH CHATTER



AUGUST, 2022

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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of Huff's Union Church, desiring to be blessed together with Word and Sacrament and to become evermore the Body of Christ in our world, do hereby commit ourselves to a ministry which includes increasingly meaningful worship, creative Christian Education, intentional witnessing, dedicated service, and responsible support.

Making Disciples: Inside and Out. UCC slogan: God is still speaking. ELCA slogan: God's work, our hands.

ONLINE WORSHIP SUPPORT TEAM

Huff's Church is researching the equipment, platform, and connections needed to be able to record and livestream the 10:30 Worship Services. If you have some knowledge and interest in this area and would like to assist in getting this project up and running, contact Joanne Benfield.

PIG ROAST FUNDRAISER

Huffs Union Church is having a fundraiser in the park on Saturday, August 20, 2022, from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. We will be offering a meal of: a pulled pork sandwich, ear of corn, coleslaw, a drink, and a dessert. The meals can be enjoyed in our park or can be taken out. The cost of each meal is \$11.00.

Tickets for the meal can be purchased ahead of time. See Tess Woloszanski, Kay Kriebel, or Lisa Kauffman, or call the church office at 610-845-2626 to arrange a purchase. Meals can be bought on the day of the event as well, on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you would like to help with preparing and serving food on August 19th and/or August 20th, please contact Tess.

FOOD FOR NEEDY TRUCK AT HUFF'S

Friend, Inc. will bring a truck on Thursday, August 4, 2022, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. to Huff's Church parking lot for food distribution. If you can volunteer (age 12 and older) any month to carry items from the Food Truck to vehicles, contact Tom Mitchell.

HUFFS CHURCH AUXILIARY MEETING

The next meeting of the Huff's Church Auxiliary is scheduled for Monday, August 1, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the downstairs of the Chapel. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings to help plan ways to support our church.

AUGUST BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Bible Study Group will meet on Saturday, August 6th, at 10:30 a.m. Come with your Bible. If you'd like to stay for lunch, Please feel free to bring something to share and eat with us from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



COMMUNION CARD UPDATE

Please remember to complete a communion card for 2022 and place it in the offering plate. To remain an active member of Huff's Church, we require that you either contribute or commune at least once every two years. Please contact the church office if you wish to remain an active member but have a special circumstance which prevents you from meeting that requirement.

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR AUGUST

The special offering for August is our own congregation's mission and ministry. Please pray for our outreach into our community, and our ability to help people connect to God's loving presence through the Holy Spirit. Please continue to support us as we try to live out Christ's call to love God with our heart, mind, soul and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

WORSHIP SERVICE SUMMER SCHEDULE

There will be NO 8:00 a.m. services in August, only 10:30 a.m. services.

1st and 3rd Sundays - In Church August 7 & 21

2nd and 4th Sundays - In Park* August 14 & 28, weather permitting.

**Inclement weather - park service moves to church building.*

In the Park, you may use bandshell benches or bring your own lawn chairs to set up under the bandshell or on the lawn. You may also listen to the service on your car radio in the park. **Worship Services are recorded** and posted during the following week on www.huffschurch.com or Facebook: Huff's Union Church.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

As we continue to put committees back together following the pandemic, we are still in need of two chairpersons. First, we are looking for a Caring and Sharing chair. This committee will work closely with Pastor Steitz to communicate with sick or homebound members via phone calls or greeting cards, as well as setting up and coordinating visits. The second chair we need is for the Mission Outreach Committee. This group will lead Huff's interest in and planning for any future missions and local outreach. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please reach out to a member of the nominating committee: Michael Diehl, Jane Leeser or Tess Woloszanski.

CHURCH FAMILY

FUNERAL

Please pray for the family and friends of Carl Arner who passed away on June 11, 2022.

MEMORIALS - For the Huff's Church Scholarship Fund in Memory of Carl Arner:

LJR Publishing, LLC.	Scott & Emelie Swackhamer
Jean McGonigle	Nevin Fritz
Robert & Sue Stockdale	Steve & Emy Moyer
Cheryl Wieder	Donald & Linda Zentner
Elaine Perez	Joseph & Connie Szilli
Karen & Dave Clark	Pat Crossley
Joyce Kemp	Linda & Raymond Lorish
Tess Woloszanski	Ruth Acker
Paul & Jean Adam	John & Jane Leeser
Charles & Carol Zwoyer	Wendy Wittman & Family

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

We are honoring our members who celebrate their 80th birthday or older and also honoring those members who celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary or more. Please let us know if we missed anyone.

BIRTHDAYS

- 8/4 - Patricia Zentner
- 8/10 - Jean Britton
- 8/12 - Marvin Diehl
- 8/17 - Ruth Acker
- 8/19 - Phillip Leeser
- 8/22 - Fern Hoffman
- 8/29 - Joyce Kemp



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 8/8 - Paul & Nancy Meitzler
- 8/15 - Charles & Carol Zwoyer
- 8/19 - Alfred & Christine Henson
- 8/21 - Robert & Susan Stockdale
- 8/29 - Joseph & Connie Szilli



WEDDING

Cole Swackhamer and Haydn Hallman were united in marriage on Saturday, June 18, 2022.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL August 1-5 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
VBS theme is Food Truck Party, based on Matthew 6:11, "*Give us this day our daily bread.*" Daily Activities include Music, Science, Crafts and Games. Registration forms are available on huffschurch.com, but registration can still be done the first day of VBS. Co-directors are Julie Brought and Kara Benfield. Questions, contact Julie at juliebrought@comcast.net or call/text 610-568-5990.

THANK YOU NOTE RECEIVED

From: Pastor Bruce Potteiger

To: Friends in Christ at Huff's Union Church

I give thanks to our Lord for your compassion and generosity in giving in Christian Love to Food for the Poor. I received notice that your congregation has given \$470 to the ministry to the poor. Please continue in your efforts in raising money and doing projects to lift up the poorest of the poor. Again thank you.

Rev. Bruce Potteiger

From: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

To: Huff's Lutheran Church

Thank you for your gift of \$1,316.75 to the Eastern Europe Crisis Response Program. Through your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response, you are sharing this amazing grace with others. You are helping people near and far feel the transformational power of God's love.

With you in the Spirit,

The Rev. Daniel Rift

Director, Mission Funding, ELCA World Hunger
and Lutheran Disaster Response

GET-TOGETHERS WITH PASTOR STEITZ

As Pastor John gets settled in at Huffs, we will be putting together small groups to learn about him and allow him to learn about us. This could be something as simple as a meeting in the park or chapel, or it could be a get-together in your home, with snacks or desserts or even a meal. If you would be interested in hosting one of the small groups, please reach out to the office or to Michael Diehl. We will communicate more about this as we get volunteer hosts and as Pastor John gets settled in over the next few weeks. Thanks, and can't wait to meet with some of you!

PASTOR'S ARTICLE

I am very excited to be called as the settled pastor at Huff's Union Church! My wife Catherine and I have lived in Barto, Pennsylvania since 2006, and our granddaughters live in Topton. Since 1995, I have served at fifteen local churches, primarily as an intentional interim minister. Huff's Church will be my first settled call and I am eager to get to know you better.

After graduating from the State University of New York at New Paltz, I lived in Philadelphia in the early 1980's, working for the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), and organizing non-violence campaigns. I graduated from the Earlham School of Religion, a Quaker seminary in 1989. Quakerism continues to be an important spiritual grounding for me.

My core values are: loving God, loving neighbor, loving one another, and teaching Jesus' way of love.

NAMES & MORE IN THE BIBLE

ABIGAIL	LEAH	RACHEL
ABISHAI	LOIS	RHODA
ADAH	LYDIA	ROSE
ATARAH	MAGDALENE	RUTH
BATHSHEBA	MARY	SALOME
BILHAH	MERCY	SARAH
CARMEL	MICHAL	SHARON
CHLOE	MIRIAM	SHILOH
DELILAH	MYRA	SHIPRAH
DINAH	NAOMI	TAMAR
DORCAS	OLIVE	TERAH
ESTHER	PAUL	ZILPAH
HAGAR	PHOEBE	ZINA
HANNAH	PRISCA	

NAMES & MORE PUZZLE

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X Y V A Y A O A M A I R I M Z
Y J D N H S R R M G D J Y I Q
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Financial Report

	YTD		YTD Budget	Variance	Annual Budget
	Actual	Budget			
Giving	80,754	86,770		(6,016)	175,740
All other income	46,444	36,726		9,718	58,991
Total income	127,197	123,496		3,702	234,731
Expenses	147,073	161,767		(14,693)	336,095
Operating income (loss)	(19,876)	(38,271)		18,395	(101,364)
Transfers from Investments	31,500	50,700		(19,200)	101,400
Net income (loss)	11,624	12,429		(805)	36

	6/30/22	5/31/22	12/31/21
Balance Sheet			
Designated funds	114,714	109,738	116,006
General funds	17,285	31,000	23,251
Sunday School CDs	4,384	4,384	4,379
Total assets (a)	136,383	145,122	143,635

(a) excludes investments managed by Youngs