

Spring has finally arrived, and it's such a joyful time! You can see the signs all around: the grass is growing and ready for a little trim, the buzz of bugs is filling the air, and dandelions are popping up everywhere. While many people view dandelions as pesky weeds, to children, they're often seen as beautiful flowers, perfect for picking and making charming bouquets. This reminds me of a lovely thought I came across a while back: weeds are just plants that we haven't discovered the beauty of yet.

A weed is simply an unwanted plant, but that says a lot about how we see nature! Have you ever thought about why we prefer lush green grass over cheerful yellow fields of dandelions in our yards? Our dislike for dandelions might say more about us and our values than it does about the plant itself. I think there's a wonderful spiritual lesson hidden in this perspective!

I'm not the only one who's noticed this! Back in the late '90s and early 2000s, there was a terrific Christian band called Five Iron Frenzy, and they captured this idea perfectly in their song "Dandelions." The song shares a sweet story that many mothers can relate to: a young child picks dandelions and presents them as a heartfelt bouquet to his mom. She cherishes these little flowers and places them proudly in a vase. In the chorus, the lead singer sings, "She sees love where anyone else would see weeds." Isn't that such a beautiful sentiment?

In the next verse, the song takes a beautiful turn towards God. After expressing praise for God's greatness and mercy, the lyrics ask a heartfelt question: "Where do I fit in this puzzle? What are these gifts really worth? I'm not a martyr or a saint, and sometimes it feels like I'm just trying to get through each day. All I've ever wanted is to give my best to you." The song wraps up with a lovely sentiment: "Lord, search my heart. Dandelions—You see the flowers in these weeds."

When it comes to putting our faith into action, it's easy to wonder what kind of difference we can really make. Sometimes, it feels like our efforts amount to just a few drops in the bucket, and we might think of them as nothing more than pesky weeds. But let's not forget that dandelions show us that not all weeds are without their value! There's a lesser-known song by Five Iron Frenzy that touches on this idea, and it really makes a good point. When we work to make disciples, nurture them, transform our world, and serve God with love, God sees something beautiful. He recognizes our love and obedience, even when others might overlook them. Let's keep shining and making those small yet meaningful contributions!

In the beautiful kingdom of God, there are no weeds—just people who haven't discovered their true purpose yet. Each of us has special passions, talents, and gifts that can help make the world a more loving, peaceful, and kind place. I hope you embrace this journey! Don't worry about failing, being criticized, or not achieving huge results. Remember, whenever we humbly and earnestly seek to serve God, He sees the beauty—the flowers—in the weeds. Keep shining!



**PURCHASE TICKETS BY
MAY 18TH**

**Ticket Only
\$13**



UJC Night at the Iron Pigs

**June
20th**

Coca Cola Park
Game starts at 7:05pm



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to support
our roof
restoration!**

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**Want to donate items
for the Youth Group to
sell?**

Contact Josh Dietz at
superman@ptd.net

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We have opportunities for
all abilities and times of
day!

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the sign-up sheet in the
office!

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YARD SALE

**YOUTH
GROUP
FUNDRAISER**

Donate items
for the Youth
Group table

Food
Trucks

Saturday, May 3rd, 8am-2pm

ULC, 5500 Rt. 873 Schnecksville, PA 18078

\$20/parking spot
(includes 1 table)
Reserve now!



Additional tables
available to rent
\$10 each

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May 16th at
6:30pm—HOPS Pad-
dock (1945 W. Colum-
bia St., Allentown, PA
18104)



In April, members of the Youth Group went shopping and created beautiful Easter baskets to give to the Jerusalem House!

SPRING

Workday

May 10, 2025

8am - 12pm

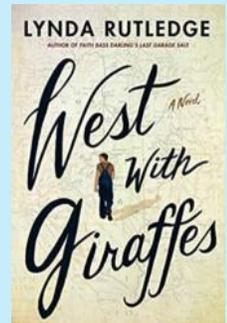
Bring your energy, rakes, pruners, brooms, mops, and any other tools that might be useful!



Can't make it May 10th but still want to help out?
 Contact Jeff Sweigart at jcswigs@ptd.net

BOOK CLUB

Our next selection is *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. Woodrow Wilson Nickel, age 105, feels his life ebbing away. But when he learns giraffes are going extinct, he finds himself recalling the unforgettable experience he cannot take to his grave.



It's 1938. The Great Depression lingers. Hitler is threatening Europe, and world-weary Americans long for wonder. They find it in two giraffes who miraculously survive a hurricane while crossing the Atlantic. What follows is a twelve-day road trip in a custom truck to deliver Southern California's first giraffes to the San Diego Zoo. Behind the wheel is the young Dust Bowl rowdy Woodrow. Inspired by true events, the tale weaves real-life figures with fictional ones, including the world's first female zoo director, a crusty old man with a past, a young female photographer with a secret, and assorted people of bad character as spotty as the giraffes.

Part adventure, part historical saga, and part coming-of-age love story, *West with Giraffes* explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals, the kindness of strangers, the passing of time, and a story told before it's too late.

Join us May 4th to discuss this emotional, rousing novel inspired by the incredible true story of two giraffes who made headlines and won the hearts of Depression-era America.

ELCA WORLD HUNGER— Quad Cities, USA

Tapestry Farms is an **ELCA World Hunger** partner located in the Quad Cities of Illinois and Iowa (Rock Island and Moline in Illinois and Davenport and Bettendorf in Iowa). It is an urban farm system that reclaims underutilized local farm land to grow culturally specific fresh produce and flowers. Refugees and volunteers work together in different plots throughout the Quad Cities to improve access to fresh, healthy food for all.

Tapestry Farms also supports refugee families as they rebuild their lives through meaningful work, quality education, secure childcare, and safe, affordable homes. In addition, refugees receive excellent health services, both medical and mental. The Tapestry Farms program assists refugees in becoming U.S. citizens, all encompassed in caring communities throughout the four-city area.

Your gifts to **ELCA World Hunger** enable such programs as Tapestry Farms to provide help and hope to numerous needy people both in the United States and around the world. Please continue to give generously by using the pew rack envelopes or sending/bringing your offering to our ULC Church Office. Be sure to mark them clearly **ELCA World Hunger**.

Youth Group:

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

Join us , 4/27, & 5/11 (this will be our last meeting until the fall).

Upcoming Events

Youth Sunday

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

Yard Sale Fundraiser

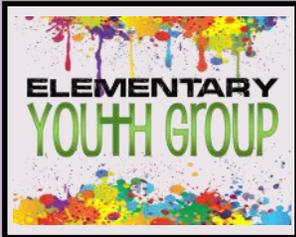
- Saturday May 3rd, 8am-2pm

Mini Golf at Rolling Hills (Schnecksville)

- Thursday May 15th, 7-8pm

SAVE THE DATE:

- Youth Fest 2025
- 9am-6pm at ULC
- More details to come!



Outdoor Movie Night
at Becky's Drive-In
Saturday, July 12th, 8pm



RVSP here
or in the
office!

Our next
gathering is
May 22nd @
6pm.
Thunderhead Lodge
Rt 309, Andreas, PA



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) and he will be happy to discuss the Journeymen with you!

Joyful Moments
once Alone but now Together



VBS

August 10-14
5-8pm

We are looking for
volunteers!



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

4/27—Holy Humor Sunday

5/4—May The 4th Be With You: Religion in Star Wars (Led by Josh Dietz). May 4th is National Star Wars Day because “May 4th” sounds like “May the force. Join Josh as he explores how religion is portrayed throughout Star Wars in a galaxy far, far away!

5/18—Spring Poems with Barbara Crooker. Barbara will share some of her poems that celebrate Spring. Her work has appeared in a variety of literary journals, including *The Christian Science Monitor*, *The Christian Century*, *Christianity and Literature*, *Sojourners*, *Rock & Sling*, *Ruminant*, *Literature and Belief*, *The Cresset*, *Tiferet*, *America*, and anthologies, including *Imago Dei: Poems from Christianity and Literature* and *Taking Root in the Heart* (Paraclete). She has won a number of awards including the 2003 Thomas Merton Poetry of the Sacred Prize, and her newest book is *Slow Wreckage* (Grayson Books, 2024).

Thank you to all of our volunteers and vendors who helped make the revival of the ULC Craft Show a success!



Looking for part-time work?

Part-time employment opportunities are available for caring for the Union Church Cemetery. Duties include mowing cemetery property, weed eating around the memorials, preparing for and oversight of burials and cremations, prepare foundations for memorials, and general maintenance of cemetery grounds and property.

Contact Phil Wehr at
610-767-3657 for more information



Candidates should enjoy working outdoors, in all weather conditions, be familiar with lawn mowing equipment, be able to lift 50 pounds and perform light digging and raking of the ground.

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!

DESIGNER PURSIE

BINGO

Coach Michael Kors Dooney & Bourke Kate Spade Chala Disney Loungefly

SUN, MAY 18, 2025
Doors open 11:30 am -Bingo Starts at 1 pm

Presale: \$25/20 games
At the door: \$30 (limited availability)

Special games, basket raffle tickets and food available for purchase the day of the event

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Welcome to our newest member, Benjamin Badesso!



The rain didn't stop our annual Easter Egg hunt—which even included a visit from the Easter Bunny!



Volunteer for a fun evening at The Miracle League on May 2nd at 6pm!
Contact Dan Grim (484-213-2349) with questions.
Sign up in the office or by clicking the button below!

[Click here to volunteer!](#)



Churchgoers were greeted with palms on Palm Sunday thanks to our Sunday School friends!

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

