

HUFF'S CHURCH CHATTER

OCTOBER 2022



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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of Huff's Union Church, desiring to be blessed together with Word and Sacrament and to become evermore the Body of Christ in our world, do hereby commit ourselves to a ministry which includes increasingly meaningful worship, creative Christian Education, intentional witnessing, dedicated service, and responsible support.

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 2, 2022.

FRIEND, INC. FOOD TRUCK AT HUFF'S

Friend Inc. food distribution in Huff's Church parking lot on Thursday, October 6, 2022, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. If you can volunteer (age 12 and older) any month to carry items from the Food Truck to vehicles, contact Tom Mitchell.



OYSTER PIE SALE

Oyster pie sale will be held on **Saturday, October 22, 2022**, with pick-up between 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon in the lower level of the chapel. Orders are due by Sunday, October 9, 2022. Cost is \$8.00.

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 20th at 6:00 p.m.** - Make pie crust crumbs. (This is an easy job of mixing Crisco into flour.)
- **Friday, October 21st at 9:00 a.m.** - Peel and dice potatoes. (This is a sit-down job.)
- **Friday, October 21st at 6:00 p.m.** - Make pie crusts and place the bottom crust in the pie tins.
- **Saturday, October 22nd 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. Confirmation

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.

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.

THANK YOU NOTE RECEIVED

From: Daniel Norris, Oystein Norris & our cat "Titter"

To: Huff's Union Church Members

I hope you are enjoying this Labor Day Monday. I just wanted to reach out to you and say "Thank You so much for helping my son and I during this hardship we have faced." We are so grateful that Huffs Church has given us food and other useful things at the food drive. I truly am grateful for this and I honestly want to give back once I am able to and get things back to normal for my son and I. I believe in the full circle.

God Bless you all at Huffs Church.... In Jesus name we pray, our savior and everlasting life and to all you wonderful folks. Amen

Thank You so much,

Daniel & Oystein Norris

BIBLE STUDY GROUP



The Bible Study Group will meet on Saturday, October 1, 2022, in the Church at 10:30 a.m. 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.

HUFF'S CHURCH AUXILIARY

The next meeting of the Huff's Church Auxiliary will be held on Monday, November 7, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to be part of this ministry of Huff's Church!

PASTOR'S ARTICLE

THE WAY OF LOVE

The Way of Love is a spiritual journey to help us practice our faith as followers of Jesus Christ. It involves seven movements that lead us deeper into faithful practice. These seven movements are: Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, and Rest. We will be going over each of these seven movements during worship in the weeks ahead.

TURN: Like the first disciples, we are called by Jesus to follow Jesus' Way of Love. With God's help, we turn from the powers of sin, hatred, fear, injustice, and oppression. Turning is more than just asking God's help to do better. Turning involves discovering what at our core is making it difficult for us to do better. Turn is the first movement because it reorients to be headed in the right direction.

LEARN: By reading and reflecting on the life and teachings of Jesus, and on Scripture in general, we draw near to God and God's word dwells in us. When we open our minds and hearts to Jesus and to the Scriptures, we learn to see God's story and God's activity in everyday life.

PRAY: Jesus teaches us to come before God with open and humble hearts. In prayer we boldly offer our thanksgivings and concerns to God. When we pray we invite and dwell in God's loving presence, simply listening for God's voice in our lives and in the world.

WORSHIP: When we worship, we gather with others before God. We hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. As we break bread, our eyes are opened to the presence of Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we are made one body, the body of Christ sent forth to live the Way of Love.

BLESS: Jesus called his disciples to give, forgive, teach, reach, and heal in his name. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to bless everyone we meet, practice generosity and compassion, and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. We can share our stories of blessing and invite others to the Way of Love.

GO: Jesus sends us beyond our circles and comfort, to witness to the love, justice, and truth of God with our lips and with our lives. We go to listen with humility and to join God in healing a hurting world. We go to become Beloved Community, a people reconciled in love with God and one another.

REST: Receive the gift of God's grace, peace and restoration. By resting we put our trust in God.

Submitted by Rev. John S. Steitz

BIBLE NAMES FROM OLD & NEW TESTAMENT

All words listed below are in the puzzle—left, right, up, down or diagonally.

Aaron	Abigail	Abraham	Adam
Bathsheba	Caleb	Daniel	David
Elijah	Elisha	Esther	Gideon
Goliath	Jeremiah	Jethro	Job
John	Jonah	Joshua	Josiah
Judah	Judas	Lazarus	Leah
Mark	Mathias	Matthew	Miriam
Moses	Naomi	Noah	Paul
Peter	Philip	Rebekah	Rueben
Ruth	Samson	Sardis	Solomon
Stephen	Thomas	Timothy	Titus
Zacchaeus	Zipporah		



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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 your name.



BIRTHDAYS:

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| Marian Weller | - 10/4 |
| Richard Fenstermacher | - 10/8 |
| Katie Danner | - 10/12 |
| Carolyn Drasher | - 10/17 |
| Jean Adam | - 10/23 |
| Gloria Erb | - 10/23 |
| Paul Meitzler | - 10/26 |



ANNIVERSARIES:

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| Carl & Carolyn Drasher | - 10/7 |
| Christopher & Lisa Allen | - 10/16 |
| Neil & Diane Gery | - 10/28 |

WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

All Services are in the Sanctuary

Oct 2. - World Wide Communion

Second date for Congregation Meeting if needed

No 8:30 a.m. Worship Service held on date of a Congregation Meeting; however, if the Meeting agenda and voting is completed on September 25, then we will have regular worship service schedule on October 2 at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Oct. 9 - 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Oct.16 - 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Oct. 23 - 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Oct. 31 - 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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

CHANGE OF TIME FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Beginning on Sunday, October 2, 2022, and continuing thereafter, the 8:00 a.m. worship service will be held at 8:30 a.m.

Church members who attended the 8:00 a.m. worship service on September 18, 2022, approved this change.

THE 31ST ANNUAL NATIONAL OBSERVANCE OF CHILDREN'S SABBATH ON OCTOBER 16, 2022

The Children's Sabbath is our expression of shared commitment to listening deeply to the voices of children and youths. This will make a spiritual to our united voice responding with care, action, and advocacy for our children.



For more than three decades the Children's Defense Fund has been working with faith communities to build a movement of care for all children. The Children's Sabbath is a practical way for congregations to advocate for children.

Financial Report

	YTD		Variance	Annual Budget
	Actual	Budget		
Giving	101,831	114,710	(12,879)	175,740
All other income	56,190	44,814	11,376	58,991
Total income	158,022	159,524	(1,502)	234,731
Expenses	202,672	226,715	(24,043)	336,095
Operating income (loss)	(44,650)	(67,191)	22,541	(101,364)
Transfers from Investments	49,500	67,600	(18,100)	101,400
Net income (loss)	4,850	409	4,441	36

	8/31/22	7/31/22	12/31/21
Balance Sheet			
Designated funds	93,330	106,387	116,006
General funds	12,609	17,106	23,251
Sunday School CDs	4,384	4,384	4,379
Total assets (a)	110,322	127,877	143,635

(a) excludes investments managed by Youngs