

FAITH MATTERS

A newsletter publication of

United Fellowship



Lutheran Church

by faith we love and serve

JANUARY 2024

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Pastor's Message

Dear Beloved in Christ,

As we stand at the threshold of a new year, I am filled with gratitude for the journey we have shared and anticipation for the path that lies ahead. January is not just a marker of time; it is a season of renewal, reflection, and recommitment. It offers us an opportunity to align our hearts with God's purpose and to set the tone for the months that follow.

In the midst of the world's uncertainties, we can anchor ourselves in the unchanging truth of God's Word. Psalm 119:105 reminds us that "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." As we navigate the unknown of the coming year, let the light of God's Word guide us, bringing clarity to our decisions and hope to our hearts.

This January, let us intentionally seek God's presence through prayer and meditation. In the quiet moments, let us listen to God's gentle whispers, discerning God's will for our lives individually and as a church community. As we draw near to God, may our faith be strengthened, and may we find courage to step boldly into the opportunities God places before us.

In the spirit of renewal, let us also reflect on lessons learned this past year. What challenges did you face, and how did God sustain you through them? What victories did you celebrate, and how can you use those experiences to inspire and uplift others? As we reflect, let gratitude fill our hearts and fuel our worship.

As we embrace the new year, let us do so with purpose. Consider joining one of our church ministries, volunteering for community outreach, or participating in a small group. Let this be a year of deepening connections within our church family and expanding our impact beyond these walls. Together, let us be the hands and feet of Christ in our community, spreading love, compassion, and hope.

I encourage each of you to approach January with an open heart and a willingness to surrender to God's plan. May this year be a testament to God's faithfulness, and may we, as a church, shine brightly as a beacon of hope in our community.

Wishing you a blessed and purposeful January.

In Christ's Service,

Pr. Jamie



New Year's Prayer

Dear Lord,
You make all things new.
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our spirits to be born again.
Thank you for this new year,
For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us a mighty flame
So that in our time, many will see
The wonders of God and live forever
To praise Your glorious name.
Amen.



United Fellowship Council Members 2024:



Dawn Hough	Jim Marra
Linda Amato	Nola Skinner
Jeanne Swinsburg	Pam Cole
Barry Willever	Charlie Wacik
Bob Roscioli	Kim Simeone
Frank Hartman	
Doug Kuhn-Treasurer (non-council)	
Sue Doll-Secretary (non-council)	
Sheila Itterly—Financial Secretary (non-council)	

New Council members will be installed on January 7 during worship.

New officer elections will be held January 7th after worship.

THANK YOU! to those who served on Council in 2023.

THANK YOU! to those who have joined in service for 2024.

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

The next Council Meeting is Tuesday, January 9th at 6pm.

Come and worship...

Psalm 95:6



Sundays:

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:15 a.m.

In person, Zoom, Facebook Live

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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JANUARY'S SECOND OFFERING:

**MIRACLE LEAGUE OF
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY**

*thank
you*

*This month's newsletter is presented to the
Glory of God by Gary & Jeanne Swinsburg*



You are invited to United Fellowship's
Annual Birthday Bash
Sunday, January 7, 2024
in the Fellowship Hall after service.

A potluck luncheon will be served -
bring a dish to share with others!
Beverages and cupcakes will be provided.

It will be fun to find out who in the
congregation has the same birthday month or
even the same day!

We will also have a fun regifting table. If you
have a birthday or Christmas gift that you
would like to regift, bring it along and you will
be able to exchange it for a different one.

We hope to see you there for lots of fun!



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December 31, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Please accept this letter as official notice to the voting members of United Fellowship Lutheran Church of the Annual Congregational Meeting to be held on January 28, 2024, at 11:30 a.m., following worship. Please plan on attending so that the business of the church can be discussed. The meeting will take place in the church sanctuary.

The order of business will be:

1. Prayer
2. Determination that a quorum is present.
3. Presentation of the Minutes of all congregation meetings held during the previous calendar year, and action thereon.
4. Report of the Pastor
5. Report of the President of Congregational Council
6. Report of the Financial Secretary
7. Report of the Treasurer
8. Report of the Audit Committee
9. Report of congregation organizations and committees
10. Unfinished business
11. New business
12. Adjournment with prayer

May God continue to bless United Fellowship Lutheran Church and its ministries carried out in his name.

In Christ,

The Congregational Council of United Fellowship Lutheran Church



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.



A huge thank you to everyone who donated toys for the toy drive in December to help families of 12 Baskets Full Food Pantry! Through the generous efforts of congregation members, Nursery School families, and St. Luke's Hospital staff, we were able to collect enough toys for all families to select items for their children! We even have some left over to be saved and

stored for next year's drive! Everyone was so appreciative, and happy to make **Christmas** a little merrier for their children! Thank you to all who donated and helped with our first toy drive event!! You were our God Sightings for December!! Peace be with you!!



In the case of inclement weather, please check WFMZ.com for United Fellowship Lutheran Church, as well as the UFLC Facebook page.



For the food pantry, please check WFMZ.com for United Fellowship Food Pantry - Easton.



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.



United Fellowship on YouTube!

In an effort to save money, we are looking to make changes to how we livestream our worship services. In order to accomplish this, we need 50 subscribers to our United Fellowship Lutheran Church YouTube page. No need to create an account - simply go to the webpage (<https://www.youtube.com/@unitedfellowshiplutheranch2408>) and click on "subscribe" – it's as easy as that!



Confirmation

Confirmation Class at Safe Harbor
January 14, 2024

The confirmation class is providing the meal for Safe Harbor residents on Sunday, January 14, 2024, as part of a group service project. Kaylee Andreas, from UFLC, along with two other students in the class from St. Andrew's and St. Mark's, their Parents, Pr. Neel and Pr. Jamie will be serving the meal and spending time with the residents. Due to the small size of the class, Pr. Jamie is asking for volunteers to donate items from the chosen menu for the evening (meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, green beans, dessert). If you are interested in helping out, please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex. If you have any questions, please see Pr. Jamie or call the office.



New Member Class

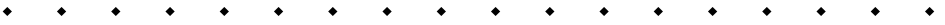
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New Member Class
January 21 & 28
9:00 – 9:45 a.m.
in Pr. Jamie's office

Anyone interested in joining United Fellowship Lutheran Church is invited to take part in New Member Classes on January 21 & 28. Please sign up for the class by contacting the church office or Pr. Jamie by January 14th. If you know of anyone interested in joining, please pass the information along to them. New members will be installed on January 28th, during worship.

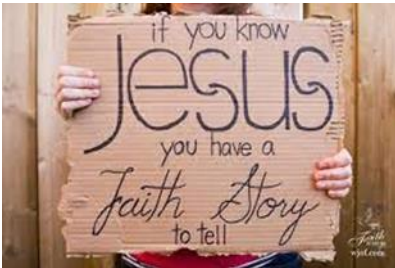


We provide a meal to Safe Harbor Easton on the third Thursday of each month. There are envelopes in the narthex if you wish to contribute for the meals.

On Thursday, December 21st, we provided chicken cordon bleu, scalloped potatoes, stuffing & gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, and Christmas cookies for dessert, for the people of Safe Harbor. Special thanks for the continued monetary donations as well. Our next meal is Thursday, January 18th. Anyone interested in contributing in any way, please contact Bette Seveney.



We support the Backpack Pals Program which provides food for Easton Area School District students. 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, January 5.***



Identifying and Sharing Your Faith Story Workshops

We are all called to share our faith story.

For some, identifying their faith story is challenging, for others the challenge lies in overcoming the discomfort they feel sharing their faith story.

This workshop is designed to help with both of those hurdles.

We hope you will join us after worship in Fellowship Hall on 2/4, 2/11, and 2/18.

Lunch will be provided.

Please *sign up in the narthex by January 28th.*

Sing to the LORD; praise his name. Each day proclaim the good news that he saves. Publish his glorious deeds among the nations. Tell everyone about the amazing things he does. Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise! He is to be feared above all gods. Psalm 96:2-4

GOOD SHEPHERD CHRISTIAN NURSERY SCHOOL



I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful holiday with their families and friends. Hopefully our children will be excited to return to school on January 3rd after their long Christmas vacation. During the month of January our classes will read stories and make projects about the season of winter. Snowmen, penguins, polar bears, cardinals and blue jays will be displayed on the hallways by the children's classrooms. Don't be surprised if you see some dinosaurs and hear a volcano erupting near the Pre-K classroom too!

School will be closed on January 15 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We are grateful to "Sights for Hope" who will be here on the 23rd and 24th to perform complimentary vision screening on the children.

I hope this New Year brings everyone an abundance of health and happiness.

Mrs. Darlene Creazzo



FUNDRAISING

Our WINTERFEST event was another HUGE success! We raised \$2212 and \$1641 of that was for the COOKIES! A heartfelt thanks to all who helped bake, helped work it, and helped with setup and cleanup. A special thanks to all who came out to attend the event as well.

We will be taking the month of January off.
See you in February!



Fasnacht Follies

Tuesday, February 13th at 6 pm.

A ziti dinner and fasnachts will be followed by a fun game night!

You "do-nut" want to miss it!

Mark your calendars!!



*The St. Paul's Quilters of
United Fellowship Lutheran Church*

Our Wednesday gathering time is 9:30am to 12:30 pm.
We use the glass doors by the Nursery School playground.
If you have any questions call Debbie at 610.762.5222.

Hugs and Stitches,
The Quilters
122 years strong!



**A PLACE TO BELONG
SENIOR CENTER**

Tuesdays 10am-2:30pm in the Fellowship Hall!

Play games, do an art project, make a craft, and lots more! Bring a lunch and join us!



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, January 8 @ 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 January are peanut butter and shampoo.



Thank you everyone for your continued support.



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***

****Use UFLC Group # E171 when donating blood at Miller-Keystone Blood Center***



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.





*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 Eternity Candle Sponsorship: \$10
- 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.



Please be aware that any notice placed on the church bulletin boards must first be approved by Pastor Jamie and/or the office. Thank you for your understanding.

For they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means.

2 Corinthians 8:3

**Monthly
 Financial
 Report**

UFLC NOVEMBER 2023

	<u>MONTH ACTUAL</u>	<u>YTD ACTUAL</u>
<u>INCOME (WEEKLY ENVELOPES ONLY):</u>	6,847.00	88,222.08
<u>EXPENSE:</u>	16,378.60	227,857.18
<u>+SURPLUS/-DEFICIT:</u>	- 6,195.54	-93,461.66
<u>AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:</u>	50 In person	
	5 Online	

Happy Birthday



1/4 Doug Kuhn
1/7 Adrienne Hummel
1/11 Emily Schuch
Carol Hess
1/14 Brian Hageman *
1/18 Louis Mammana III

1/20 Marcia Pysher
1/24 Linda Amato
1/28 Deborah Mangino
1/31 Terrienne Krasnopero



1/7 David & Judy Graff

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



*We extend our deepest sympathies
to the family and friends of*

Mildred A. Weaver

*who entered the
Church Triumphant on
November 28, 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" to everyone who purchased

Tree of Remembrance ornaments.

All 60 were sold!

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