

What's Hidden Within?

Will there be one final blast of snow before winter gives up its hold on the region? I love a good snowfall, but I also love the beauty of Spring. I am always delighted to see the flowers bursting from the ground. It amazes me that bulbs can lie dormant for the entire winter and then, by some miracle, know when to spring up. They get taller by the day and soon these new sprouts will have buds that will form the beautiful flowers that we enjoy so much.

What is hidden dormant within you that can spring forth this season and become a beautiful thing? Unlike flowers, we have to give these hidden treasures a nudge sometimes. In Corinthians, Paul tells us that anyone who is in Christ is a new creation - just like the flowers that appear in the springtime. I encourage you during this season of Lent to gaze hard into deep recesses of your soul and gently nudge something within you to burst up through the ground of your life. Try something different in your spiritual life. If you're not accustomed to praying on a regular basis and don't do too much studying of the Bible, add that in. Take a step out of your normal comfort zone and that might provide the impetus for your flowers—your hidden treasures—to grow.

I hope you will join me in inviting God into our lives as we continue to celebrate and commit to following the life of Jesus Christ. I know lots of things pull at you and grab for your attention but our spiritual journey is vitally important. During our Lenten journey "join" us each week for our virtual **Holden Evening Prayer Services**. In the Beauty of the music you will find that your spirits and soul are lifted. These services will help complete the picture that begins with our Ash Wednesday service and culminates with our Easter celebration. Easter will mean so much more to you as you deepen your faith walk and understanding of the life, death and resurrection of our Lord. Grace and peace to you...

Pastor Camp



Loud Offering total \$420.12



In an effort to enhance our communications with our beloved church family, we added another email address to the office team!

office@ulclv.org— monitored by Cathy Shaffer
meeting minutes, all financial correspondence, general inquiries, committee info

ministries@ulclv.org—monitored by Katie Stauter
programming RSVP's, bulletin, newsletter, advertising, room use, worship related questions and info

If you are unsure, just pick one and we will work it out!!!

Cat. Class

March 6th

team building FLC

March 20th Nave

9:45—10:30 am



225

257

482 cans of soup collected to help tackle hunger in our community!

Great job, ULC!



HAPPY HOUR

Join us in Room 206-207

March 6

Presented by Kim Kuhlman

“Does my life really matter?”

Meaningful Life is Really Found in the Small Things! Let's watch this video Bible study, which will offer you the opportunity to embrace what it means to live an abundant and meaningful life by finding beauty and laughter in all the small things right beneath the surface of every moment of your life.

Thank you to Kim Kuhlman for leading our discussion!

March 13 & March 20

Presented by Patti Hoffman

Fruits of the Spirit

Blessed by the Holy Spirit, all Christians are given fruits and gifts that grant us our humanity, morality, and ethics. Join us for 2 weeks as we explore what these fruits are all about. Thank you to Patti Hoffman for sharing.

March 27

Presented by Ed Romond

On Sunday, March 27, Happy Hour will have back one of our favorite performers, Edwin Romond. His topic will be 'Poetry: A Coat of Many Colors.' By sharing his original free verse poems about a variety of topics such as faith, family love, baseball, public school teaching, favorite singers, historical events, and other themes, Ed will show that anything can be the focus of a poem. There will be an opportunity for questions and comments from the audience plus Ed may also sing an original song as he accompanies himself with his guitar. Join us in Rooms 206-207 at 9:45 a.m.

Easter Goodie Bag Sponsorship

Social Ministry needs your help to sponsor 140 Easter Goodie Bags for local kids via the Parkland Cares Food Pantry. \$5 a bag.

3 ways to sponsor

1. [Click Here](#) to sponsor
2. Sign up for bags via office@ulclv.org
3. Drop off a note in office

3 ways to pay

1. Cash to office
2. Check to office
3. [Click Here](#) to pay electronically

EASTER BUNNY WILL BE PRESENT TO WAVE AS THE KIDDOS DRIVE BY

Click here to sign up
ministries@ulclv.org
Child name, age and
phone

Egg Hunt

Drive Thru Edition

REMIX

Event is
free

CONTACT THE OFFICE TO RSVP
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610-767-6884

APRIL 9TH
1 - 2 PM

ALL CHILDREN NEWBORN - AGE 12 INVITED

Council Report Highlights from the February 21, 2022 Meeting

Next meeting: March 21, 2022 at 7:00 PM Room 206-207.

Financial Review – Our January income was lower due to the cancellation of worship on Jan. 9th due to an ice storm. Expenses were higher due to increased parking lot salting and higher personnel costs ending the month with a net loss of \$6785.

Upcoming maintenance projects – sounds system replacement, HVAC unit #9 replacement, resealing/relining parking lot, replacing incandescent lighting fixtures with LED. Finance Committee drafted a letter to the congregation encouraging contributions to the fund the projects

Reopening Committee will review current Covid levels and assess if any changes are necessary at ULC.

Nearly 500 cans of soup were collected for the Souper Bowl Sunday – Fight Hunger.

Lenten/Holy Week planning is underway.



All Things



- † If you ordered a Lenten packet they will be ready for pick up Feb. 27th
- † We will have a soup sale each Wednesday in Lent. No advance ordered needed. First come first serve. Chef Terry to release varieties closer to the dates. Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27 & Apr. 3.
- † First Communion Classes Mar. 27 & Apr. 3 children to receive 1st communion on Maundy Thursday service. Open to first grade and older. ministries@ulclv.org

Lenten Worship Schedule:

Ash Wednesday

7 pm In person, Parking Lot & Virtual

Mar. 9, 16, 23, 30 & Apr. 6

Holden Evening Prayer—Virtual Worship

Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday Sunday, April 10th

9 am Indoor and Parking Lot & Virtual Worship

Manday Thursday Thursday, April 14th

7 pm Indoor and Parking Lot and Virtual Worship

Good Friday Friday, April 15th

7 pm Indoor and Parking Lot and Virtual Worship

Easter Sunday Sunday, April 17th

9 am Indoor and Parking Lot and Virtual Worship

Palm Sunday Clothing Collection



- (black or navy)
- small blankets, sweatshirts, sweat pants, and toiletry items.
 - variety of sizes; adults, teens and young children
 - accept donations that are new or gently worn

All items donated will go to the families
of the Allentown School District.

Want to help make soup?

9:30 am Thurs. 3/3
9:30 am Fri. 3/4
9:30 am Thurs. 3/10
9:30 am Fri. 3/11
9:30 am Thurs. 3/17
9:30 am Fri. 3/18
9:30 am Thurs. 3/24
9:30 am Fri. 3/25
9:30 am Thurs. 3/31
9:30 am Friday 4/1

Help for the Lenten
Soup Sale!

610-767-6884

or

ministries@ulclv.org

To sign up!

ULC Youth Group

Thomson's Hoagie Fundraiser

Order until March 16th

Delivery will be March 24, 4-5:30 pm in the family life center.

Red – Cooked Ham, Cooked Salami, White American Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Hot Peppers, & Italian Dressing Pack
White – Cooked Ham, Cooked Salami, White American Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion & Italian Dressing Pack
Yellow - Cooked Ham, Cooked Salami, White American Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Hot Peppers, & Italian Dressing Pack
Green - Cooked Ham, Cooked Salami, White American Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato & Italian Dressing Pack
Orange – Ham & Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato & Mustard Packet
Tan – Turkey, Lettuce, Tomato & Mayo Packet
Black – Roast Beef, Lettuce, Tomato & Mayo Packet
Blue – Tuna, Celery, Lettuce, Onion, Mayo, Eggs & Tomato
Veggie – Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato & Italian Dressing Packet

Select the hoagies by color and quantity and then:

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\$4 each - Money due at time of pick up - cash or check





Join us on **Saturday, March 5, at 8 a.m.** in Sunday School room 206-207 when we'll begin our study using the book "*The Women of Easter*" by Liz Curtis Higgs. This is a very informal gathering of women who like to discuss faith issues and be supportive of each other.

Bible Study

Please consider joining us! If you have any questions, please contact Linda Rebeck at linda.rebeck@gmail.com OR at 610-613-6196.

Lehigh Conference of Churches "On A Roll" Drive



The Conference is holding a toilet paper drive for the community they serve. Toilet paper is in high demand because it is not covered in what people can purchase with their SNAP Benefits

You can help by purchasing single wrapped rolls or bulk packages of toilet paper for donation. Just bring your donations to church and the Social Ministry committee will make sure they are delivered to Allentown.



Quick photo of Fellowship committee traying up sticky buns



Image captured during parking lot worship by Doug and Linda Houser!
GOD IS EVERYWHERE!



We received new members to our church family

Bill & June Ruth



*"You're warmly welcomed to our church,
We will love to see you there
We want you to know the love of God
And feel His presence near
For you are so special to the Lord
And special to us, too,
For your life has significance,
And there's purpose in what you do."*

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Free Little Pantry Needs:

Canned tuna and canned chicken, Cereals

NL Food Bank needs:

Jelly and ketchup (in plastic containers), single serve bags of snacks and crackers

Parkland Cares Pantry Needs:

Oatmeal packets, Chicken noodle soup, Spaghetti's/ Ravioli cans, Mac & Cheese

We cannot accept expired foods



Men's Retreat

Saturday, March 12th

8 am—Noon

@ church in rm. 206-207

Fun, food, fellowship, faith

Our next selection is *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig. Somewhere out beyond the edge of the universe there is a library that contains an infinite number of books, each one the story of another reality. One tells the story of your life as it is, along with another book for the other life you could have lived if you had made a different choice at any point in your life. While we all wonder how our lives might have been, what if you had the chance to go to the library and see for yourself? Would any of these other lives truly be better?

Enter, Nora Seed who finds herself confronted with this decision. Faced with the possibility of changing her life for a new one, following a different career, undoing old breakups, realizing her dreams of becoming a glaciologist; she must search within herself as she travels through the Midnight Library to decide what is truly fulfilling in life, and what makes it worth living in the first place.

Join us for our **discussion on**

Sunday, March 27 following the church service in the library.



LENT 2022—Lenten Prayers for an End to Hunger

First Week of Lent March 6-12

O Christ, we give thanks that during this season of Lent you come into our lives, proclaiming God's salvation. Renew our faith in this good news so that we who are baptized in your Spirit may raise our voices on behalf of those who hunger in our world. Amen.

Second Week of Lent March 13-19

O God, you desire that all people should eat and be satisfied. As we follow Jesus to Jerusalem and the cross, may our hearts be so transformed that we lose our lives in sharing your bounty with all in need. Amen.

Third Week of Lent March 20-26

O Lord, you enable us to worship you with our entire lives. Grant us the courage to speak out against greed and injustice in our world. Embolden us to challenge our nation's leaders to change the conditions that allow hunger to persist. Amen.

Your generous giving to **ELCA World Hunger** ensures the well-being of people all over the world. Instead of giving up something for Lent this year, try adding to your giving. It not only helps to end hunger, it also proclaims the good news of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Thank you to Tom and Diane Ward for making the yummy Chocolate Treats in honor of Holy Chocolate Sunday. Thank you to the Fellowship Committee for sponsoring and serving up the sweet treats!



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"Our Mission is to follow Jesus and serve as He would."

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