

# HUFF'S CHURCH CHATTER



**AUGUST 2024**

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(request to join and we will add you to this group.)

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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.**

## **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 August 25th. If inclement weather, the service will be moved into the sanctuary.

August 25th - Mike & Linda Hertzog

## **WORSHIP IN THE PARK**

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

## **ICE CREAM SOCIAL IN THE PARK**

On Wednesday, August 14, 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 September Newsletter is Wednesday, August 14, by 8:00 a.m.

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

Friend, Inc. will bring a truck on Thursday, August 1, 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, August 3, 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

## **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

Council will meet in the lower level of the church on Monday, August 12, 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, August 13, 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. 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.

## **LUNCH BUNCH**

Members and friends of Huff's Church are welcome to join us for lunch on Thursday, August 15, at 12:00 noon at PC's Pub, 468 Pottstown Ave, Pennsburg, PA. We choose and purchase our own lunches from the regular menu. We need a headcount so PC's Pub can comfortably host us. If you would like to come to Lunch Bunch on August 15th, please call or text Tom Mitchell by Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. See you at PC's Pub in Pennsburg to share a lot of good fellowship and laughter!

## **FOOD PANTRY NEWS**

At the end of June, the car was loaded with 123 food, cleaning, and personal care items which were delivered to the Men's Rescue Mission in Allentown.

We also learned there is a need from one of our non-profits. Farmers who donate their eggs to Friend, Inc. are in dire need of egg cartons. If you have any to donate, please put them in our food pantry and we will see that the farmers get them.

Thank you to all who share with others in need.

Volunteers: Elvin Keiser, Sue and Bob Stockdale



## **VILLAGE VOLLEYBALL**

Summer is almost gone and this is the last month for playing volleyball on Wednesday evenings. 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.

## **PASTOR'S ARTICLE**

Sunday, August 4, will be the first worship service that our new music director, Kathy Anthony, will be with us. I encourage you to join us.

Inspiring people to be with God and know God better through music is one of Kathy's key goals as a music director. Indeed, I was inspired while listening as she shared her musical gifts during the interview process.

Kathy is a lifelong resident of the Lehigh Valley, where she lives with her husband Howard. Their five young adult children all live nearby. Kathy has been a church music director for more than thirty years, and she teaches at the Community Music School of the Lehigh Valley (<https://cmslv.org>).

# CHURCH FAMILY

## DEATHS:

Family and friends of Roy Bitting, who passed away on July 12, 2024.

## MEMORIALS:

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

Patricia Crossley	Gladys Hontz
Mary Ann Aten	Kurt & Pauline Rohrbach
Kathryn Pherson	Alice J. Bastian
Eleanor Gigler	Shirley Reiss

### **In Memory of Donald Buss to the CIF Fund:**

Joe & Connie Szilli

## 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.

### **BIRTHDAYS MISSED IN THE JUNE & JULY NEWSLETTERS**

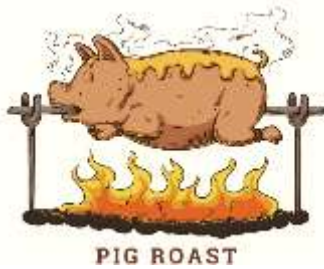
<b>6/23 - Faith Houck</b>	<b>6/30 - Shirley Cressman</b>
<b>7/1 - Mabel Bittenbender</b>	<b>7/9 - Bill Stoudt</b>
<b>7/19 - Charles Zwoyer</b>	

### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Ruth Acker	8/17	Jean Britton	8/10
Marvin Diehl	8/12	Phillip Leeser	8/19
Fern Hoffman	8/22	Joyce Kemp	8/29
Kay Kriebel	8/29		

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

8/8	Paul & Nancy Meitzler
8/15	Charles & Carol Zwoyer
8/21	Robert & Sue Stockdale
8/29	Joseph & Connie Szilli



## **ANNUAL PIG ROAST AT HUFF'S CHURCH PARK**

Huffs Union Church is having a pig roast in the park **on Saturday, August 17, 2024, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.** We will be offering complete meals that include a pulled pork sandwich, ear of corn, coleslaw, a drink and a dessert. The cost of each meal is only \$14 and can be enjoyed right here in our lovely park or taken out.

Tickets for the meal can be purchased ahead of time from Tess Woloszanski, Lisa Kauffman, Matt Schantz, or call the church office at 610-845-2626 to arrange a purchase. Meals can also be bought on the day of the event on a first-come, first-served basis.

We are in need of baked goods to serve as desserts with the pig roast meals. Please bring your desserts the day of the pig roast.

If you would like to help with preparing or serving food that day, please contact Tess.

# 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)

<b>Balance Sheet</b>	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