

# FAITH MATTERS

A newsletter publication of

## United Fellowship



## Lutheran Church

*by faith we love and serve*

### NOVEMBER 2023

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# Pastor's Message

Dear Siblings in Christ,

October was a month full of ups and downs for me. Returning home from a week's vacation in Niagara Fall, Ontario, with my husband, Brian, I was refreshed and awash in the wonder of God's amazing and beautiful creation. For about 48 hours. Then Covid laid me out for close to a week. While I am feeling better overall, I am still dealing with a lot of fatigue, all while trying to make up for my time out of the office. I have found myself feeling a bit dispirited, a bit low – which is unusual for me. This realization prompted me to stop and engage in some intentional self-reflection, prayer and devotional reading.

One particular reading reminded me that God is always with us. Seems kind of obvious, but sometimes we forget that God is always waiting for us to lay our burdens down at God's feet. Waiting for us to open our hearts and pour out our joys and our sorrows and everything in between. God is always listening. When we are feeling low we tend to curl *into* ourselves instead of reaching *out* to God, who always has arms extended in our direction.

As Reformation Sunday approaches, I am reminded that just as Luther sought reformation within the church, we should seek reformation in our own faith journeys and faith communities. As our faith continues to grow and change, so should our thoughts and our faith disciplines. If those things remain static, they become stagnant and so does our faith. Sometimes this happens to us without our noticing it until we feel off-kilter or unfulfilled. Realigning ourselves with God and Christ Jesus reforms us, refocuses us, more fully opening us to the joy and love that can be found basking in the presence of our Almighty and Everlasting God.

As we journey through the coming month, may we pause to remember all the faithfully departed who have gone before us and may we be reminded of all that God has given to us and be thankful.

Yours faithfully in Christ,

*Br. Jamie*





But the souls of the righteous  
are in the hand of God,  
and no torment will ever touch them.

Solomon 3:1



**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, November 14th 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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### **NOVEMBER SECOND OFFERING:**

### **UFLC FOOD PANTRY**

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*thank  
you*

*This month's newsletter is presented to the  
Glory of God by Ruth Kluge in memory of all  
the blessed souls who have passed.*

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*EVERYONE*

*is invited to remember a loved one who has passed away at any time by bringing a small picture or memento to display near the altar and lighting a tea candle during the first hymn on All Saints' Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.*



*Christ the King Sunday, the final Sunday of the church year. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, while we await the consummation of all things yet to come. We acknowledge Christ as our merciful ruler, and go forth sharing loving words and deeds. Sunday, November 26*



Southside Civic Association will be having a Veteran's Day Service at Hay's Cemetery

704 Packer St.

Easton, PA 18042

Sunday, November 12th at 1pm

Bugler \* Raising of the Flag\* Gun Salute \* Wreath Laying





*Thank you*  
**VETERANS**  
 HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



**Paying Tribute  
 To Our Veterans**



**Please Join Us**  
**Saturday, November 11, 2023, 11:00 am**  
**at the**  
**Williams Township Veterans Memorial**  
**655 Cider Press Rd., Easton, PA**

*Almighty and ever-living God, we give you thanks for the men and women who have served and defended our country and the values of freedom and justice we hold so dear. Help us be mindful of the sacrifices they made and the hardship endured by their families and friends, so that we never take for granted the privileges they have secured for us. Hear us, we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*



***Please be advised that the UFLC Veteran’s Group will resume in January***



## 2023 Midweek Advent Service Schedule Donations/Offering

We will be joining with St. John's, St. Paul's III, Arndts, and St. Andrew's for the Midweek Advent meal and worship services this season. The soup meal will be offered at 6pm and worship begins at 7pm. The schedule is as follows:

December 6 - United Fellowship @ 2115 Washington Blvd., Easton

December 13 - St. Paul's III @ 2561 Newburg Road, Easton

December 20 - St. Andrew's @ 3900 Freemansburg Ave., Easton

We are asking for donations of hygiene items that will be used to create hygiene kits. These kits are going to be donated to **Project HOPE** of the *St. Luke's AIDS/HIV Clinics of Easton and Bethlehem*. We will also be taking a monetary offering which will be provided to the clinic for the purchase of other materials they need.

### What is Project HOPE?



**Project HOPE** is a Ryan White grant-funded, comprehensive HIV program, with a focus on serving uninsured and under-insured individuals. **HOPE** provides patients with clinical care, which includes primary care and infectious disease care, along with ancillary support services such as nutritional care, behavioral health services, and spiritual care; medical case management services, which includes housing assistance; and HIV/STI prevention services, which includes a free STD clinic and HIV/STI testing in the community, outreach and education, and a linkage to care team. With full comprehensive services located in Bethlehem and Easton, and case management and housing services in Tannersville and Allentown respectively, **HOPE** strives to provide **H**ealth, **O**utreach, **P**revention, and **E**ducation to patients and the community utilizing a holistic approach to end stigma and discrimination for people living with HIV.

**Hygiene Items Needed:** (you don't need to donate all the items; kits will be packed by a team after Christmas)

Toothbrush	Soap	Comb
Toothpaste	Wash Cloth	Roll of Toilet Paper
Deodorant	Wet Ones	Sanitary Napkins
Shampoo	Conditioner	



## TREE OF REMEMBRANCE ORNAMENTS

Each year we have ornaments available for purchase in memory of loved ones which will then be placed on the Tree of Remembrance in the narthex.

You can sign up for purchase beginning Sunday, November 5th through Sunday, December 3rd.

The ornaments are \$7.00 each.

Exact change or check made out to UFLC please.

Envelopes are available in the narthex

For more information, please see Bette Seveney.



Family Advent Workshop for all ages!  
Sunday, November 26th at 9:00 AM  
in the Fellowship Hall.

Come join us for a light continental breakfast and enjoy fellowship with one another as we prepare ourselves for the birth of our Savior!

## INGATHERING 2023



The Ingathering is a longstanding tradition of Lutheran congregations in the Northeastern Pennsylvania (NEPA) Synod, in which congregations gather items for less fortunate individuals and families. All collected donations benefit local charities and shelters, such as Safe Harbor Easton, ProJeCt of Easton, Bright Hope Easton, and others. This year Ingathering will be held at Hope Lutheran Church in Tatamy on Wednesday, December 6th.

*United Fellowship has been asked to provide 150 cans of shaving cream and 50 disposable razors.*

They will also be collecting toys, puzzles, hats, gloves, towels, blankets, and bedding in new or very good used condition. Cleaning supplies and adult sized socks and sweatshirts will also be collected.

There is a container in the narthex for donations. If you would like to make a monetary donation, cash or checks made payable to United Fellowship and noted "Ingathering" are gratefully accepted. For more information please see Diane Sandt.



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, October 19th, we provided meatballs, ziti, tossed green salad, Italian bread & butter, and ice cream sandwiches for dessert, to the people of Safe Harbor. Thank you to those who prepared, provided, and dropped off the food. Special thanks for the continued monetary donations as well. Our next meal is Thursday, November 16th.

Anyone interested in contributing in any way, please contact Bette Seveney. You can also visit: [safeharboreaston.com](http://safeharboreaston.com) and click on the link for "Donate A Meal".



### FUNDRAISING!

Our October pumpkin roll fundraiser was a HUGE success! We sold 77 and raised a total of \$1137, which included keep the change/donations. A heartfelt thanks to all!

Our NOVEMBER fundraiser is BAKED APPLE GOODS!

Pies \$8, Crisps \$6, and Dumplings \$4.

We will begin taking orders Sunday, October 29th. There will be an order sheet in the narthex and it will be on Facebook as well. Pick up will be the week of NOVEMBER 13th. Exact cash or check to UFLC please.

Thank you for your continued support!



A huge **Thank You!** to everyone who helped with, donated to, or hosted a station for Trunk-or-Treat! It was a huge success!

# GOOD SHEPHERD CHRISTIAN NURSERY SCHOOL

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



As we begin the month of November at Good Shepherd Christian Nursery School we realize we will have to work harder to keep the children's focus on task. They have moved past Thanksgiving and their thoughts are on Christmas and all the joy it brings. We will make Thanksgiving crafts and read stories to teach them about the very first Thanksgiving and what it was like for the Pilgrims so they can appreciate all that they should be thankful for.

Christmas City Photography will be here on November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> to take the children's school pictures. The school will be closed November 22-27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

I would like to thank the members of The United Fellowship Lutheran Church for their donations of treat bags for the children of GSCNS and for everyone who helped with our Gertrude Hawk fundraiser. Delivery for the candy orders is scheduled for the week of December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving  
with family and friends!

Mrs. Darlene Creazzo



The students of UFLC Sunday School and Good Shepherd Nursery School will be collecting new toys for the children of families served by our Food Pantry. If you would like to help, please take an ornament tag off one of our Christmas trees displayed throughout the building. Purchase a gift for the age-group listed. Each gift should have an approximate value between \$15-\$25. **Bring your unwrapped gift with the ornament tag attached to church by December 10th.** Cash donations will also be accepted - there will be envelopes in the narthex. Thank you in advance for helping us make Christmas a little brighter for about 130 children of our community!!

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOR VOTING MEMBERS**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH 2023 AT 11:30AM FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

The order of business will be:

1. Prayer
2. Determination that a quorum is present
3. Election of new members of council for 2024
4. Adoption of a budget for the ensuing calendar year 2024
5. Ratification Vote on UFLC Constitution & By-Law Changes
6. Adjournment with prayer.



*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



**A PLACE TO BELONG**  
**SENIOR CENTER**

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

We will have a guest speaker from New Eastwood  
Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center  
on Tuesday, November 7 at 11am.  
There will be discussion on protecting  
your personal information and avoiding scams.  
Everyone is invited!

Choir practice is on Wednesdays,  
6-7pm Bell, 7-8pm Chancel.  
For more information  
see Matt Gutwald.

*Our Bell Choir will be playing at the  
Easton Winter Village  
on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm  
at 1 Centre Square.  
Come out and see 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, November 13th @ 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 November are hot cocoa mix and garbage bags.**



**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***



**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 SEPTEMBER 2023

	<u>MONTH ACTUAL</u>	<u>YTD ACTUAL</u>
<u>INCOME (WEEKLY ENVELOPES ONLY):</u>	6,105.00	73,866.08
<u>EXPENSE:</u>	19,538.39	196,504.16
<u>+SURPLUS/-DEFICIT:</u>	- 10,452.41	-86,011.74
<u>AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:</u>		
	50 In person	
	5 Online	

# Happy Birthday



11/1 Pr. Jamie Edelman  
Greg Doll

11/2 Donna Duckworth  
Stacey Shotko

11/3 Roger Conners II

11/7 Jeffrey Breidinger Sr.

11/11 Emily Coopersmith

11/13 Brandon Doll

11/14 Doris Bailey \*

11/15 Peyton Walker

11/17 Bernadine McGary  
Nancy Werkheiser

11/21 Anthony Rogers  
Sue Schmeltzly

11/27 Robert Sandt

11/28 Rebecca Grant

11/29 Henry Hess



11/5 Matthew Walker & Brenda Wacik

11/7 Bruce & Betty Walter

11/15 Bruce & Donna Bysher

11/29 Timothy Sr. & Marianne Heimbach

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



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

**Earle McIlroy**

**who entered the Church Triumphant  
on October 25, 2023.**



**Through your family and friends may the consoling arms of  
God enfold you, God's love flow over you, and the  
compassionate heart of God fill you and yours with peace.**



The UFLC office will be closed Thursday, November 23rd and  
Friday, November 24th  
in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

*Give  
Thanks!*



***The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart  
trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I  
give thanks to him.***

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