

FAITH MATTERS

A newsletter publication of

United Fellowship



Lutheran Church

by faith we love and serve

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Pastor's Message



Happy One Year Anniversary United Fellowship Lutheran Church!

Much has happened in this first year that is worthy of celebration!

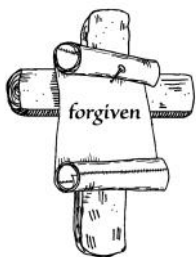
- *We happily dropped "The Soon to be" prefix to our name.
- *UFLC staff was hired.
- *You called your inaugural pastor.
- *We celebrated UFLC's first year of church festivals and holidays, blending traditions and trying some new practices.
- *The UFLC Food Pantry opened its doors.
- *We held our first annual Trunk or Treat Event.
- *We held our first annual Birthday Bash.
- *We held our first Rogation Sunday service.
- *We welcomed new members.
- *We held UFLC's first baptism.
- *A *Place to Belong* Sr. Center opened.
- *We held our first annual Strawberry Festival.
- *We held our first UFLC VBS Program.
- *We held our first annual Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic.

As I look at this list, I can't help but feel blessed to be a part of this congregation! As we remember the year that has past, may we thank God for the blessings bestowed upon our congregation. God started this work; we are the working hands that have continued it. As we look to the year ahead, may we trust that God will continue to bring our church to new heights and bless us with many more anniversaries. May we seek to identify our own faith stories and share them with others. May we discern where we are called to use our time, talents, and treasures to further the Kingdom of God. And above all, may we remember all the wonderful works God has done for us and share the love of God with others.

Happy One Year Anniversary!

In Christ,

Dr. Jamie



*BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER,
TENDER-HEARTED, FORGIVING
ONE ANOTHER, EVEN AS GOD,
FOR CHRIST'S SAKE,
HAS FORGIVEN YOU.
EPHESIANS 4:32*



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:

Dawn Hough-President	Jim Marra-Vice President
Doug Kuhn-Treasurer	Linda Amato
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)	



Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month.

The next Council Meeting is Tuesday, August 8th at 6pm.

Come and worship...

Psalm 95:6



Sundays:

Worship - 9:30 a.m.

In person, Zoom, Facebook Live

*Sunday School will resume in September

Join us for Social Hour in the lounge after worship!

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=Njl2K3ArS1NSN3F0dUtScEVxeHhLQT09> .

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

[United Fellowship Lutheran Church](#)



Our sanctuary is wheelchair friendly!

prayer

*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.
Psalm 17:6*

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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AUGUST SECOND OFFERING:

**Family
Connection**
OF EASTON



*thank
you*

*This month's newsletter is sponsored by
The Hough / Sterling Family.*



Sending a HUGE thank you to all who helped with this year's VBS!! 35 children attended and learned about God's Love because of your participation ~ whether you offered up prayers, donated money or supplies, cooked/served dinner, led stations, served snacks, or accompanied students from place to place throughout the week! And an extra thank you to all who spent May, June, and July creating our set and decorations!! What a wonderful way to share our mission: "by faith we love and serve!" God's Blessings, Rayanne



Save the Date: Fall Rally Day!! Join us for United Fellowship's Fall Rally Day in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, September 10th** at 9 AM!! We will enjoy breakfast, crafts, and games together before going upstairs for worship at 10:15 am. **Sunday School** officially begins the following **Sunday, September 17th** at 9 AM - classes for everyone aged 3 and up!!

*If you are interested in teaching **Sunday School** in the Fall, please contact Rayanne Parry.*

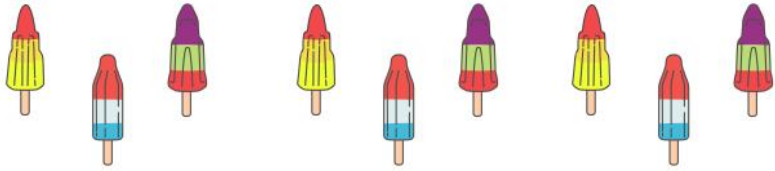


Blessing of the Backpacks and the School Year



SUNDAY
AUGUST 27TH
DURING WORSHIP SERVICE

GOOD SHEPHERD CHRISTIAN NURSERY SCHOOL



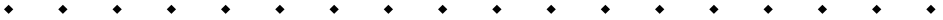
Our summer program is winding down with our last day taking place on August 10th. The staff has been doing an amazing job keeping the children entertained through crafts, songs, games, stories, science experiments and indoor and outdoor play time.

The nursery school will be closed the week of August 14th in order for Jason, our sexton, to get all of our classroom and hallway floors cleaned and waxed. If you need to contact me when the school is closed you can send me an e-mail at gscns@verizon.net.

Registration is still open for our 2023-2024 programs for children ages 2-4, contact me at 610-250-0864 or by e-mail at gscns@verizon.net for additional information about our programs.

Enjoy the last month of summer because it does go by fast!

Mrs. Darlene Creazzo



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, July 20th, we provided sausage with peppers & onions, mac & cheese, baked beans, green beans, and zucchini bread for dessert, for the people of Safe Harbor. Thanks to all who prepared, provided, and dropped off the food. Special thanks for the continued monetary donations as well. Our next meal will be **Thursday, August 17th**. 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".



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.

We are celebrating another year of quilting ministry - 121 years strong!

Hugs and Stitches,
The Quilters



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 gather on Tuesdays
from 10am-2:30pm in the Fellowship Hall!
For more information please see
Marsha Plantone or Jeannie Swinsburg.

FUNDRAISING KICKOFF!

It's almost that time again! For the entire month of September we will be selling NOTO'S hoagie tickets. The cost is \$9 each - exact cash or check to UFLC please. We will be selling them at church weekly and on Facebook as well. Thank you for your support!



NATIONAL "EAT A HOAGIE DAY" - SEPTEMBER 14!



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 Monday, August 14th 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.



While all donations are welcome, the monthly suggested pantry items for August are mac & cheese and toilet paper.



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 Products
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.



New Member Class

August 27th - 11 am in Pr. Jamie's office.
If you would like to become a new member of
United Fellowship Lutheran Church,
please contact Pr. Jamie or the church office
by August 20th to register for this class.
New members will be received during worship
on Sept. 17th.



*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 remember that for ANY church function a Building Usage Request form will need to be filled out, and should be filled out as far in advance as possible (2 week minimum please). Forms are available in the office.



UFLC JUNE 2023



	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>YTD ACTUAL</u>
<u>INCOME:</u>	8,558.00	67,104.20
<u>EXPENSE:</u>	30,174.49	144,447.27
<u>+SURPLUS/-DEFICIT:</u>	- 20,300.81	-62,833.86

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: 50 In person
5 online

Happy Birthday



8/2 Duane Edwards
8/3 Dorothy Ruland
8/4 Sue Doll
8/7 Frank Schanenberger
8/8 Brenda Wacik
8/11 Eli Flores
Alec Leslie
Tanner Leslie
8/12 Dale Ebersole

8/13 Margie McCullen
Nola Skinner
8/15 Dawn Billick
8/18 Donna Iudicello
8/21 Damon Peters
8/25 Carolyn Connors
Janis Homa
8/26 Carol Dietrich-Soffera
Robert Gellock
8/29 Mary Hetzel

OOPS! Sorry we missed your birthday! 7/1 Norton Beers



8/8 Val & Maryann Amato
8/16 Dennis & Karen Brown
8/22 Edward & Bernadine McGary
8/23 Richard & Louis Angstadt
Bob & Susan Shotko
8/25 Harold & Carole Helm

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



Keep Us Informed.....

* *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 or a family member are in the hospital, please let the church office know:*

610.258.0081

office.unitedfellowship@rcn.com

* *You can also give the hospital the UFLC Hospital ID #230*



The Women of United Fellowship are collecting Redner's receipts! You can place your receipts in the container in the narthex. They must be Redner's Club Card receipts. If you have any questions please see Diane Sandt.



We extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of

Gladys Bickford

**who entered the Church Triumphant
on July 8, 2023.**

*Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in
me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes
in me will never die."*

John 11:25-26

*thank
you*

Thank you to all who donated to the Ferry Street Fire Fund. With your help and the help of the community, we have been and continue to be, a source of support to them and their families.

Thank you to everyone who helped set up and clean up for our Worship/ Healing Service/Picnic in the Park!



**Coming in September:
Veteran's Group**
If you are interested, please see
Barry Willever.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Emily C. Coopersmith

Daughter of Jesse & Amy Coopersmith

Granddaughter of Dave & Sue Schmeltzly

Graduated from: Warren County Technical School

High School Diploma / Health Sciences

Honors/Awards: Valedictorian of Warren County
Technical School

DeSales Presidential Scholarship

American Legion Scholarship

WCTS PTSA Scholarship

IRCO Credit Union Scholarship

Future plans: Attend DeSales University, major in
healthcare administration & pharmaceutical marketing.



Mark Parry

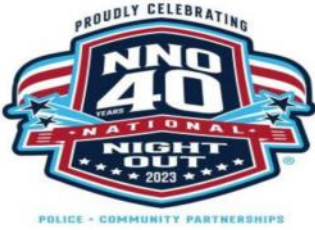
Son of Jamie & Rayanne Parry

Graduated from: Penn West University

MA in Criminal Justice

Future plans: Pursue a career in probation/parole
or social work

*"The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make
his face shine on you and be gracious to you, the
Lord turn his face toward you and give you
peace."* Numbers 6:24-26



"National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances."



EVERYONE IS INVITED!

South Side Civic Association along with Easton Police Department is hosting "National Night Out 2023" on Tuesday, August 1st from 6-8pm. It will be held at the Pioneer Playground at Reynolds and West Milton St behind Cheston school, Southside Easton.

There will be free food, DJ Tim Ryzer Poff, a bouncy house, face painting, a K-9 demonstration with Easton Police Department - Ryan Celia, and a movie at dusk. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on and come join us!

South Side Civic Center has requested that we provide face painting again for this year's National Night Out. We need 2-3 volunteers to help with this. Please see Cheryl Reynolds if you can help!

For info call- Melody Rogers @ 610.438.1816



TOUCH A TRUCK EVENT & RESOURCE FAIR!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH ~

11:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.



Hosted by Wilson Area Communities That Care (CTC) Coalition. UFLC has been invited to attend the event in the WAHS parking lot, as well as to have a table where we can have info about our church and our ministries available. If you would like to volunteer to work the table, please sign up in the narthex at the sign-up table.





The Wilson Borough Police Department along with CAT (Coalition for Appropriate Transportation) and Broken Spoke Bike Shop are proud to present a Bike Safety Seminar!!!

- **When:** Wednesday August 9th, 2023 (5-8 PM)
- **Who:** Children Ages 5 to 14
- **Where:** Wilson Area High School student parking lot (use Washington Blvd entrance, behind football field)
- **What to bring:**
 - Bike
 - Helmet
 - Pads (if needed)
- **What to expect:**
 - Kids will learn how to ride with proper bike safety techniques taught by CAT and will be able to practice their newly learned safety skills on a bike course! Free bike safety inspections will be done with the help of Broken Spoke Bike Shop.
 - Wilson Borough Police Department’s Bike Unit (Officer Searfoss and Officer Behr) will be in attendance to ride with kids and share their bike safety tips as well!!!

For more information, please visit the link below!

[Bike Smart Lehigh Valley | CAT-Coalition for Appropriate Transportation \(lvcat.org\)](http://lvcat.org)

If interested, please call the Wilson Borough Police Department, 610.258.8746, M-F 9am-4pm, no later than August 07, 2023.



**8th Annual Bethlehem/Easton Mission District
Hymn Sing & Covered Dish
@ Arndt’s Lutheran Church
1851 Arndt Rd, Easton PA 18040
Wednesday, July 16th
Bring a covered dish or dessert
to share!
Hot dogs & water provided.
Dinner at 6:00 in the church basement.
Singing begins at 7:00 in the Sanctuary.**



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