

## Live in the Light and Be the Light

*“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.” (John 1:1–5)*

Jesus came as the Light into the world. God never intended for us to stumble around in the dark; He gave us the Light—Jesus—to follow. It’s in the light of Christ that we experience the wonder and beauty of God.

One of the most amazing wonders that light reveals is color! Can you imagine a world without color? Or Christmas without color? God placed tiny cones in our eyes that interact with light so that we can see the colors of the rainbow all around us.

God wants us not only to see the beauty of creation, but to experience it in vivid color and depth. As I grow older, I find that I need more light to read words on a page, to recognize faces in dim light, or to see what lies ahead on the road.

In the same way, we all need more of the Light of Christ to truly see—His goodness, His hope, and His love shining in our world.

As you notice the Christmas lights this season, let them remind you of our amazing God and His great love for us. God loves us so much that He came into the world as Light and Life—Emmanuel, God with us. And with Jesus in our lives, we can shine His light to others this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

Besides pointing others to the Light—which is the most important thing we can do this season—we can also be the light. When we reflect the character of Jesus, we bring light to those around us. In a world where many feel stressed or quick to complain, we can show something different: the grace and love of Christ.

So this Christmas, let’s point people to the great Light of the world—the Savior of all. And let’s shine His light by living with kindness, patience, and joy.

Live in the Light. Be the Light. Merry Christmas, my friends!

~ Pastor Camp

# 2025 Advent Food Collection

# December

## Breakfast Week

Sunday, November 30th



Cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix & syrup, etc.

## Lunch Week

Sunday, December 7th



Soup, crackers, peanut butter, jelly, canned pasta, etc.

## Dinner Week

Sunday, December 14th



Canned meat, pasta & sauce, mac & cheese, rice, canned vegetables

## Dessert & Snack Week

Sunday, December 21st



Pudding, individual cookie packs, canned fruits, etc.

### Donate with Dignity

\*Please no glass jars or open/expired items

The social ministry committee is sponsoring a collection of food for the Northern Lehigh Food Bank, Parkland Cares and our Little Food Pantry that will take place like an Advent Calendar. This year we have chosen a designated food group to feature each of the 4 Sundays of Advent. You can bring the items each week or collect them and bring them all on **Sunday, December 21st**.



MERRY & BRIGHT



Worship and Music Bakers Making Bread for the Soul!



### Event Advertising Update

Are you looking to host a fundraising event at church but are overwhelmed by the advertising options?

**We've got you covered!**

Moving forward, event organizers will be asked to fill out a Google Form with questions pertaining to internal and external advertising. This form will help to streamline the advertising process and ensure that all of our fundraising events are set up for success!

[Click here to view the form!](#)

SAVE  
THE  
DATE!

UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Women's  
Retreat

featuring speaker Emily Hill

Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026

9:00am\* - 2:30pm

\*(doors open at 8am)



## The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting on Tuesday, December 9th at 1:00 p.m.

Anyone interested in joining us is welcome. We can teach you to crochet or knit!



With the busy holiday season approaching, we will have our next dinner at Morgan's Restaurant (Willow St, Allentown) on **December 4th at 6pm.** *To celebrate the Christmas season we will again have a \$10 gift exchange—bring a gift, receive a gift,*

[RSVP for December here!](#)

Our January dinner will be on January 22, 2026 at My Tequila House (4558 Crackersport Rd Allentown, PA)



**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.

If you are interested, please contact the church office or Brian Geren at [brian.geren@yahoo.com](mailto:brian.geren@yahoo.com)

## Be A Volunteer

*Our mission is to follow Jesus and serve as He would.*

**We have many opportunities for you to use your special gifts and talents to help further the ministries of our church.**

### Congregation Council Members

We are currently looking for Congregation Council members. Members of the Church Council provide leadership and oversee the church's operations, finances, and ministries. The council meets monthly, and its members serve as liasons to various committees. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the church and further its ministry.



### Cemetery Commission

We are looking for a member to join the Cemetery Commission. The Cemetery Commission is made up of representatives from both Union Lutheran Church and Union UCC. The Cemetery Commission is responsible for the care, maintenance, and oversight of cemetery property. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the cemetery and connect with members of Union UCC. The Cemetery Commission meets four times a year.

# 2025 Ingathering

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THE FOLLOWING ARE THE ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL NORTHERN LEHIGH MISSION DISTRICT INGATHERING, WHICH WILL BE HELD



**DECEMBER 10:00 AM 4<sup>th</sup>**

AT UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH. WE WILL BE COLLECTING ITEMS THROUGH DECEMBER 1ST, 2025.

## Allentown Rescue Mission

SUPERMARKET GIFT CARDS, POWDERED EGGS, CORNED BEEF HASH, COFFEE (NO K-CUPS), COFFEE CREAMERS, SHAVING CREAM, DISPOSABLE RAZORS, 45 & 55 GALLON TRASH BAGS

## Gracedale

BODY SPRAY OR PERFUME, DEODORANT, CHANGE PURSES, WALLETS, PURSES, MOISTURIZER, LOTION, SHOWER GEL, SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER, COLORING BOOKS, CRAYONS, MARKERS, COLORED PENCILS, SLIPPER SOCKS, COMBS, HAIR-BRUSHES, LARGE PRINT WORD SEARCH BOOKS

## Ripple Community Center

APPLESAUCE OR FRUIT CUPS, COFFEE, CREAMER, SUGAR, TEA BAGS, HOT CHOCOLATE PACKETS, CHAPSTICK, SINGLE SERVE MAC & CHEESE AND RAMEN CUPS, BOOK BAGS, REUSABLE BAGS, CLEANING WIPES, FLASHLIGHTS, BATTERIES

## Kidspace

CLAY, COLORING BOOKS, SKETCH PADS (NOT WIRE BOUND), PAINT & BRUSHES, GEL PENS, FLAVORED CHAPSTICK, PUZZLE OR WORD SEARCH BOOKS, DEODORANT, SCENTED LOTION

## Sayre Center

BATTERIES, BIBS, BOARD BOOKS, COLORED PENCILS, CONSTRUCTION PAPER, DIAPERS & WIPES, BUBBLES, FINGER PAINT, WATERCOLORS, GLUE STICKS, INFANT CEREAL, DISH CLOTHS, WASH CLOTHS, MARKERS, PLAYDOH, TISSUES, TODDLER FORKS/SPOONS, PLAYGROUND BALLS

## The Warming Station at the Allentown YMCA

TARGET/WALMART GIFT CARDS, TRAVEL SIZE TOOTHPASTE & DEODORANT, TIDE ULTRA OXI POWER LAUNDRY PODS, WOMEN'S & MEN'S CREW SOCKS, SUGAR, CREAMER, COFFEE, PAJAMAS (NO DRAW-STRINGS), HATS, MITTENS, SWEATSHIRTS & PANTS FOR KIDS 6-18, DISPOSABLE COFFEE CUPS W/LIDS & SLEEVES

## Bloom for Women

DEODORANT, SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER, TOOTHPASTE, BODY LOTION, BODY WASH, SHAVING GEL, TAMPONS, MINI PADS, Q-TIPS, EXTRA STRENGTH ACETAMINOPHEN (TYLENOL), TUMS, NAIL CLIPPERS, DISH CLOTHS, DISH TOWELS, WASH CLOTHS, TOWELS, LAUNDRY BASKETS, LAUNDRY BAGS, DRYER SHEETS, TIDE

## Congregational Meeting

Our annual congregational meeting will be held **Sunday, December 14th** immediately after worship.

We will review the 2026 budget in this closed agenda meeting!



## An Invitation from Mrs. Frickert

We're looking for young instrumentalists who would like to play a sacred Christmas piece during the prelude at the 3:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service on December 24. You'll need to have your piece ready to play for Mrs. Frickert by December 14, so now is the time to ask your teacher to help you choose a piece to learn. We enjoyed hearing four talented instrumentalists last year, and we'd love to have a few more this year!

Contact Mrs. Frickert, [sfrickert2001@yahoo.com](mailto:sfrickert2001@yahoo.com) or 484-788-



# 2026 Disaster Relief Trip



**3/22/26-3/28/26**

**Partner:** NCSC Lutheran Disaster Response

**Lodging:** Wilderness Cabins in Lutheridge

**Food:** DIY at the Bischoff Center

**Contact the church office if interested!**

## Position Available

### Sexton



Union Evangelical Lutheran Church (5500 RT 873 Schnecksville, PA) is seeking an individual to serve as Sexton. This person will maintain the church facility and grounds so that they are clean and maintained for worship, meetings, classes, and special functions. This position is accountable to the Pastor, Church Council, and the congregation.

- This position is part-time, 25 hours per week. Although, adjustments to hours worked may be made for the demands of the church year and event calendar. Scheduling flexibility for special events/clean up (i.e. funeral).
- This position must possess the ability to organize duties and set priorities.
- Working knowledge and ability to operate various types of cleaning equipment is needed.
- Physically able to perform cleaning and light maintenance duties.
- Willingness to serve and work with our Property Committee.
- Must be able to work independently with minimal supervision.
- Hired individual can expect an hourly rate up to \$15 per hour, contingent upon experience and probationary period.
- Appropriate background checks and clearances expected.

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to Union Lutheran Church, 5500 Route 873, Schnecksville, PA 18078, or via email to [office@ulclv.org](mailto:office@ulclv.org). EOE.



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

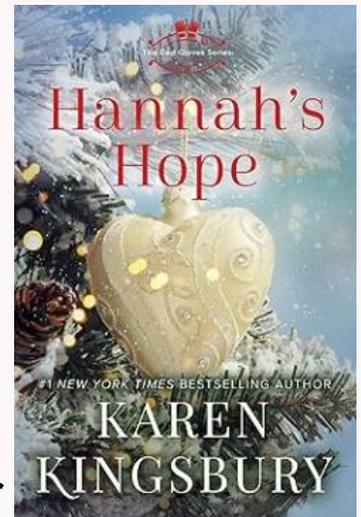
*We believe in putting God's word forward, and also have a good time doing it.*

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](tel:610-442-9170) 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!

## BOOK CLUB

Our next selection is ***Hannah's Hope*** by Karen Kingsbury. Raised in a political family, 15-year-old Hannah Roberts lives a lonely life with her wealthy, unaffectionate grandmother while her parents work abroad. As Christmas nears, Hannah learns a shocking truth: the man she believed was her father is not her parent after all.



In an effort to find answers, she begins a desperate search for her real father, Air Force pilot Mike Conner, who she discovers to be the man of her distant childhood memories. Local politicians and the city's newspaper catch wind of her quest, and the entire state joins Hannah in hope that she'll find her father before Christmas.

Join us on January 18 to discuss this story about memories, growing up, and hope for a future of joy.

# Christmas

## EVE AT ULC

Join us for a day of joyful worship as we celebrate the birth of Jesus through music, Scripture, and candlelight.

### 3:00 PM - Family Christmas Service

Led by *StarSong* and the *Junior Choir*, with a special *Christmas Play* presented by our *Sunday School*. A joyful and heartwarming service for all ages!

### 7:00 PM - Contemporary Christmas Service

Worship with modern Christmas songs led by our *Praise Band*. A vibrant and uplifting service filled with hope and celebration.

### 9:00 PM - Traditional Christmas Service

A Reverent worship experience with classic carols, Scripture, and message, led by the *Union Chorale*.

Come and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas -  
**Christ is born!** *All are welcome.*

## ULC's Christmas Concert Sunday, December 7 at 2:00 p.m.

The Glory Ringers' Christmas Concert last year was such a big success, that we decided to showcase all of our musical groups in a Christmas Concert this year—"Join the Angels!" There is no charge for the concert, with a free-will offering received for B.L.O.O.M. Women's Ministry, the highlighted charity for this year's annual Northern Lehigh Mission District Ingathering. In this "musical Christmas Card" for the Schnecksville community, we will feature sacred Christmas music by the Glory Ringers, Union Chorale, Praise Band, Junior Choir, and StarSong, and a fun congregational carol sing with the Glory Ringers. Light holiday refreshments will follow the concert.



Please note: Mrs. Frickert is looking for Christmas cookie bakers, and some volunteers to make a quantity of tea sandwiches with her, date to be determined.

*Let her know if you are interested in helping, and be sure to invite your neighbors to this delightful concert for a cause!*

## Youth Group:

Meets EVERY Sunday from 10:15-11am.

We hope you can join us!

### Christmas Shopping & Party

- Sunday, December 7 from 10am-2pm at ULC

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



• **December 14th**—Holiday Craft (Patti Hoffman)

• **December 21st**—Holiday Party!

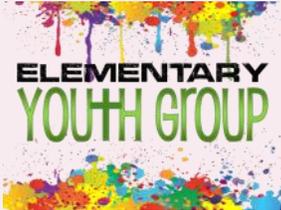
- **January 4th**—Sights & Sounds (Sean Nickerson)

### Laser Tag

- Wednesday, January 14th from 7-8pm at Planet Trog (3578 MacArthur Rd, Whitehall, PA 18052)

### SkyZone

- Sunday, February 15th from 1-2pm at SkyZone Bethlehem (2285 Schoenersville Rd, Bethlehem, PA 18017)



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

**January 16th at 6:30pm**—Hawk Mountain Brewery (3530 Lehigh St. Whitehall, PA 18052)

**February 20th at 6:30pm**—Copperhead Grill (1731 Airport Rd. Allentown, PA 18109)

**March 20th at 6:30pm**—1760 Pub N Grille (1176 Trexlertown Rd, Trexlertown, PA 18087)

**April 17th at 6:30pm**—Miller's Ale House (913 Airport Center Rd, Allentown, PA 18109)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Christmas Play Recording & Party

- Sunday, December 7th from 10am-2pm

Save the date for VBS  
2026!

Sunday, June 14th—  
Thursday, June 19th

# Union Evangelical Lutheran Church

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610-767-6884 Church Office

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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.

