

# HUFF'S CHURCH CHATTER



**SEPTEMBER 2024**

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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.**

**ELCA slogan: God's work, our hands.**

## **JEAN REINERT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

On behalf of the Huff's Union Church Scholarship Committee, Maisy Funk and Chase Longacre were awarded the Jean Reinert \$1,000 Memorial Scholarship to further their education.

Maisy has accepted an offer into the six-year Accelerated Doctorate of Physical Therapy Program at Lebanon Valley College in Annville, PA.

Chase 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.

## **PASTOR'S ARTICLE**

### **MEDICAL LEAVE LETTER TO THE CONGREGATION**

Dear Friends,

As you are all aware I have been struggling with health difficulties for some time. It has become clear that I need to take a break from ministry to rest and to focus fully on my health. Therefore, I will be going on a medical leave of absence beginning on August 12th.

This is a difficult decision, a decision that I need to make for my health.

The Executive Committee is actively working with the Lutheran synod and United Church of Christ conference to cover pastoral needs during my medical leave.

I am deeply moved by the love, care, prayers, and patience you have shown me throughout my illness. Truly, this is a community that practices Jesus' Way of love.

I will continue to hold you all in my heart and in my prayers.

Blessings,

Pastor John

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

Friend, Inc. will bring a truck on Thursday, September 5, 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.

## **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

The deadline for articles to be included in the October Newsletter is Friday, September 13, by 8:00 a.m.

## **BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

The Bible Study Group will meet on Saturday, September 7, 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.



## **SENIOR CHOIR AND BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS**

Are you interested in participating in Huff's music ministry with our new Music Director, Kathy Anthony?

Senior Choir will begin rehearsals on a new night, **TUESDAY**, September 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Handbell Choir rehearsals will also begin on Tuesday, September 10. Please begin setting up at 7:15 p.m. and be ready to play at 7:30 p.m.

Both groups will meet weekly on Tuesdays going forward.

This is a great time to start with either or both choirs! If you are interested in joining, please speak to Kathy after worship service on Sundays or call the Office at 610-845-2626.

## **OYSTER PIE SALE**

Our next Oyster Pie Sale Fundraiser is Saturday, October 19, 2024, with pick-up between 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon. Cost is \$9.00. Orders are due by Sunday, October 6. The order form will be on the downstairs bulletin board.

Oyster Pie making dates are: Thursday: October 17, Friday, October 18, and Saturday, October 19. 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 fundraising projects.

## **PICKLED RED BEET SALE**

Pints of pickled red beets are still available at \$5, see Tess Woloszanski or Lisa Kauffman to purchase. Please write out checks to Huffs Union Church.

## **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

Council will meet in the lower level of the church on Monday, September 9, 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 Monday, September 30th, 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, September 19, at 12:00 noon at the Albutis Tavern, 106 South Main St., Albutis, PA. We choose and purchase our own lunches from the regular menu. We need a headcount so the Albutis Tavern, PA. can comfortably host us. If you would like to come to Lunch Bunch on September 19th, please call or text Tom Mitchell by Sunday, September 15th. See you at the Albutis Tavern to share a lot of good fellowship and laughter!

## THANK YOU NOTE

To: Huff's Union Church Scholarship Committee &  
Huff's Union Church Congregation

From: Maisy Funk, 2024 Scholarship Winner

From the bottom of my heart, I wish to thank the Scholarship Committee on selecting me as one of the two Jean Reinert Scholarship Recipients for 2024.

I also want to thank Huff's Church for so many years of incredible opportunities and experiences. Please continue to give these opportunities to kids for years to come.

Thank You,

Maisy Funk

## SANDWICH AND SOUP SALE

Huffs Union Church is again having a sandwich and soup sale on **Wednesday, Oct. 2nd**. Sandwiches need to be ordered ahead of time and are made by R & K Subs. Order forms will be found in the upper and lower narthex of the church as of September 1st. Orders can also be given to Edwina in the church office. The number is 610-845-2626.

There are two order forms for sandwiches:

1. Many choices of subs at \$7.00 each,
2. Many choices of pretzel sandwiches at \$6.00 each.

**Orders are due by Sunday, September 22 and must be paid for ahead of time. Pick-up will be in the lower level of the Chapel between 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on October 2nd.**

If you want to help by collecting orders outside of church, there will be extra order forms available in church or by contacting Tess or Edwina.

There will be two choices of homemade soups:

1. Seafood Chowder (white) at \$10 a quart, and \$6 a pint.
2. Turkey Corn Noodle at \$9 a quart and \$5 a pint.

Please use the order form in the church to order your pints or quarts, or contact Tess or Edwina ahead of time.

Please help support our church and take a yummy meal home with you!

# 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)
<b>Operating deficit</b>	<b>(27,788)</b>	<b>(27,602)</b>	<b>(186)</b>
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

## MUSIC IN THE BIBLE WORDS

Every word listed is contained within the group of letters on the next page. Words can be found in a straight line horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. They may be read either forward or backward.

CLAP	CORNET	CYMBALS
DANCE	DAVID	DEBORAH
FLUTE	HARP	HYMN
JOYFUL	LAMENT	MIRIAM
MUSIC	PIPE	PRAISE
PRAYER	PSALM	PSALTERY
RAM'S HORN	REJOICE	SELAH
SONG	TABRET	THANKSGIVING
TIMBREL	TRUMPET	

## MUSIC IN THE BIBLE PUZZLE

A W M L U F Y O J T T G N O S  
F U H L D D A U D R N I S L E  
Y P A P A M Y A U F G E A Y L  
G S R N W S N M F H B B M M A  
N A O R N C P D S B M D O A H  
I L B T E E C C V Y F A L E L  
V T E P T X U V C H M V S R M  
I E D W H Y H R W E D I G X N  
G R E J O I C E H S A D Z S M  
S Y U T Z M R Y V R Y E P I P  
K H A R P E M I P T A B R E T  
N O Q R Y N L E R B M I T Y V  
A C W A C O R N E T A I Z L X  
H J R W Y C I S U M F L U T E  
T P P A L C X N R O H S M A R

# CHURCH FAMILY

## DEATH:

Pray for the Family & Friends of Jean Norris, who passed away on August 15, 2024.

Pray for the Family & Friends of Victor Peischl, who passed away on August 16, 2024.

## MEMORIALS:

### In Memory of Roy Bitting to the CIF Fund:

Martin & Kay Kriebel

Carl & Carolyn Drasher

Ruth Acker

Lisa Allen

Diane McHugh

Judith Latham

### In Memory of Patricia Zentner to the General Fund

Marcia Rohrbach

## BAPTISM:

Joy to Emersyn Elizabeth Isamoyer, daughter of Conner Isamoyer and Alessandra Mejia, baptized on Sunday, August 4.

## WEDDING:

Congratulations to Paul Giangiacomo and Breanna Watkins on their Wedding on Saturday, August 3, at Huff's Union Church.

## 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.

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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9/6 - Carl Drasher

9/8 - William Moser

9/10 - Ethel Funk

9/23 - Mary Szilli

9/27 - Nancy Hoffman

9/27 - Tom Mitchell

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

9/15 - Jerome & Judith Barnes