

# HUFF'S CHURCH CHATTER



**AUGUST 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.**

## **SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE**

**1st and 3rd Sundays - 10:30 a.m. Service in Sanctuary**  
August 6 and 20

**2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays - 10:30 a.m. Service In Park\***  
August 13 and 27

*\*Inclement weather - park service moves to church building.*

In the Park, you may use bandshell benches or bring your own lawn chairs to set up under the bandshell or on the lawn. You may also listen to the service on your car radio in the park.

## **VILLAGE VOLLEYBALL**

Come out for fun games of Volleyball or Gaga Ball from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of August: August 2 and August 16.

Everyone is welcome - this means all ages and abilities!

A sign-up sheet for volunteers to host the games is on the lower level bulletin board or call Tess.

As a host, you will need to open the bathrooms, get out the balls, and set-up a water cooler. And then, of course, welcome the players!

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)**

VBS will begin July 31 and end on August 4 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Planned program activities will end at 8:00 p.m. so families with younger children may leave. From 8:00-8:30 p.m. there will be a time for snacks and monitored free play in the park. Our 2023 VBS is coordinated by Melissa Benfield along with a great supporting group of staff and helpers. If you would like to help in any way or have questions, contact Melissa by email: [mabenfield429@gmail.com](mailto:mabenfield429@gmail.com). We are in need of volunteers!

## **GLORIA ADAMS RETIREMENT**

After 40 years of faithful service in music ministry at Huff's Union Church, Gloria Adams has tendered her letter of retirement, effective Sunday, September 10, 2023. We are planning a covered dish meal (with a special cake) following the 10:30 worship service on that date to show our appreciation to her. Please plan on joining us for this special day!

If you would like to contribute to a gift for Gloria's retirement, please put money or a check (made out to Theresa Woloszanski) in an envelope and mark it with your name and "Retirement Gift." You may drop the envelope in the offering plate, give it to Martin Kriebel or Tess, or mail it to Tess at 738 Topton Road, Kutztown, PA 19530. We will collect donations until September 3.

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

Friend, Inc. will bring a truck on Thursday, August 3, 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.

## **HUFFS CHURCH AUXILIARY MEETING**

The next meeting of the Huff's Church Auxiliary is scheduled for Monday, August 7, 2023, 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 FOR AUGUST**

The special offering for August is our own congregation's mission and ministry. Please pray for our outreach into our community and for our ability to help people connect to God's loving presence through the Holy Spirit. Please continue to support us as we try to live out Christ's call to love God with our heart, mind, soul and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

# 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.



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| 8/4 - Patricia Zentner | 8/10 - Jean Britton |
| 8/12 - Marvin Diehl    | 8/17 - Ruth Acker   |
| 8/19 - Phillip Leeser  | 8/22 - Fern Hoffman |
| 8/29 - Joyce Kemp      | 8/29 - Kay Kriebel  |

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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| 8/8 - Paul & Nancy Meitzler      |
| 8/15 - Charles & Carol Zwoyer    |
| 8/19 - Alfred & Christine Henson |
| 8/21 - Robert & Susan Stockdale  |
| 8/29 - Joseph & Connie Szilli    |



*Another Year  
Together*



*United in Marriage*

## WEDDING

Clay Swackhamer and Anna Hayes were united in marriage on Saturday, June 24, 2023.



### **New Members**

Welcome to Debra Anne Romig who joined the church on Sunday, July 9, 2023.

Welcome to Stephen Edward Kalis who joined the church on Sunday, July 9, 2023.

Welcome to Trip Seton Kalis who joined the church on Sunday, July 9, 2023.



God's blessing on Austin Matthew Lorish, son of Matthew & Stephanie Lorish, baptized on Sunday, June 25, 2023.

God's blessing on Remington Jayce Levensgood, son of Ryan & Lyndsay Levensgood, baptized on Sunday, July 16, 2023.

### **FUNERAL**

Please pray for the family and friends of Richard Muth, Jr. who passed away on July 7, 2023.



## PIG ROAST AND HOEDOWN

Huffs Union Church is having a pig roast fundraiser and hoedown in the park **on Saturday, August 19, 2023**. We will be offering meals that include a pulled pork sandwich, an ear of corn, coleslaw, a drink and a dessert **from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.** The cost of each meal is \$12 and can be enjoyed in our lovely park or taken out.

Keith Brintzenhoff will be calling the hoedown under the band pavilion **from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

Tickets for the meal can be purchased ahead of time from Tess Woloszanski, Lisa Kauffman or Matt Schantz, or call the church office at 610-845-2626 to arrange a purchase. They can also be bought on the day of the event on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you would like to help with preparing food on August 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>, please contact Tess at [tess314@windstream.net](mailto:tess314@windstream.net).

**THIS IS A RAIN OR SHINE EVENT.**



## **PASTOR'S ARTICLE**

### **What Pastor John is reading this month:**

The focus of my reading this month has been on Volunteer Motivation. Specifically, I have been learning more about Self-Determination Theory (SDT). SDT is a theory of motivation. It holds that all of us have three key psychological needs: autonomy, competence, and relatedness.

Autonomy is the sense that one has choice and willingly endorses one's behavior. Competence is the experience of mastery and being effective in one's activity. Relatedness is the need to feel connected and a sense of belonging with others. Theologically these are free will (autonomy), gifts (competence), and community (relatedness).

SDT helps us understand the importance of connecting people to their God-given gifts and passion for ministry. It underscores strong volunteer member involvement and helps us see why empowering discipleship through service is critical for involving youth and young adults in the church.

See:

Why We Do What We Do. Edward Deci, Penguin Books, 1996. (Book).

[www.verywellmind.com/what-is-self-determination-theory-2795387](http://www.verywellmind.com/what-is-self-determination-theory-2795387)

<https://positivepsychology.com/self-determination-theory>

# Financial Report

	YTD		
	Actual	Budget	Variance
Giving	93,282	81,270	12,012
All other income	21,336	15,475	5,861
Total income	114,618	96,745	17,873
Expenses	163,627	177,093	(13,465)
Operating income (loss)	(49,010)	(80,348)	31,338
Capital expenditures	-	(40,000)	40,000
Transfers from Investments	75,000	115,472	(40,472)
Net income (loss)	25,990	(4,876)	30,866

	6/30/23	5/31/23	12/31/22
<b>Balance Sheet</b>			
Designated funds	99,231	68,145	73,887
General funds	7,790	3,881	5,011
Sunday School CDs	4,389	4,389	4,385
Total assets (a)	111,410	76,415	83,283

(a) excludes investments managed by Youngs