

HUFF'S CHURCH CHATTER



OCTOBER 2020

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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.

CHURCH FAMILY

FUNERALS

Please pray for the family and friends of Harold Krause who passed away on August 24, 2020.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Ernest Kemp

Paul & Jean Adam
Karen Essig
Ruth Acker

In Memory of Mildred Miller

Robert & Jill Wieder
Harry & Peggy Fisher
Elaine Perez & Family

In Memory of Nancy Yeakel

Marie Bower

In Memory of Chris Wittman

Marie Bower

In Memory of Harold Strunk

Marie Bower

In Memory of Harold Krause

Robin & Eric Diehl
Ruth Acker

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:

Marian Weller - 10/4
Katie Danner - 10/12
Jean Adam - 10/23

ANNIVERSARIES:

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

CONGREGATIONAL APPEAL FOR IDEAS

This appeal is being repeated to encourage more participation. Last month, the appeal produced less than five responses. As part of the church profile which is being created as part of the process to call a permanent pastor, the Search Committee is seeking input from as many church members as are interested in participating. The Search Committee is exploring the questions of:

- How do we move forward as a church over the next year?
Over the next 5 years?
- What are some new possibilities for ministry in this changing world?
- How do we reinvent our methods of operation to meet these changes/challenges?
- What needs to change in the way we function as a church to meet the **current** needs of our congregation?
- What needs to change in the way we function as a church to meet the **future** needs of our congregation?

I know many of you have experienced worship services, different mission opportunities and ministries at other churches. As a result, you have witnessed worship styles, different approaches to mission, ministry and practices which were unfamiliar to you. Please bring those experiences to our attention, and what you thought of them, so that we may explore these differences for inclusion here at Huff's.

If you wish to participate, please provide your answers/ideas to one or all of the above questions to me. I will gather them and present them for inclusion in the church profile. I can be reached at:

e-mail: Martin.kriebel.315@gmail.com
Phone: 610-845-2960
Address: 241 Bitting Road
Alburtis, PA 18011

Thank you for your participation.
Martin Kriebel, President

PASTOR'S ARTICLE

The Year Ahead at Church

For those of you who get the e-blast, you have already seen this request for Advent and Christmas. I want to make sure that all of you get a chance to respond and help us create a wonderful *Huff's Family Christmas* experience this year.

As we prepare worship for Advent (4 services - Nov. 29 through Dec. 20), and Christmas Eve and Christmas (2 services - Dec. 24 and Dec. 27), we know that it will not be business as usual this year. I know it sounds like it's too early to think of such things, but we want to have enough time to be able to put everything together in a wonderful celebration of *Huff's Family Christmas* that spans Advent season to Epiphany. So please, look through the list below and see how you can help.

- We are hoping that you will share pictures of Christmas in your home and in the Church, from long ago through just last year. You can send digital or paper copies to the church office. Please make sure your name is on them.
- Do you have a favorite Advent/Christmas Carol or sacred song that you would like to sing - as a solo or with your family members? Give Gloria a call, and we'll work on ways that we can record it.
- Would you like to light the Advent Wreath with your family for one of our Sundays? Please contact Pastor Jennifer or Joanne Benfield.
- Would you like to share a Christmas/Advent memory, story or favorite event from Church or home? We are looking for shared stories from 30 seconds to 3 minutes long that we can record and use in our worship services. Please contact Pastor Jennifer or Joanne Benfield.
- Do you have a favorite Advent/Christmas Carol or sacred song that has special meaning, or a story attached that you would like to share? Please contact Pastor Jennifer or Joanne Benfield.
- Do you have any other favorite or meaningful things to share about the season of Advent/Christmas? Please contact Pastor Jennifer or Joanne Benfield.

This year it won't be like years past, but with your help, it will be unique and wonderful all on its own. Let's come together and celebrate our *Huff's Family Christmas* and create new memories that will last us a lifetime!

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PASTOR'S ARTICLE (continued from page 4)

Thank you also for the responses that we have received on what you would like to see offered in the coming year, but we could still use some more if we are going to create meaningful faith experiences during the months ahead. Please take the time to fill in the following questionnaire so we can get to work. **You can either email your information to office@huffschurch.com or mail it back to the church.** Please return as soon as possible.

Thanks

Pastor Jennifer

Name _____

Phone/email _____

Book or Bible Study

_____ I would participate in a Zoom Bible study

_____ I would be willing to lead a Zoom Bible study

_____ I would like to partner with someone to do a Bible study at our own pace

_____ I would like help to do a Bible study on my own at home

What Biblical themes or books would you be interested in studying?

_____ I would be interested in a book study on Zoom

_____ I would be willing to lead a book study on Zoom

What books would you like to study with others? Do you have any titles to share?

Prayer

_____ I would love to learn different forms of meditation and prayer in a Zoom class

_____ I would love to have a prayer partner

_____ I would appreciate some help or resources on what I can pray for during the coming year

What other ideas around prayer do you have that we might try?

Worship

_____ I would like us to have Zoom worship Sunday mornings when we can no longer meet outside

_____ I would like to receive a CD of our online worship service every month

_____ I would like to receive a DVD of our online worship service every month

_____ I would like to receive a printed copy of our service and sermon in the mail each week

What other ideas or requests do you have for worship?

Youth

What ideas or requests do you have for things you can do on your own, online or with your family? Are there things we can start planning now that we can do once we can be together safely?

BIBLE Word Search: Women in the Bible

I	G	P	R	L	V	A	C	E	C	X	A	U	D	R
H	X	P	Y	E	H	R	N	C	J	N	B	D	H	E
K	S	D	V	T	A	I	J	V	Q	J	E	G	A	H
A	I	E	R	J	L	Y	T	P	A	D	H	M	G	T
A	B	A	L	E	B	E	Z	E	J	S	S	C	A	S
S	M	I	D	Z	I	P	P	O	R	A	H	R	R	E
B	A	G	G	W	Y	D	G	R	X	E	T	T	Y	V
U	A	C	Q	A	E	R	U	B	G	G	A	H	I	H
M	U	K	R	L	I	E	A	G	I	D	B	Y	O	R
W	F	H	I	O	V	L	M	M	Q	E	R	E	M	S
L	G	L	C	L	D	U	U	A	F	B	Z	Y	Q	O
R	A	C	H	E	L	H	R	X	C	O	N	D	T	Y
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H	A	R	A	S	O	U	G	U	R	A	E	G	M	Q
G	G	W	O	N	M	R	I	B	S	H	Z	T	G	C

ABIGAIL
BATHSHEBA
DEBORAH
DELILAH
DORCAS
ESTHER

EVE
HAGAR
JEZEBEL
LYDIA
MARTHA
MARY

Mary MAGDELINÉ
RACHEL
RUTH
SARAH
VASHTI
ZIPPORAH

Instructions:

Find and circle the words shown in all capital letters. Words may be forward, backward, vertical, or diagonal within the puzzle.

August 2020 Treasury Report

	August	Full Year Actual	Annual Budget
Monthly Income	\$16,770.70	\$219,147.51	\$330,244.00
Monthly Expense	\$19,292.74	\$185,918.92	\$327,576.00
Balance	(\$2,522.04)	\$33,228.59	\$2,668.00
40101 - Pass thru Income Account	\$0		
60100 · Pass thru Expense Account	\$0		
Account Balances	August 31		
Designated Fund	\$53,683.13		
General Fund	\$23,547.14		
Total	\$77,230.27		

