

FAITH MATTERS

A newsletter publication of

United Fellowship



Lutheran Church

by faith we love and serve

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Pastor's Message

Dear Siblings in Christ,

On May 28th we celebrated the festival of Pentecost. Pentecost, often mistaken as a liturgical season, is instead a feast day. A single day in the life of the church that marks the end of the 50 days of Easter and marks the arrival of the Holy Spirit. The liturgical season that follows is considered Ordinary Time.

The season of Ordinary Time is commonly referred to in the Lutheran Church as the Sundays after Pentecost. It is the longest liturgical season of the church year, stretching through the latter part of spring, summer, and fall, all the way until the First Sunday in Advent. Ordinary Time is the season of 'the everyday,' inviting us to call our attention to the ordinary, to the daily rhythms and patterns of life. Inviting us to notice God, to notice how God is with us and for us, and seeing how God works through us in our everyday lives.

We often get so caught up in our daily activities and routines that we can easily miss seeing Jesus right in front of us. We miss seeing Jesus in the faces of those we interact with, and we don't take notice of where God is active in the minutia of our daily lives. Ordinary Time reminds us that God is present in the little things, not just in big ways. Ordinary Time reminds us that God loves us deeply and is ever-present, even when we forget to pause and pay enough attention to notice.

As we enter into the summer months, I pray each of are able to find time to slow down and step back – even if just for a short time – from all that pulls at you on a daily basis so that you can take notice of God and how God is active and working in your life and the lives of others around you. I pray you are able to notice God in the faces, hands and feet, voices, and hugs of others; see God in the hummingbird hovering outside your window, hear God in the silence, and feel God in the moments when you are overwhelmed by emotions or circumstances. I pray we can all take time to notice and feel God beside us in all of our ordinary moments.

Grace + peace,

Pr. Jennie



Every good
and perfect
gift is from
above...



James 1:17

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If you are interested in being a communion assistant on Sundays, or if you have been assisting, Pastor Jamie will be having a short 10-15 minute instruction class for everyone involved with communion on Sunday, June 18th and Sunday, June 25th. Please see the sign up sheet in the narthex.

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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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| Dawn Hough-President | Jim Marra-Vice President |
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| Frank Hartman | Nola Skinner |
| Sue Doll-Secretary (non-council) | |
| Sheila Itterly—Financial Secretary (non-council) | |

Come and worship...

Psalm 95:6



Sundays:

*The last day of Sunday School for the summer
will be June 4th at 9 am!*

We'll have snacks and a VBS Preview event!

Worship - Sunday, June 4th - 10:15 a.m.

Starting Sunday, June 11th - 9:30 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)
<https://tithe.ly/give?c=6022307>



JUNE SECOND OFFERING:

The Center
for Animal Health & Welfare
Finding Forever Homes for Homeless Animals

JULY SECOND OFFERING:

LINCS

Linking Family, Community, and School

*thank
you*

*This month's newsletter is sponsored by
the Hough/Sterling family.*

Strawberry Festival

FOOD * FUN * FELLOWSHIP

Burgers * Dogs * Berries * Ice Cream

Cake Walk * Quilt Raffle

Games * Music * Vendors

Saturday * June 17 * 12 - 4 pm

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RAIN OR SHINE



Check the narthex for Strawberry Festival signup sheets!

Available shifts will include set up (10am-12pm), 12-2pm, 2-4pm, and clean up.

Come lend a hand & be a part of United Fellowship's outreach to our community!



VBS 2023 at United Fellowship Lutheran Church

July 10 – 14, 2023

Dinner at 5:30 p.m., VBS 6-8:30 p.m.

Following Jesus Changes the Game!

Looking at the life of Peter, kids will see that they may take 2 steps forward and 3 steps back in life, but it's never "game over" with Jesus!

All Children 3 Years-Old through 6th Grade Are Welcome!

[REGISTER HERE!](https://tinyurl.com/y6wn5797)

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CLASS OF 2023

Do you have a loved one
graduating this year?
If so, click the **GRADUATION
FORM** link below to get a
form to fill out, then drop it off or
email it to the office so we can
join you in congratulating them
on their accomplishments!



GRADUATION INFORMATION FORM

SAVE THE DATE!



Sunday, July 30th
Service of Healing and Church Picnic
Meuser Park- 2240 Northampton St, Easton - 10:15 AM
Service followed by a potluck lunch, games & activities.
Bring a chair and a dish to share!

FIRE SAFETY

Join us on Tuesday, June 13th at 11am at the Senior Center for a talk given by Wilson Fire Department about smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, a KnoxBox, and home safety. **EVERYONE WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND!**



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, May 18th, we provided fried chicken, mac & cheese, baked beans, tossed green salad, and mini cream puffs and chocolate eclairs 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, June 15th. 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".

BAKING FUNDRAISER NEWS



For our MAY FROSTED SUGAR COOKIES we sold 47 containers and raised \$422! Thanks to all for your continued support.!

We will be OFF FOR THE SUMMER - JUNE THROUGH AUGUST - and will resume baking in SEPTEMBER!

GOOD SHEPHERD CHRISTIAN NURSERY SCHOOL

I am happy to report we had a successful hatch of our chick eggs with all 12 chicks hatching! It is always wonderful to experience the chicks as they peck their way out of their egg and make that final push. You can see how tired they are after all their hard work. We waited a few days to make sure they were dry and strong before letting the children hold and pet them and then it was back to the farm!

We also had 18 of 20 caterpillars emerge from their cocoons. We released the butterflies into the church courtyard on May 22nd and 23rd.

The last day of classes were May 23rd and 24th and Pre-K graduation was May 25th. It has been a wonderful school year and, as always, I am grateful to the wonderful staff of GSCNS for all they do to ensure the children have a wonderful experience at our school. Our Summer Program is full!

I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Memorial Day!



Mrs. Darlene Creazzo



HAPPY
Father's
DAY



Come visit us at the Strawberry Festival! We will be inside the building in the hallway selling, quilt raffle tickets, crafts, and tickets for the tricky tray.

2023 Strawberry Festival Quilt raffle tickets are on sale: \$1 each or 6/\$5.
Please see Debbie Mangino for tickets.



Our group is growing! We welcome Jean Marie Stiles. We are currently working on new page markers for the hymnals along with a quilt and various other projects!

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



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, June 12th 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 June are tuna and sanitary products.



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



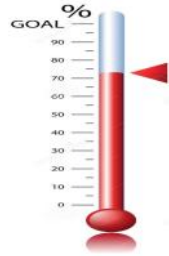
ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED!

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.



Hymnal Drive

The goal of our ongoing hymnal drive is 60, so far we have 55! 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. This would be a great way to honor a loved one !



*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 MAY 2023
APRIL

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>YTD ACTUAL</u>
<u>INCOME:</u>	7,774.35	39,265.96
<u>EXPENSE:</u>	21,262.93	88,798.09
<u>+SURPLUS/-DEFICIT:</u>	- 4,879.37	-31,649.80

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: 50 In person
5 online

Happy Birthday

6/1 Judy Otto
6/7 Chase Bond
Lynnise McCrae
6/10 Melissa Recchia
6/14 Rayanne Parry
6/15 Donna Bysher
6/16 Judy Willever
6/19 Doris Moore
Carter Rosario

6/20 Sarah Hough
6/23 Brenda Casciole
Dorothy Delabar
6/24 Harreen Giebler
Charles Wacik
6/29 June Slack

6/1 Jack & Emmajane Hagenbuch
6/15 Dave & Bette Seveney
6/19 Dave & Sue Schmeltzly
6/22 Duane & Ann Edwards
6/25 Don & Betty Jane Johnson
6/28 Fred & Donna Duckworth



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 Backpack Pals program is finished for this school year and will resume in September. Thank you to everyone who donated throughout the year.

thank you!

Anita Jo Paulkovits, M.Ed.
Executive Director/President



The Children's Home of Easton
SINCE 1882

May 8, 2023

United Fellowship Lutheran Church
2115 Washington Blvd.
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2nd offering
March 2023

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$206.00 to The Children's Home of Easton. We greatly appreciate your contribution to helping many more young men and women who are seizing opportunities to become contributing and productive adults in a challenging environment.

Through the support of caring donors and concerned community members like you, The Children's Home of Easton has been able to provide a helping hand for youth who have faced adversity yet remained focused and connected. Your contribution will provide assistance with such necessities as books and education costs, housing and food, expenses to ensure health and well-being, and the many unforeseen expenses associated with a successful transition to independence.

The opportunities are present for the youth we serve, but their achievements would not be possible without your help. Once again, thank you for your caring spirit and for making a difference in the life of a child.

Sincerely,

Daniel F. McMahon, CFRE
Director of Development

Thank you all
God Bless!
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PS: For tax purposes, please note that no goods or services were exchanged for your contribution.



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Helping People Help Themselves

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May 9, 2023

The Rev. Jamie Edelman M.Div.
United Fellowship Lutheran Church
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Dear Rev. Edelman,

On behalf of ProJeCt of Easton, Inc.'s Board of Directors, staff and all the people who benefit from our programs, please thank your congregation for their donation of \$450.86 to the Interfaith Food Pantry.

It is only through the generous support of our community that we are able to offer the services we provide to the public through the Interfaith Food Pantry and the ASSIST program at no cost. Together, these programs give people the assistance they need to get through times of crisis, and also the opportunity, through comprehensive case management and referral services, to work towards becoming self-sufficient. Their support makes a difference to those in need.

We are grateful that you have chosen to contribute to our agency, especially in these difficult economic times. Thank you again for *helping people help themselves.*

Sincerely,

Janice D. Komisor
Chief Executive Officer

JDK/bh

Thank you!

Save the Date

Starting Sunday, June 11th Sunday Worship will begin at 9:30am and will continue at that time through Labor Day. Sunday School will resume in September.



Strawberry Festival

June 17, 2023 - 12 to 4pm

VBS 2023 - July 10 - 14, 2023



Saturday, June 10th - Volleyball Tournament - CANCELLED



Friday, July 14th - Mission District Night at the Iron Pigs

\$12.00 a ticket which includes a \$2 concession voucher.

We have 100 tickets available on the 3rd base line.

TICKETS MUST BE RESERVED AND PAID FOR BY JUNE 11TH!

We all sit together and play some games during the event.

Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex or call the church office.

*Coca-Cola Park is a cashless park.

Sunday, July 30th - Service of Healing and Church Picnic

at Meuser Park - 10:15 service followed by brunch,

games & activities.



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

Church at 6pm. Bring a chair and a dish to share!



The Women of United Fellowship are collecting Redner's receipts again! 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.

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