

HUFF'S CHURCH CHATTER



April 2026

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Facebook Group Page: Huff's Union Church Member Group
(Request to join and we will add you to this group.)

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.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Palm Sunday, March 29, at 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 2, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Peter's

Good Friday, April 3, at 12:00 Noon at Huff's

Easter Sunday, April 5 at 10:30 a.m. Come join us as we celebrate Christ's Resurrection with Holy Communion.

THE EASTER STORY EGG HUNT

The annual Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 28, at 11:00 a.m. - Rain or Shine.

Families with children of all ages are welcome to our Easter Story Egg Hunt. We will gather in Huff's Church Park to hear the story of Jesus' week before Easter, and children will make a craft to take along. Then hunt for eggs! If it is too wet or stormy that morning, everything will be moved into the Church.

FOOD TRUCK AT HUFF'S

Friend, Inc. will bring a truck on Thursday, April 2, 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 to carry items to vehicles, contact Tom Mitchell.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Council will meet in the lower level of the church on Monday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m. Contact the Council President or Ministry Assistant for Zoom link.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The next Bible Study Group meeting will be held on Saturday, April 11, at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel. Call Lea Kline with questions.

LUNCH BUNCH

Members and friends of Huff's are welcome to join us for lunch on Thursday, April 16, at 11:45 a.m., at New Pennsburg Diner, 321 Pottstown Avenue, Pennsburg, PA. We choose and purchase our own lunches. If you would like to come to Lunch Bunch, call or text Tom Mitchell by Sunday, April 12, at (610).

SEED BASKET

Our Annual Seed Basket will be placed in the upper Narthex until Sunday, March 29. Collected seeds will be donated to St. Vincent's Mission in David, Kentucky. Their planting season begins earlier than ours, and most of the families have gardens to help supply their need for fresh vegetables. Thank you for your support.

PASTOR'S REPORT

HOLY DAY

He is risen! He is risen indeed! For many Christians, their highest holy day is Christmas in celebration of the birth of Jesus. But for many others, it is Easter, which we celebrate this year on the first Sunday of April. As incredible as it is that God became incarnate and walked the earth as a human being, it is even more incredible that he allowed himself, in that body, to suffer and die in order that we might live. Yet that is not the end of the story, but just the beginning. Because three days after his crucifixion, Jesus rose from the dead and, through his resurrection, utterly tore the veil that separates life and death. He secured for us a victory that was unachievable on our own. God provided a path to eternal life in heaven. So shout "Hallelujah!", not just on Easter, but every day in recognition of that victory given to us only by the grace of God.

⁵⁵ *O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?*

⁵⁶ *The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.*

⁵⁷ *But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

1 Corinthians 15:55-57 (KJV)

NATIVITY SCENE WORK

As many of you know, our nativity scene was vandalized shortly after the new year. Two figures were damaged beyond repair and have been recreated. The nativity scene figures were made more than 20 years ago and all are in need of repainting. We are trying to find someone who is willing to do the detailed painting work. Paint expenses will be reimbursed with a receipt. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

SENIOR CHOIR AND HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSALS

Senior Choir and Handbell Choir rehearse on Tuesdays. Senior Choir begins at 6:00 p.m. and Handbell Choir sets up at 7:15 p.m. to be ready to play at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested in joining, please speak to Kathy Anthony.

FOOD PANTRY

Because of the generous Souper Bowl donations this February, our scheduled food delivery was moved up one month. A total of 218 items were packed up and delivered to Open Link in Pennsburg.

Open Link operates in two locations. The location on Penn Street has the food pantry and provides services for individuals and families in need of financial, education, food and transportation assistance.

The second location in East Greenville operates the newly-renovated Senior Center which gives area seniors many options for socialization and recreation, as well as a daily community lunch (\$2 suggested donation). Meals on Wheels also operates out of the Center.

Thank you to the congregation for their donations and another thank you to our volunteers who pack and send the items on their way.

Submitted by volunteers: Sue Stockdale, Elvin Keiser, Mike Keiser and Jim Keiser

FOOD PANTRY CUPBOARD

Help keep the Food Pantry Cupboard in the lower level of the Church stocked by picking up a few extra items when grocery shopping. Throughout the year, items are delivered to community pantries serving the surrounding area. The Pantry is available to Huff's member families as well. If anyone needs to "shop" at the Cupboard, please contact Pastor Mike to arrange a time to stop at the Church. All requests are private and confidential.

SPONSORING BULLETINS OR FLOWERS

Sign-up sheets for sponsoring flowers or bulletins are posted in the Upper Narthex or contact the church office. The cost for sponsoring Bulletins is \$17 and the cost for Flowers is \$31. More than one bouquet can be ordered for a Sunday. Please sign up with your name and whether this is in memory of or in honor of someone. Payment may be sent to the office or use a pew envelope and mark it bulletin or flower sponsorship.

CONSIDER ELECTRONIC GIVING TO HUFF'S CHURCH



You can set up an automatic regular bank transfer which is convenient for you and saves time and is less costly for the Church than handling offering envelopes and checks. Forms are available in the pews, on the lower level of the Church, or contact the Office. **Use the QR Code** by pointing your cell phone camera on the black and white box and you'll see a website link to tap on which will take you directly to Huff's online donation site. **Online donations** can also be given through the website www.huffschurch.com under the Donate tab and click on "Give now."

UPPER PERKIOMEN HIGH SCHOOL A CHOIR

On Sunday, May 17, Upper Perkiomen High School A Choir, directed by Mark Thomas, will sing during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Come and hear the music of this select choir of students from our area.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School is held every Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the lower level of the Church. All are welcome to drop in any Sunday morning for this time of learning, discussion, and fellowship.

HUFF'S CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICES ONLINE

Worship Services in the Sanctuary are broadcast live on Huff's Union Church YouTube under the *LIVE* tab. Recording of the Service is usually available for replay by 5:00 p.m. under *VIDEO* tab on Huff's Union Church YouTube channel and Facebook pages.

WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Many volunteers are needed to support the worship services every Sunday, including greeters, worship assistants (lay readers), acolytes, operating the camera to record services, ushers to serve communion, communion preparation and cleanup. If you could occasionally assist in any of these ways, email ministry@huffschurch.com or call the office 610-845-2626. Those who assisted in the past will be contacted again to schedule. New volunteers are always welcome!



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & HELPERS NEEDED

The curriculum is easy to use online and designed for a multi-age group including suggestions for telling the Bible Story, crafts, games, etc. Join a team of teachers who sign up to teach one, two, or three months spread out through the year as works best for your schedule. Helpers are also needed to ensure we have 2 adults with PA Child Protection Clearances every Sunday.

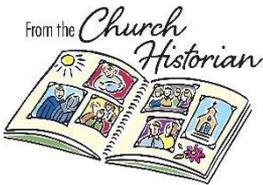
Contact the ministry assistant at ministry@huffschurch.com for more information.

CURRENT CHILD PROTECTION CLEARANCES NEEDED

For the protection of our youth and volunteers, Huff's complies with Pennsylvania Child Abuse regulations. PA State regulation requires volunteers 18 years or older interacting with Huff's youth must have current PA Clearances on record with Huff's Church Office. If you are leading, teaching, or helping with any activity involving interacting with Huffs youth even occasionally, please work with the ministry assistant to provide the required information to obtain new or redo Clearances older than 5 years. Many Clearances are provided free by the State and the Church reimburses any fees that may apply in a few special situations.

SCAMMERS ARE TARGETING CHURCHES

If you receive a text message, email, or Facebook message from someone claiming to be your pastor asking you to reply about something urgent or to purchase gifts cards... don't fall for it. It's not your pastor. It's a scam! Churches all around the country have become targets for scammers to trick members into parting with their cash. Scammers may direct folks to purchase gift cards and then provide the scammer with the gift card numbers so the scammer has immediate access to the money. Or if you reply to an "urgent" vague text or email, you could be linking directly to a scammer. Your pastor or other church leader will never contact you directly with an emergency request for cash or gift cards or send a vague email or text with no info demanding an urgent reply. If you receive a text or email that seems suspicious, don't reply. Contact the pastor, church office, or a church leader directly to verify the message.



HUFF'S CHURCH HISTORY

In an effort to connect our congregation to the works of members past, I plan to periodically present a Huff's History Minute on Sundays prior to the announcements before the service. I'm thinking a "Minute" four or five times a year feels about right. On Sunday March 8, I started with a minute on our 1850's Krauss organ. The music it provides now is stunningly beautiful. To think that it did that with someone at the bellows to provide airflow to the 557 pine, walnut, zinc, tin and brass pipes sealed with leather gaskets for 70 years prior to our church installing electricity in the 1920's is amazing. Conveying that amazement in short stories is what I will try to learn to do. I have ideas for future topics like our bell, our steeple, the Ladies Aid Society and the cornerstone laying. Stay tuned for short things to come. Submitted by Scott Swackhamer

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.

MEMORIALS:

In Memory of Barbara Kline:

Patricia Crossley

Joseph & Connie Szilli

Robert & Sue Stockdale

Gary & Brenda Kline



Westley Hollister Farson, son of Jordan & Megan Farson, was baptized on Sunday, March 1, 2026.

Owen Matthew Lunney, son of Lauren Kring and Patrick Lunney, was baptized on Sunday, March 1, 2026.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Pauline Strunk 4/19

Jane Geisinger 4/29



APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Eugene & Sherry Bardo 4/6

Raymond & Linda Lorish 4/22

DO YOU FOLLOW HUFF'S CHURCH ON FACEBOOK?

Huff's has two Facebook pages, a Members Group page (*Huff's Union Church Member Group*), and a public page (*Huff's Union Church Inc*). We post upcoming events and announcements on these pages several times per week. You can 'share' posts from our public page. 'Like' our public page or request to 'join' the Member Group page.

DO YOU RECEIVE THE WEEKLY EBLAST EMAIL?

The eBlast can be delivered to your inbox every Thursday. In it you will find a quick reference of the important events going on here at Huff's Church. If you'd like to be added to our weekly eBlast list, please email the Ministry Assistant at ministry@huffschurch.com and ask to be added to the list.

REMOVING FLOWERS FROM THE CEMETERY

Huffs Union Cemetery Committee is requesting all Winter and Christmas floral arrangements be removed from the cemeteries by March 29.

MOWERS NEEDED

Part Time Mowing Job: We are looking for part-time mowers to mow and string trim the church lawn, park, and cemeteries. At least 18 years old, male or female, 10-15 flexible hours per week. All equipment/fuel provided. If interested, email or call the church office.

CHURCH CALENDAR LINK

To stay up to date on Church events, check out the following link for the Church calendar on our website: www.huffschurch.com/calendar.

YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Please remember that it is helpful for us to have your correct contact information. If you have changed your phone number, mailing address, or e-mail address, please let us know by contacting the church office.

UPDATING OUR LIST OF HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

If you know of a church member who is no longer able to get to church, please call the office to have that person added to our Homebound List. For the sake of confidentiality, we no longer publicize our homebound list in the newsletter. However, if you'd like to have a copy, contact the church office.

OYSTER PIE SALE

The Oyster Pie Sale Fundraiser is Saturday, April 25, with pick-up between 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon in the lower level of the chapel. Cost is \$9.00. Orders are due by Monday, April 13. The order form will be on the table outside the Sanctuary or you can call the church office.

Oyster Pie making dates are: Thursday: April 23, Friday, April 24, and Saturday, April 25. We can always use help making oyster pies:



Thursday, 6:00 p.m., Make pie crust crumbs.

Friday, 9:00 a.m., Peel and cut potatoes
(sit down job).

Friday, 6:00 p.m., Make pie crusts and put
into pans.

Saturday, 7:00 a.m., Assemble pies and bag.

Come for all or part of the time. If you like, bring a snack to share. If you are new to Huff's, or want to bring a friend, this is a great way to get to know our folks while they work on one of our big fund-raising projects. No experience is needed.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONGREGATION MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Huff's Union Church Inc. will be held on Sunday, April 19, 2026 within the 10:30a.m. worship service with a second date of April 26, 2026.

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 26, 2026, within the 10:30a.m. Worship Service. Those Active Members who attend the meeting on April 26, shall constitute a quorum and are authorized to act on these matters even if less than 50 are in attendance. If the voting is done on April 19, then the April 26 meeting will not be held.

Any Huff's Church Active Member may vote including our confirmed teenagers. Although in person attendance is encouraged, contact the Church office by Noon on Tuesday April 14 for Zoom link information if needed. Bylaws do not allow for absentee or proxy voting.

The agenda for the meeting will be the following:

*To vote on acceptance of the 2025 Annual Report that details the ways Huff's Union Church has done ministry and mission in 2025. Majority approval by those who vote is required. By April 5, the 2025 Annual Report will be available on Huff's Church website www.huffschurch.com, in the eBlast, 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).

*Nomination and election to fill open Council member position

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 Tess Woloszanski

Active (voting) Membership is maintained by having either communion or a contribution on record with this Congregation during past 24 months. Simply complete a communion card once/year (call the Office if you commune with the online Huff's Church Service) and/or contribute in an envelope marked with your name and address or contact the office to set up electronic giving. Communion cards are completed for those receiving home communion. Other special needs or concerns, contact the Office.

Financial Report

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Giving for operating expenses	20,844	28,469	(7,625)
All other income	3,990	4,069	(80)
Total income	24,833	32,538	(7,705)
Expenses	55,809	57,681	(1,872)
Operating deficit	(30,976)	(25,143)	(5,833)
Giving for capital improvements	45	250	(205)
Estate gift	14,678	14,250	428
Capital expenditures	(14,000)	(23,000)	9,000
Transfers from Investments	25,000	33,643	(8,643)
Net change in cash	(5,253)	-	(5,253)

Balance Sheet	2/28/26	1/31/26	12/31/25
Designated funds	65,644	75,596	78,665
General funds	1,303	1,940	5,198
Total assets (a)	66,947	77,537	83,863

(a) excludes investments managed by Tiller