

FAITH MATTERS

United Fellowship



Lutheran Church

by faith we love and serve

April

2023

United Fellowship Lutheran Church

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Pastor's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

This litany always fills me with a sense of joy and wonder. The joy that Christ was indeed resurrected; the joy that comes from knowing my sins are forgiven because Christ took on the sins of all and died in our place; the wonder that God loves you and me so much that God gave us the gift of Jesus, who willingly died on the cross to save us.

Easter is a time of new life. New life springing forth from the ground, newborn life of the animals of God's kingdom. It is also a time of new life in the ministries of UFLC. Two of those ministries are in the form of committees, one of which is Stewardship. And I'm guessing you either just rolled your eyes, or gave a great big sigh, while thinking, "Ugh, not that!" It is a common response. We generally don't want to talk about money – especially asking people to give more. It tends to make us squirm in our seats. I would ask that you continue reading and consider the following:

God has made us stewards – or caretakers – of God's creation. God created everything that is in the world – it is all God's. God has delegated to humanity the care of creation. **But**, God hasn't given over ownership to us. All that we have is from God and belongs to God. We do not own it, but it is ours to take care of. And we have the freedom to decide how we take care of what God has provided us with. But that freedom does not come without expectations. God expects us to freely return a portion of our provisions to him in thanksgiving.

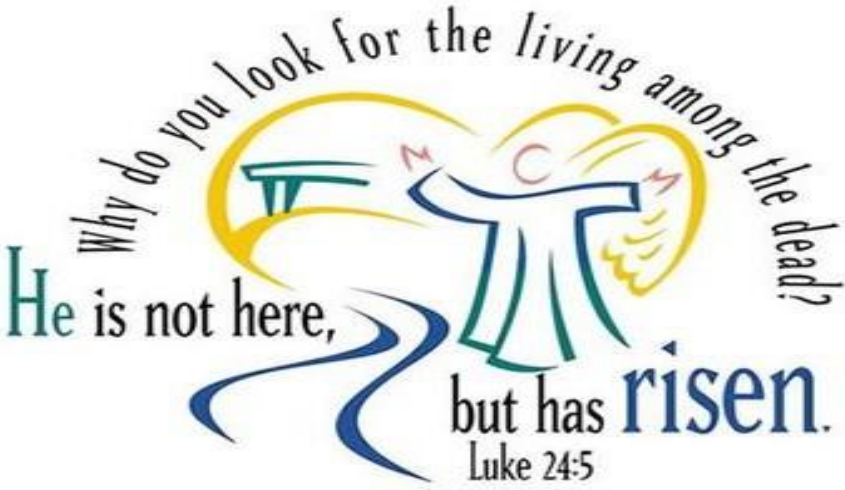
Stewardship does not refer simply to money. The provisions given to us by God come in the form of time we can give, talents we can share, *and* treasures we can bestow.

I ask that you each prayerfully consider being a part of the newly formed Stewardship Committee. If God is calling you to this ministry, please contact me by calling the church office. And stay tuned for the other committee next month!

Easter blessings,

Dr. Jamie





EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY



Anyone wishing to receive in-home or living facility communion visits, we'd be happy to set up an appointment with you at your convenience. Please call the church office to schedule a visit.

Church Office 610-258-0081



United Fellowship Council Members 2023:

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| Doug Kuhn-Treasurer | Dawn Hough-President |
| Linda Amato | Jim Marra-Vice President |
| Jeanne Swinsburg | Donna Pugliese |
| Barry Willever | Cheryl Reynolds |
| Bob Roscioli | Kim Simeone |
| Frank Hartman | Nola Skinner |
| Sue Doll-Secretary (non-council) | |
| Sheila Itterly—Financial Secretary (non-council) | |

Come and worship...

Psalm 95:6



Sundays:
Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.

Worship - 10:15 a.m.

In person, Zoom, Facebook Live

You can join us in online worship on Zoom by
clicking the link below:
Meeting room: 682 861 442
Meeting Room password: United

<https://zoom.us/j/682861442?pwd=NjI2K3ArS1NSN3F0dUtScEVxeHhLQT09> .

Watch the current week's recorded worship service
anytime beginning Sunday afternoons on Facebook
or YouTube.

FACEBOOK LIVE

United Fellowship Lutheran Church



YouTube



Our sanctuary is wheelchair friendly!



*Is there someone you would like to add to the prayer list for Sundays?
Please call the church office or contact us at
office.unitedfellowship@rcn.com
to add a name. We will use first names
only for privacy.*

*I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your
ear to me and hear my prayer.*

OFFERING OPTIONS

*For online electronic giving, please use
the QR code or Tithe.ly link below.*

*Please make checks out to
United Fellowship Lutheran Church.*

If you can't make it to in-person services you can mail your offerings to the church office or give electronically several different ways: Send a check through your bank's bill pay service, use the online link listed below, or use the QR code below.

[Tithe.ly—United Fellowship](https://tithe.ly/give?c=6022307)
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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
FAITHFUL GIVING**

APRIL SECOND OFFERING:

MAY SECOND OFFERING:



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF EASTON**



**Lutheran Disaster
Response**



Holy Week

United Fellowship Holy Week Worship Services 7:00 p.m.

April 6 - Maundy Thursday

April 7 - Good Friday

United Fellowship Easter Worship Services - April 9

Easter Dawn Service - 6:30 a.m. - Hay's Cemetery (*weather permitting*)

Worship with Holy Communion - 10:15 a.m.

NO Sunday School

NO Fellowship Hour Easter Sunday



Welcome

New Member Class: Are you interested in becoming a member of United Fellowship Lutheran Church? If so, contact Pr. Jamie by calling the office (610-258-0081) and plan to attend the new member class on **Wednesday, April 19th at 6:00 p.m.** New members will be received on Sunday, April 23rd during worship.

BETHLEHEM / EASTON MISSION DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

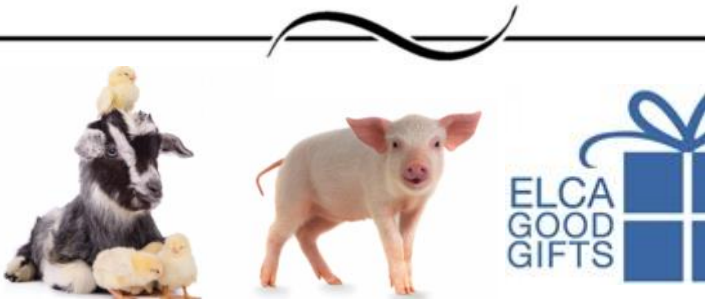
The annual **Mission District Assembly** will be held on Sunday, April 23, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. at Arndt's Lutheran Church.

◆ Each of the 18 churches in the Mission District is to send three people to the annual assembly - the Rostered Leader and two Lay Representatives. If you would be willing to be one of UFLC's lay representatives, please contact the church office or Pastor Jamie. The meeting is expected to be two hours or less in length.

◆ The agenda for the assembly includes:

-Elections to serve on the Mission District Council. Needed are two lay members and three Pastors. The MDC meets as needed, usually 4-5 times/year.

-Discussion of a resolution that has been sent to the Mission District from last year's Synod Assembly.



ELCA Good Gifts Update: Thank you to everyone who helped the Sunday School students collect money to help people in need around the globe! Together, we raised \$310.00! We purchased: 20 chicks, 1 goat, 1 piglet, 2 shares of a fish farm, 2 water filters, and 1 set of farming seeds/tools! Have a safe and blessed Easter!

United Fellowship Sunday School Staff

Family Connection OF EASTON

We support the Backpack Pals Program which provides food for Easton Area School District students. Along with the traditional fruit cup Donations we have done in the past, there is a suggested list of donations in the narthex of the church or at [this link](#). Items can be placed on the second shelf of the donation cart in the hallway. Thank you to Sylvia Rader for delivering the donations to the school each month.

The next donation drop off is Friday, April 14, 2023. Please have your donations to the church the Sunday prior to that date.



Safe Harbor Easton is a program-driven, transitional shelter for homeless, single men and women. It is also a drop-in program for low-income adults.

We provide a meal to Safe Harbor Easton on the third Thursday of each month. There are envelopes in the narthex if you wish to contribute for the meals.

On Thursday, March 16th, we provided sausage with peppers and onions, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, tossed green salad, and bite sized brownies and mini cinnamon rolls for dessert for the people of Safe Harbor. Thanks to those who prepared, provided, and dropped off the food. Thanks for the continued monetary donations as well. Our next meal will be Thursday, April 20th. Anyone interested in contributing in any way, please contact Bette Seveney. Anyone interested in contributing in any way, please contact Bette Seveney. You can also visit: safeharboreaston.com and click on the link for "Donate A Meal".



For our March fundraiser we made 516 truffles, sold 43 containers, and raised \$430! Thank you for your continued support!

Our April fundraiser will be 4x8 loaf cakes at \$8 each. They are available in CARROT, CINNAMON, & ZUCCHINI WALNUT. All orders due Sunday, April 9th. Pickup or delivery will be Friday, April 14th or sooner.

GOOD SHEPHERD CHRISTIAN NURSERY SCHOOL

I am very happy to report that our Gertrude Hawk Candy sale was a success! We will be able to provide our Chick Hatching Program with the proceeds. Thank you to our nursery school families, Quilters, members of United Fellowship Church for your support, and the generous donation from UFLC Council. The chick eggs will be delivered on April 26th and should start hatching the week of May 1st. Please come to the Pre-K classroom if you would like to see our eggs and soon to be chicks.

We started the month of March in our pajamas celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday with fun activities, stories and crafts. We then moved on to Saint Patrick's Day with the children making crafts and singing songs. Pre-K was surprised to learn a Leprechaun hid a pot of candy for them to find as they followed the shamrock clues.

Spring has arrived and we are ready to enjoy sunshine and hopefully warmer weather. The children will be working on their Easter projects and enjoyed a visit from the Easter Bunny for pictures on March 23rd and 24th.

Mrs. Darlene Creazzo



The Women of United Fellowship will be collecting Redner's receipts again! Look for the container in the narthex where you can place your receipts. If you have any questions please see Diane Sandt.



Any women who are interested in the NE Penn Synod Spring Fling & Service Event, April 28-29, 2023 @ Kirby Episcopal House in Mountain Top, PA, please see the flyers in the narthex or see Diane Sandt for more information.





We are currently busy planning and sewing for the Strawberry Festival in June!

COMING SOON!
2023 Strawberry Festival Quilt
raffle tickets!
Watch for details!



Our Wednesday gathering time is 9:30am to 12:30 pm. We use the glass doors by the nursery school playground. Any questions call Debbie at 610.762.5222.

Hugs and Stitches,
The Quilters

120 years of Quilting Ministry!

“Because if you confess with your mouth ‘Jesus is Lord’ and in your heart you have faith that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9



A PLACE TO BELONG
SENIOR CENTER

Are you looking for something to do?
Do you enjoy socializing, playing games, having fun?
Stop by and see what we are all about!
Bring your lunch - snacks and drinks provided.

We are gathering on Tuesdays
from 10am-2:30pm in the Fellowship Hall!

For more information please see
Traci Hartman or Marsha Plantone.



FOOD PANTRY

- * Twelve Baskets Full food pantry is open twice a month on the 2nd and 3rd Thursdays in the evenings from 6:00 - 7:30pm .
- * Help is needed each month to unload deliveries to the pantry. **The next delivery will take place on April 10th at 9am.** If you would like to volunteer, or have any questions, please contact Jim Marra at 484-547-7751 or Leslie Schuch at 610-657-2066.



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While all donations are welcome, the monthly suggested pantry items for April are tea/coffee & soap.



Monthly Donation Suggestions

	<u>Food Item</u>	<u>Non Food item</u>
January	Peanut Butter	Shampoo
February	Jelly	Deodorant
March	Cereal	Dish Soap
April	Tea/Coffee	Soap
May	Ketchup	Laundry Detergent
June	Tuna	Sanitary Product
July	Mashed Potatoes	Paper Towels
August	Mac & Cheese	Toilet Paper
September	Soup	Toothpaste
October	Rice	Toothbrush
November	Hot Cocoa Mix	Garbage Bags
December	Canned Veggies	Cleaning Product



ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED!

The Women of United Fellowship hold an informal Bible study on the last Wednesday of the month at 12pm in the lounge. We read our lesson from the ELCA's "Gather Magazine", discuss the lesson and Bible readings, and bring a brown bag lunch. For more information contact Lois Kuhn 610.849.6164



Hymnal Drive



The Worship and Music Committee is holding an on-going Hymnal Drive to help secure the additional hymnals that are needed to make sure every pew in the sanctuary has hymnals. The goal is 60, so far we have 42! The cost of each hymnal is \$25.00. Please see the sponsor/dedication forms available in the narthex. If you have any questions, please call or email the church office.



*What is the definition of sponsorship?
"Sponsorship is the act of supporting a person, organization, or activity by giving money, encouragement, or other help".
At United Fellowship, we have several different sponsorship opportunities available to help in various areas of church life. Any sponsorship can be placed in honor of or in memory of a loved one.*

Weekly Bulletin Sponsorship: \$15
Weekly Altar Flowers: 2 Vases/\$50
Monthly Technology (website, live stream service): \$20
Monthly Newsletter Sponsorship: \$40

Please prayerfully consider a sponsorship in one of these areas as we continue to use these means to reach out to our church family and community with the Gospel.



PLEASE BE AWARE THAT NO ONE FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL EVER ASK FOR FAVORS OR GIFT CARDS VIA EMAIL, TEXT, OR PHONE MESSAGE. IF YOU ARE IN DOUBT OF A MESSAGE RECEIVED, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO VERIFY BEFORE RESPONDING ELECTRONICALLY (REPLYING, CLICKING A LINK, OR CALLING A PROVIDED PHONE NUMBER.)

Please remember that for **ANY** church function a Building Usage Request form will need to be filled out. Forms are available in the office.



Happy Birthday

- 4/2 Emmajane Hagenbuch
- 4/3 Pam Cole
Gretchen Leslie
Joey Skinner
Jeanne Swinsburg
- 4/6 Robert Crowther
Jeanne Haydu
- 4/7 Lina Kinney
- 4/9 Braydon Hubbard
- 4/11 Stacy Campbell
Debra Ruland
- 4/12 Sonia Rosario

- 4/14 Courtney Campbell
Harold Helm, Jr.
Matthew Walker
- 4/15 Kim Simeone
- 4/16 Bessie Foster
Cheryl Reynolds
- 4/18 Sherri Fretz-Gellock
- 4/27 Julie Derr
Janet Kirk-Greenblatt
- 4/28 Debby Roscioli
- 4/30 Lewis Gellock III
Janet Schnable



- 4/11 David & Stacy Campbell
- 4/12 Bob & Diane Sandt
- 4/15 Robert & Janis Homa
- 4/19 Anthony & Stephanie
Plantone-Hubbard

If you have any additions or corrections, please call the church office. *Denotes homebound



If you have a phone number or email change, please let the church office know so we can keep you informed and up to date!

If you have family members or loved ones that are in the hospital, please let the church office know:

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Church Council,

Thank you so much for your very generous donation for our chick hatching program. The eggs will be delivered on April 26th.

Everyone is welcome to see the progress of the eggs and chicks.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Darlene Creazzo, staff students

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GIFT CARD



Thank you to EVERYONE who supported UFLC's first Gift Card Bingo / Tricky Tray. Whether you came to play bingo and enjoy some fellowship with others, baked, cooked or purchased food, donated prizes for the Bingo or Tricky Tray or physically helped with the set up, tear down, or the event itself, it is because of the generous giving of your time, talents, and donations, that our event was a success.

Fellowship & Community Building Committee

Save the Date



June 17, 2023



July 10 - 14, 2023

The Bethlehem/Easton Mission District Council has planned the following upcoming events:

June 10th - Volleyball tournament will be held on Saturday, Arndt's beginning at 9:00 a.m. Winner gets to keep the Luther Trophy at their church.

July 14th - Mission District Night at the Iron Pigs \$12.00 a ticket. We have 100 tickets available.

August 16th - Covered Dish and Hymn Sing at Arndt's



I want to thank everyone for their prayers, phone calls, texts and encouragement during my recent hip surgery and recovery. Debbie Mangino



UFLC FEBRUARY, 2023

	FEB. ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL
INCOME:	6,335.00	27,864.57
EXPENSE:	21,548.58	45,108.41
+SURPLUS/-DEFICIT:	-12,398.42	-11,131.43
AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:	50	

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