

HUFF'S CHURCH CHATTER



OCTOBER 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.

OCTOBER'S SPECIAL OFFERING

The special offering for the month of October is the UCC Neighbors in Need, which supports a variety of projects throughout the United States, including the Council for American Indian Ministry. You may give through your marked pew envelope, or use a special envelope found in the pew racks.

LAST CALL FOR CONFIRMATION

Our confirmation classes will begin on Sunday, October 10, 2021, at 11:15 a.m. following the 10:30 worship service. We will meet in the large Sunday School room in the lower level of the church. If you have not signed up yet, please do so as soon as possible. If you received a notification letter, fill in the forms and return them to the church office. If we somehow missed sending you a letter, please contact the church office and we will send you the forms. If you are already signed up, you will be receiving an email with more information by the end of September. Any questions, please contact the church office. Pastor Jennifer will be able to answer your questions after her return from vacation on September 29.

HARVEST HOME & WORLD COMMUNION



Harvest Home & World Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, October 3, 2021. Please bring any packaged food or garden produce to church with you on October 3rd. We will bless the food and leave it for Friends Food for the Needy truck to distribute to folks when they are in our parking lot on Thursday, October 7th.

FRIEND, INC. FOOD FOR NEEDY TRUCK AT HUFF'S

Friend, Inc. will bring a mobile food truck to Huff's Union Church parking lot on the **first Thursday** of each month to distribute food on a regular monthly basis. The next distribution will be on **Thursday, October 7, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

PET BLESSING

On Sunday, October 17, we will be having a Pet Blessing at Huff's Church. Join us via Zoom at 12 noon. Watch upcoming eblast for Zoom log-in information.

Beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Huff's Church Park, you may come in person with a picture or a well-behaved pet who is leashed or contained.





OYSTER PIE SALE

An oyster pie sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 30, 2021, with pick-up between 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon in the lower level of the chapel. Cost is \$7.50. Orders are due by October 17th.

Order forms are on the downstairs bulletin board, or you may call the church office at (610-845-2626.)

Help is needed for making the pies. Please let Kay Kriebel (610-845-2960) know if you can help. **All volunteers will need to wear masks.**

- **Friday, October 29, at 9:00 a.m.** - Peel and dice potatoes (This is a sit-down job.)
- **Friday at 6:00 p.m.** - Make pie crusts and place the bottom crust in the pie tins
- **Saturday, October 30, at 7:00 a.m.** - Assemble the pies and bag them (This can be a sit-down job.)

No experience is needed for any of these jobs. Confirmation credit is given (1 credit for 2 hours work). If you like, bring a snack to share. If you are new to Huff's Church, 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 fund-raising projects.

PASTOR'S ARTICLE CELEBRATIONS

We always celebrate **World Communion Sunday** on the first Sunday of October. World Communion Sunday was first started at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA back in 1933, by their pastor the Reverend Dr. Hugh Thomson Kerr. It started to catch on with other churches around 1940 and the following years. It was started as a way to remember our connection with people around the world.

Setting aside one Sunday a year to recognize the wider body of Christ is a way of reminding ourselves of this connection and to remember that the Body of Christ is much larger than the four walls of our church. With all the divisiveness that is happening in the world right now, it is good to take a day and celebrate our connection with others.

It can also be something that we celebrate each time we commune together in church and each time we break bread around the table at home. We remember that we are part of something much larger than ourselves, and that we are part of the sacred work of God creating a new covenant in our midst.

This year we are also celebrating **Harvest Sunday** on October 3rd. We have moved it to this date for convenience, as all our donations of fresh produce will be shared that week when the Friends, Inc. Food for the Needy truck comes to our parking lot. So, plan on bringing in the bounty from your Fall gardens as well as donating any packaged food that you want to share that Sunday.

I invite you to also think about what else you are harvesting in your life right now. What else can you share with others, beyond food or material items? What can you give of your time? Your knowledge? Your experience? Your love?

Let us remember that we have been blessed by God **so that** we can be a blessing to others. We give out of our bounty, so that others might have enough each day. What and how can we give so that they have enough and more?

Have a Blessed Fall, rich in the bounty and harvest of all that is good in life and rich in the connection with all members of the Body of Christ and all of God's Children everywhere.

Peace,
Pastor Jennifer

REVIEW PROPOSED NEW HUFFS UNION CHURCH INC CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Since 2011 we have lived in shared ministry at Huff's Church but legally there are still 3 separate corporations of Huff's UCC, Huff's ELCA and Huff's Union. Several neighboring Union churches including St Peters and Maxatawny have gone through the legal process to merge into one "federated" corporation. In August 2019 the ELCA and UCC agreed with other denominations involved in shared ministry to use the term "union" instead of "federated" for congregations like Huff's where all members are both ELCA and UCC.

The first step to legally merge Huff's ELCA and Huff's UCC corporations into one remaining Huff's Union Church Corporation is to develop a new Constitution and Bylaws for Huff's Union Church. After much prayerful consideration, a complete proposal has been developed for the new Constitution and Bylaws for Huff's Union Church.

To save paper, we will have a *New Constitution* link on the Huff's Church website www.huffschurch.com so those who have internet access will be able to see the proposal there. Some paper copies will be available at the Church and if there are no markings on these copies, we ask that they be returned for others to review.

On Sundays, October 10th and October 17th, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. there will be an informal gathering both in-person and by zoom to answer any questions you have on the proposal. Zoom links will be provided in the eblast or you may contact the Church office to have the link emailed to you.

There likely will be further changes and clarifications recommended by church members, Council, legal advisor, Synod and Conference. When all input is gathered and revisions made, a final proposal of the entire Union constitution will be approved by the Church Council to be presented to the Congregation for review and final congregational vote.

Your prayerful consideration, input, and questions are appreciated. Please share your input and questions with Joanne Benfield at jobenfield1213@gmail.com or call 610-845-2978 and leave a message with your phone number and best times to reach you.

CHURCH FAMILY



BAPTISM

God's blessing on Emma Jean Miller, daughter of Justin R. & Stephanie L. Miller who was baptized on August 22, 2021.

BIRTHDAYS & 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 your name.



BIRTHDAYS:

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| Marian Weller | - 10/4 |
| Richard Fenstermacher | - 10/8 |
| Katie Danner | - 10/12 |
| Jean Adam | - 10/23 |



ANNIVERSARIES:

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| Carl & Carolyn Drasher | - 10/7 |
| Christopher & Lisa Allen | - 10/16 |
| Carl & Minerva Arner | - 10/24 |
| Neil & Diane Gery | - 10/28 |

SMALL BIBLE STUDY GROUP



The Small Bible Study Group will meet on Saturday, October 2, 2021, in the Chapel at 10:30 a.m. Come with your Bible. If you'd like to stay for lunch, please feel free to bring something to share and eat with us from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

HUFF'S CHURCH AUXILIARY

The next meeting of the Huff's Church Auxiliary will be held on Monday, October 18, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to be part of this ministry of Huff's Church!

Financial Report

	Aug 2021	YTD		YTD		Annual
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Variance	Budget	Budget
Giving	20,065	93,953	117,887	(23,934)	180,845	180,845
All other income	12,287	43,921	39,980	3,941	47,595	47,595
Total income	32,351	137,874	157,867	(19,993)	228,440	228,440
Expenses	20,955	163,971	190,246	(26,275)	291,369	291,369
Operating income (loss)	11,396	(26,097)	(32,380)	6,282	(62,929)	(62,929)
Transfers from Investments	10,500	47,250	42,000	5,250	63,000	63,000
Net income (loss)	21,896	21,153	9,620	11,532	71	71

Balance Sheet

	8/31/21	7/31/21	12/31/20
Designated funds	116,918	117,520	107,283
General funds	25,824	16,292	14,896
Sunday School CDs	4,378	4,378	4,373
Total assets (a)	147,119	138,190	126,552

(a) excludes investments managed by Youngs