



# The Lutheran Letter

## February Newsletter 2019



### FROM THE PASTOR

#### Care Enough to Send the Very Best!

The word “love” is probably heard, seen and spoken more in the month of February than in any other month. Greeting card, candy and jewelry sellers all remind us how important it is to focus on the ones we love; “Show her how much you care!”...”A diamond is forever!” ... ”Sweets for the sweet!”...” Care enough to send the very best”. While we are bombarded with slogan after slogan, it is important that we remember the ultimate Valentine’s Day sentiment: “And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. **But the greatest of these is love.**” (1 Corinthians 13:13) Love is the driving force in the life of a faithful Christian. Love for God, demonstrated by the way a Christian cares for and shares the gifts entrusted to him or her. Love for each other, shown by the care of family members and friends. Love for the greater community, lived in a Christian’s commitment to justice. As we embrace the trappings for Valentine’s Day, let’s remember to care enough about our Lord to send the very best by taking time each day to pray. Let’s take the time to turn our hearts to the source of all love.



*Pastor Camp*

### January 2019 Church Council News...

By Cathy Shaffer  
Assistant to the Pastor

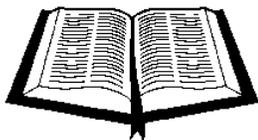
- ❖ Financial report: We ended the year with a deficit for the year of \$16,000. 2017’s year-end deficit exceeded \$40,000. We made great strides in 2018 to improve our financial positioning by lowering our expenses while growing our offerings. Stay tuned for updates in 2019.
- ❖ The Schnecksville Grange is no longer able to serve as an election polling location. The election board is considering moving to ULC.
- ❖ The church staff and council members will be attending the Synod’s Learning Ministries Day. Workshops are offered on a variety of church-related topics.
- ❖ Discussed the format and timing of the bi-annual congregational meetings. The next meeting will be held following the 8 AM worship service on February 17<sup>th</sup>. □
- ❖ Next Council meeting is Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. All are welcome.

#### The Back Pew – Jeff Larson



**CANDY for Valentines Day.. SWEET!**  
CANDY from the **BULK FOODS** store.. NOT!  
God gives perfect gifts.. people give good gifts.. **HUSBANDS??** well we try. **Mt 7:11**

## Happy Hour By Cathy Shaffer



Happy Hour is ULC's adult forum that brings in outstanding leaders and also uses local talent to provide learning, inspiration and fellowship.

Join us every Sunday at 9:15 am in Room 202 for a wide variety of experiences ranging from serious study and discussion to outright humor and hilarity.

Feb. 3 - The theme for Happy Hour on February 3 will be "Us and Them and God" led by the Rev. Dr. Peter A. Pettit from Muhlenberg College. The gospel lesson (Luke 4: 21-30) for February 3 is rife with divisions, challenges, questions of identity, and expectations. How do we sort out the dynamics to understand Luke's word for his community and for us? What does it say about religious pluralism and cultural diversity today? Join Dr. Pettit to explore this rich, complicated text and our own engagement with it at 9:15 am in Room 202.

Feb. 10 & 17 - For centuries the church has taught about Heaven and Hell. Different denominations have different ideas. So what do Lutherans profess? And are the "official" teachings what we really believe? Herb & Judy Gifford will lead the Happy Hour in a two-week "Exploration of Heaven & Hell" on Sundays, February 10 & 17, at 9:15 am in room 202. Come join us for a time of serious - and not so serious - Bible study, discussion and fun.

Feb. 24 - Pastor Jim Henderschedt, one of Happy Hour's favorite presenters, will lead the class based on Marcus Borg's book *The God We Never Knew: Beyond Dogmatic Religion to a More Authentic Contemp-*

*orary Faith. Many voices are being heard these days about the need for the church to change or die. Pastor Henderschedt will lead the class in a discussion of how we might reconcile our faith with today's science, our current understanding of history, honest critical thinking, and religious pluralism that no longer allows any religion to claim exclusive truth for itself. Come join us at 9:15 am in Room 202 for a stimulating hour of study and discussion.*

 <p><b>FIRST Communion</b></p> <p>First Communion Classes Sundays, April 7 &amp; 14, 2018 9:15 AM</p>	<p>Our congregation's communion fellowship is open to children in First Grade and above.</p> <p>First Communion will be received during the <b>Maudy Thursday Service</b> April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM</p>
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 <p><b>Women's Fellowship &amp; Bible Discussion</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of each Month @ 8:00 AM</b></p> <p>Schnecksville Diner.</p> <p>More info? Contact the Church Office, JoAnne Bailey, or Cathy Shaffer</p>
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**Something New from the Fellowship Committee!!!!**

Come and join us as we celebrate the wonderful life of Grandparenthood

**Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

We invite  
Grandparents and Grandchildren  
to our 10:30 AM Worship Service  
and then enjoy lunch and activities  
at 11:30 AM in the  
Family Life Center.

**RSVP to the Church Office.**



**From The Church Office...**

*If you are going away for an extended period of time, please contact the Church Office. We will gladly hold your church mail for you until you return or send it to you if you have a temporary address.*



**Friday, February 8, 2019**

**Saturday, February 9, 2019**

Contact the Church Office to register today!

**Announcing the 2019 Men's Retreat!**

Friday Evening, February 8<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM and  
Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 AM.

**CALLING ALL MEN OF THE CONGREGATION!**

The Journeymen, the men's ministry group of Union Lutheran Church, is once again inviting all men of the congregation to attend our annual Men's Spring Retreat. We are holding TWO great sessions this year, and we invite you to join us at either or both! On Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, we will meet at Terry Hoffman's residence from approximately 6:30 PM to 10:00 PM for some fellowship, snacks, beverages and a movie (God's Not Dead, a Light in the Darkness). We will then reconvene at 7:00 AM on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at the Parkland Restaurant for a delicious breakfast and a very brief version of our monthly meeting. Then we're off to the the Church (Room 103/104) for a Bible study with Pastor Camp; coffee, tea and orange juice will be available. Upon the completion of our Bible Study, we will head to the Neff's Volunteer Fire Station for a tour given by Jim Steward. This will complete our 2019 Men's Retreat. You can't beat that! Why not give it a try? We encourage all men of the congregation OF ALL AGES to prayerfully consider attending the retreat this year. It really is a great opportunity to step away from your chores for a short time to focus on God, Fellowship & Fun with other guys in the congregation. You deserve a break! If you would like to sign up for the retreat or have any questions, please call the church office at 610-767-6884, or contact the Journeymen President, Ron Bealer. A sign-up sheet will also be available on the Journeymen Bulletin Board in the Hallway.

## Youth Group News...



*Caroling at Parkland @ Home*



*Shopping for Jerusalem House*



## From the Director of Music Ministries

By Susan Hartney

On Sunday, January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany, Union Chorale sang “Here Comes the Light” during the Offering. The words “here comes the light” repeat throughout that anthem, and it got me thinking about the word “light”.

I decided to look at the texts of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany hymns in *The Lutheran Book of Worship*. There are at least 33 hymns (I may have missed a few) in those sections containing the word “light”. Here are some examples:

- ❖ Freedom’s light
- ❖ Let your lights appear
- ❖ Everlasting light
- ❖ O Jesus, very Light of light
- ❖ Yonder shines the infant light
- ❖ Light and life to all he brings
- ❖ Love’s pure light
- ❖ Through the darkness beamed a light
- ❖ Eternal Light of light
- ❖ As with joy they hailed its light

There are synonyms as well: glow, shine, sun, dawn, morn, Morning Star, radiant sun, star, bright, radiant beams, lamp. All these related words share very clearly the light of Christ that leads us to eternal glory.

The seasons of light during the darkness of winter always gives me pause for thought. Advent is a preparatory season for the joy of Christmas – the celebration of the birth of Jesus. The feast of the Epiphany, celebrated on January 6, commemorates the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles, meaning the world. The final Sunday of this season is March 3, observed as the Transfiguration of Our Lord or the Last Sunday after Epiphany. As we advance through this early part of the year, our daylight hours become longer. The secular calendar merges with the church calendar well – darkness is being replaced by light.

“Children, are you ready? Here comes the light!”

## **MEET... Anna May Reitz** **By the Communications Committee**

That woman you see in church every Sunday, the one who smiles all the time, is Anna May (Stimmel) Reitz. At 97, she's the oldest member of our congregation (for 79 years) and always sits in the same pew (the sixth one from the back on the center aisle left) with her son Harold and his wife Peggy.



Anna was born on September 17, 1921, in Trexlertown. By first grade her family moved and she attended a one-room school in Guthsville. Grades 5-6 found her in Cetronia and from grade 7 on until graduation at Parkland.

Anna and her husband Elmer were married at ULC in 1940. They lived in a trailer at the gas station they owned on Route 309. At the time it was Cities Service, but over the years it has sold various brands and is now boarded up awaiting an uncertain future.

During World War II Elmer was in the Army in Europe. Anna stayed home and took care of Harold and the business. When Elmer came home from the war he had all kinds of ideas for various enterprises. Selling the gas station, they established the Reitz's Dairy Mart. Peggy says, "Anyone who has been in Schnecksville for a long time knows where it was" (where the Schnecksville Diner is now). It operated from 1952 to 1967.

Elmer's next enterprise was an Arctic Cat snowmobile business conducted from their home on Sand Spring Road. Anna remembers how they traveled about and her involvement in the women's snowmobile races, dubbed the Powder Puff Derby after the famous women's aviation races.

The next venture was a car wash and gas station. It sold Getty products (the offshoot of Cities Service). It still exists on Route 309, across from the fire station, now selling Exxon products.

Elmer died in 1999. Anna and he had been married for almost 60 years. One thing they did over the years and Anna continues to do is collect owls. When you visit her home on Sand Spring Road you will see, literally, thousands of owls – statues, plaques, ornaments, pictures.

Owls are a symbol of wisdom and Anna is a bundle of energy and optimism. The two are an unbeatable pair. Among her hobbies Anna loves to sew. You'll find decorative pillows and many other things in her home along with the owls.

Someone has described Anna as a "Bundle of Smiles." She certainly is that. Peggy and Harold say that after church every Sunday they go out to eat, shop and enjoy a full afternoon together. By 7:00 o'clock Harold and Peggy are ready to call it a day, but Anna is still going strong.

So who is that energetic, happy, smiling lady in the sixth pew? It's Anna May Reitz and the next time you see her, be sure to say "Hello" and smile right back at her!

### **CALLING JOURNEYMEN!!!**

#### **ALL MEN WELCOME!**

**The Journeymen** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month at 7:00 AM. Join them at The Parkland Restaurant, 2702 Walbert Ave, Allentown. Your **FIRST** meeting is **FREE**.

**Girls' Night Out**  
**GNO**  
**(Girls' Night Out)**  
A time of food and chatting and getting to know each other  
**FEBRUARY 22, 2019**  
We meet at  
Vivo Italian Kitchen  
4558 Crackersport Rd  
Allentown  
Order what you want from the menu and pay for your own dinner/drinks.  
RSVP the Church Office 610-767-6884



The Learning Ark  
Christian Preschool  
UNION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## The Learning Ark Christian Preschool

By Jackie Bucks, Director

January is definitely not my favorite month of the year. December is such a "warm" month filled with Christmas concerts, joyous worship services, and special time spent with family baking cookies and shopping for that perfect tree or present!

January in contrast seems to be the bleak midwinter of Gustav Holst's song especially after all the Christmas decorations are carefully put away for next year.

Epiphany reminds us not to despair in the dark and cold months of winter. As our preschoolers know, we celebrate Epiphany, the season of light because Jesus is the Light of the World!

During January we had a king come to visit us in chapel and we followed a star to find the baby Jesus lying in a manger. After we visited Jesus, we searched the whole church looking for the king's camels only to find them in the church office!



We also learned about Martin Luther King, Jr. and of his dream that all people will be valued for who they are and not judged by the color of their skin. Come visit our mural in the preschool hallway to see our colorful project in honor of this special man.

We are looking forward to many more celebrations and exciting learning experiences at our preschool this winter as we wait for the warmth of spring! We offer open enrollment throughout the year, so it is never too late to join us!

If you are looking for a Parent and Me class, preschool experience or an art and music class for your child for the 2019/2020 school year, please join us for our Open House on Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. The snow date is Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. We hope to see you there!



### Please Join Us For An Open House!

Thursday, February 21, 2019  
6:30 to 8:00 pm



The Learning Ark  
Christian Preschool  
UNION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Jacqueline V. Bucks, Director  
[www.learningarkpreschool.com](http://www.learningarkpreschool.com)  
Email: [preschool@ulclv.org](mailto:preschool@ulclv.org)  
610-767-6884

Classes available for 3s, 4s & Pre-K  
"Two by Two" a "Parent & Me" class for 1s, 2s, & young 3s  
Art in the Afternoon for all ages!

We offer open enrollment throughout the year!



*Preschool Gifts for Jerusalem House*



*Preschool Gifts for the Allentown School District*

**"All are from the dust,  
and to dust all return."**  
Ecclesiastes 3:20, ESV



**Ash Wednesday Services**  
**March 6, 2019**  
**11:00 AM & 7:00 PM**



5500 Route 873  
Schnecksville, PA  
www.ulcv.org  
610-767-6884

**Children's Sunday  
School News...**



*Children getting ready for their Sunday School Program*

**Lenten  
Soup and Bread Dinners**

**All are welcome!**



**Wednesdays**  
**Beginning**  
**March 13, 20 & 27**  
**April 3 & 10**

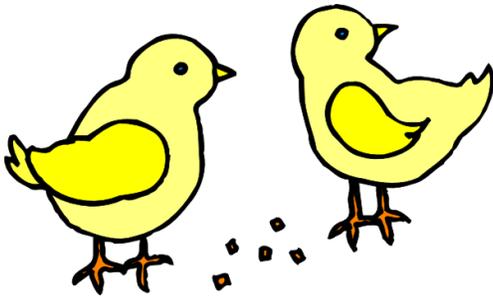
Soup served with fresh baked breads  
from **6:00 PM – 6:45 PM**

**7:00 PM** we will gather for  
**Worship** in the Nave

*(Freewill offering will be received during the dinner)*



*Shepherds, Shepherds everywhere*



How many pennies does it take to gift a needy family with 10 chicks? Answer: \$10.00 x 100 = 1,000! Later this month we will count the pennies, other coins and even some dollar bills found in the jug located in the Gathering Space. Supplying a family with chicks will ultimately provide them with eggs that will give them protein-rich meals.

Let's help the Sunday School meet the goal of a "1,000 pennies"



*Union Chorale caroling  
with Edie Luers*

## Save the Date



*Women's Retreat*  
*Friday, February 8, 2019*  
*Saturday, February 9, 2019*

**Hosted by Jodi Segner**  
858 Yorkshire Drive  
Breinigsville

Let's learn about "Ruth and the God who Rocked her World". We will share appetizers Friday night, Saturday a continental breakfast (bring your favorite goodie to share) and a catered lunch. The cost is \$25.00 to cover lunch and supplies. Let's discuss ideas for future service projects.

**RSVP by February 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
to Cindy or the Church Office.

**Call Cindy Pugh at 610-216-4713 or email  
softball8@rcn.com with any questions.**

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**Start with a Smile at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)**  
When you shop **@AmazonSmile.com**  
Amazon will make a donation to Union  
Evangelical Lutheran Church.  
Shop <https://smile.amazon.com> today.

## Souppoff 2019

Help us fill empty bowls for World Hunger at our soup/dessert luncheon on Sunday, February 3, 2019 at 11:30 AM. It's that time of year to start searching through your recipes and find a prize winning soup and/or dessert recipe. Tickets and signups for the soup and dessert contest will be in January so start thinking about your prize winning recipes. All proceeds go to World Hunger. If you have any questions don't hesitate to call Cathy Smith 215-872-4013.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry



All women are welcome to be part of this important ministry. If you like to knit or crochet, please join us. We'd love to have you!

If you have any questions, contact Carolyn Bottjer, 610-395-6867, [cbottjer@gmail.com](mailto:cbottjer@gmail.com). If you know of someone who lives out of the area who could use a prayer shawl, please contact Cathy Smith, 215-872-4013, [kckkcsmith@hotmail.com](mailto:kckkcsmith@hotmail.com), and she will be happy to mail one for you. You can also contact her if you would like to deliver one in person.

## INDONESIA

### Chili peppers boost income for farmers

On a half-acre on the island of Nais, Yaatulo and wife, Maiata, grow bananas to support themselves and two children.

Income from the bananas wasn't enough to support the family. Bananas are only harvested once a year, bringing the family an income equivalent to about \$40 USD a month.

Yaatulo heard about a development program of the Center for Disaster Risk Management, which is supported by gifts to **ELCA World Hunger**. He decided to join and soon he had enough support to borrow money for chili seeds.

Over two months, Yaatulo and Maiata cleared their land and dug trenches to plant more than 1,000 chili bushes.

Chilis can be harvested multiple times a year giving farmers more opportunities to sell them at market. Yaatulo and Maiata have diversified their income sources with the possibility of adding \$200 USD in revenue in a three month period.

"I will pay back the loan in three months so that someone else can use the money," says Yaatulo.

**ELCA World Hunger** accompanies our neighbors like Yaatulo around the world as they work to end hunger and poverty. Thanks to your gifts farmers like Yaatulo have improved access to tools, raining, livestock, seeds and more.



# Parish Nurses

By Dottie Bealer

Jane Borbe

## Steps to stay independent when you live alone



Living alone in our older years can be a challenge and a risk. There's no one in the house to call paramedics if you get hurt, and there's no one sitting at the dinner table for conversation or companionship. Isolation can lead to a decline in thinking skills and to an increased risk for depression.

While there are many tools to help you reduce the risks of living alone, implementing them may be easier said than done. "The misconception is that any acceptance of help is somehow the beginning of a slippery slope into dependence and losing control of your life," says Barbara Moscovitz, a geriatric social worker at Harvard-affiliated Massachusetts General Hospital. "We need to reframe what will help us remain independent and accept the tools to help us. Make a choice to enhance your ability to live alone. See assets and positives, not signs of weakness."

### Safety first

One of the most important tools when living alone is a safety alert button, a waterproof device you wear as a pendant or on your wrist that alerts 911 at the touch of a button. "This device must stay on your body 24 hours a day," says Moscovitz. "It won't do any good on your nightstand if you've fallen in the shower." Prices range from \$25 to \$50 per month, depending on the system. Look for a service that allows you to pay month-to-month and has no start-up fees.

Moscovitz also recommends having an emergency supply kit to help you through bad weather, electricity outages, or times when you just can't get to a store. "Imagine that you'll need three

days' worth of supplies, including food and water. Keep those supplies in a pantry, so you'll have them if you need them," she says. And to avoid running out of medications, always refill prescriptions when you have a week's supply remaining.

### Social connection

Being in contact with others is as vital and important as your health care. Moscovitz says it doesn't have to be a formal date or event. It can be going to the mailroom, picking up mail, and chatting with a neighbor for five minutes. But, she stresses, "You must talk to someone at least daily, and get out of your house at least once a week. Any less could have a negative impact on your health and well-being."

Start by arranging a daily phone call with a family member or friend, even if you're the one who calls. "It stimulates your social juices, validates your existence, and also acts as a safety check," says Moscovitz. For activity, reach out to friends and family, a church or synagogue, a senior center, or a volunteering opportunity. All of these offer social connections that will be meaningful and add richness to your life. But even the simple act of doing errands and seeing others in person provides a benefit.

### Services

When you're no longer able to drive or manage once-routine activities such as housecleaning or shopping, it's time to turn to convenience services. Take advantage of grocery stores, pharmacies, and restaurants that deliver to your neighborhood. Ask a senior center, church, or even local bus service about free or affordable rides to take you to the store or the doctor. You can also hire errand services.

And when the activities of daily living—such as bathing, dressing, taking medication, and cooking—become too difficult, you can hire private-duty care. This usually comes in two forms: a companion or a health aide. Both are able to offer homemaker services, such as light housework, cooking, shopping, overseeing medication routines, and transportation. The difference is that a licensed worker, such as a home health aide, will also be trained in body mechanics and able to provide hands-on physical care such as help bathing, eating, brushing teeth, and using the bathroom.

These services can be expensive, but keep in mind that moving to assisted living can also be costly. Weigh the benefits of making the investment for services at your own home against moving to a senior living environment. "But don't make the mistake of thinking you don't need any help," says Moscowwitz. "That may land you in a facility faster than you expected, without giving you the control over where and when you want to make the move to the next chapter."



The current art exhibit (January 13 through February 24) at The Gallery at St. John's Lutheran Church, Easton, is "Ruins Entwined." It features the photography of Alyssa Eve Csuk and the watercolors of Jaime Karol, both of whom present an amazing display of the rust at Bethlehem Steel Stacks. In harmony with this exhibit, Pastors Jim Henderschedt and Herb Gifford will appear on Sunday, February 10 at 1:30 pm as "Two Old Ruins" doing "heaps of stuff – some fun, some serious – along with a few bits and pieces." Together they teamed up in 2011 on a project they called Word Limit 55 writing sermons, meditations, and other stuff in no more, no less than 55 words. Jim is an accomplished artist and storyteller. Herb has collected jokes and quotations for some 70 years. He also writes nonsense books based on his concept of "faction" – a little bit of fact and a whole lot of fiction. Their presentation will be loosely planned to combine their work and the reaction of the audience – a live interactive experience. Herb & Jim will be introduced by their good friend Ed Romond, a distinguished poet and writer who has appeared at The Gallery at St. John's many times, always to the delight of the audience.

## How to Cook Locally in Winter

*When markets are full of heirloom tomatoes or fresh peaches, cooking locally is easy. But winter cooking can be a challenge. Here are some tips for adjusting your cooking to the season.*

### Embrace Winter's Bounty

Root vegetables harvested in the early winter store well for winter eating, and many hearty greens and cruciferous vegetables actually taste better after being exposed to some chill.



### Try New Recipes

Looking for new recipe ideas? Focus on Indian dishes that include potatoes, cabbage, or cauliflower to maximize winter produce.



### Think Beyond Produce

Winter is a good time to buy locally produced pantry goods like dried beans, pickles or preserves. Along the coasts, plenty of seafood—especially shellfish—is at its best.



### Break Out the Condiments

Go winter cooking crazy and take full advantage of that jalapeno-raspberry sauce or spicy pickled okra that you received for Christmas—or make your own new concoction!



### Keep a Kitchen Herb Garden

By planting an indoor herb garden, you'll be able to add quick bits of color and flavor to your winter dishes.



### Plan Ahead

You may feel behind, but get a jump on next year by planning for the preserving, freezing and drying that can be done throughout the year.



Visit Church Health Advisor for more healthy tips: [www.chcra.org](http://www.chcra.org)



## ULC Library Book Club

By Barb Mahoney

Our next book will be *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. Ernt Allbright, a former Vietnam POW, comes home a changed and volatile man. When he loses yet another job, he makes an impulsive decision: he will move his family to Alaska, where they will live off the grid in America's last true frontier.

His daughter thirteen-year-old Leni is caught in the riptide of her parents' passionate, stormy relationship. She dares to hope that a new land will lead to a better future for her family. Her mother, Cora, will follow the man she loves anywhere, even if means following him into the unknown.

At first, Alaska seems to be the answer to their prayers. In a wild, remote corner of the state, they find a fiercely independent community of strong men and even stronger women. But as winter approaches and darkness descends on Alaska, Ernt's fragile mental state deteriorates and the family begins to fracture. Soon the perils outside pale in comparison to threats from within. In their small cabin, Leni and her mother learn a terrible truth: they are on their own and there is no one to save them but themselves.

Join us, **Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 AM** to discuss this unforgettable portrait of human frailty and resilience, where we learn the indomitable character of the modern pioneer and the spirit of a vanishing Alaska—a place of beauty and danger.

### Sunday Morning Fellowship

#### Your Help Is Needed!!!

Volunteers are needed to host our Sunday Morning Fellowship. All you need to do is set up coffee, tea, and cold drinks, and clean up afterwards. The Fellowship Committee will provide cookies. If you are interested, please sign-up on the bulletin board or call the church office. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

## OUR LITTLE PANTRY

By Irene Folk



One thing I am grateful for is the Ministry of The Little Pantry and of all who participated in making this Ministry happen. Your generous donations have helped many of our neighbors.

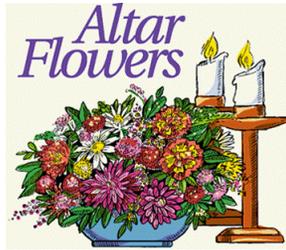
As we go into the winter months we again will ask for dried food products. We suggest: cereals, pancake mixes, dehydrated soups and stews, and pasta. We also ask for personal care products.

If you would like to see what we have in stock or get some ideas, speak to me on a Sunday morning and I will be glad to show you the donated items.

Dianne Gillikin and I are working together to coordinate donations to both the Pantry and Food Bank. We hope to make the most use of your donations. To those who find it hard to shop for food, we do accept monetary donations for the Pantry.

### Thank You To Our Office Volunteers

Jane Borbe, Sally Crowe, Thomas Crowe, Barbara Fung, David Geiger, Debbie Geiger, Linda Geissinger, Judy Gifford, Deb Grundstrom, Richard Handwerk, Don Hoffman, Patti Hoffman, Sandy Hoffman, Robert Krause, John Krisko, Marion Krisko, Ellen Miller, Kathy & Adam Parker, Shirley Rennolds, Stacey Rice, Richard Ruth, Art Schneck, Carol Schneck, Shirley Schneck, Barbara Spohn, Peggy Twardzik, Donald and Ruth Weaver.



## Bulletin & Flower Sponsors

Each week, we ask people to sponsor bulletins and flowers for the worship services. Sign-up lists are on the Gathering Space bulletin board for 2019. Please sign-up on that list or call Cheryll Kosar for bulletins (610-417-1340). The cost for worship bulletins is \$20.00, and children's bulletins are \$3.00.

We also need sponsors for the worship flowers. The cost per vase is \$15.00. Please sign-up on the bulletin board or call Linda Houser at 610-799-2396. (Please note: after the worship services, **ALL of the vases of flowers will be delivered to homebound members of our congregation.**) Your Sponsorship may be paid when you sign-up or paid on the Sunday you are sponsoring. Please use a pew envelope and indicate "bulletin or flower sponsor".

## Your Church Council Members

### Officers

**President:** Dave Geiger  
**Vice President:** Patty Hersh  
**Secretary:** Valerie Snyder  
**Treasurer:** Cathy Shaffer

### Union Board Representatives

**Vice President:** Patty Hersh  
**Secretary:** Lynne Banzhoff  
**Delegates:** Donald Weaver & Kandy Lang  
**Alternates:** Gail Lafferty & Dave Fermato

### Committee Liaisons

**Christian Education:** Gail Lafferty  
**Christian Life:** Kaiti Snyder  
**Communication:** Dave Fermato  
**Fellowship:** Lynne Banzhoff  
**Finance:** Charles Mosser, III  
**G.O.D. Team:** Valerie Snyder

**Library:** Jason Marakovits  
**Property:** Donald Weaver  
**Social Ministry:** Kandy Lang  
**Staff Support:** Patty Hersh  
**Worship & Music:** Kim Kuhlman

## Union Lutheran Parish Register

New entries from December 16, 2019 – January 15, 2019

### New Members

*Jordan Keuler* January 13, 2019

### Deaths

*Mark William "Dutch" Kistler* December 17, 2018

*June D. Moore* December 31, 2018

### TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 2018

100% of year complete

	Current Period	Year to Date	% of budget
<b>INCOME:</b>			
Unrestricted Contributions	42,008.58	310,869.03	84.60%
Other Income	<u>14.35</u>	<u>559.24</u>	
Total Income	42,022.93	311,428.27	
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
Budgeted	30,626.95	328,900.61	89.20%
Nonbudgeted	<u>25.64</u>	<u>(809.06)</u>	
Total Expenses	30,652.59	328,091.55	
Excess Income over Expenses	11,370.34	<u><u>(16,663.28)</u></u>	
December Contributions -			
Vision20/20	14,941.78		

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# February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 8:00 AM WOW @ Schnecksville Diner
3 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Christian Education Hour 10:30 AM Worship	4	5 7:15 PM Glory Ringers - Nave	6 6:00 - 8:00 PM Cat Class - Rooms 201 & 202 6:30 PM Kids of the Kingdom - Choir Room 7:45 PM Union Chorale - Nave	7	8 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">WOMEN'S RETREAT February 8<sup>th</sup> &amp; 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">MEN'S RETREAT February 8<sup>th</sup> &amp; 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019</div>	9
10 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany <b>HOLY CHOCOLATE SUNDAY</b> 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Christian Education Hour 10:30 AM Worship	11 10:30 AM Staff Meeting - Room 201 7:00 PM Christian Ed - CE Room	12 6:45 PM Social Ministry - Room 208 7:15 PM Glory Ringers - Nave 7:00 PM Property - Room 201	13 6:30 PM Kids of the Kingdom - Choir Room 7:00 PM Communications - Room 202 7:45 PM Union Chorale - Nave	14 	15 <i>MARCH NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</i>	16
17 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany 8:00 AM Worship <i>Congregational Meeting immediately following Worship</i> 9:15 AM Christian Education Hour 10:30 AM Worship	18 10:30 AM Staff Meeting - Room 201 7:00 PM Council - Room 202	19 7:15 PM Glory Ringers - Nave	20 6:00 - 8:00 PM Cat Class - Rooms 201 & 202 6:30 PM Kids of the Kingdom - Nave 7:45 PM Union Chorale - Nave	21 6:30 - 8:00 PM Preschool Open House 7:00 PM Fellowship Committee - Room 202 7:00 PM Worship & Music - Room 201	22	23
24 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Christian Education Hour 9:15 AM Rejoicing Spirits - Nave 10:30 Worship	25 10:30 AM Staff Meeting - Room 201 <i>9:00 AM March Newsletter Collating</i>	26 7:15 PM Glory Ringers - Nave	27 6:00 - 8:00 PM Cat Class - Rooms 201 & 202 (Snow date) 6:30 PM Kids of the Kingdom - Nave 7:45 PM Union Chorale - Nave	28 6:30 - 8:00 PM Preschool Open House (Snow date)		



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