

HUFF'S CHURCH CHATTER



April, 2021

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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of Huff's Union Church, desiring to be blessed together with Word and Sacrament and to become evermore the Body of Christ in our world, do hereby commit ourselves to a ministry which includes increasingly meaningful worship, creative Christian Education, intentional witnessing, dedicated service, and responsible support.

Making Disciples: Inside and Out. UCC slogan: God is still speaking. ELCA slogan: God's work, our hands.

Jean Reinert Memorial Scholarship

The Jean Reinert Memorial Scholarship information and application is available from the Church office by calling 610-845-2626 or by contacting Michele Boyer Reed at 610-790-3289. 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. The deadline to apply is June 30, 2021, for this \$1,000 scholarship.

Special Offering for April

We invite you to contribute to Huff's Mission and Ministry through our General Fund in the month of April. We appreciate all support you give to our congregation.

“EGG”CELLENT EASTER EVENT AT HUFF’S

CHURCH

SATURDAY MARCH 27 – RAIN OR SHINE

Families with children of all ages are welcome to the “EGG”cellent Easter Event. Choose one of the following ways to discover the real Easter Story and receive a sealed Gift Bag including candy-filled eggs and other gifts.

DROP IN ANYTIME BETWEEN NOON-1:00 P.M.

Kids hunt for a gift bag in the Park

--OR--

DRIVE THROUGH ANYTIME BETWEEN

1:30-2:15 P.M.

Stay in car and receive gift bag from Easter Bunny

This year we will not collect candy donations, but your cash donation towards this modified egg hunt may be dropped in the special Bunny Container at Church or mailed to the Church Office. If you can help to setup or during the event, please call/text

Joanne Benfield at 610-906-2821 or email jobenfield1213@gmail.com

HOLY WEEK SERVICE - GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.

We will have one worship service for Holy Week, which will be on Good Friday, April 2, at 7:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary or on the church parking lot. The service will also be available on-line. This year we will prayerfully hear the Passion of Christ as told to us by the Gospel of Mark. The service will include communion.

CHURCH FAMILY

FUNERALS

Please pray for the family and friends of Robert Reinhard, who passed away on February 23, 2021.

Please pray for the family and friends of Patricia Fenstermacher, who passed away on March 5, 2021.

Please pray for the family and friends of Gladys Reinert, who passed away on March 6, 2021.

BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

We are honoring our members who 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

4/2	-	Barbara Kline	4/8	-	Dolores Schmoyer
4/9	-	Teresa Derr	4/29	-	Jane Geisinger
4/29	-	Jerome Barnes			

Anniversaries

4/6	-	Eugene & Sherry Bardo
4/22	-	Raymond & Linda Lorish
4/30	-	Barry & Rosalie Arndt

PRAYER PARTNERS

If you would like to be a prayer partner (agree to pray for one or two members or families in our congregation for a year), please contact Edwina Fox, at the church office (610) 845-2626 or office@huffschurch.com or contact John Leeser at 610-966-2775 or email birdmanjhl@aol.com. Persons will be matched and the lists will be handed out on April 19th.

CEMETERY FLOWER REMOVAL

Please have ALL flower arrangements and other items removed from grave sites by Monday, April 19, 2021, if you wish to have them. Remaining flowers and items will be removed and discarded on April 21st.

PASTOR BANNERMAN'S ARTICLE

Happy Easter!

This year the image of resurrection brings new meaning, doesn't it? It feels like we have been living in a Good Friday/Holy Saturday time for over a year. There has been so much death and even despair – physically, emotionally, financially and with life in general. It has been a time of waiting, with only a promised hope of a better future to come. Now, maybe, finally, soon, we will be able to return to more in-person contact with our friends and families without risking our health and life. Maybe, before the Summer is out, we'll be able to hug safely again. If we all behave and follow the rules for just a bit longer, we might even be able to sing again together sometime soon.

Anticipation and hope and the promise of new life – this is the basic message of Easter. No matter how badly life might get screwed up, the promise of resurrection restores life and possibilities. No matter how dark or dire the circumstances, God's love will restore us.

As we move into Spring, let us begin to look for signs of new life and new hope. What will ministry look like at Huff's post-covid? What are the lessons we have learned? What have we discovered is core to who we are as a community of faith and what no longer serves us or our mission?

Even as we move slowly back to some sense of normalcy, we recognize that we and the world have changed and been changed by the last year. There are new opportunities to discover as we look to serve our community. There are new ways to be God's church in the world. How will we discern God's mission for us moving forward?

I invite you to take time to reflect on this past year, to look at what has been lost and what has been gained. How have you been changed? We have discovered a new way of doing and being a digital church. What other ways can we move forward into the 21st Century to be God's message of hope to the world?

As we move forward, may this Spring be a time of renewal and hope for you all. Let's plant the seeds of God's love and see what takes root.

Blessings,
Pastor Jennifer

RSVP FOR EASTER SUNDAY

Easter is one of our most important celebrations of the church year. Because of Covid, our service in the Sanctuary is limited to about 75 in attendance. To allow us to plan a service that is safe for all, **we will need to limit those in attendance, and will therefore take reservations for the Easter service this year.**

To RSVP for the service, please call (610-845-2626) or email (office@huffschurch.com) the church office to add your name(s) to the list. We will need your name and how many people in your family/group will be joining you and their names (limited to 8 people per family/group). For those who could not get their names on the list, you may enjoy the broadcasted service on your car radio in the parking lot. You may also want to consider watching our online service with your family at home.

To make maximum use of the available seating, we may have some planned seating so that families/groups are able to sit together. Ushers will be available to assist with seating. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we try to accommodate as many as we can at this time.

We ask that everyone wear masks and socially distance themselves during the services. Please review the Worship Service Guidelines in the newsletter and posted on our web site. Thank you for your help in keeping our worship safe.

Web Page Update

The Huff's Union Church web page Give Now button has been updated to include the ability to use credit and bank cards along with direct withdrawals from your checking account. It is a safe and easy way to contribute to the ministry and mission of our church.

EASTER

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.

APOSTLE	GOSPEL	PILATE
ASCENSION	HE IS RISEN	PRAYER
BARABBAS	JAMES	REBORN
BETRAYAL	JERUSALEM	RESURRECTION
CALVARY	JESUS	SEPULCHRE
CENTURION	JUDAS	SIMON
CROSS	LAST SUPPER	SINS
CROWN OF THORNS	MAGDALENE	SON OF GOD
CRUCIFIXION	MARY	SUNRISE
DISCIPLES	PALM SUNDAY	TEMPLE
DISMAS	PASSOVER	TOMB
EASTER	PETER	

EASTER

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Financial Report

	Feb 2021	YTD		YTD	Annual
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Variance	Budget
Giving	7,014	13,708	29,699	(15,992)	180,845
All other income	361	4,427	933	3,494	47,595
Total income	7,375	18,134	30,632	(12,497)	228,440
Expenses	18,129	40,923	48,987	(8,064)	291,369
Operating income (loss)	(10,754)	(22,789)	(18,355)	(4,433)	(62,929)
Transfers from Investments	5,250	10,500	10,500	-	63,000
Net income (loss)	(5,504)	(12,289)	(7,855)	(4,433)	71

	2/28/21	1/31/21	12/31/20
Balance Sheet			
Designated funds	106,959	107,294	107,283
General funds	3,537	7,657	14,896
Sunday School CDs	4,373	4,373	4,373
Total assets (a)	114,868	119,324	126,552

(a) excludes investments managed by Youngs