

# HUFF'S CHURCH CHATTER



**April 2023**

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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.**

## **PALM SUNDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, EASTER SERVICES**

**Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.**

**NO COMMUNION**

**Good Friday, April 7, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.**

**Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.**

Come join us to celebrate Christ's Resurrection with Holy Communion being offered.

## **EASTER STORY EGG HUNT**

The Easter Story Egg Hunt will be held at Huff's Church on Saturday, April 1, at 11:00 a.m. – Rain or Shine

Families with children of all ages are welcome to the Easter Story Egg Hunt. **We'll gather in the Huff's Church Park** and hear the story of Jesus' week before Easter, and all children receive a special gift bag. Then hunt eggs! If too wet or stormy, everything will be moved into the Church.

**Your monetary donation towards costs of the egg hunt** may be dropped in the special Bunny Container at Church or mailed to the Church Office.

**Egg Hunt Help needed:** Craft preparation ahead of time; Morning of Egg Hunt-set up and greeters, egg hiders, craft helpers, and cleanup. If you can help, please call or text Tess Woloszanski at email [tess314@windstream.net](mailto:tess314@windstream.net).

## **FRIEND INC. FOOD TRUCK**

Friend Inc. food truck distribution will be in Huff's Church parking lot on Thursday, April 6th, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. If you can volunteer (age 12 and older) any month to carry items from the Food Truck to vehicles, contact Tom Mitchell.

## **ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING**

**The Annual Meeting of Huff's Union Corporation will be held Sunday, April 16, 2023, within the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with second date of April 23, 2023.**

The required quorum to hold the meeting is 50 Active Members. In the event that the business of the meeting cannot be completed for any reason, including but not limited to inclement weather, provision of additional information, or lack of quorum, the meeting will be continued to Sunday, April 23, 2023, within the 10:30AM Worship Service. Those Active Members who attend the meeting on April 23, shall constitute a quorum and are authorized to act on this matter even if less than 50 are in attendance. If the voting is done on April 16, then the April 23 meeting will not be held.

Any Huff's Church Active Member may vote (including confirmed teenagers). Zoom links will be provided in the E-Blast and bulletins closer to the date to remotely connect by computer or phone, or you may contact the Church office for the information ahead of time. By-laws do not allow for absentee or proxy voting.

### **The agenda for the meeting will be the following items:**

-To vote on acceptance of the 2022 Annual Report that details the ways Huff's Union Church has done ministry and mission in 2022. Majority approval by those who vote is required. By April 2, the 2022 Annual Report will be available on Huff's Church website [www.huffschurch.com](http://www.huffschurch.com), and paper copies will be available at Church or call the church office 610-845-2626 to arrange a time to pick up copies (one per household please).

Any item may be presented from the floor at the Annual Meeting; however, only proposed resolutions included in the Notice of Meeting may be voted on.

Questions about the meeting or the vote, contact:

## HELP WANTED

Union Council is looking for:

1. Individuals to prepare and set up the communion elements on Communion Sundays.
2. Individuals to clean up and put away the communion elements after the service.
3. Someone to take the lead in putting together a new Church Directory. **This is NOT a pictorial directory.** Computer and data entry skills are necessary. Additional information will be provided to individuals expressing an interest. Contact the office if interested in any of these volunteer opportunities.

## BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Bible Study Group will meet on Saturday, April 1st, in the lower level of the Chapel 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.



## **CHURCH FAMILY**

### **FUNERALS**

Please pray for the family and friends of David Arner, who passed away on March 16, 2023.

Please pray for the family and friends of Katie Danner, who passed away on March 16, 2023.

### **BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING 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**

4/2 - Barbara Kline      4/19 - Pauline Strunk  
4/29 - Jerome Barnes      4/29 - Jane Geisinger

#### **Anniversaries**

4/6 - Eugene & Sherry Bardo  
4/22 - Raymond & Linda Lorish

### **JEAN REINERT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Jean Reinert Memorial Scholarship application is available by calling the church office or Michele Boyer Reed. Any high school senior who will pursue additional education (vocational training or college) and has remained an active member of Huff's Union Church since confirmation, is welcome to apply. Deadline is June 30 for this \$1,000 scholarship.

## **SANDWICH AND SOUP SALE**

How would you like to take a break from cooking one night? Well, here is your chance! Huffs Union Church is having a sandwich and soup sale on **Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Sandwiches will need to be ordered ahead of time and are being made by R & K Subs. Order forms will be found in the upper and lower narthex of the church as of April 1<sup>st</sup>. Orders can also be given to Edwina in the church office. The number is 610-845-2626.

There will be 3 choices of subs, which cost \$6.50 each, and 6 choices of pretzel sandwiches, which cost \$5.50 each. **Orders are due by April 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Pick-up will need to be made in the lower level of the Chapel between 4:00 pm and 7:30 pm on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you want to help out by collecting orders outside of church, see Edwina or Tess for an order form of your own.

Now for the soup part of the equation: There will be 2 choices of home-made soup available in the Chapel when you come to pick up sandwiches. **We are NOT taking orders for soup ahead of time.** It will be available on a first come, first sold basis, and will only be for sale in pint and quart containers. If all the soup is not sold on Wednesday, the remainder will be sold after church on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Please help support our church and take a yummy meal home with you!

## **CEMETERY FLOWER REMOVAL**

Please have **ALL** flower arrangements and other items removed from gravesites by Monday, April 3, 2023. Remaining flowers and items will be removed and discarded on April 6th.

# Financial Report

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Giving	32,648	26,932	5,717
All other income	3,171	3,658	(487)
Total income	35,819	30,590	5,229
Expenses	59,465	66,418	(6,952)
Operating income (loss)	(23,646)	(35,828)	12,182
Capital expenditures	-	(13,333)	13,333
Transfers from Investments	25,000	38,491	(13,491)
Net income (loss)	1,354	(10,671)	12,024

<b>Balance Sheet</b>	2/28/23	1/31/23	12/31/22
Designated funds	68,998	68,983	73,887
General funds	12,119	7,911	5,011
Sunday School CDs	4,385	4,385	4,385
Total assets (a)	85,502	81,278	83,283

(a) excludes investments managed by Youngs

