

HUFF'S CHURCH CHATTER

SEPTEMBER 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.

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SERVICE INFORMATION

Beginning on Sunday, September 4, 2022, all worship services will return to the church sanctuary. There will be no services in the park for the remainder of this year. Because of Labor Day weekend, on September 4th there will be only a 10:30 a.m. worship service.

On September 11 and September 18, 2022, 8:00 a.m. church services will return. On September 25, 2022, there will be a congregational meeting, so there will be no 8:00 a.m. church service that day.

Congregational Meeting:

At the May 9, 2022, Union Council meeting, the plan for merging the three corporations of Huff's Union Church was presented and accepted by Council, and then recommended to be presented to the Congregation for adoption. This will be the final step in merging Huff's Union Church Corporation, Huff's United Church of Christ Corporation and Huff's Lutheran Church Corporation. Upon adoption, The Lutheran and the UCC Corporations will cease to exist and Huff's Union Church will be the only remaining Corporation. The Lutheran Council and the UCC Consistory have already accepted this plan.

In order to take this final step, the attached "Plan of Merger" will be voted on at the congregational meeting scheduled for Sunday, September 25, 2022, during the 10:30 a.m. service. Please note there will be **NO** 8:00 a.m. service on that date. Should a quorum not be reached on September 25th, the meeting will then be held at the 10:30 a.m. service on October 2, 2022, with **NO** 8:00 a.m. service that day. There will be an 8:00 a.m. service on October 2nd if the meeting was completed on September 25th.

An insert is attached referencing the Plan of Merger for you to read before the meeting.

FOOD FOR NEEDY TRUCK AT HUFF'S

Friend, Inc. will bring a truck on Thursday, September 1, 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.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Bible Study Group will meet on Saturday, September 3, 2022, 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.

OYSTER PIE SALE - SAVE THE DATE

An oyster pie sale is scheduled for **Saturday, October 22, 2022**. Look for more information in next month's newsletter.

HUFFS CHURCH AUXILIARY MEETING

The next meeting of the Huff's Church Auxiliary is scheduled for Monday, September 19, 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.

SPECIAL OFFERING OPPORTUNITY FOR SEPTEMBER

Our new offering opportunity for September is the ELCA Special Needs Retirement Fund. This offering is the ELCA equivalent of the UCC Christmas Fund offering, and supplements the income of those retired pastors, rostered ministers, lay employees and surviving spouses living on a low income. This offering also helps with health contributions for recipients who have ELCA health benefits.

Please mark your church envelope "ELCA Special Needs" or mark a "Welcome" envelope (available next to the offering basket).

BIBLE WORDS (page 148)



PASTOR'S ARTICLE

As I begin to settle in as your pastor at Huff's Union Church, one of my top priorities is to connect with each of you personally. There are several ways that you can help this process:

- Meeting people in a small group. Please consider hosting or attending a small group gathering. These small group (maximum five people) gatherings provide an intimate context to meet several people at once.
- Meeting in pairs. This is an opportunity to meet a couple together.
- Meeting one-to-one. Here I meet with you one-to-one.
- Meeting homebound people. (Working with the Caring and Sharing committee we have developed a plan to meet all of our homebound members.)
- Meeting people who are hospitalized. If you or a loved one is in the hospital, please let me know. I want to visit people when they are in the hospital. When someone is hospitalized, I need to find out, so please let me know.
- Meeting people via zoom or by phone. Sometimes a zoom call or phone call makes the most sense. You can also text me at my phone number.

To reach Pastor John: Phone: 215. 820. 1650.

Email: revsteitz@gmail.com

In cases where there is an emergency request and Pastor John cannot be reached, please contact Martin Kriebel.

THANK YOU FROM FRIEND, INC.

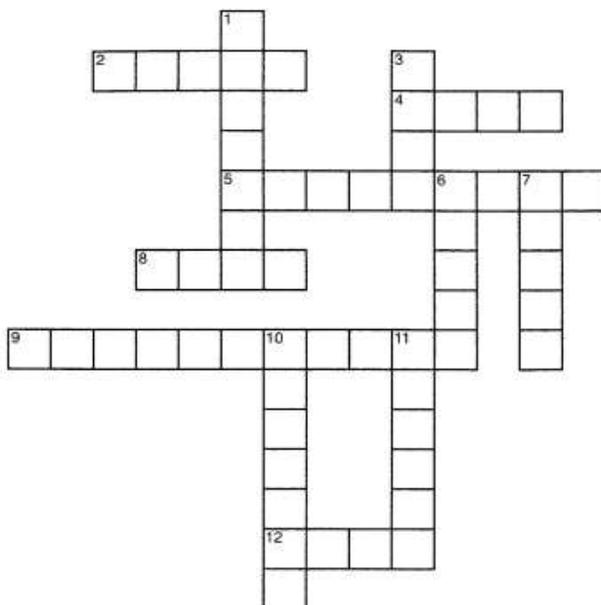
Dear Members of Huff's Union Church,

I wanted to say that the volunteers from your church who helped distribute food from the Friends' Mobile Food Bank this summer were just fantastic. They had a great sense of how to divide/bag up the food on their own without instruction, plus they came early and stayed late to help clean up. It made the summer mobile market go very smoothly. I just wanted to let them know that their hard work was appreciated!

Thank you!

Cathy Dill
Office & Project Manager
Friend, Inc.

BIBLE NAME PUZZLE



BIBLE NAME WORDS

Listed below are literal meanings of some words found in the Old and New Testaments. Match the terms in the word list with the clues to fill in the grid.

ABBA

AMEN

BETHLEHEM

BIER

EPHAH

EPHOD

GALL

MESSIAH

ONYCHA

PARABLE

SHITTIMWOOD

TORAH

ACROSS

- 2. The law
- 4. So let it be
- 5. House of bread
- 8. Platform for corpses
- 9. Red acacia
- 12. Dear father

DOWN

- 1. Metaphorical story
- 3. Bitter plant extract
- 6. Priestly vest
- 7. Dry measure; more than half a bushel
- 10. Anointed one
- 11. Sweet, musky spice

FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry cabinet was full the first of July. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, 177 food and personal care items were delivered to the Rescue Mission in Allentown. They sent us off with a hearty “Thank you”.

As volunteers, Bob and Sue Stockdale and Elvin Keiser are grateful to continue this mission started years ago by Carl Arner.

HISTORICAL INTEREST AT HUFF’S CHURCH

Are you a crafty individual? Do you scrapbook? You may be the perfect fit for a new working group tasked with categorizing and organizing items of historical items donated to our church.

We would also like to arrange the items in our beautiful display cabinets, once or twice a year. If interested, please call or text Scott Swackhamer.

THANK YOU NOTE RECEIVED

From: Kurtis J. Rohrbach

To: Scott Swackhamer & Friends at Huff’s Union Church

I would like to thank you for the gracious time you offered me to search through the documents at the Rohrbach Chapel. I thoroughly enjoyed it. That day when I searched through the documents, I was mostly searching for the Bible of Hans Jurg Rohrbach. Disappointingly enough, Hans’s Bible is not part of your collection at the Chapel.

Although I did not find the Rohrbach Bible, I did make a very interesting discovery. The large old bible you have in your collection belonged to a George Ludwig Breinig, the very man that Breinigsville was named after. He was a veteran of both the French and Indian War, and the American Revolutionary War. He was an immigrant from Germany and a true American pioneer.

Thank You

Kurtis J. Rohrbach

CHURCH FAMILY

FUNERALS

Please pray for the family and friends of Claire Sheetz, who passed away on July 27, 2022.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Carl Arner to the Carl Arner Scholarship Fund:
Dennis & Bea Miller Pearl Hoffman
LJR Publishing Maryann Cronk
Ground Hog Lodge #7

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.



9/4 - Christine Henson	9/6 - Carl Drasher
9/8 - William Moser	9/10 - Ethel Funk
9/23 - Mary Szilli	9/27 - Nancy Hoffman



Wedding Anniversary
9/15 - Jerome & Judith Barnes

Financial Report

	YTD		YTD		Annual Budget
	Actual	Budget	Budget	Variance	
Giving	91,125	100,740	100,740	(9,615)	175,740
All other income	52,969	42,770	42,770	10,199	58,991
Total income	144,093	143,510	143,510	584	234,731
Expenses	170,565	199,745	199,745	(29,180)	336,095
Operating income (loss)	(26,471)	(56,235)	(56,235)	29,764	(101,364)
Transfers from Investments	36,750	59,150	59,150	(22,400)	101,400
Net income (loss)	10,279	2,915	2,915	7,364	36

Balance Sheet

	7/31/22	6/30/22	12/31/21
Designated funds	106,387	114,714	116,006
General funds	17,106	17,285	23,251
Sunday School CDs	4,384	4,384	4,379
Total assets (a)	127,877	136,383	143,635

(a) excludes investments managed by Youngs