

# FAITH MATTERS

A newsletter publication of

## United Fellowship



## Lutheran Church

*by faith we love and serve*

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# Pastor's Message

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As I look across my office, I see an Easter wreath hanging on my mirror behind the door. It's hanging there, waiting to be hung on the outside of my door in celebration of Easter. I toyed with the idea of hanging it on my door right away when it was given to me earlier in the week, but it didn't feel right to do so just yet.

We decorate our homes in anticipation of a holiday, often then taking them down soon after the holiday is over. More so with Easter than with other holidays, this seems a little what my Nana would have called 'hinnasfadish' (backwards in PA Dutch). To jump directly to Easter without first experiencing the journey of Lent leaves so much out.

It skips over us experiencing all that Jesus experienced on His journey to the cross. It skips over experiencing the opposition from the religious leaders of the day; it skips over the betrayal of Jesus by one of His own twelve disciples; it skips over the humiliation He was subjected to in the hours before and during His crucifixion. We miss Christ willingly going to the cross for you and me. We miss the fear the disciples must have felt when Jesus was arrested. We miss their grief when Jesus was placed in the tomb and the stone was rolled to seal it shut.

If we look past all of that and jump to Easter, how can we truly take it all in and feel the depth of what Jesus did for each of us? We miss the incredible sacrifice made for us in order to vanquish mortal death so that we might have eternal life with God! *That* is not something we want to miss!

Join us for worship during Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday. Come and sit with it, experience it, soak it all in. Let the weight of the events of Good Friday go with you as you leave worship. Easter morning will be all the sweeter as you come to worship and sing, 'Christ is risen! Alleluia! Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!', celebrating the new life we have received through Christ our Savior!

Easter blessings,

*Dr. Jamie*





**United Fellowship Council Members 2024:**

- Dawn Hough, President**  
**Charlie Wacik, Vice President**  
**Linda Amato, Secretary**
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| <b>Jim Marra</b>        | <b>Pam Cole</b>       |
| <b>Nola Skinner</b>     | <b>Kim Simeone</b>    |
| <b>Jeanne Swinsburg</b> | <b>Barry Willever</b> |
| <b>Bob Roscioli</b>     | <b>Frank Hartman</b>  |
- Doug Kuhn-Treasurer (non-council)**  
**Sheila Itterly—Financial Secretary (non-council)**

*\*Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6pm*

**Don't be late for church!**  
**Daylight Savings Time begins**  
**Sunday, March 10th so be sure to**  
**set your clocks ahead 1 hour the night before!**



*Holy Week is a time of observance of the solemn events leading up to the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ. In deference to that, Pr. Jamie asks that no committee meetings be scheduled during that week. Thank you.*

Seven readers are needed for Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> to read parts in the Passion. Add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex to take part in the greatest story ever told!



*thank you*

The March newsletter is sponsored by  
Adrienne Hummel.

*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.*

*Psalms 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>



### **MARCH 2ND OFFERING - COPS'N'KIDS EASTON**

The Easton Police Department conducts a program called Cops-n-Kids in conjunction with the Easton Area School District that sends Easton Police Officers into the classrooms of fifth and sixth graders in the Easton Area Middle School. The Officers "teach" classes about what it is like to be a Police Officer. The program culminates with a field day outside with many specialty units of local police departments, emergency medical services, medical helicopter units and fire departments demonstrating their capabilities. The program was developed to build a bond with students in the classroom setting and demonstrate the various emergency responder careers available to them.



# TULIPS & DAFFODILS EASTER FLOWER ORDER

Name..... Envelope #.....

In Memory of

OR  
(circle one)

In Honor of

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Cost: \$10.00 per 7" pot  
We will not be ordering lilies or hyacinths due to allergy concerns.

No. of Tulips:\_\_\_\_\_ No. of Daffodils\_\_\_\_\_

Total amount due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ I will take my flower(s) after the service

Please use a separate order form for each dedication. Return your order form along with your payment to the church office or place it in the communion plate no later than Sunday, March 17th, 2024.



## THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

If you have a Thrivent account, you may designate your Choice Dollars to United Fellowship. **This does not take money away from your account balance.** To do so, please go to [Thrivent.com](http://Thrivent.com) and follow the directions for designating Choice Dollars:

- Login at [Thrivent.com](http://Thrivent.com)
- Click on Generosity on the top left
- Click Direct Choice Dollars
- Search for United Fellowship Lutheran Church
- Or you can call 1.800.847.4836 and choose Option #1.



Your 2023 Choice Dollars will expire **March 31, 2024**, so please act now.



The Annual Birthday Bash is  
Sunday, March 10, 2024 in the Fellowship Hall  
after the service.

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

It will be fun to find out who shares the same  
birth month or even the same birthday!  
We will also have a regifting table.  
If you have a birthday or Christmas gift that you  
would like to regift, bring it along and exchange it  
for a different one.

*Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex  
if you would like to host a birthday month table.*

## GIFT CARD



**United Fellowship Lutheran Church**

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**Saturday, April 13, 2024**

Doors open at **12:00 pm**

Games start at **1:30 pm**

Tickets \$20 in advance

\$25 after 12:00 noon April 12

Specials \$10 (5 games)

**Tricky Tray \* 50/50 \* Door Prizes**

Food available for purchase.

Contact a committee member

for advance ticket sales.

Two delegates (one male, one female preferred) are needed to attend the 2024 Synod Assembly, per our constitution. This year's Synod Assembly will take place on Saturday, June 8th, from 9am-4:30pm at Atonement Lutheran Church in Wyomissing. You might be thinking, "Yikes! That's an hour and a half away!" HOWEVER!! St. Paul's Third is going to be a Synod Assembly "Watch Party" site - meaning you can go to St. Paul's and watch the assembly remotely *and still have both voice and vote*. Talk about convenient! Please see Pr. Jamie or contact the church office if you are willing to be a delegate.

**ALSO...**



The Mission District Assembly will be held on April 27th (time to be determined) at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 67 W Washington Ave, Bethlehem, PA 18018. Each congregation in the Mission District is asked to be represented by a rostered leader or pastoral care provider along with two lay delegates. The two lay delegates should preferably be the same as those who will be attending the Synod Assembly in June. Along with other business, there will be an election for a new Mission

**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!**



Come check out our Sunday services! Click the YouTube link or type in the web address:

<https://www.youtube.com/@unitedfellowshiplutheranch2408>



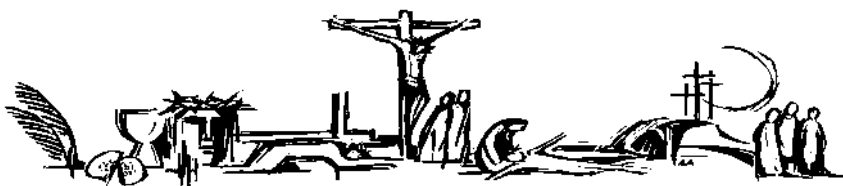
## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY



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 at 610-258-0081.



## *The Season of Lent*



### *Mid-Week Lenten Dinners & Services*

*(6 & 7pm respectively):*

*Mar 6 - Arndt's*

*Mar 13 - UFLC*

*Mar 20 - St. Andrew's*

### *Holy Week*

*Palm Sunday 3/24 @ UFLC - 10:15am*

*Maundy Thursday 3/28 @ UFLC- 7pm*

*Good Friday 3/29 @ UFLC- 7pm*

*Easter Dawn Service 3/31 @ 6:30am @ Hay's Cemetery  
(weather permitting)*

*Resurrection Sunday 3/31 @ UFLC - 10:15am*



***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, February 15th, we provided sloppy joe BBQ, pasta salad, baked beans, rolls, various chips, and homemade sugar cookies and chocolate covered pretzels for dessert for the people of Safe Harbor. Thanks to those who prepared, provided, and dropped off the food. Special thanks for the continued monetary donations as well. Our next meal is Thursday, March 21st. Anyone interested in contributing in any way, please contact Bette Seveney.



Our February Chocolate Covered Pretzels fundraiser was a big hit! We made 1140 pretzels, sold 95 orders, and raised a total of \$1030 which includes donations. Thanks to all for your continued support!

Our March St. Patty's Day fundraiser is vanilla and chocolate cupcakes - 6 pack for \$10. They will be available in containers of vanilla, chocolate, or mixed. Order forms will be in the narthex and it will be on Facebook as well. All orders are due by Friday, March 8th. Pick up will be Friday, March 15th or sooner. Exact cash or check to UFLC please.

*Come join us on Friday,*

*March 22nd in the Fellowship Hall*

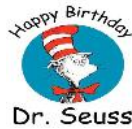
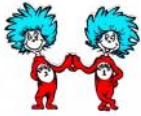
*at 6pm to make palm crosses to*

*decorate the church!*



Easter Egg Hunts will be held at both St. Paul's III @ 1pm and Arndt's @ 2pm, on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

# GOOD SHEPHERD CHRISTIAN NURSERY SCHOOL



Hopefully the groundhog wasn't wrong with his prediction of an early spring because February 13th surprised us with a huge snow storm which caused schools to be closed. Thankfully we were open on February 14<sup>th</sup> so the children were able to exchange Valentines with their classmates. School was also closed for President's Day, and then when the children returned to their classes they were instructed how to keep their teeth healthy and white after eating all of their Valentine treats.

We will begin the month of March by celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday. Don't be surprised if you see the staff and children in pajamas on March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to all of the church members who supported our recent Gertrude Hawk candy sale. The profits from this sale helped to pay for the cost of our chick hatching program. The chick eggs are scheduled to be delivered on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

We are continuing to register children for our summer and 2024-2025 school year programs for children ages 2-5, please call the school at 610-250-0864 or e-mail us at [gscns@verizon.net](mailto:gscns@verizon.net).

Think warm thoughts!  
Mrs. Darlene Creazzo



## VETERAN'S GROUP

We will be starting up again on  
Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>  
10:00-11:00am in the Lounge.  
See Barry Willever for more information.

## 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.





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. **The next donation drop off is Friday, March 8th. Please have donations such as fruit cups, microwave meals, etc. to the church before then.**

*Thank you to Sylvia Rader for delivering the donations to the school each month.*



*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!

March 5 - Acrylic Painting

March 12 - Bingo

March 19 - Crafts & Worship



**For they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means. 2 Corinthians 8:3**

**Monthly  
Financial  
Report**



**UFLC JANUARY 2024**

	<u>MONTH ACTUAL</u>	<u>YTD ACTUAL</u>
<u>INCOME (WEEKLY ENVELOPES ONLY):</u>	6,409.00	6,409.00
<u>EXPENSE:</u>	17,852.06	17,852.06
<u>+SURPLUS/-DEFICIT:</u>	-6,968.93	-6,968.93
<u>AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:</u>	53 In person	5 Online



# 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, March 11 @ 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.

United Fellowship Food Pantry  
Suggested Monthly Items

	<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

*We will gladly accept any of the items at any time during the year.  
Thank you for your generosity.*



### *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 anytime you donate blood at Miller-Keystone Blood Center*





*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 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.**



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

*Shirley M. Balzer*

*who entered the  
 Church Triumphant  
 on*

*February 13, 2024*

*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*

# Happy Birthday



3/1 Brayden Campbell  
Vi Pritchard\*  
3/3 Dawn Hough  
Diane Sandt  
3/8 Timothy Heimbach Sr.  
Kaiden Sterling  
3/10 Mary Elizabeth Soffera  
3/12 Lance Torres Jr.  
3/13 Luke Breidinger  
Kathleen Churchill  
3/16 Stacey Andreas  
Macey Walker

3/21 Emma Weber  
Allie Werkheiser  
RoseMary Werkheiser  
3/22 Marie Sox  
3/23 Kaylee Andreas  
Judylee Graff  
Mark Parry  
3/29 Fred Duckworth  
Jackie Durnin  
Richard Hageman  
3/30 Richard Angstadt\*

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

\*Denotes homebound/living facility resident

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**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.**



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

*Kathryn Brewer*

*who entered the  
Church Triumphant  
on*

*February 25, 2024*



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he who believes in me will live, even though he  
dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will  
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