

*"When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit." (Matthew 21:34)*

Talking about stewardship can be a bit daunting, and I get it—many people may not be keen on the topic. It often brings to mind the uncomfortable request for more donations to support our church's mission, and that's not always a favorite conversation.

But here's the thing: stewardship is so much more than just asking for financial support. In Matthew 21, Jesus tells a parable that can shed some light on this. He shares the story of a landowner who planted a vineyard, put up a fence, dug a winepress, and built a watchtower. Then, he leased it to some tenants before heading off to another country.

This parable was definitely familiar to Jesus's audience; the prophet Isaiah spoke about a vineyard in a similar context to describe God's frustration with the people.

Through this story, Jesus wanted his followers to understand a key point: nothing truly belongs to us. We often forget that we're not the owners here. Stewardship is about recognizing God as the true owner of the "vineyard." When we act as if we have ownership, we're missing the broader picture. Stewardship encourages us to manage all the resources entrusted to us—our health, our relationships, our finances, and our property—acknowledging that all of it comes from God.

In a way, stewardship is about embracing sustainability, responsibility, and promoting the overall well-being of our families, our congregation, and ourselves. It's not just about budgeting, investing, saving, or contributing to good causes; it's also about ethical considerations, accountability, and a commitment to sustainability.

As we think about our financial contributions, let's ask ourselves: How can we honor God as the true owner? Let's embrace stewardship as a joyful responsibility together!

# The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Tuesday, October 14th at 1:00pm.



## 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.



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

**November 21st at 6:30pm**—Madeline's (1250 Turnstone Dr. Fogelsville, PA 18051)

**December 19th at 6:30pm**—My Tequila House (4558 Crackersport Road Allentown, PA 18104)

# Blessing of the Animals

October 19th 11am - 12pm

Drive up under the portico so your furry friends can be blessed!



## We kicked off the 2025-2026 Christian Education season with our Rally



Thank you to everyone who donated their time and resources to Harvest Home this year!



**The roof replacement is complete!! The new roof looks great and should last another 40 years.**

We raised a lot of money, but needed to take out a loan to pay the final invoice. We sincerely appreciate everyone who has made donations to get us this far, but we still need your support! *Please continue to donate* to the Raise the Roof campaign and help us completely pay off our loan.





Do you have Thrivent as your financial advisor? **Thrivent Action Teams** are a way to give back to your church/community. **Thrivent will offer each client \$250.00 to use toward an action team project. Would you be willing to submit an application for an activity to be used for a fundraiser, service project, or educational activity?** Please contact your Thrivent Financial Advisor to find out how you can submit an application to help with additional projects that our social ministry committee is interested in providing for our community and church members. In the past, Thrivent funds have been used for Birthday Bags/Ironton Elementary School, gifts and cookies for our shut ins, Trunk or Treat, and College Care Packages. Please help our church support additional projects. **Contact Robin Lynn for additional information at 484-357-8498.**



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

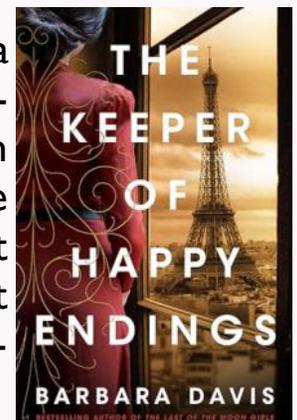
*We believe in putting God's word forward, and also have a good time doing it.*

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!

## BOOK CLUB

Our next selection is *The Keeper of Happy Endings* by Barbara Davis. Soline Roussel is well schooled in the business of happy endings. For generations her family has kept an exclusive bridal salon in Paris, where magic is worked with needle and thread. It's said that the bride who wears a Roussel gown is guaranteed a lifetime of joy. But devastating losses during World War II leave Soline's world and heart as well as her faith in love shaken. She boxes up her memories, storing them away, along with her broken dreams, determined to forget.



Decades later, while coping with her own tragic loss, aspiring gallery owner Rory Grant leases Soline's old property and discovers a box containing letters and a vintage wedding dress, never worn. When Rory returns the mementos, an unlikely friendship develops, and eerie parallels in Rory's and Soline's lives begin to surface. It's clear that they were destined to meet—and that Rory may hold the key to righting a forty-year wrong and opening the door to shared healing and, perhaps, a little magic.

Join us on **November 9** to discuss this enchanting historical novel about fate, second chances, and hope—lost and found.



Dear Union Lutheran Church

I am writing this letter in gratitude towards receiving the Klotz Scholarship. I am eternally grateful to be able to have been presented with this scholarship. The scholarship has taken stress out of the financial aspect of college. I cherish each moment I have had, and will continue to have, with this congregation as we grow in our love for God. As I continue my undergraduate education, I will turn to God at every turn. Once again, I am grateful for this scholarship and the opportunities it has provided for me.

Thank you,  
Kaitlyn Miller



Mark your calendars for the upcoming dinners!

October 23rd, 6pm—*The Hops at the Paddock (Walbert Ave, Allentown)*

December 4th, 6pm—*Morgan's Restaurant (Willow St, Allentown)*

[RSVP for October here!](#)



UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Basket SOCIAL

FRIDAY 10/24 5-8PM  
SATURDAY 10/25 9AM-2PM

**PRESALE**  
(ENDS 10/23)

72411 5 sheets for \$20 72411



**BASKET PICKUP:**

SATURDAY 10/25 3-5PM (FLC)  
SUNDAY 10/26 10AM-12PM (FLC)  
MONDAY 10/27 4-7PM (OFFICE)

**DOOR**

72411 \$5 for 1 sheet 72411

5500 Rt. 873, Schnecksville, PA  
ulclv.org/events | office@ulclv.org | 610-767-6884

We need **YOUR** help to make this year's Basket Social a success!

Whether you have a little or a lot of time, there are tons of ways you can contribute including:

- Donating items or money to help us fill the baskets
- Distributing flyers
- Baking
- Volunteering during the event

Please sign up in the office or email [office@ulclv.org](mailto:office@ulclv.org) for online sign up.

## Youth Group:

Meets EVERY Sunday from 10:15-11am.

We hope you can join us!

### Trunk or Treat

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

More events will be planned by the Youth Group, so stay tuned!



- September 28th:  
The Twelve Disci-  
ples, Part 1 (Led by  
Pastor Camp)

- October 12th: Po-  
et, Barbara Crooker

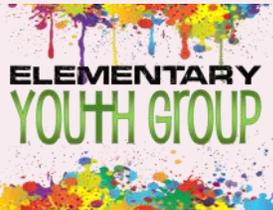
- October 26th: The Twelve Disci-  
ples, Part 2 (Led by Pastor Camp)

Union Lutheran Church parking lot



Candy donations are  
being accepted in the  
office!

Call or sign-up in the  
office to decorate  
your trunk and hand  
out candy during the  
event!



### 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

# Bookfest 2025

This year's volunteers were:

Joan & Bob Snyder

Dan & Sally Grim

Charlie & Sandy Mosser

Sue Mosser

Donna Milano

Missy Milano

Jay Marakovits

Luke Marakovits

Valerie Snyder

Emily Geiger

Dana Busser

Sandy Castaldi

We had over 100 people attend and received over \$200 in donations that will go to the church's general fund Thanks to all who donated books, attended, and especially all the volunteers that made this event a success!



## Joyful Moments

once alone but now together

### 2025-2026 EVENTS

- SEPT 14** **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**  
1 PM JOYFUL MOMENTS ROOM
- OCT 12** **YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN**  
3 PM PA PLAYHOUSE, BETHLEHEM - \$22/\$25
- NOV 29** **IRVING BERLIN'S "HOLIDAY INN" (FRANK SINATRA)**  
9:30 AM - 5:45 PM DUTCH APPLE THEATRE - \$153  
TRANSBRIDGE BUS TRIP (W/LUNCH)
- DEC 14** **CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
2 PM CATERING/HOLIDAY EVENT/SANTA
- JAN 23** **DRUM TAO SHOW**  
7:30 PM ZOELLNERS ART CENTER - \$49
- FEB 20** **MARDI GRAS GAME NIGHT**  
6 PM PARTY WITH SNACKS PROVIDED
- MAR 21** **JOKERS OF MAGIC**  
7:30 PM STATE THEATRE - \$35/\$45
- APR TBD** **EMMAUS/PARKLAND SPRING MUSICAL**  
TBD
- MAY 24** **MOVIE LUNCH**  
12 PM POTLUCK
- JUN TBD** **END OF SEASON PICNIC**  
TBD



### HOUSEPLANT BINGO

Nov. 9, 2025 @union lutheran church  
5500 Route 873, Schnecksville, PA 18078  
[www.ulclv.org/events](http://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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## Union Lutheran Staff

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## Congregational Council Members

<b>Brian Geren</b>	Council President/Property Committee/Union Board VP
<b>Charles Mosser III</b>	Council Vice President
<b>Barbara Mahoney</b>	Council Secretary & Christian Life Committee
<b>Sue Mosser</b>	Council Treasurer
<b>Robert Drews</b>	Library Committee
<b>Debra Geiger</b>	Fundraising Committee/Union Board Alt.
<b>Sherwood Geiger</b>	Worship & Music Committee/Union Board Member
<b>Sally Grim</b>	Social Ministry Committee/Union Board Secretary
<b>Debra Grundstrom</b>	Staff Support Committee/Union Board Alt.
<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.

