

HUFF'S CHURCH CHATTER



OCTOBER 2023

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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.

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION

World Wide Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, October 1, 2022.

OYSTER PIE SALE

Oyster pie sale will be held on **Saturday, October 21, 2023**, with pick-up between 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon in the lower level of the chapel. Orders are due by Sunday, October 8, 2023. Cost is \$8.50.

Order forms are on the downstairs bulletin board, or you may call the church office.

Help is needed for making the pies. Please contact Tess Woloszanski or Lisa Kauffman.

- **Thursday, October 19th at 6:00 p.m.** - Make pie crust crumbs. (This is an easy job of mixing Crisco into flour.)
- **Friday, October 20th at 9:00 a.m.** - Peel and dice potatoes. (This is a sit-down job.)
- **Friday, October 20th at 6:00 p.m.** - Make pie crusts and place the bottom crust in the pie tins.
- **Saturday, October 21st at 7:00 a.m.** - Assemble the pies and bag them. (This can be a sit-down job.)

No experience is needed for any of these jobs.

THANK YOU FROM GLORIA ADAMS

To everyone present at my retirement service:

Many thanks to everyone for being part of my last official Sunday on September 10. It was a day I will always cherish! The monetary gift, plaque, and flowers presented to me are greatly appreciated. And the covered dish meal and cake were all fit for a king.

I'll never forget your support and kindness!

With my sincere thanks,
Gloria Adams

UPCOMING ARTICLES FOR NEWSLETTERS

Please contact the church office and tell Edwina about any articles/subjects that you would like to see in the coming month's newsletter. This will allow those in charge of preparing the newsletter the opportunity to expand its content and better inform the congregation about upcoming happenings and events.

HUFFS CHURCH AUXILIARY MEETING

The next meeting of the Huff's Church Auxiliary is scheduled for Monday, October 2, 2023, at **6:00 p.m.** in the downstairs of the Chapel. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings to help plan ways to support our church.

FOOD TRUCK AT HUFF'S

Friend, Inc. will bring a truck on Thursday, October 5, 2023, 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.

SENIOR CHOIR

The Huff's Church Senior Choir will begin rehearsals on Thursday, October 5th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in singing with our choir, please contact Gloria Adams at (610) 914-8116 or just come to a rehearsal.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Bible Study will meet on Saturday, October 7th, at 10:30 a.m. in the downstairs of the Church. 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.

HANDBELL CHOIR

The Huff's Church Handbell Choir will begin rehearsals on Tuesday, October 17th, beginning at 7:30 p.m. We are always looking for new ringers to join our choir. If you have never rung bells before, we will gladly teach you!

CHURCH FAMILY



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.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 10/4 - Marian Weller | 10/8 - Richard Fenstermacher |
| 10/17 - Carolyn Drasher | 10/23 - Jean Adam |
| 10/23 - Gloria Erb | 10/26 - Paul Meitzler |



OCTOBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

10/7 - Carl & Carolyn Drasher
10/12 - Aurel & Jane Arndt
10/16 - Christopher & Lisa Allen
10/28 - Neil & Diane Gery

PASTOR'S REPORT

This past summer Jane Arndt graciously hosted a series of luncheons at her home. These luncheons allowed me to meet and get to know a number of people at Huff's Church. I greatly appreciate Jane's hospitality and organizing skills for making these luncheons a reality. And I also enjoyed the conversations and food we all shared at each luncheon. Thank you to everyone who participated. Apologies to those at the luncheon in July that I wasn't able to attend.

Breaking bread with people in the church in a relaxed and informal atmosphere is something I enjoy and look forward to. At the first congregation I served, a group of women held a weekly luncheon at one of their homes. My learning curve was sharp, as this was my first experience serving as a pastor.

I asked to be included in these weekly gatherings and they extended their hospitality to me. I was able to get to know each of them much better. Each week I learned who needed to be visited since they were on top of this. And I was able to become closely in tune with the pulse of that local church. The hospitality of these women really shaped my early ministry.

Therefore, I was excited when I heard that Tom Mitchell is now organizing a monthly "Lunch Bunch." This will take place on Third Thursdays at 12 noon. Contact Tom at 610. 906. 2823 to reserve your seat.

The October 2023 Lunch Bunch will be at PC's Pub in Pennsburg on Thursday, October 19 at 12 noon. I encourage you to attend for the fellowship, as well as the food. And I look forward to seeing you there. – Pastor John

OCTOBER'S SPECIAL OFFERING

The special offering for the month of October is the UCC Neighbors in Need, which supports a variety of projects throughout the United States, including the Council for American Indian Ministry. You may give through your marked pew envelope or use a special envelope found in the pew racks.

WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

All Services are in the Sanctuary

Oct 1 - 10:30 a.m. World Wide Communion

Oct. 8 - 10:30 a.m.

Oct.15 - 10:30 a.m.

Oct. 22 - 10:30 a.m.

Oct. 29 - 10:30 a.m.

Worship Services are recorded and posted the following week on www.huffschurch.com or Facebook: Huff's Union Church.

LUNCH BUNCH

All are welcome to Lunch Bunch on Thursday, October 19, at 12 Noon at PC's Pub, 468 Pottstown Ave., Pottstown, PA. Members and friends of Huff's Church are welcome to join us for a monthly lunch (we choose and purchase our own lunches from the regular menu) and a lot of good fellowship and laughter. We are planning to gather monthly on the third Thursday at different restaurants in the area. With restaurant staff shortages, we want to provide a head count so restaurants kind enough to host us can plan ahead. **If you would like to come to lunch, call or text Tom Mitchell by Sunday, October 15, email dilligas1213@gmail.com.**

MUSIC IN THE BIBLE

A W M L U F Y O J T T G N O S
F U H L D D A U D R N I S L E
Y P A P A M Y A U F G E A Y L
G S R N W S N M F H B B M M A
N A O R N C P D S B M D O A H
I L B T E E C C V Y F A L E L
V T E P T X U V C H M V S R M
I E D W H Y H R W E D I G X N
G R E J O I C E H S A D Z S M
S Y U T Z M R Y V R Y E P I P
K H A R P E M I P T A B R E T
N O Q R Y N L E R B M I T Y V
A C W A C O R N E T A I Z L X
H J R W Y C I S U M F L U T E
T P P A L C X N R O H S M A R

WORDS FOR MUSIC IN THE BIBLE

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|----------------|---------------------|
| CLAP | PIPE |
| CORNET | PRAISE |
| CYMBALS | PRAYER |
| DANCE | PSALM |
| DAVID | PSALTERY |
| DEBORAH | RAM'S HORN |
| FLUTE | REJOICE |
| HARP | SELAH |
| HYMN | SONG |
| JOYFUL | TABRET |
| LAMENT | THANKSGIVING |
| MIRIAM | TIMBREL |
| MUSIC | TRUMPET |

Financial Report

| | YTD Actual | YTD Budget | Variance |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------|
| Giving | 122,069 | 107,627 | 14,443 |
| All other income | 32,302 | 24,133 | 8,169 |
| Total income | 154,372 | 131,760 | 22,612 |
| Expenses | 215,240 | 234,969 | (19,730) |
| Operating income (loss) | (60,868) | (103,209) | 42,341 |
| Capital expenditures | (15,650) | (53,333) | 37,683 |
| Transfers from Investments | 100,000 | 153,963 | (53,963) |
| Net income (loss) | 23,482 | (2,580) | 26,062 |

| | 8/31/23 | 7/31/23 | 12/31/22 |
|----------------------|---------|---------|----------|
| Balance Sheet | | | |
| Designated funds | 90,360 | 104,127 | 73,887 |
| General funds | 8,203 | 6,388 | 5,011 |
| Sunday School CDs | 4,389 | 4,389 | 4,385 |
| Total assets (a) | 102,952 | 114,905 | 83,283 |

(a) excludes investments managed by Youngs