

# HUFF'S CHURCH CHATTER



## August 2025

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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**

The first, third and fifth Sunday worship services (August 3, August 17 and August 31) will be held in the sanctuary. The second and fourth Sunday worship services (August 10 and August 24) 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 country and blue grass music at the 10:30 Worship Service in the Park on:



**August 10 with Keith Brintzenhoff**

## **BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

The next Bible Study Group meeting will be held on Saturday, August 2, at 10:30 a.m. in the chapel. Call Lea Kline at 610-845-8431 with questions.

## **HUFFS CHURCH AUXILIARY MEETING**

The next meeting of the Huff's Church Auxiliary is scheduled for Monday, August 4, 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.

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

Friend, Inc. will bring a truck on Thursday, August 7, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. to Huff's Church parking lot for food distribution to those in need. If you can volunteer (age 12 and older) to carry items to vehicles, contact Tom Mitchell at 610-906-2823.

## **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

Council will meet in the lower level of the church on Monday, August 11, at 7:00 p.m. Contact the Council President for Zoom link.

## **LUNCH BUNCH**

Members and friends of Huff's are welcome to join us for lunch on Thursday, August 21, at 12:00 Noon, at Bally Family Diner (formerly "Pied Piper") 1605 PA Route 100, Barto, PA. We choose and purchase our own lunches. If you would like to come to Lunch Bunch, call or text Tom Mitchell by Sunday, August 17, at (610) 906-2823 or email [dilligas1213@gmail.com](mailto:dilligas1213@gmail.com).

## **HARVEST HOME**

**September 14** will be our annual Harvest Home Sunday. This is a time when we can celebrate our blessings in the form of food, especially bountiful produce provided by local gardens.

Please bring something that day that can be given to the **Food Pantry**. If you have an abundance of home-grown food, like fresh vegetables or fruits that you would be willing to share, that would be wonderful. We will also accept canned or boxed goods if you are able to provide those instead. This is a nice local outreach for our congregation as it shares its many blessings with those in need.

## PASTOR MIKE'S ARTICLE

I can't believe we're already preparing the August newsletter. Every year, it seems as if time passes more and more quickly. I feel like just yesterday we were planning for all of our summer events (VBS, musical guests, picnics, volleyball, etc.) and now we're already thinking about the kids going back to school. Sometimes it can get a little overwhelming how quickly everything seems to change. The months fly by. The weather goes from 90 degrees and sunny to devastating storms in minutes. That little kid running half-naked through the house is now a teenager heading off to his part-time job. Can't we all just slow down and keep things the same for a while?

Unfortunately, life doesn't work that way. The world keeps spinning. The days keep passing by. And, as much as we'd like to hold onto our children's childhoods as long as possible, they too will grow up and move on. We do have one constant though. God is an ever-faithful, unchanging presence who is always there when we call on Him; always watching, and loving, and ready to provide comfort when we're ready to receive it. When life moves too quickly and you are feeling overwhelmed, remember that Jesus is our steadfast rock and our redeemer. *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. (Heb. 13:8) Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O Lord, upon those who wait for your steadfast love. (Psalm 33:18) Let them give thanks to you, Lord, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people. (Psalm 107:8)*

## PICKLED RED BEETS

The Auxiliary Committee pickled and canned red beets in May. Thanks to all who helped! The beets are available for sale following church services or during summer events like picnics. Quart jars cost \$8.00 and pints cost \$5.00.

We only make these once a year, so get them while they last! (Please write out checks to Huffs Union Church.) We reuse the jars from year to year, so please return them, especially quart size, when you are done with them.

## CHURCH FAMILY

### 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.



#### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Jean Britton	8/10
Marvin Diehl	8/12
Ruth Acker	8/17
Phillip Leaser	8/19
Joyce Kemp	8/29
Kay Kriebel	8/29

#### AUGUST WEDDINGS

Paul & Nancy Meitzler	8/8
Danny & Lynne Beitler	8/9
Charles & Carol Zwayer	8/15
Robert & Sue Stockdale	8/21
Joseph & Connie Szilli	8/29



## **HUFF’S CHURCH COMMUNITY PICNIC - AUGUST 16**

Some people have asked, aren’t we having a pig roast this year like we’ve had for the last several years? The short answer is “No”. The longer answer is that, although many people enjoyed the pig roast, attendance and sales haven’t been as expected in the last two years. At the same time, many people have been asking for our church to have more than one picnic each summer, as they reminisce about pre-covid days. So, the Auxiliary Committee decided to change the pig roast into a picnic this year. Therefore, we can look forward to enjoying a second picnic in the park on **Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**. This will be another Community Picnic where everyone is welcome to attend. Food will be on sale 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and “The Regen Church Band” will entertain the crowd from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. For those who love Lennilea Farm’s corn on the cob, it will be an addition to the menu at this picnic. And of course we’ll have homemade baked goods, the cake walk, and kids’ games, as usual. Please plan on joining us for some good food, free entertainment, and lots of fellowship on **Saturday, August 16!**

## **VILLAGE VOLLEYBALL CONTINUES IN AUGUST**

On Wednesday evenings in August, Huff’s is still inviting its members and the community to come to the park to play recreational volleyball from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Any age or ability is welcomed, so please come out to join the fun! However, when we have had rain that makes it too wet to use the field where volleyball is played, we have been setting up some lawn games instead, like cornhole and ladder ball. Remember, the GaGa ball pit is also set up, which is a popular activity for kids, tweens and teens! (and that is usually not too wet to use)

Pastor Mike has been coming to this and would love to meet and get to know more church members and community folks. This is also an opportunity for us to get to know him better. So please plan to join us for an evening of fun activity on Wednesday nights.



## **SENIOR CHOIR / BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS**

If you enjoy music, consider being part of Huff's Church music

ministry on the Senior Choir and/or Handbell Choir.

Senior Choir rehearsals begin on Tuesday, September 9th at 6:00 p.m. and Handbell Choir begins on Tuesday, September 9th with set-up at 7:15 p.m. to be ready to play at 7:30 p.m.

Our music director Kathy Anthony is usually available after Sunday Worship Services to talk with anyone interested in joining either choirs or both.

## **AUGUST SPECIAL OFFERING**

In August, we support the Huff's Church Mission and Ministry. Use a pew envelope or mail a contribution marked Huff's Church Mission and Ministry. On the envelope include your name and address with your donation.

## **SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Our committee continues its efforts to find a new pastor. We are actively considering four candidates, however because three of them are recent submissions, our reviews related to them are in the early stages.

Recently, some church members have expressed concern about how long this process has been taking. In the original report in the Chatter, we highlighted that this process is not a "race", but one that requires thoughtful deliberation and prayer so we select the right person to lead and guide our church for the future. We ask for your continued prayers for God's guidance as we pursue this process.

Submitted on behalf of Search Committee by Aurel Arndt.

# Financial Report

Giving for operating expenses

All other income

Total income

Expenses

**Operating deficit**

Giving for capital improvements

Estate gift

Capital expenditures

Transfers from Investments

Net change in cash

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Giving for operating expenses	80,883	83,622	(2,739)
All other income	19,405	18,775	630
Total income	100,288	102,397	(2,109)
Expenses	119,525	148,378	(28,853)
<b>Operating deficit</b>	<b>(19,237)</b>	<b>(45,981)</b>	<b>26,744</b>
Giving for capital improvements	136	1,500	(1,364)
Estate gift	14,250	13,500	750
Capital expenditures	-	(50,000)	50,000
Transfers from Investments	50,000	80,981	(30,981)
Net change in cash	45,149	-	45,149

## Balance Sheet

Designated funds

General funds

Total assets (a)

	6/30/25	5/31/25	12/31/24
Designated funds	117,505	119,080	93,454
General funds	3,310	7,136	1,478
Total assets (a)	120,815	126,216	94,931

(a) excludes investments managed by Tiller

