

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. (Ecclesiastes 3:1)*

As August dawns upon us, I'm shocked by the simple reality that summer is just about over! Yes, some of us are trying to squeeze in that one last vacation or get outside for just a few more minutes. But at least in part, we've started to transition back into the swing of our fall routines.

How has this happened? Wasn't it just yesterday we fished opening the pool, planted our garden, or celebrated someone's graduation? And I was just getting used to the longer days when the sun was showing its bright face.

I once heard a psychologist that time seems to pass more quickly as we get older because we're experiencing fewer "firsts." When we're continually experiencing new things, time tends to stand still while we're living them. After we've repeated those events numerous times, they don't faze us much anymore — and before we know it, months have passed, seasons have changed, and it's time to start the annual cycle again.

Yet, we should not allow our time to be something that simply evades our grasp, trickling through our fingers. After all, time itself — every moment on this earth — is a gift from God. We each have 24 hours today and seven days this week to use however we please.

At the end of this summer, we have an opportunity to reflect on how we used our time these last few months. Did we set aside time to pray? Have we taken time to serve others? What time have we given back to God?

When we assess the use of our time, we must make a spiritual examination — "Have I been a good steward of the time given to me?" Maybe now is a good time to make some changes in our lives and get more involved. There is no better time than right now to seek out ways to serve God in our congregation and those around us. This is what it means to be a good steward!

As the lazy days of summer give way to the routine and activity of fall, remember to keep God in your hearts, in your minds, and on your lips as we continue our stewardship journey.

~ Pastor Camp

This month's newsletter is dedicated in loving memory to congregation member and newsletter volunteer, Art Schneck.



## 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.

## ULC Puzzle Exchange

Starting August 1st: Drop off puzzles in the coat room at church

August 17th: Come pick out puzzles after the service

Contact [office@ulclv.org](mailto:office@ulclv.org) with any questions!



Puzzles for adults & children are welcome!



**August 15th at 6:30pm**—Thirsty Turtle Tavern (1410 Grape St. Whitehall, PA 18052)

**September 19th at 6:30pm**—Stony Run Winery (150 Independent Rd, Breinigsville, PA 18031)

**October 17th at 6:30pm**—Outback Steakhouse (800 N Krocks Rd, Allentown, PA 18106)

**November 21st at 6:30pm**—Bar Louie (2960 Center Valley Parkway, Suite 700, Center Valley, PA 18034)

## BOOK CLUB

Our next selection is *Sisters of Fortune* by Anna Lee Huber.

*April, 1912:* It's the perfect finale to a Grand Tour of Europe—sailing home on the largest, most luxurious ocean liner ever built. For the Fortune sisters, the voyage offers a chance to reflect on the treasures of the past they've seen—magnificent castles and museums in Italy and France, the ruins of Greece and the Middle East—and contemplate the futures that await them.

For Alice, there's foreboding mixed with her excitement. A fortune teller in Egypt gave her a dire warning about traveling at sea. And the freedom she has enjoyed on her travels contrasts with her fiancé's plans for her return—a cosseted existence she's no longer sure she wants.

Flora is also returning to a fiancé, a well-to-do banker of whom her parents heartily approve, as befits their most dutiful daughter. Yet the closer the wedding looms, the less sure Flora feels. Another man—charming, exasperating, completely unsuitable—occupies her thoughts, daring her to follow her own desires rather than settling for the wishes of others.

Youngest sister Mabel knows her parents arranged this Grand Tour to separate her from a jazz musician. But the secret truth is that Mabel has little interest in marrying at all, preferring to explore ideas of suffrage and reform—even if it forces a rift with her family.

Each sister grapples with the choices before her as the grand vessel glides through the Atlantic waters. Until, on an infamous night, fate intervenes, forever altering their lives . . .

**Join us in September to discuss this fascinating, fictionalized look at these three sisters who were real passengers aboard the Titanic.**



# MUSIC

Members of the music ministry rounded out the summer with a lovely picnic filled with fun and laughter!



**Have you been hiding your musical talent under a bushel?!**

*God respects you when you work, but loves when you sing - And you'll love participating in our wonderful choirs at ULC!*

Contact Mrs. Frickert at 484-788-9476 to join our music ministry!

**Rehearsals: Wednesdays @ 7:30pm (starting August 27th)**

These dedicated singers draw inspiration from centuries of traditional church music. They enjoy the many mental, physical, and spiritual benefits of singing in a choir. Union Chorale leads the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday liturgical service each month, plus a few other Sundays, occasionally joining the Praise Band for special Sundays, such as Easter Sunday. They'll be singing in the massed choir performing at our Christmas Concert on December 7.

**Union Chorale**

**Rehearsals: Saturdays @ 8:30am (starting September 13th)**

Does contemporary Christian praise music speak to your inner soul? Come join this enthusiastic group of musicians who hone their skills to lead the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Praise Worship each month, plus a few other Sundays, occasionally joining with Union Chorale for special Sundays. They'll be part of the massed choir at our Christmas Concert on December 7.

**THE PRAISE BAND**

**Rehearsals: Begin August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

These ringers love musical challenges, and always rise to the occasion to treat the congregation to unique handbell arrangements. Glory Ringers ring in worship once a month, plus special services such as Christmas and Easter. They will perform at our Christmas Concert on December 7.

**\*At this time our bell positions are filled, but we are always looking for subs!**

**Glory Ringers**

**Rehearsals: Wednesdays at 4:30pm (starting September 10)**

*Give your child a gift they will enjoy for their whole life!* They'll have fun learning basic music skills, discovering their unique voice, making friends, strengthening their faith and their knowledge of the life of Jesus. Junior Choir sings in worship once a month, and for special services such as the Christmas Eve Family Service. We're planning to feature them in our Christmas Concert on December 7.

Grades K through 5 (pre-school by permission of the director).

**Junior Choir**

**Rehearsals: Fall module (12 weeks) launches weekly Sunday evening rehearsals beginning October 5 at 7:00pm**

These talented teens are developing into fine musical leaders while experiencing the joy of sharing their time and talents. StarSong will sing for three Sunday morning services during those twelve weeks, perform in the Christmas Concert on December 7, plus sing for the Christmas Eve Family Service.

Grades 6 through 12.

**StarSong**

UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
**DISASTER  
RELIEF TRIP**

In the past, Union Lutheran Church has sponsored Disaster Relief trips to help rebuild areas hit by natural disasters.

At this time, a trip is being planned for **a single week in the month of October.**

This is open to all church members and friends of the church. If enough volunteers participate, a trip will be finalized. Due to the current need in many areas, our plan is to find a place within driving distance of ULC. Housing and projects will be coordinated with local facilities working in the area.

This is a great opportunity to help others in need and to get to know members of the ULC community.

Please respond to the church office or Ron Pugh at 610-442-9170 (RonPugh@rcn.com) by August 16<sup>th</sup>.



The Raise the Roof campaign is moving along. We are getting close to reaching our goal.

**We plan to start the roof project the week of August 18<sup>th</sup>.**

Many of you are familiar with Henry Lumber in Neffs. Henry Lumber was started by Arthur Henry, a member of our church many years ago. After Arthur died, his wife, Edna, started an endowment in memory of her husband. Both Henry and Edna have passed on, but their gift to the church has endured and has grown to \$44,000. The Henry Fund was not being used. Edna and Arthur's daughter, Mary Ann Wagner, gave us permission to use the endowment towards our roof replacement. This is a very generous gift. Thank you, Edna, for starting this fund. Thank you, Mary Ann, for letting us use the endowment for our roof replacement. It is also fitting to give our sincere thanks to Mary Ann's daughter, Julie Wehr, and her husband, Phil Wehr, for their guidance through this process. *Thank you for thinking of the church and furthering God's ministries.*

With the Henry Fund, recent fundraisers and generous donations from you, we are nearing our goal. Please continue to donate to the Raise the Roof campaign. Help us in this final stretch.

## **ELCA WORLD HUNGER— New Jersey**

St. Stephan's Grace Community Lutheran Church is located in a diverse community in Newark, N.J., with many of the congregants coming from low-income immigrant families. The residents were heavily impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and food insecurity, already high, has increased.

Elza and her family migrated from Ecuador to Newark with very few belongings. One day, she attended a community meeting at St. Stephan's Grace and found signs of hope. She learned about a food-sharing program at the church receiving support from your gifts to **ELCA World Hunger**. It has a community pantry and refrigerator, a garden, and a daily breakfast for local day laborers. The garden yields basil, spring onions, tomatoes, green squash, eggplant, figs, and collard greens. As Elza and her husband looked for jobs, they picked up groceries from St. Stephan's Grace each week to feed their family. They also received clothing and used appliances, such as a microwave and an air conditioning unit, from the church programs as they set up their new home.

Addressing food insecurity is just one of the many ways St. Stephan's Grace serves its community. In an area populated primarily by immigrants, advocacy is a key element of the church's ministry. A program at the church offers training in community organizing, migrant and domestic workers' rights, and justice work. It even hosted a panel with New Jersey's governor to celebrate a raise in the state's minimum wage.

Already a community hub, St. Stephan's Grace is growing its ministries to better serve neighbors such as Elza, thanks to your generosity to **ELCA World Hunger**. "As a church, we would not be able to make it without our partners," said the Rev. Moacir Weirich, pastor of St. Stephan's Grace. "We would be very limited in terms of resources, both financial and human resources."

St. Stephan's Grace is also a place for celebration. Not long after learning about the church, Elza explained to Pastor Weirich that one of her daughters was turning 16 soon and asked if she could use one of the rooms in the church to host a birthday party. Pastor Weirich said yes, and family members came together at the church on a Saturday evening. Pastor Weirich shared a blessing, and the group joyfully indulged in a birthday cake.

Elza's involvement with St. Stephan's Grace started with a bag of groceries. Now her family is very active in the church. They attend services every Sunday, and two of the children are on the church council. In a time of great need for her family, Elza found more than just food assistance – she found a welcoming community, a place of belonging and a way to give back.

Your gifts to **ELCA World Hunger** continue to make stories like this possible. Please be generous with your giving to bring God's love to people in the United States and around the world. Use the pew envelopes or bring/send your offerings to our ULC office. Be sure to mark them clearly **ELCA World Hunger**.

## Youth Group:

**We will resume on September 14th!**

### Local Youth Gathering

- Saturday, October 4th from 9am-6pm at ULC

### Glow Mini-Golf

- Wednesday, September 24th from 7-8pm at Rolling Hills Golf Course

### Trunk or Treat

- Saturday, October 18th from 1-3pm at ULC

**More events will be planned by the Youth Group when they meet in September!**

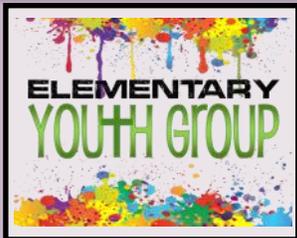


We will meet again on **September 14th** for a *Sights & Sounds DVD (Led by Sean Nickerson)*.

**The full Fall schedule will be released in September!**

Sunday School will meet on **September 14th!**

**Join Mr. Josh and Miss Emily for Rally Day!**



### Summer Splashdown

- Sunday, August 24th from 3-5pm at ULC

### Glow Mini-Golf

- Wednesday, September 24th from 7-8pm at Rolling Hills Golf Course

### Crochet & Movie Day

- Sunday, November 2nd from 11am-1pm at ULC

### EYG Christmas Party & Christmas Play Recording Session

- Sunday, December 7th from 10am-1pm at ULC

The Outdoor Movie Night was SUPER fun!



**Last chance to register for VBS**

**August 10th—August 14th  
from 5-8pm at ULC!**

# Bookfest 2025

September  
6th & 7th  
10am-12pm



Family Life Center

## Volunteers needed

Book Sorting/Set-up	9/2 & 9/4 - 6pm-8pm
Book Sorting/Event Help	9/6 - 9am-12pm
Event Help/Clean Up	9/7 - 10am-12pm



Call the office or  
Scan here to  
volunteer



The Journey Men 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 Journey Men with you!



Stay tuned for information about our meeting in August!

Sacred Voices  
in concert

Featuring Evelyn Stewart,  
Guest Artist

Get On Board, Little Children:  
*African-American Spirituals*

Directed by Susan L. Frickert

Sunday, September 28, 2025 at 4:00pm

Union Lutheran Church  
5500 Rt. 873 Schnecksyville, PA  
610.767.6884

Sacred Voices, an ecumenical summer choir of fifty five singers founded and directed by Susan L. Frickert, will present their annual concert of sacred music on **Sunday, September 28 at 4:00 p.m. at ULC**. This year's theme is "Get On Board, Little Children: The African-American Spiritual" with guest soloist Evelyn Stewart. Evelyn is a well-known Lehigh Valley professional singer and voice teacher, who regularly concertizes in our area, including yearly appearances with the Allentown Band in their Independence Day concerts at the Steel Stacks, Bethlehem, PA.. The Sacred Voices concert will include some familiar beloved spirituals in fresh new arrangements by black arrangers, as well as some beautiful lesser known spirituals. She will be featured in five of the choir's spirituals, as well as sing two solos on her own. **Tickets for the concert are a ten dollar donation, and may be purchased through the church office.**

Please note, pick up for the Puzzle Exchange is on August 3rd!

ELEMENTARY  
YOUTH GROUP

**SUMMER  
SPLASHDOWN**  
AUGUST 24TH 3-5PM

Union Lutheran Church parking lot

Oct 18

1PM - 3 PM

**Trunk  
or  
Treat**

5500 Rt. 873  
Schnecksville, PA  
p: 610-767-6884

Union Lutheran Church

**BASKET  
SOCIAL**

5500 Rt. 873 Schnecksville, PA

**OCTOBER 24, 5-8PM**  
**OCTOBER 25, 9AM-2PM**

**Door**  
1 sheet  
for \$5

**Presale**  
5 sheets  
for \$20  
Ends 10/24  
at 11AM

**OPPORTUNITY TO WIN  
A SPECIALTY BASKET!**

- Every 1 **non-expired & non-perishable food donation** = 1 specialty basket ticket
- A full bag of these donations = 10 specialty basket ticket

610-767-6884  
office@ulclv.org



## HOUSEPLANT BINGO

Nov. 9, 2025 @union lutheran church  
5500 Route 873, Schnecksville, PA 18078  
www.ulclv.org/events | 610-767-6884

**11** Presale: \$25/20 games  
**9** \$30 at the door

SPECIAL GAMES W/ RARE PLANTS  
BASKET RAFFLES & 50/50  
KITCHEN OPEN FOR LUNCH

Doors open 11:30am, Bingo starts at 1pm

# Union Evangelical Lutheran Church

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<b>Sue Mosser</b>	Council Treasurer
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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.

