

HUFF'S CHURCH CHATTER



Let's do good to all people.



June, 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We will be holding Vacation Bible School on August 2nd through August 6th, 2021, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Please fill out the registration form and send or bring back to the church. MASKS will be required at all times. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Rachel Welch at 484-226-0333.

BLOOD ASSURANCE ANNOUNCEMENT LETTER

Thank you to everyone who has donated blood to Miller-Keystone during the past years. The past drives have seen an increase in the number of people interested in donating blood. This is great and we hope we can continue to increase our giving in the future. Our goal is ten units per drive.

Hopefully in the coming year we can give even more as there is a very high demand for whole blood in our area. There will be a drive at Huff's on Monday, June 21, 2021, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. Please consider donating to this great and necessary cause. You can sign up on-line (at GIVEaPINT.org, sponsor Code 0289 or by phone at 1-800-B-A-DONOR) or just show up—walk-ins are always welcome. There will also be a sign up sheet in the upper narthex during the month of June.

Thank you all again!

THE CEMETERY BOARD

Part-time Mower Position - Please contact Eric Diehl at 610-845-7092. Must be willing to operate a Zero Turn Mower and a String Trimmer. \$12.00 per hour.

LADIES AID MEETING

The next meeting of the Ladies Aid will be held on Monday, June 7th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. All ladies are invited to attend. Please continue to save your Redner's & Radcliffe's receipts. There is a basket for these in the church.

JUNE SPECIAL OFFERING

In June we support Lutheran Congregational Services, (ELCA) the organization that arranges for grief counseling sessions, lay eucharistic visitor training, and other programs that enhance our Christian witness to the world. Please use the envelope in the pew or mail in a contribution marked "Lutheran Congregational Services, Making Christ Known."

THOSE WHO ARE GRADUATING

We would like to honor our members who are graduating from high school, college, or any special programs. Please get the information to our office (office@huffschurch.com, call 610-845-2626 or place information in Edwina's mailbox at church) and we will add our words of congratulations in subsequent newsletters. We are proud of ALL our graduates!

MISSING CONNECTIONS

It's a crossword without the clues! Use the letters below to fill in the empty spaces in the crossword grid. When you are finished, you'll have words that read both across and down, crossword-style.

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PASTOR'S ARTICLE

It's Spring, and John Denver's "Garden Song" keep playing through my head, as I make my feeble attempt to plant a garden. I read through the words and was reminded that they apply to much more than just planting a garden. They apply to all our dreams and projects in life.

We are preparing the ground and planting the seeds now for a new season of ministry as a church. We are getting things all in a row and praying that God will send a gentle rain to nourish and grow us and bless our endeavors. We are doing our work so that we will be ready for a new pastor to come and help us tend our garden of possibility.

As we are getting a handle on this pandemic and are slowly beginning to venture out in the world again, let us pray for God's guidance and blessing, so that we can bloom as people of hope and be a bountiful blessing to our community.

Let us pray that...

Inch by inch, row by row, gonna make this garden grow,
All it takes is a rake and a hoe and a piece of fertile ground.
Inch by inch, row by row, someone bless these seeds I sow,
Someone warm them from below, 'till the rain comes tumbling
down.

Pulling weeds and picking stones, we are made of dreams and
bones,
Feel the need to grow my own 'cause the time is close at hand,
Grain for grain, sun and rain, find my way in nature's chain,
Tune my body and my brain to the music of the land.

Plant your rows straight and long, temper them with prayer and
song,
Mother Earth will make you strong if you give her love and
care.

Old crow watching hungrily, from his perch in yonder tree,
In my garden I'm as free as that feathered thief up there.

Inch by inch, row by row, gonna make this garden grow,
All it takes is a rake and a hoe and a piece of fertile ground.
Inch by inch, row by row, someone bless these seeds I sow,
Someone warm them from below, 'till the rain comes tumbling
down. Amen.

Peace,
Pastor Jennifer

CHURCH FAMILY

FUNERALS

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

BAPTISM

God's blessing on Hallie Lee Nonnemacher, daughter of James Nonnemacher and Monica Grim baptized on May 8, 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 anyone.

BIRTHDAYS

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| 6/1 - Eleanor Gigler | 6/1 - Ruth Leibensperger |
| 6/4 - Wayne Fogel | 6/5 - Joyce Grim |
| 6/6 - Dennis Miller | 6/23 - Marion Miller |
| 6/24 - Dolores Haas | 6/30 - Betty Kline |

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 6/6 - Bill & Sharon Stoudt
- 6/10 - Albert & Donna Muth
- 6/13 - Alexander & Sandra Meldrum
- 6/20 - Bruce & Shirley Cressman
- 6/24 - Charles & Nancy Hoffman
- 6/29 - Marvin & Audrey Diehl

MEMORIALS:

In memory of Robert Reinhard:
John & Jane Leeser
Mary Szilli

AUTOMATIC GIVING OFFERED AT HUFF'S CHURCH

Did you ever think of having your offering automatically sent monthly from your checking account to Huff's? You may have this done, without charge to you, through the Simply Giving program. This avoids the need for weekly envelopes (though you may want to make a special gift using a "Welcome" envelope at any time). In bad weather or when on vacation, you won't have to worry that your offering reaches Huff's Church. This is also a way to spread your giving throughout the year, and it helps us with cash flow in the summer months when members may forget to send in their offering. Please call Jon Benfield at (484) 226-7982 or email Jon at jbenfield429@gmail.com to have the program explained.

USING WELCOME ENVELOPES

If you are a member using a "welcome" envelope, please write the word "member" after your name. This will make it easier for our counters and financial recorder to be sure to record your contribution for membership purposes.

THANK YOU NOTE RECEIVED:

From: St. Vincent Mission, Inc.

To: Carl Arner and the Friends of Huff's Union Church

Thank you so very much for your recent donation of gardening seeds! We truly appreciate your support.

We thank all of our donors who throughout the years have been so faithful to the mission. Your support and that of others is what sustains us. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers, and we pray that you will keep us in yours.

Jennifer Farkas-Sparkman
Emergency Assistance Director

Answers to Missing Connections Puzzle

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Financial Report

	Apr 2021 Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	Annual Budget
Giving	10,593	37,526	60,928	(23,402)	180,845
All other income	14,189	19,132	19,865	(734)	47,595
Total income	24,782	56,658	80,793	(24,136)	228,440
Expenses	27,838	85,485	101,198	(15,713)	291,369
Operating income (loss)	(3,056)	(28,827)	(20,404)	(8,423)	(62,929)
Transfers from Investments	5,250	21,000	21,000	-	63,000
Net income (loss)	2,194	(7,827)	596	(8,423)	71

	4/30/21	3/31/21	12/31/20
Balance Sheet			
Designated funds	106,942	106,970	107,283
General funds	13,134	8,998	14,896
Sunday School CDs	4,377	4,373	4,373
Total assets (a)	124,454	120,340	126,552

(a) excludes investments managed by Youngs