

HUFF'S CHURCH CHATTER



JULY 2024

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(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.

SPECIAL MUSIC AT WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE PARK

Invite friends and neighbors to enjoy country and blue grass music at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship services in the Park on July 14 and August 25. If inclement weather, the service will be moved into the sanctuary.

July 14 - Hannah Violet
August 25 - Mike & Linda Hertzog



WORSHIP IN THE PARK

We will offer Worship in the Park during July and August. The first and third Sunday worship services (July 7, July 21, August 4, August 18) will be held in the sanctuary. The second and fourth Sunday worship services (July 14, July 28, August 11, August 25) will be held in the park.



NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR

Kathy Anthony will begin her new position on August 1st. She is an accomplished pianist, singer, and organist with excellent credentials, and has many years of experience as a music director at various churches in the area. We are very fortunate to have Kathy join the staff and look forward to working with her in our music ministry here at Huff's Church.

HONORING OUR 2024 GRADUATES

Maisy Christine Funk

Maisy Christine Funk graduated on May 25, 2024, with High Honors and Medical Distinction from the Perkiomen School in Pennsburg, PA. She has accepted an offer into the six-year Accelerated Doctorate of Physical Therapy Program at Lebanon Valley College in Annville, PA. I've grown to love Maisy like a grandchild through our years attending Huff's Union Church. I wish her the best of luck.

Submitted by Lisa Mohammadein

Haley Gambler

Haley Gambler graduated from Cedar Crest College on May 11, 2024, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. She will begin her career at Lehigh Valley Hospital. Karl & Jennifer Gambler are her parents and Albert & Donna Muth are her grandparents.

Chase Longacre

Chase Longacre graduated from Salem Christian School on June 8, 2024. Jake plans to attend Lehigh Carbon Community College majoring in TV/Media. He then plans to transfer to Lancaster Bible College for his Bachelor's degree. He is the son of Jake & Kerri Longacre.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL IN THE PARK

On Wednesday, July 10, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. we will have a **Free** Ice Cream Social in the park. Please join us for a time of fellowship while enjoying some ice cream. You are welcome to bring a friend along.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for articles to be included in the August Newsletter is Friday, July 12th, by 8:00 a.m.

FOOD TRUCK AT HUFF'S

Due to the July 4th holiday, Friend, Inc. will bring a truck on Thursday, July 11th, 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 for **July** is cancelled. They will meet on **Saturday, August 3, 2024**, at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

There will be **NO** council meeting in July.

HUFFS CHURCH AUXILIARY MEETING

The next meeting of the Huff's Church Auxiliary is scheduled for Monday, July 8, 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.

PICKLED RED BEET SALE

The pickled beets are available for sale following church services and at the July 27th Picnic. Quart jars cost \$8 and pints \$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.



SATURDAY, JULY 27 CHURCH PICNIC

Huffs Union Church is having a **picnic on Saturday, July 27, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** The Majestics will provide the entertainment from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We are in need of many volunteers to assist with food preparation beforehand, and serving food & drink during the event. Two shifts: 3:30-6:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:30 p.m. There is a helper sign-up sheet in the church or contact: Tess Woloszanski or Lisa Kauffman.

Prep work will begin in the Chapel on:

Wednesday, July 24 - 9:00 a.m.

Make Pie Crust Crumbs

Wednesday, July 24 - 11:00 a.m.

Cut Turkey for Barbecue

Thursday, July 25 - 6:00 p.m.

Make pie shells

Friday, July 26 - 7:00 a.m. to Noon

Bake Pies and Prepare Food

Friday, July 26 - 6:00 p.m.

Bag Pies and Wash Dishes

Saturday, July 27 - 7:00 a.m. to Noon

Prepare Food and Prep in park

Baked goods for the cake walk and bake sale are needed and can be brought to the chapel or park on the morning of July 27 or at the beginning of the picnic.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you are available to help. Thank you for volunteering your time!

LUNCH BUNCH

Members and friends of Huff's Church are welcome to join us for lunch on Thursday, July 18th, at 12:00 noon at a new place: Chino's Place, 7567 Chestnut St., Zionsville, PA. Chino's is in the Zionsville Antique Mall, on Routes 100 and 29, between Hereford and Zionsville. We choose and purchase our own lunches from the regular menu. We need a headcount so Chino's can comfortably host us. If you would like to come to Lunch Bunch on July 18th, please call or text Tom Mitchell by Sunday, July 14th. See you at Chino's in Zionsville to share a lot of good fellowship and laughter!



VILLAGE VOLLEYBALL CONTINUES

The Hot Summer weather has arrived and on Wednesday evenings in July and August, Huff's invites its members and the community to come to the park to play recreational volleyball from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Any age or ability is welcomed, so please come out to join the fun!! The GaGa ball pit will also be set up, which is a popular activity for kids, tweens and teens!

We like to have volunteer greeters for this activity to help get out the ball, set up a water cooler, open the bathrooms (if needed), and then, of course, welcome players! The net is already set up. Please sign up on the church bulletin board in the lower narthex, if you can help, or contact Tess Woloszanski. You should have your background checks on file in the office (or get them done and turned in) in case youngsters want to stay without a parent.

PIG ROAST - SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, August 17, 2024, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

CHURCH FAMILY

DEATHS

Please pray for the family and friends of Richard Brensinger, who passed away on May 19.

Please pray for the family and friends of Patricia Zentner, who passed away on May 27.

Please pray for the family and friends of Donald Buss, who passed away on June 8.

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.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/5 - Patricia Crossley	7/6 - Gloria Adams
7/6 - Earl Derr	7/6 - Rita Gracely
7/14 - Paul Adam	7/29 - Marie Bower
7/31 - Shirley Mengel	

PASTOR'S ARTICLE

Practicing The Way

I encourage people to look at the Practicing the Way website (www.practicingtheway.org). All of the resources are free, including an online eight-session series that covers all of the Practicing the Way basics. This looks at practicing the Way of Jesus from an evangelical Protestant perspective.

For a mainline Protestant perspective check out the Practicing Our Faith website (www.practicingourfaith.org). The point of these websites, and the books associated with them, is to help people put their faith into practice.

I've used Practicing Our Faith resources at several congregations in the last twenty years. The Practicing the Way model is more recent. At the core of these models is an understanding that discipleship is a practice. In the words of John Mark Comer, we want to "Be with Jesus," "Become like Jesus," and "Do as Jesus did."



VACATION BIBLE CAMP

It's time for a summer camp adventure with God! At *Camp Firelight Vacation Bible Camp (VBC)*, your children will explore timeless Bible stories that demonstrate how people trusted God in the face of their own fears and went on to do great things in God's name.

Campers will learn ways they can put their trust in God when they are afraid, challenged, or called to do God's work and share the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ.

The students will expand on what they've discovered by making their own art projects at the Craft

Station, singing new songs at the Music Station, exploring the wonders of God's creation at the

Science Station, playing games at the Recreation Station, and enjoying tasty treats at the Snack Station. Along the way, campers will also learn about our mission project.

Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you. Psalm 56:3

Join us at Huff's Church Park July 15-19 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

To register or to find out more about *Camp Firelight VBC*, call or email Melissa Benfield.

Sincerely,

Your Camp Firelight VBC Team

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