

HUFF'S CHURCH CHATTER



OCTOBER 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.

FOLK SONGS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

On Sunday, October 13, there will be a covered dish lunch following the worship service. Then at about 12:30, the talented Keith Brintzenhoff will present an entertaining, educational music program that includes humor and songs from North and Central America, the Caribbean, Europe, and Africa, in multiple languages. He will use many instruments, including a guitar, banjo, and autoharp. Plan on sharing good food, fellowship and free music that day!

BRIDGE PASTOR COMING TO HUFF'S

Church Council and the Executive Committee are pleased to announce Rev. Angelee Benner-Smith as our bridge pastor. Because Pastor John will remain on medical leave through at least the end of the year, Union Council, working with UCC Conference and Lutheran Synod, had decided to search for a bridge pastor to serve Huff's Union Church during his absence. Pastor Benner-Smith was presented to Council via the Executive Committee during a special meeting, at which time she was unanimously approved to become our bridge pastor starting October 1, 2024.

Pastor Benner-Smith's main duties will include preparing and preaching during Sunday worship services, as well as assisting with catechetical class and various other committees and meetings. She will also serve the members of the congregation in times of need, including sick and shut-ins, and serve as pastor for any special circumstances, including funerals, weddings, and baptisms. Further contact information will be shared in the coming weeks, but as always, should a pastoral need arise, please contact the church office.

Pastor Benner-Smith, who lives in Coatesville, PA, comes to Huff's with 35 plus years of pastoral experience. During the interview process, she was able to meet with the Executive Committee and visit our campus. Pastor Benner-Smith has presented herself with an excitement for the role, as well as bringing great ideas to serve Huff's throughout this unique bridge time. We look forward to her meeting and getting to know our members.

Please join us in welcoming the Reverend Angelee Benner-Smith, and we praise God for her willingness to serve Huff's during this time!

SANDWICH AND SOUP SALE

Orders that have been placed for R&K Sandwiches and the Soup Sale can be picked up on **Wednesday, Oct. 2, from 3:30 to 5:00 in the chapel.**

FOOD TRUCK AT HUFF'S

Friend, Inc. will bring a truck on Thursday, October 3, 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 November Newsletter is Friday, October 13, by 8:00 a.m.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Bible Study Group will meet on Saturday, October 5, 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.

OYSTER PIE SALE

The 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 or on the table outside the Sanctuary.

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 Huff's Union Church.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Council will meet in the lower level of the church on Monday, October 14, 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, November 18, 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.

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

A Joyful Noise Offering will be taken on Sundays, October 20 and October 27, to support Friends, Inc. We will have a pail outside the sanctuary door to receive your offering of coins or paper money.

LUNCH BUNCH



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Members and friends of Huff's Church are welcome to join us for lunch on Thursday, October 17, at 12:00 noon at Chino's Place, 7567 Chestnut Street, Zionsville, Pa. Chino's is in the Zionsville Antique Mall, on Routes 29 & 100 between Hereford and Zionsville.

We choose and purchase our own lunches from the regular menu. We need a headcount so Chino's Place can comfortably host us. If you would like to come to Lunch Bunch on October 17, please call or text Tom Mitchell by Sunday, October 13. See you at Chino's Place 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: Chase Longacre, 2024 Scholarship Winner

I would like to express my sincerest gratitude for being selected as a recipient of the Jean Reinert Memorial Scholarship.

I was thrilled to learn that both Maisy and I were being awarded the scholarship and am deeply honored to be one of the chosen. Please accept my heartfelt appreciation for your generous support. I look forward to serving the Lord through Huffs Union Church in the years to come!

Humbly yours,

Chase Longacre

CHURCH FAMILY

MEMORIALS:

In Memory of Patricia Zentner to the General Fund
Andre Fatula

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.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Marian Weller	10/4
Richard Fenstermacher	10/8
Jeanette Hill	10/9
Carolyn Drasher	10/17
Jean Adam	10/23
Gloria Erb	10/23
Paul Meitzler	10/26

OCTOBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

Financial Report

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Giving	107,002	118,582	(11,580)
All other income	54,946	22,973	31,973
Total income	161,948	141,556	20,393
Expenses	200,765	213,615	(12,849)
Operating deficit	(38,817)	(72,059)	33,242
Capital expenditures	(82,765)	(160,000)	77,235
Transfers from Investments	100,000	232,059	(132,059)
Net income (loss)	(21,582)	-	(21,582)

Balance Sheet	8/31/24	7/31/24	12/31/23
Designated funds	91,470	66,868	118,828
General funds	3,648	3,641	7,405
Sunday School CDs	4,607	4,607	4,478
Total assets (a)	99,725	75,116	130,711

(a) excludes investments managed by Tiller