

*“Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?” (Matthew 6:28-30)*

As we welcome March with its longer days and beautiful flowers, let's embrace the hope that we can all blossom together! Lent is a wonderful time for reflection, reminding us to focus on what truly matters and to trust in God's greater plan.

As a community brought together by God's spirit, let's take this season of Lent and the fresh beginnings of spring to pause and enjoy some peaceful moments. Here are a few friendly suggestions to get you started:

1. Find a comfy spot in the warm sun. Reflect on Jesus' time in the desert, and take a moment to pray for strength—for you and all of us.
2. Get up close to a budding tree and appreciate its new life. Take a moment to pray for your personal growth and the progress we're making together as a congregation.
3. Take a leisurely walk near a body of water, listening to its soothing sounds. Use this time to pray for a renewed spirit as you navigate life's ups and downs.
4. Lend a hand to someone in need, with no strings attached. Remember to pray and reflect on all the wonderful things God has done for you.

Remember, we're exactly where we need to be right now, and God is right here with us, cheering us on!

Blessed Lent!



SOCIAL MINISTRY LENTEN PROJECT:

# Health Room ESSENTIALS

- Band-aids
- Bubblegum flavored mouthwash
- Salt
- 5oz cups
- Chapstick
- Alcohol prep pads
- Baby wipes
- Lysol wipes
- Disinfectant spray
- Bacitracin
- Benadryl
- Batteries (AAA/AA)



As everyone knows, a Health Room in an elementary school is a very caring, busy, and necessary area in any school environment. School nurses, like teachers, often use their own money to purchase items that the school district budget may not cover. This is why our Social Ministry Committee has chosen to collect items for the elementary school health rooms in the Allentown School District for our Lenten Project this year!

*If you would prefer, you can give a monetary donation and we will shop for you!*

\*PLEASE DROP OFF DONATIONS IN THE GATHERING SPACE BOX

**Thank you to the Boy Scouts for delivering a fantastic children's message on Scout Sunday!**



# SIP 'N share

**March 21st at 6pm—**  
**Outback Steakhouse (800 N. Krocks Rd, Allentown, PA 18106)**

**Please continue to support our roof restoration!**



Click here to donate!



## Larry E. Snyder Memorial Craft Show



Hosted by Union Lutheran Church  
 5500 Route 873, Schnecksville, PA 18078

It's back! Union Lutheran Church's Holiday craft show is now the Larry E. Snyder Memorial Craft Show. For the first time since 2020, please join us for this popular seasonal event.

**5 APRIL**  
 9:00AM - 3:00PM

**BAKE SALE  
 KIDS CRAFT AREA  
 LUNCH AVAILABLE**

Crafter applications wanted! Please visit [www.ulclv.org/connect](http://www.ulclv.org/connect) to download an application, or contact Union Lutheran Church:

**610-767-6884 | [office@ulclv.org](mailto:office@ulclv.org)**



**2ND ANNUAL**

# YARD SALE

**YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER**

Tables available to rent \$10 each

Food Trucks

**Saturday, May 3rd, 8am-2pm**

**ULC, 5500 Rt. 873 Schnecksville, PA 18078**

\$25/parking spot  
 Reserve now!



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[office@ulclv.org](mailto:office@ulclv.org)

J O I N U S

# EASTER EGG HUNT

Sat. April 12

@ 1pm

Ages 0-12

RAIN OR SHINE



Union Lutheran Church 5500 Rt. 873 Schnecksyville

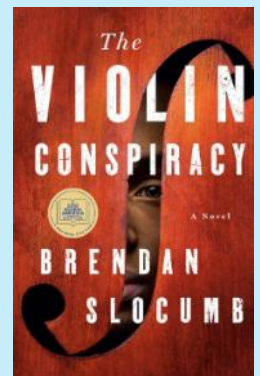
RSVP: 610-767-6884, [office@ulclv.org](mailto:office@ulclv.org), or in the office

## What to bring:

your baskets for egg hunt, smiles for photos with the Easter Bunny  
and your neighbors, friends, cousins

## BOOK CLUB

Our next selection is *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocumb. Ray McMillian loves playing the violin more than anything. Nothing will stop him from pursuing his dream of becoming a professional musician. Not his mother, who thinks he should get a real job, not the fact that he can't afford a high-caliber violin, not the racism inherent in the classical music world. When he makes the startling discovery that his great-grandfather's fiddle is actually a priceless Stradivarius, his star begins to rise. Then with the international Tchaikovsky Competition—the Olympics of classical music—fast approaching, his prized family heirloom is stolen. Ray is determined to get it back. But now his family and the descendants of the man who once enslaved Ray's great-grandfather are each claiming that the violin belongs to them. With the odds stacked against him and the pressure mounting, will Ray ever see his beloved violin again?



**Join us March 16th to discuss this mystery and cheer for the resilience of Ray as he tries to find out who stole his precious fiddle.**



## **ELCA WORLD HUNGER— Nicaragua**

Abercio and Auxiliadora (last name withheld) have been married for 30 years and have raised five children. Their farm, El Paraíso (“The Paradise”), is in La Fragua, a municipality in Nicaragua. The couple work diligently in traditional agriculture, primarily planting maize, sorghum, and red beans but also raising chickens, pigs, and cows.

An **ELCA World Hunger** partner, Iglesia Luterana de Nicaragua Fe y Esperanza (Nicaraguan Lutheran Church of Faith and Hope or ILFE) works deep in the heart of communities like La Fragua to enhance their well-being. It provides families with livestock, agricultural training and new tools so they can improve their daily nutrition, embrace sustainable farming techniques and increase their earning power.

“I have received training from the Lutheran church, as well as agricultural supplies like seeds, plants and fertilizers,” Abercio said. “Since my farm is located on the banks of the El Gallo River, the project has provided me with equipment to improve my drip irrigation system, which allows me to water a plot where I grow about 300 plantains and watermelons. The truth is, I stay busy because this system allows me to plant and produce crops at any time of the year.”

Abercio loves being a full-time farmer, and he believes that working with ILFE has improved every aspect of his farm. He especially loves how the project has helped his wife manage their poultry. “If there’s something I really love, it’s raising chickens!” Auxiliadora said. “I love having many.”

Your faithful and generous giving to **ELCA World Hunger** allows stories like this to be realized both at home and abroad. Please use the pew envelopes or bring/send your gifts to our ULC Office, marking them clearly **ELCA World Hunger**.

## Youth Group:

Meets every 2nd, 4th, & 5th Sunday from 10-11am

Join us 3/9, 3/23, 3/30, 4/13,  
4/27, & 5/11.

### Upcoming Events



#### Video Game Night @ ULC

- Saturday March 22nd,  
6pm-10pm

**\*With EYG!**

#### Craft Show @ ULC

- Saturday April 5th, 9am-3pm

#### Laser Tag @ Planet Trog

- Wednesday, April 26th, 7-8pm

#### Youth Sunday

- Practice—Saturday April 26th, 9-10am
- Service—Sunday, April 27th, 9-10am

#### Yard Sale Fundraiser

- Saturday May 3rd, 8am-2pm

#### Mini Golf at Rolling Hills

- Thursday May 15th, 7-8pm



March 27th @ 6pm



The Journeymen is the men's ministry group of Union Lutheran.

*We believe in putting God's word forward, and also have a good time doing it.*

This is a great way to meet other men in the church. We provide help throughout our Church Community as we can, from cash donations to helping a member in need with a project.

We meet the second Saturday of the month in Room 102, downstairs in the church. If you have any questions, please give Ron Pugh a call (610-442-9170) or an email ([RonPugh@rcn.com](mailto:RonPugh@rcn.com)) and he will be happy to discuss the Journeymen with you!



We have two upcoming theatre trips!

March 22nd: Noah

April 25th: Comedy Show



**\*VBS\***

August 10-14

5-8pm

We are looking for volunteers!



## S.O.S. has a new name AND a new schedule for 2025!

3/2–The Jesus Story (Pt 1): Jesus Seeks to do God’s Will (Led by Herb Gifford)  
3/9–The Jesus Story (Pt 2): Jesus Begins His Public Ministry (Led by Herb Gifford)  
3/16–The Jesus Story (Pt 3): Jesus Teaches and Performs Miracles (Led by Herb Gifford)  
3/23–The Jesus Story (Pt 4): Jesus Makes a Crucial

Decision(Led by Herb Gifford)

3/30–The Jesus Story (Pt 5): The Beginning of the End (Led by Herb Gifford)

4/6–Poetry with Ed Romond

4/13–The Jesus Story (Pt 6): Satan Loses...For All Time (Led by Herb Gifford)

4/27–Holy Humor Sunday

5/4–May The 4th Be With You: Religion in Star Wars (Led by Josh Dietz)



The Junior Choir celebrated Valentine’s Day with a party and donating to Our Little Pantry!



**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
March 5th - 11AM & 7PM

### **HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER**

March 12th - Soup Supper 5:45PM & Service 7PM

### **A SERVICE OF WHOLENESS AND HEALING**

March 19th - Soup Supper 5:45PM & Service 7PM

The Praise Band will lead us with uplifting and spirit-filled music.

### **A SERVICE OF SONGS AND PRAYERS FROM TAIZE**

March 26th - Soup Supper 5:45PM & Service 7PM

Our Union Chorale will support congregational singing along with lovely flute descants by Emily Black.

### **“WHO IS THIS JESUS?” A LENTEN HYMN SING**

April 2nd - Soup Supper 5:45PM & Service 7PM

Come sing some of your favorite hymns!

### **HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER**

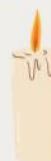
April 9th - Soup Supper 5:45PM & Service 7PM

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

April 17th - 11AM & 7PM

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

April 18th - 7PM



*Embrace the journey of renewal and reflection*



## Hearts for Music is Headed to Rome!



This is Joy and it happens to be the perfect name for her!



Ethan and Morgan are siblings!



Scan here to donate!

## Villages in Partnership

Villages in Partnership is a non-profit organization dedicated to addressing critical needs such as food security, water, education, infrastructure, economic development, and healthcare in Malawi.

ULC's member, Emily Steward, BSN, RN and three other registered nurses are embarking on a life-changing medical mission to Sakata, Malawi. On March 13, 2025, they begin their mission to serve a community in dire need of medical attention. They will be working alongside twenty other medical professionals to operate a free clinic for three days, providing care to thousands of villagers who otherwise only have access to healthcare twice a year.

As part of our mission, we are collecting donations to help us fill eight 50lb suitcases with medical supplies, medications, and other essential items for the villagers. In addition, we are also seeking financial support to help cover ground fees, medical supplies, and much needed food and water for the villagers.

### How You Can Help:

Donate Medical Supplies: Any expiration dates should exceed September 2025

- Old suitcases (that will be left behind in Malawi)
- Flip flops
- Vaseline
- Chapstick
- Children's OTC pain medicines (liquid and chewable)
- Adult OTC pain medicines (no gel caps)
- Acid reflux meds
- Antibacterial ointments
- Antifungal ointments
- Hydrocortisone
- Band-Aids
- Gauze
- Shampoos
- Soaps
- Ziploc snack bags
- Small kids toys
- Story books with black characters
- Diaper creams
- Medical supplies that are still usable but are going to be thrown out

*Your generosity will make a significant difference in the lives of the Malawian people and Villages in Partnership participants are truly grateful for your support. Thank you for helping to bring care, hope, and healing to those who need it most.*

### Financial Donations



**Monetary Donations:** Your financial contribution will help us purchase additional medical supplies, cover travel expenses, and support the ongoing work of Villages in Partnership. You can also sponsor a goat for the village community for \$75.

**Spread the Word:** Even if you're unable to donate, sharing our mission with others is a valuable way to support us.

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<b>Sally Grim</b>	Social Ministry Committee/Union Board Secretary
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<b>Ryan Parker</b>	Fellowship Committee/Union Board Member
<b>Mike Busser</b>	Finance Committee

A copy of the monthly Council Meeting Minutes can be found on the bulletin board in the upstairs hallway or in the church office.

