

HUFF'S CHURCH CHATTER



MAY 2024

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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.



MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

On Sunday, May 26th, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, the Topton American Legion Honor Guard will come to Huff's Church to help in honoring our veterans. Please join us for this special remembrance.

FOOD TRUCK AT HUFF'S

Friend, Inc. will bring a truck on Thursday, May 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 (age 12 and older) to carry items from the Food Truck to vehicles, contact Tom Mitchell.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Bible Study Group will meet on Saturday, May 4, at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel. We will stay to have lunch together from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bring something to share and join us. If you have any questions, call Lea Kline.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

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

HUFFS CHURCH AUXILIARY MEETING

The next meeting of the Huff's Church Auxiliary is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 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.

LUNCH BUNCH

Members and friends of Huff's Church are welcome to join us for lunch on Thursday, May 16, at 12:00 noon at the New Pennsburg Diner, 321 Pottstown Ave., in Pennsburg, PA. This is across the street from the strip mall that includes Weis Markets. We choose and purchase our own lunches from the regular menu. We need a head count so the restaurant can comfortably host us. If you would like to come to Lunch Bunch on May 16, please call or text Tom Mitchell by Sunday, May 12. See you at the New Pennsburg Diner to share a lot of good fellowship and laughter!

SENIOR CHOIR

Huff's Church Senior Choir rehearses Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. Contact Gloria Adams if interested.

WEEKLY EBLAST EMAIL

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

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR MAY

The special offering for May is the UCC Strengthen the Church offering. This offering pays to help train lay and ordained church leaders: 25% remains in the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference and 75% is forwarded to the denominational headquarters for national church use. Special offering envelopes are available in the pews, or mark your envelope "Strengthen the Church" and it will go to support this project. (The envelopes are marked "Invest in the Vision".)

WORSHIP IN THE PARK

We will again offer Worship in the Park during June, July, and August. As before, the first and third Sunday worship will be held in the sanctuary and the second, fourth and fifth Sundays will be held in the park. Our first outdoor worship service will be held on June 9, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.

MAY CLOTHING DRIVE

The Hope Rescue Mission from Reading has asked our church to hold a clothing drive again this year, to benefit those in need. As you do your spring closet cleaning, if you find some gently-used clothing no longer needed or wanted, please consider contributing them to the drive. Look for the collection boxes which will be under the coat rack in May.

JEAN REINERT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Jean Reinert Memorial Scholarship applications are available by calling the church office. Any high school senior who will pursue additional education (vocational training or college) and has remained an active member of Huff's Union Church since confirmation, is welcome to apply. Deadline is June 30 for this \$1,000 scholarship.

**PASTOR’S ARTICLE:
SAFE BERKS**

Safe Berks works to prevent violence and to encourage healthy relationships. They run the domestic violence shelter in Berks County, and staff an emergency hotline: 844 – 789 – SAFE (7233); Text: SAFE BERKS to 20121. Website: www.safeberks.org.

There are a number of ways that we can support the work Safe Berks does. One key program is their Advocate Training. This is about 80 hours and is a major time commitment. The Spring 2024 Safe Berks Advocate Training is online. A 36-hour live online class will take place on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5 pm – 8 pm in May and June. (May 8, May 13, May 15, May 20, May 22, May 29, June 3, June 5, June 10, June 12, June 17, June 20.) In addition, there are about 35 – 40 additional hours of online webinars that are flexible scheduled. Go to the Safe Berks website (www.safeberks.org) for details. The training is free.

This summer there will be two CAMP SAFE BERKS programs for youth. Camp Safe Berks, Jr. for ages 10 – 13 will be held at Alvernia University, July 8 – 12, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm. Camp Safe Berks for ages 13 – 17 will be held at Alvernia University, July 22 – 26, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm.

In addition, I am reaching out to area churches to join in offering two programs this fall: a seven (7) week Healthy Relationships program for youth, and a weekly, ongoing Community Education program for adults.

Finally, I am developing a “family peace team” to work with me on this. If you are interested in promoting healthy relationships and preventing violent relationships, please contact me.

Thank you. Pastor John

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.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Albert Muth	5/11	Eugene Bardo	5/14
Ann Taylor	5/15	Linda Lorish	5/21
Alfred Henson	5/23	Sherry Bardo	5/26

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

5/17	Paul & Jean Adam
5/27	Terry & Darlene Shaner

MEMORIALS:

In Memory of William Reinert

Ruth Acker

PICKLED RED BEET SALE

The Huff's Church Auxiliary Committee will be canning red beets on May 20th and May 21st. If you have pint or quart jars from last year, please bring them to church for us to reuse. If you would like to help with the process of making them, let Tess Woloszanski know.

The pickled beets will be available for sale following church services beginning May 26th, or during summer events like the July picnic. Quart jars will cost \$8 and pints will be \$5,

We will probably only be making these one time this year, so get them while they last! Please write out checks to Huffs Union Church.

Happy Mothers Day



APPRECIATION

BEAUTIFUL
BREAKFAST
CANDY
CHARMING
COMFORT
DEVOTED
FLOWERS
FORGIVING
GIFTS

GUIDANCE
HUGS
JEWELRY
JOY
KISSES
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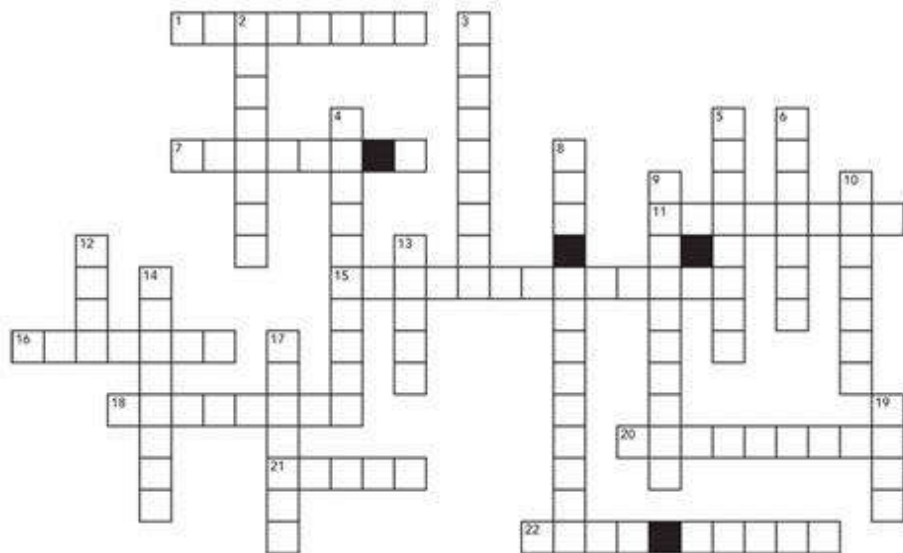
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MOTHER
NURTURE
PERFUME
PROTECTIVE
SHARE
TELEPHONE
TENDER

THE BEST

WARM
WISE

DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

Music Crossword



ACROSS

1. A group of musicians performing together
7. The note C that is near the middle of the piano keyboard. It is notated between the treble and bass staves of the grand staff.
11. The distance in pitch between two notes.
15. To change a composition from one key to another.
16. A rapid fluctuation of pitch slightly higher or lower than the main pitch.
18. A non-amplified or non-electric instrument.
20. An adjustable device that indicates the exact tempo of a piece.
21. The notes than an instrument or voice is capable of creating, from the lowest to highest.
22. A score to a song including only the melody line, chords, and lyrics.

DOWN

2. A song that remains popular through many generations.
3. The notes that embellish a melody.
4. A scale having five tones to the octave. It usually avoids any half steps and corresponds to the notes played on the black keys on the piano.
5. The notes found within a major or minor scale.
6. A note half the length of a half note.
8. The group of sharps or flats that appears at the beginning of a staff which indicate the key.
9. A triad consisting of a root, minor third, and lowered fifth.
10. The result produced when tones are sounded simultaneously.
12. Abbreviation in choral music for soprano, alto, tenor, and bass.
13. A joyous song of praise, usually sung at Christmas time.
14. Short, detached. Indicated by a dot over or under the note.
17. The symbol ♯ that indicates a note is neither sharp nor flat.
19. A unit of measurement of rhythmic time.

Financial Report

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Giving	37,218	44,648	(7,429)
All other income	7,354	6,729	625
Total income	44,572	51,376	(6,805)
Expenses	72,360	78,978	(6,619)
Operating deficit	(27,788)	(27,602)	(186)
Capital expenditures	(35,840)	(60,000)	24,160
Transfers from Investments	37,500	87,602	(50,102)
Net income (loss)	(26,128)	-	(26,128)

Balance Sheet	3/31/24	2/29/24	12/31/23
Designated funds	88,230	105,690	118,828
General funds	2,471	373	7,405
Sunday School CDs	4,478	4,478	4,478
Total assets (a)	95,179	110,541	130,711

(a) excludes investments managed by Tiller

PRAYER PARTNERS

We will be putting prayer partner sign-up sheets in the bulletins on April 8 through May 28. Please fill out and place in the offering plate. Prayer partners pray for one another throughout the year. John Leeser will match people and have the list ready for Sunday, June 10. You may also contact John directly.

Name: _____