

# HUFF'S CHURCH CHATTER



June 2026

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## MISSION STATEMENT

**To reach out to the world around us and share the everlasting love of Jesus Christ!**

**Making Disciples: Inside and Out.**

**UCC slogan: God is still speaking.**

**ELCA slogan: God's work, our hands.**

## **WORSHIP IN THE PARK WITH SPECIAL MUSIC**

We will again offer Worship in the Park during June, July, and August. **The first, third and fifth Sunday worship services** (June 7, June 21, July 5, July 19, August 2, August 16, and August 30) will be held **in the sanctuary**. **The second and fourth Sunday worship services** (June 14, June 28, July 12, July 26, August 9, and August 23) will be held **in the park** at 10:30 a.m. If inclement weather, worship services will be moved into the sanctuary.

Invite friends and neighbors to enjoy live music at the 10:30 worship services in the Park on June 28, July 12, and August 9.



**Brass Quintet**

**July 12 Wyomissing Band**

**August 9 Expressions Sax Quartet**

## **VINTAGE BRASS QUINTET**

June 28th will be our first special music outdoor worship service of the summer. The "Vintage Brass Quintet" plays traditional, country, bluegrass and southern gospel music, and will perform during the 10:30 a.m. worship service, followed by light refreshments in the park.

## **JEAN REINERT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Jean Reinert Memorial Scholarship applications are available by calling the church office or going on-line. 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 29 for this \$1,000 scholarship.

## **HUFF'S CHURCH AUXILIARY MEETING**

The next meeting of the Huff's Church Auxiliary will be held on **Tuesday, June 2**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

## **FOOD TRUCK AT HUFF'S**

Friend, Inc. will bring a truck on Thursday, June 4, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Huff's Church parking lot for food distribution to those in need. If you can volunteer to carry items to vehicles, contact Tom Mitchell.

## **BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

Bible Study will meet on Saturday, June 13, in the Chapel beginning at 10:30 a.m. Bring your Bible and a bagged lunch for 11:30 to 12:30. If you have any questions, call Lea Kline.

## **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

Council will meet in the lower level of the church on Monday, June 8, at 7:00 p.m. Contact the Council President or Ministry Assistant for Zoom link.

## **PICKLED RED BEETS**

On May 27, members of the Auxiliary canned pickled red beets, which will be available for sale following church services or during summer events, like picnics. Quarts cost \$9 and pints cost \$5. We only make these once each year, so get them while they last! (Please write out checks to Huffs Union Church.)

## **NEW CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Huff's is forming a new catechetical class in the Fall and we need need to know who may be interested. Students need to be in 6th grade or higher. The pastor has chosen a curriculum that will be comprehensive, yet also respectful of busy family schedules. Please contact the church office if you have a child who is interested and eligible. Call or text Pastor Mike at 484-965-0300 or [miketodd1968@gmail.com](mailto:miketodd1968@gmail.com) with any questions. To register, contact the office at 610-845-2626 or [office@huffschurch.com](mailto:office@huffschurch.com).

## **LUNCH BUNCH**

Members and friends of Huff's are welcome for a time of fun and fellowship for lunch on Thursday, June 18, at 11:45 a.m. at Liberty at Dryville (formerly Dryville Hotel) in the semi-private room at 110 Lyons Road, Mertztown. Park behind the hotel since crossing Fredericksville Road is hazardous. We choose and purchase our own lunches. If you would like to come to Lunch Bunch, text or call Tom Mitchell by Sunday, June 14.

## **JUNE SPECIAL OFFERING**

In June we support the ELCA organization that arranges for grief counseling sessions, lay visitor training, and other programs that enhance our Christian witness. Use a pew envelope or mail a contribution marked "ELCA Making Christ Known."

## **HUFF'S UNION CHURCH PRAYER PARTNERS**

*James 5:6. Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another that you may be healed. The prayers of the righteous are powerful and effective.*

The Prayer Partners are church members who volunteer to pray each day for one year for one or two other church members or families. Signups are usually in the spring of each year.

Please fill out the form at the end of the newsletter or contact the church office or John Leeser by June 14, if interested.

## **PASTOR'S REPORT**

### **THE BEGINNING OF SUMMER**

Ah, June! The official start of summer. Kids are finishing school. Family trips. Picnics. Pools. The beach. Finally, some time to kick back, relax, and take some much-needed time off. And time to take a break from church? When I was growing up, I saw lots of families attend church the same way their kids attended school—every week from September through June and then we wouldn't see them again until the next Rally Day the following September. In some cases, they had a vacation home where they would spend the entire summer. Obviously they weren't going to return to Skippack from the Jersey Shore each Sunday. But many others stayed local and just stopped attending over the summer. If that sounds like your routine, I urge you to reconsider. You'll be missing out on some great events scheduled all summer long, including the first outdoor service of 2026 on June 14<sup>th</sup> with special guest Marianne Lynch, the Executive Director of Open Link sharing the many ways Open Link serves the community, the picnic on June 20<sup>th</sup> with music by the Hannah Violet Trio, and another service in the park on the 28<sup>th</sup> with music by the Vintage Brass Quartet. Special programming continues almost weekly all summer long with music by The Wyomissing Band, The Majestics, and Roberta Windish's Saxophone Quintet. There will be a second community picnic in July and a Blessing of the Animals service in August. In addition to all of that, we will continue to pray, and commune, and worship together in the presence of the Lord.

Acts 2:42-43,46-47

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread...and ate their food with glad and generous heart, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.*

## **OUR GRADUATES FOR 2026**

**Kara Benfield** graduated from Kutztown University on Saturday, May 16, 2026, with her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. She graduated from Parkland High School in 2023 with over 30 college credits and, therefore, was able to obtain her Bachelor's Degree in three years. Kara is in the process of applying and interviewing for Elementary Teaching positions, in hopes of getting offered a contracted position for the 2026-27 school year. She is excited to begin this new chapter in her life, alongside her fiancé, Andrew Stern.

Congratulations to **Tucker Ruch** as we are proud to celebrate his graduation as he completes his journey at Upper Perkiomen High School. Throughout his high school career, Tucker has been a standout representative of our community, both on the field and in the classroom. A true scholar-athlete, he balanced a demanding schedule while maintaining high academic marks and competing at the varsity level in both football and basketball. Tucker's hard work has paved the way for an exciting future. This fall, he will head to Lebanon Valley College to pursue a dual focus in Business and Environmental Studies. But his time on the gridiron isn't over yet—Tucker has officially committed to play football for the LVC Dutchmen! Please join us in congratulating Tucker on his graduation and wishing him Godspeed as he begins this new adventure!

## **VILLAGE VOLLEYBALL 2026**

On Wednesday evenings, June 3, June 10, June 17 and June 24, Huff's invites its members and the community to come to the church park to play recreational volleyball from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Any age or ability is welcomed. This is a nice time to meet with others and actively have fun! Ask your friends to join you so we can get some games going! The GaGa ball pit will also be set up, which is a popular activity for kids and teens. Note that in the past we asked for a greeter to be there to get out the ball and provide water. Since we had difficulty getting people to do that, Tess will now put the volleyball in a bucket at the net and leave bottled water behind the office for players' use. The net and Gaga pit will be set up the entire summer, so these activities will also be available at the summer picnics and following outdoor services.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendar for July 13 through July 17, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m! All children in the community ages 3-11 are invited to join us for a week of fun and play as Huff's Church hosts **Snowball Mountain Challenge**, which is based on Philippians 4:13 NRSV, **"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."** **Snowball Mountain Challenge** is an exciting winter sports event where kids become challengers, gearing up for frosty games, snowy surprises, and hands-on lessons about faith and resilience. Every day includes storytelling, music, science, games, and a snack.

Playtime and learning about the Bible help children grow. They are an important way for children to interact and use their creativity.

Our 2026 VBS is coordinated by Melissa Benfield along with a great supporting group of staff and helpers. To register or to find out more call/text Melissa Benfield. We still are in need of volunteers!

## JUNE 20 CHURCH PICNIC

Huffs Union Church is having a **picnic on Saturday, June 20, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** The Hannah Violet Trio will provide the entertainment from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We are looking for many volunteers to assist with food preparation and to serve food & drink during the event. Two shifts: 3:30-6:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:30 p.m. Helper sign-up sheets are in the church or contact: Tess Woloszanski or Lisa Kauffman.

Prep work will begin in the Chapel on:

Wednesday, June 17 - 6:00 p.m. - Make Pie Crumbs

Thursday, June 18 – 12 Noon - Cut up Turkey for Barbecue  
6:00 p.m. - Make Pie Shells

Friday, June 19 - 7:00 a.m. - Bake Pies and Prepare Food  
6:00 p.m. - Bag Pies & Wash Dishes

Saturday, June 20 - 7:00 a.m. to Noon - Prepare Food and Park  
Baked goods for the cake walk and bake sale are needed and can be brought to the chapel or park on the morning of June 20 or at the beginning of the picnic.

**Please let us know as soon as possible if you are available to help.** Thank you for volunteering your time!

# CHURCH FAMILY

## BAPTISM:

Olivia Mae Giangiacomo, daughter of Paul & Breanna Giangiacomo, was baptized on Sunday, May 3, 2026.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

We are honoring our members who will 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.

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### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Eleanor Gigler	6/1	Wayne Fogel	6/4
Joyce Grim	6/5	Robert Schleicher	6/16
Marion Tokay	6/22	Faith Houck	6/23
Bea Miller	6/27	Shirley Cressman	6/30

### JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Sharon Stoudt	6/6
Albert & Donna Muth	6/10
Bruce & Shirley Cressman	6/20
Charles & Nancy Hoffman	6/24
Marvin & Audrey Diehl	6/29

# Financial Report

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Giving for operating expenses	52,961	57,413	(4,452)
All other income	16,080	15,288	792
Total income	69,041	72,702	(3,661)
Expenses	108,240	114,765	(6,525)
<b>Operating deficit</b>	<b>(39,199)</b>	<b>(42,063)</b>	<b>2,864</b>
Giving for capital improvements	94	500	(406)
Estate gift	14,678	14,250	428
Capital expenditures	(14,000)	(46,000)	32,000
Transfers from Investments	50,000	73,313	(23,313)
Net change in cash	11,573	-	11,573

<b>Balance Sheet</b>	4/30/26	3/31/26	12/31/25
Designated funds	75,733	65,704	78,665
General funds	3,040	1,984	5,198
Total assets (a)	78,773	67,688	83,863

(a) excludes investments managed by Tiller



## PRAYER PARTNERS

We will be putting prayer partner sign-up sheets in the bulletins May 17 through June 14. Please fill out and place in the offering plate. Prayer partners pray for one another throughout the year. John Leeser will match people and have the list ready for Sunday, June 14. You may also contact John directly.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_