

FAITH MATTERS

A newsletter publication of

United Fellowship



Lutheran Church

by faith we love and serve

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I was **GLAD** when they said unto me,
LET US GO into the *House of the Lord.*
Psalm 122:1

On September 17th, 2023 United Fellowship
Lutheran Church welcomed three new members:

Grace Ealer
Joyce Linnert
Patricia Paukovic

For just as the body is one and has many
members, and all the members of the body,
though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For
in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one
body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were
all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body
does not consist of one member but many.
1 Corinthians 12:12-14

Welcome!



Do not be overcome by evil,
but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12:21



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, October 10th 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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OCTOBER SECOND OFFERING:

YOUTH MINISTRY

*thank
you*

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

HARVEST HOME

We will be collecting non-perishable food items on Sunday October 1st and October 8th to benefit the United Fellowship Food Pantry. They will be collected at a designated time during the worship service. If you would like to make a monetary donation, there will be envelopes for cash or checks made to United Fellowship and noted Harvest Home.



*Come, ye thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in
ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.*



Blessing of the Animals

Tuesday, October 3rd - 6pm



Identifying and Sharing Your Faith Story Workshop (3 Part Series)

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 on 10/8, 10/22, and 11/5.

We will meet after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Lunch will be provided.

So we can plan for enough food and workshop materials, *please sign up in the narthex by Sunday October 1st, or call the church office 610.258.0081.*

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



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, [September 21st](#), we provided fried chicken, baked potatoes, green bean casserole, tossed green salad, and ice cream sandwiches 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 is Thursday, October 19th. Anyone interested in contributing in any way, please contact Bette Seveney.



For our September fundraiser we sold 100 Noto's Deli hoagie tickets and raised \$200!

Our October fundraiser is pumpkin rolls! The cost is \$14 each. We will begin taking orders [Sunday, October 1st](#). There will be an order form in the narthex and it will be posted on Facebook as well. We begin baking the week of October 16th. Pick up and or delivery will be [Friday, October 20th](#) or sooner. Thank you for your continued support!



Thank You!

From the Fellowship & Community Building Committee

God's Work Our Hands Day On September 10th was a success thanks to everyone who volunteered! Lunch was also served and enjoyed by all the volunteers.

- A total of 63 "Thinking of You" cards were mailed to members, and included our church magnets and an invitation to the Cider Social.
- A group went to Renaissance Home in Forks Township where 14 lap quilts, 3 walker bags, and 2 hand towels were given out to residents. The Quilters provided the hand-crafted items.
- The Red Sand Project, a human trafficking awareness program, was delayed until [September 17th](#) due to the rain. Thank you to the Adult [Sunday](#) School class for completing this project.

GOOD SHEPHERD CHRISTIAN NURSERY SCHOOL



The month of September has flown by and we are happy to report our pre-school children have adjusted and are having fun playing and learning in their classrooms. All of the children have been busy making fall crafts to decorate their rooms and hallways for our open house on September 25th. Open house is a wonderful time for the children to show their families all the fun things they do in class and introduce them to their new friends. We will again have Animal Land present if the children would like to make a stuffed animal to take home.

On October 6th we will be off to pick pumpkins at Unangst Tree Farm where the children will enjoy feeding animals, navigating a corn maze, and going on a tractor ride to find their special pumpkin. At the end of the month on October 27th at 10:45 be prepared to see some princesses, super heroes, witches, and maybe a ghost or two. The children will be trunk or treating in the church parking lot and their families will be handing out candy and treats.

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Marlowe Wacik. Marlowe was a GSCNS board member for many years, she was a strong advocate for the school and always supported our fundraisers and special events. She will be missed.

I would like to thank Jackie Durnin and Pam Cole for volunteering to join our nursery school board, we are very grateful.

Happy fall!

Mrs. Darlene Creazzo



Good Shepherd Christian Nursery School is looking for board members! This is an opportunity to serve by giving approximately 1 hour a month for meetings. For more information contact Darlene Creazzo at 610.250.0864



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

August and September were busy months for the quilters:

- ~We purchased toilet paper and toothpaste for the food pantry.
- ~We also purchased 200 juice pouches to give out at Trunk -or-Treat.
- ~We sponsored the September Newsletter in memory of deceased members.
- ~We donated lap robes, walker bags, and hand towels to give to residents of Renaissance Home as part of the God's Work Our Hands project.

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

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 gather on Tuesdays
from 10am-2:30pm in the Fellowship Hall!
For more information please see

Do you like to sing?
Do you like to make a joyful noise?
Come join us!
Bell & Chancel Choir meet on
Wednesdays , 6-8pm.
For more information
see Matt Gutwald.





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, October 9th 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 October are rice and toothbrushes.



Monthly Donation Suggestions

<u>Non Food item</u>		<u>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.





CIDER SOCIAL

Join us on Sunday, October 29th
in the Fellowship Hall
immediately following worship service
for a CIDER SOCIAL!

We guarantee there will be lots of fun,
fellowship and good food-
ESPECIALLY the pumpkin and apple desserts!
All are welcome! Bring a friend!
Sign up sheets for food and desserts
are in the narthex.

The Fellowship & Community Building Committee

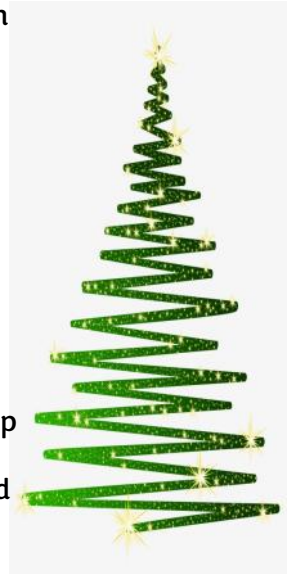
INGATHERING 2023

The Ingathering of the Easton/Bethlehem Mission District 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. All collected donations benefit local charities and shelters.

For more information please see Diane Sandt.



Veteran's Group

Wednesday ~ October 11th ~ 10am-12noon
For more information, please see Barry Willever.

Everyone is invited to the Williams Township
Veterans Day Ceremony on Saturday November 11th, at 11am ~
Williams Twp Municipal Building ~ 655 Cider Press Rd.

Trunk or Treat



United Fellowship Lutheran Church is very excited to host its 2nd Annual Trunk-or-Treat on Sunday, October 22nd, from 2-4pm, in the parking lot.

We are looking for people who are interested in hosting a station. Hosting involves decorating your car, trunk or parking space, getting dressed up (that part is optional, but lots of fun!), and providing & passing out treats to children who attend (approx. 200). Set up time begins at 12pm.

Can't host a station? We are also in need of people who can donate candy and/or treats to be passed out by the hosts.

Please fill out the form below and turn in by October 15th. Questions? Contact Frank Hartman at 610-739-1534 or Traci Hartman at 610-714-9070.

___ I will host a station. ___ I will donate candy/treats.

Name: _____

Phone: _____



RE•FORMATION THEN • NOW • ALWAYS

Through re-telling our story and returning to the core of our faith, Reformation Sunday prods us to do better.

We are called to be more loving and grace-filled, because God was gracious and merciful to us. We are called to repent of the times that we have placed barriers that have kept others from hearing the Good News. We are called to remember that all that we are is a gift from God.

In the church in Wittenberg where Martin Luther preached, there is a wonderful painting. In it Luther stands in the pulpit on the right hand side, and the people stand on the left. In between people and the preacher is Christ on the cross.

Reformation Sunday is a reminder that this is the bedrock of our faith – the grace and mercy given to us in Jesus Christ. Keeping the most important thing in the center of the picture is the only hope for our faith and for this community that we call “church.”

October 29th ~ Happy Reformation Sunday!



*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 JULY 2023

	<u>MONTH ACTUAL</u>	<u>YTD ACTUAL</u>
<u>INCOME:</u>	6,627.12	62,011.08
<u>EXPENSE:</u>	12,115.88	156,563.15
<u>+SURPLUS/-DEFICIT:</u>	- 2,835.28	-65,669.14
<u>AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:</u>	50 In person 5 online	

Happy Birthday

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| 10/03 Savannah Simeone | 10/17 Sue Shotko |
| Christy Sitler | 10/19 Harlow Simeone |
| 10/09 Ruth Kluge | Madison Simeone |
| 10/10 Linda Bartholomew | 10/24 Lynnay Paine |
| Gail Burgey | 10/28 Melody Rogers |
| 10/12 Robert Homa | 10/29 Jode Perez |
| 10/14 Don Johnson | Betty Johnson |
| 10/15 Joseph Gerber * | 10/30 Karen Brown |
| Cheryl Phillips | |



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| 10/04 Jode & Nancy Perez | 10/22 Lewis & Sherri Gellock |
| 10/09 Robert & Melody Rogers | 10/26 Joe & Mary Gerber |
| 10/10 Douglas & Lois Kuhn | 10/28 Roger & Pam Cole |
| Lance & Jacquelyn Torres | Tom & Jeanette Herster |
| 10/13 Greg & Audra Doll | |
| 10/15 Nicholas & Melissa Recchia | |

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

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- * ***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.

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