

It has been a long, cold, snowy winter. The kind that makes you wonder if spring will ever come. And yet—robins are showing up. Daffodils soon will be pushing through. The crocuses have survived again. Easter is coming.

These forty days invite us to slow down, to pray, to reflect, to turn our hearts back to God.

On our Lenten journey, we walk with intention, knowing it leads us toward Holy Week—the holiest week of the year.

It begins with Palm Sunday. We will wave our branches and remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. There will be joy in the air. There will be children waving palms, just as many of us once did. Some memories stay with you for a lifetime.

Then comes Maundy Thursday. “Maundy” means command. Jesus says, “Love one another.” It is Love Thursday. It is also Serve Thursday. Jesus kneels and washes feet. He takes the role of a servant. And at the table, the Last Supper becomes the Lord’s Supper. Bread is broken. The cup is shared.

Good Friday follows. Quiet. Dim. Sacred. We listen. We pray. We remember the cross. You cannot have resurrection without death. Good Friday is only good because it does not get the last word.

And then Easter.

Easter is the day we shout “Life!” in the face of “Death!” In a world still filled with suffering—illness, loss, broken relationships, anxiety, war—we need that shout. We need that hope.

Through his death and resurrection, Jesus enters our suffering. He enters our long winters. He brings light into darkness and life into places that feel buried.

So in these early days of Lent, as the snow slowly melts and the light lingers just a little longer each evening, we begin the journey. We walk toward the cross. We walk toward the empty tomb.

And we trust that spring is coming.

Jesus is here.

Thanks be to God.

# LENTEN WEDNESDAY WORSHIP *Schedule*

**18** ASH WEDNESDAY  
FEB 11AM & 7PM

**25** HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER  
FEB SOUP: 5:45 | SERVICE: 7PM

**4** HEALING SERVICE  
MAR SOUP: 5:45 | SERVICE: 7PM

**11** TAIZE  
MAR SOUP: 5:45 | SERVICE: 7PM

**18** HYMN SING  
MAR SOUP: 5:45 | SERVICE: 7PM

**25** HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER  
MAR SOUP: 5:45 | SERVICE: 7PM

Join us in the Family Life Center for Soup Suppers this Lenten Season!

**February 25th:** Roasted Chicken Noodle & Potato Soup w/ Bacon

**March 4th:** Ham and Bean & Italian Wedding

**March 11th:** Cheeseburger Soup & Southwestern Chicken Soup

**March 18th:** Heartwarming Chili & Broccoli Cheese Soup

**March 25th:** Vegetable Beef Soup & Sausage Corn Chowder



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.

## PART TIME CEMETARY CARETAKER POSITION AVAILABLE

For more information, please contact Phil Wehr at 610-767-3657

The Union Church Cemetery is seeking a reliable individual for part-time employment.

This role is responsible for helping maintain the cemetery grounds and supporting burial and memorial preparations.

### Responsibilities include:

- General maintenance of cemetery grounds and related property
- Mowing and maintaining cemetery property
- Trimming and weed eating around memorials
- Meet with contractors to prepare burial sites and oversee the burial process
- Meet with contractors to prepare foundations for memorials

*This role is well-suited for someone who is dependable, respectful, and comfortable working outdoors.*



Check out the highlights on our Facebook and Instagram!

Thank you for helping to make our Souper Bowl of Caring 2026 a huge success! We raised a total of 402 cans of soup!



- **March 26th, 6pm**—Samuel Owens (128 Chestnut St, Coplay)
- **April 23rd, 6pm**—Thunderhead Lodge (Rt 309, 2520 W Penn Pike, Andreas)

**RSVP for March here!**



**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)

**May 15th at 6:30pm**—Rising River Brewing (913 Airport Center Rd, Allentown, PA 18109)

**June**— NO SIP N' SHARE

# SOCIAL MINISTRY PANTRY NEEDS FOR MARCH

**FEED THE HUNGRY:** jelly (plastic jars), peanut butter, saltines, pancake mix, pancake syrup, pasta and pasta sauce (plastic jars or canned)

**NORTHERN LEHIGH:** hygiene products, saltines, canned vegetables, condiments

**PARKLAND CARES:** canned soup, mac & cheese, canned pasta, tuna

**OUR LITTLE PANTRY:** saltines, canned pasta, canned meats (tuna, chicken, spam, etc.), canned vegetables, canned fruits or fruit cups, soups, cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, dry pasta, pasta sauce (no glass jars), mac & cheese, instant potatoes, rice packets, peanut butter, jelly (no glass jars)

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 liaisons 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.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on March 10th at 1pm.



UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Purse

**B I N G O**

Sunday, March 15th at 1pm  
(Doors open at 11:30am)

 \$25 presale  
\$30 at the door

50/50 ~ Raffles ~ Baked Goods ~ Food

 Snow date: Sunday, March 22nd

5500 RT. 873  
SCHNECKSVILLE, PA 18078

Click to get involved!

[Volunteer](#)

[Donate](#)

[Bake](#)

[Get tickets](#)



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

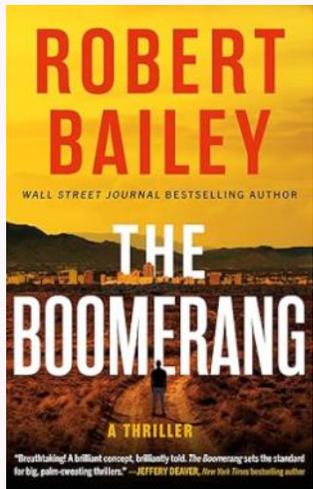
We believe in putting God's word forward, and also have a good time doing it.

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 Boomerang* by Robert Bailey. The president of the United States has terminal cancer. Chief of Staff Eli James, his faithful advisor and best friend, is one of the few who know. But just as the president's condition mysteriously improves, Eli's hit with another blow: his daughter has cancer too.



Determined to help her, Eli turns to Big Pharma's top lobbyist for advice, but their encounter yields more questions than answers. As he races along a twisted trail to the truth, he stumbles upon a devastating cover-up worth billions of dollars—and millions of lives.

Eli goes rogue, fleeing with his family out west. To keep them safe, he forms an uneasy alliance. An epic showdown brews, and it's the state versus one desperate citizen, willing to risk everything to save his daughter.

**Join us March 15th to discuss one man's fight for family against a government with a shattering secret.**

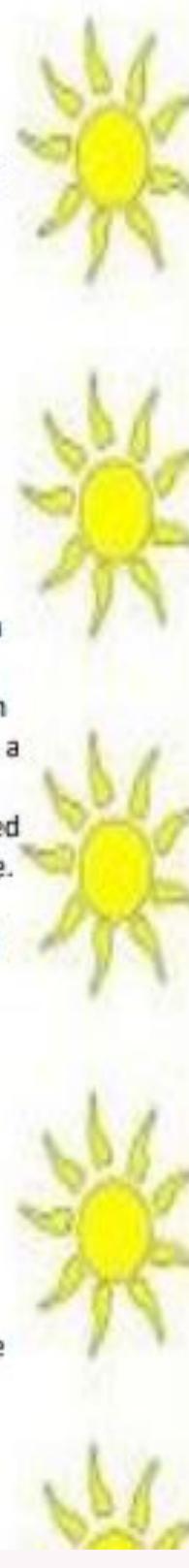


# *Daybreak Lenten Mission*

*Lehigh Conference of Churches*

## Donation Wishlist

Travel-size Toothpaste	Cotton Swabs
Travel-size Toothbrushes	Hot Hands
Travel-size Shampoos & Conditioners	Cleaning Supplies
Travel-size Shaving Creams	Eye Drops
Travel-size Deodorants	Full-size Body Washes
Travel-size Body Washes	Full-size Deodorants
Travel-size Lotions	Full-size Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
Hair Combs	Full-size Shampoos & Conditioners
Bar Soap	Full-size Shaving Creams
Razors	Feminine Wash & Wipes
Chapsticks	Tampons & Pads
Laundry Detergent	Baby Wipes
Toilet Paper	Diapers (all sizes)
Washcloths	Dish Soap



### *About Daybreak*

Six Allentown pastors, driven by Christian faith to help those in need, formed the organization in 1954. With support from area faith communities, dedicated staff members, individual & business contributors, and volunteers, thousands of families and individuals living in the Lehigh Valley are served by offering a continuum of care designed to meet basic human needs: food, a roof overhead, dignity, a sense of belonging and hope for the future.

Daybreak was started when the owner of an anchor store in downtown Allentown responded to customer complaints about a crowd of "vagrants" loitering and blocking the store's entrance. After learning that these people had been released from the state hospital and had nowhere else to go, he did not call the police. Instead, he called the Lehigh Conference of Churches and asked us for help, which led to the Daybreak's opening in 1979.

**The Conference Kitchen** ensures that the working poor, homeless, elderly, children, people between jobs, individuals on fixed incomes, and those who have nowhere else to turn can receive a free nutritious meal, three times a day, five days a week.

**The Conference Housing Program** builds a path in which those who are homeless, threatened with homelessness, or re-entering society from jail or prison can find stability in their lives. We offer rental assistance, utility deposits, furniture, and support enabling families and individuals to stay housed.

**The Outreach Team** travels throughout the Lehigh Valley to connect with those living unsheltered, to provide supplies and build trusting relationships. We also work alongside those seeking a change in their situation and explore permanent housing options.

For more information, please visit: <https://lehighchurches.org>



**You might recognize a few familiar faces in this photo from the Lehigh Valley Press! In February, Carl Glikin, Robyn Lynn, and Jim Hersh were recognized by North Whitehall Township as volunteers for the township's Emergency Management Agency. Be sure to check out the full article and congratulate them.**

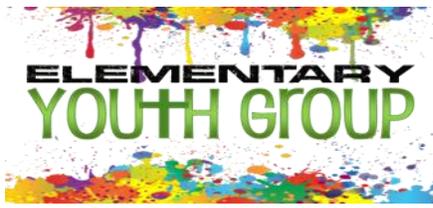
# **EASTER EGG HUNT**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29 | 11AM - 1PM**  
AGES 0-12

**OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY - INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!**

**EASTER EGG HUNT TO BE FOLLOWED BY FOOD, KARAOKE, CRAFTS, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

**CALL THE OFFICE TO REGISTER!**



## Super Mario Galaxy Movie at AMC

- Tuesday, April 14th around 6pm (more details soon)

## Dietz Acres Footgolf & Fire Pit

- Saturday, August 1st at 6pm at Dietz Acres (Mr. Josh's House—5020 Elmhurst Drive, Schnecksville, PA 18078)

## Summer Splashdown

- Sunday, August 30th from 2-4pm at ULC

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

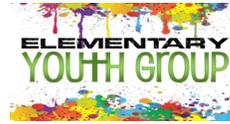
March 29th: Palm Sunday greeters at 9am (arrival at 8:50am if possible)



Junior Choir



The Junior Choir brought love food gifts for our Little Pantry in February!



EYG members had a blast jumping around at Sky Zone!

## Union Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School

June 14th-18th

Contact [office@ulclv.org](mailto:office@ulclv.org) for details

Rainforest Falls

## Youth Group

- Youth Sunday: April 26th
- Yard Sale: (see below) — LET US KNOW IF YOU WILL BE THERE!

3RD ANNUAL

YARD SALE

Additional tables to rent \$10 each

YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER

Food

Saturday, May 2nd, 8am-2pm

# Union Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## Union Lutheran Staff

<b>Pastor</b>	The Rev. Gordon A. Camp pastor@ulclv.org / 610-554-8061
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<b>Parish Nurse</b>	Dottie Bealer

## 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.

