The Messenger

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(November 2026, December 2026, January 2027)

Our Mission

"The purpose of the Effort United Methodist Church is to know, love and serve God and one another in Christian Community, welcoming all to grow as followers of Jesus Christ.

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Help Us to Connect with You:

Should you want to get on our contact list for email, or have a change in your email address (or home address, phone number), please contact Jan at the church office (570-629-1890; eumc103@ptd.net).

Information for the Spring Edition (February/March/April 2027) Messenger is due to Roxane Martin by ***Sunday January 24, 2027***. Email Roxane at martgr@ptd.net or place in Newsletter mailbox across from the church office.

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REMINDERS:

Election day: ***Tuesday, November 3rd***: As a reminder, Effort UMC is a voting location for Chestnuthill Township. As such all meetings and groups normally scheduled for that day will be cancelled. Share that information with your group. Sign up to help at Welcome Center.

Church office will be closed on: Thanksgiving Day, Friday Nov. 27,
Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, as well as New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

NOTE: Dates listed may be subject to change.

Pastor's Corner

As we head into the Thanksgiving and Christmas Seasons here at Effort UMC, we have so much to be grateful for! We are all part of a church that is growing, learning, worshipping, inviting, and honoring God and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Psalm 48 reminds us that, *"Great is the Lord, and He is most worthy of praise…"* Indeed, we serve a mighty God and He is working in powerful ways through you and through His church. Below are some ways you can continue to grow, learn, worship, invite, and honor God over the next three months:

- November Sermon Series: "In All Things, God is Working for the Good" (4-week series in the book of Ruth).
- Advent Sermons and Worship
    - November 29 – HOPE
    - December 6 – PEACE (Contemporary Service at 11am)
    - December 13 – JOY (and Cantata Sunday!)
    - December 20 – LOVE
- Christmas Eve
    - 4:00pm – Service of Lessons and Carols
    - 6:00pm – Children and Family Service (Christmas Pageant)
    - 8:00pm – "The Light of Life That Leads Us Home" (Worship, Message, Candle lighting).
- New Members Class: Begins Sunday January 10
  If you, or someone you know, would like to explore what it means to become a member of Effort UMC – this is the class for you!

Make it your holiday mission to INVITE someone to come and see how God is at work in the life of this church! Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a blessed 2027!

Pastor Scott

Advent and Christmas Liturgical Notes

By Roxane Martin

"What's with the different colors I see on the pulpit and the slide backgrounds? Just for decoration?"

Glad you asked! During these 3 months of Nov/Dec/Jan, the Christian year focuses on the first parts of Christ's life and mission: Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. Each has colors associated with it that reinforces a theme during that time. The Christian year begins with Advent (Nov 29) and goes for four weeks. The color used here is purple, signifying both penitence and royalty, reflecting both the solemnity of the season and the coming of the King. It is a time of preparation for both Christ's first coming during the Nativity, but also His second coming. The Season of Christmas (sometimes referred to as Christmastide) begins on Dec. 25 and ends on Epiphany (January 6). (Methodists typically celebrate Epiphany on the first Sunday after January 1.) The liturgical colors of Christmastide are gold and white, symbolizing Christ's royalty and purity.

Upcoming Happenings

Monthly during Nov/Dec/Jan

Contemporary Worship Service: Generally, on the second Sunday of the month, we will have a contemporary worship service on the second Sunday of the month, although there may be exceptions**.** During this quarter, the contemporary services will be held during the 11am service on ***Sunday, November 8th, December 6th, and January 10th***. See you there! (Practice is generally at 9:45am)

Fellowship Breakfast: will be held on the following dates from 9:30 to 10:30 am in Wesley Hall: ***November 15th, December 13th*** (Cantata!), ***January 10th***. Bring the family, a few friends and your appetite for a delicious meal. This is a free will offering event that is open to all. See you there!

Soup Sale: Soup sale for <u>November</u> includes the following soups**:** cheeseburger soup and homestyle turkey noodle. $6.00 per quart. Sale runs through ***November 18th*** with the pick-up date of ***November 22nd*** after each service. Order form is on the Welcome Center. **There is no soup for December.** For <u>January</u>, the sale runs through ***January 20th*** with the pick-up date of ***January 24th*** after each service (soups determined closer to date—check the bulletin).

November Only

Annual Pork 'n Sauerkraut Dinner: The dinner will be held on ***Saturday, November 7th*** from 4:00 to 6:30 pm. Volunteers to help set up and serve are needed as well as bakers for the desserts. A Volunteer sign-up sheet and contribution list is in the Narthex on the easel! Dinner is $12 for adults and $6 for children 4 and up. Meal includes: Roasted pork, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, vegetable, bread, beverage and dessert.

Charge Conference will be held here at EUMC on ***November 22nd*** at 1pm.

P**reparing the Church for Advent & Christmas:** The decorating and adorning of the Sanctuary and Wesley Hall will occur on ***Saturday, November 28th*** commencing at 9:00 am. If you are willing and able to help us get items down from the attic and to set up and decorate, please let Jan know. Many hands lead to light work. All help is appreciated.

Advent wreath lighting: Advent begins on ***Sunday, November 29th*** and we are seeking young and young at heart to participate in the lighting of the Advent Wreath at each service up to and including Christmas Eve services. This is a great opportunity for all to be part of this special time of year. If you or your family is interested, be encouraged to contact Jan in the office. First come, first choice.

Christmas Poinsettias: Ok, time is really flying now! It's time to order your Christmas Poinsettias. All orders must be in to the church office ***no later than November 29th*** (this is the absolute last day as we need to call the order in to the florist on November 30th). Cost is $13.50 for 6 ½ inch pot, $24. 00 for a 7 ½ inch pot. Color will be white. All flowers can be picked up after the 8:00 pm church service on December 24th. Order forms can be found on the Welcome Center.

December Only

Angel Tree: The "Angel Tree" will be set up in the Narthex on November 6th. This year we have 40 "Angels" that we are supporting through PVEN. If you would like to take an "Angel" please be reminded to bring the ***UNWRAPPED*** gifts back to the church with the child's number on the gift(s) no later than ***Thursday, December 3rd.*** The church representative must have the gifts delivered to PVEN between 8:00 am and 12:00 pm on December 7th. Thank you for sharing in God's love!

Blue Christmas service will be held on ***Sunday December 6th*** at 3pm**.** This service will offer scripture, songs, and words of hope/encouragement for anyone who is struggling. All are welcome.

Family Christmas Celebration: The Missions Committee is holding a Family Christmas Celebration on ***Saturday, December 12th*.** The Children will be portraying the Christmas Story in the Sanctuary starting at 3:00pm as we are changing up a few things this year. The program will start a 3:00 pm and go through 5:00 pm. We will be having a light dinner, cookies and snacks in Wesley Hall. A part of the program in Wesley Hall there will be crafts, games music and Advent wreath making activities along with a visit from Santa. We would ask that each family bring an unwrapped toy for donation to PVEN for their outreach program. Let us all be Santa Claus this year! A sign-up sheet for this event and number of attendees is on the Welcome Center. Just a reminder, seating capacity in Wesley Hall is 125 people….so it is important to let us know quickly of your plans to participate. (Note: if your child will be participating in the program, you must sign them up as well). Should you have questions, please contact Jan Decker in the church office, or by email at eumc103@ptd.net or Brenda Mitchell at eumchrist@ptd.net

Christmas Cantata: the music for this years Cantata is *"God With Us, a Christmas Celebration."* The Cantata will be celebrated at both services on ***Sunday December 13th***.

Christmas party for our Seniors: We are planning a dinner for the seniors *(60 years of age and over)* in our congregation for ***Sunday, December 20th*** at 12:30 pm. We want to thank you for all the support of the church and our youth programs that you have given. This is a ***free*** event for our seniors only and we are encouraging you to join in some fellowship and to enjoy the Christmas season. Meal will be prepared by Bob Decker. A sign up sheet is on the Welcome Center. We must know the number attending by **December 7th**.

January Only

New Membership Class: Looking to join us? We'd love to have you become a member of our church family! The next membership class is scheduled for ***Sunday, January 10th*** at 12:30 pm. A sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Center. (this is one of two classes required). New members (and those recommitting) will be taken into Membership on Easter Sunday

Special Notices

Church weather closings: As the "cooler" weather approaches and the white stuff may be arriving soon, please note that information on church closings during inclement weather,can be found on: Church webpage (www.effortumc.org), church Facebook page, or listen on WSBG radio 93.5.

Adult Choir Practice---We have returned to singing at the 11 am service. Practices will be held on Sundays right after the 11am service. Please come on out and make a joyful noise for the Lord.

Offering Envelopes: If you do not have an envelope and would like one, please see Jan in the office. Likewise, if you have been assigned an envelope number and wish to go to EFT, contact Jan so that the number can be reissued. We are trying to be good stewards of our finances. The **2027** envelopes should be available to pick up in early December.

2027 Altar Flowers & Bulletin Sponsors: The sign up sheets for 2027 Altar Flowers and Bulletin Sponsors are posted on the bulletin board next to the Library. Altar Flowers are $30.00 per vase and the Bulletin sponsorship is $15.00. Hurry on over to sign up for those special dates you want as they go pretty fast.

Opportunities to Serve

Nursery Volunteers: The Nursery is normally open only during the 11:00 am service. If you love children and are willing to volunteer one hour of your time to tend for and to care for those little ones in our church. Background checks and clearances are required. If you need background checks, please contact Jan in the office. Thanking you in advance for your support of this ministry.

Ushers and Greeters: This means we will be in need of a few people who would like to participate in accepting the offerings and greet people as they enter the church. If you are interested, please contact Michelle Wichman who will be coordinating this opportunity for service. You can reach Michelle at: mlwich@ptd.net.

Liturgist, Scripture Readers, & Communion Stewards: Should you be interested in continuing to serve or would like to be added to specific area of serving, please contact the church office and we will get you on the schedule. The schedule will be on a rotational basis. Great opportunity for our young people as well to get involved with service.

Opportunities for Children and Families

Christian Education

Any questions or concerns, please see Brenda Mitchell, Christian Education Director (eumchrist@ptd.net)

Nursery: available at the 11:00am service for ages Newborn to 3 years old.

Sunday School: Classes are held during the 11:00 am services (**September through May**).

Classes are grouped as follows:
Body Building—3 years of age through 2nd grade
Intermediate—3rd, 4th, 5th grade
Middle School—6th, 7th, 8th grade

Children's Choir: Has resumed with practices being held on Sunday mornings at 10:15 am for all those interested. See Miss Brenda for additional information

Upcoming Plans:

- Planning on having the children visit at least one nursing home for Christmas.
- The children's choir is practicing two songs and hopefully will be singing in November.
They will also be singing at the Christmas Family Celebration.

Preschool at Effort UMC

Do you know of anyone looking for a wonderful Pre-school program or if you have any questions about either the 3 year old or Pre-K programs, please call the church office or speak with Miss Gail by calling 570-629-1890 ext. 201.

Wavewalkers Youth Group

Happy November Effort United Methodist Church!

The Wavewalkers just came back from their fall retreat at Blue Mountain Christian Retreat Center, located in New Ringold, PA. We had 16 teens and young adults attend along with 4 adults. And of those 16 teens, 5 were brand new youths. The Wavewalkers are definitely reaching out to friends and introducing them to Jesus.

This is our third year in a row attending together and it gets better every year. They have live worship music and a praise team. They have a great speaker come for the youth and he's very good at relating to the youth. When they aren't in session listening to their message and singing worship songs, they are busy with one another playing games such as GAGA, basketball, kickball, and dodgeball. There is a game room for them to

hang out in after they get a snack or some ice cream. The view is beautiful, the food is delicious, and the cabin is extremely accommodating. The teens really get a well-rounded break and time to focus on building their relationship with Jesus Christ. Stay tuned for upcoming videos and pictures of their stay.

In November we have a few events planned. November 1st and 15th we will have meetings lead by Pastor Scott, along with a prepared lunch and some games. On November 20th we will be heading to Sight and Sound to see "Joshua". And November 22nd will be our annual bake sale, just in time for Thanksgiving. So mark your calendars to arrive early. It's first come first serve on our homemade apple pies, pumpkin pies, chocolate chip cookie bars, and many other treats packaged up beautiful for you to bring to your Thanksgiving Feast. This is one of our best fundraisers and this year it will be free will donation once again. Get there before we are sold out. The sale starts immediately after the 8:30 service and will be down in Wesley Hall.

In December we have 2 events. On the 6th we will be heading to the Phantoms hockey game. These tickets have been donated to us for the youth to enjoy together. This is something new and we are looking forward to this. And on December 11 we will have our annual Christmas party. This is one of our largest events at the church for our youth and has always brought in many new faces. This year we will play many games, enjoy good food, do our famous SARAN WRAPPED BALL OF PRIZES, a gift exchange, and new this year, a live DJ ready to play lots of Christmas music. If this sounds like something a teen you know may like, we'd love to have them. Get in touch with a youth leader and get additional information.

As always, thank you for reading about our past events and future plans, and please keep our ministry in prayer. These young ones need every prayer they can get, this world is tough. Thank you and God Bless EUMC.

Our meetings are normally on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

November 1st, 15th

December 6th (hockey)

January (activities to be determined, unknown at time of publication)

Contact Alison Laxton, alaxton@ptd.net, Deb Audett, daudett@ptd.net, Theresa Mayo, mayo43093@aol.com or Melissa Roberti, mlenjr@frontier.com for additional information.

Youth Mission Trip 2027

The 2027 Youth Mission Team will be going **to** Belle, West Virginia from the week of June 20th to June 26th, 2027. The trip is open to youth going into 7th grade and up in September 2027. Currently we have 9 Youth and 9 adults who have expressed interest; however, we still have room for a few more! This is a great way to get your volunteer hours in for school and is such a wonderful opportunity to learn a new skill and yet serve and share the love of God! The cost is **$584** for each camper. (we do fundraisers to help offset the cost) **Please let Jan Decker know if your child is interested.**

Stromboli Fundraiser! Back by popular demand will be the Stromboli fundraiser. Orders will be taken in January for delivery for Super Bowl Sunday February 14th. Watch the bulletin for more information!

Continuing Fellowship/Bible Study

RightNow Media: Did you know that we have a place that you can go to on line and seek out a multitude of Bible studies and information? If not, why not check it out. All you have to do is provide the office (or Pastor Scott) with your email address and an invitation to join in and peruse the many studies and information available.

Basement Bunch:. Basement Bunch Bible Study/Sunday School class meets from 9:45 until 10:30 am in the former Day Care Kitchen area from September until May. Coffee, tea and some sort of goodies are always available. There is a book that we follow that you can read ahead or just look at it once we are in class. Come on out and learn a little bit more about the Bible. Please contact Steve Johnson at sjsa@ptd.net to register and/or if you have any questions.

Christmas Adult Bible Study:

Come join us on **Wednesday, December 2nd**, as we prepare to celebrate Christmas with this one night study entitled "Rediscovering Christmas" with Franklin and Billy Graham. In the midst of struggle and pain, Christmas is a reminder that Jesus came into fragmented lives with redemption. Experience the true meaning of Christmas through the lives of four people facing a broken world.

Dinner 5:30-6 pm; Study and discussion 6-7 pm. Class will take place downstairs in Wesley Hall.

Please sign up in the Welcome Center so we can plan for the dinner. Questions? Contact Jeff Albert, 72hopsing@gmail.com.

Christian Connection: A group designed specifically for fellowship and sharing. This group welcomes all to share and to let you know you're not alone. Bring a lunch and join them in a relaxed atmosphere of sharing God's love. If you are interested in participating, please contact Betsi Bradrick at: duckharbor21@gmail.com.
(Group meets weekly on Mondays in the Library starting at 12:00 pm).
NO meeting on Nov 23rd or Dec 28th.

Financially Speaking:

We would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued financial support of your church whether it was through the US Mail, EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer), in person, by giving through or Pay Pal.

Extra Mile--

Reminder that Extra Mile Giving (either through your envelopes or EFT) are greatly appreciated. All Extra Mile Giving goes directly to the General Fund for general operating expenses (electric, oil, office supplies, youth education and youth group, etc.) and is in addition to your weekly tithes and offerings. An extra few dollars goes a long way! Please consider going that "extra mile". Contact Finance Chair for any questions—Bob Decker, bdecker@schiffs.com

Finance Committee Update— As we sit here watching the falling leaves, and raking them too, we find our financial status at EUMC at the ¾ point of the year in the black by $4220.00. We tend to even more carefully towards the end of the year even more tightly monitor our expenses and are optimistic with the rise in giving over the past two months that we should finish the year financially responsible and sound.

We pray and anticipate that through the fall and into the Christmas season we will be blessed by regular weekly tithings, Christmas giving and end of the year tax reduction giving. Just a reminder we are blessed with the grants from George T. Walker through the Lehigh Valley Foundation to be used for major physical projects to maintain the church buildings and grounds, thus all our giving and fund raising can go to ministry and regular operating expenses. With these funds we put in new flooring in Wesley Hall kitchen area, preschool, Jan's office, and Friendship Hall. New windows were also installed in the preschool along with new blinds/curtains. We also did major maintenance on the hydraulic operations for the elevator, which we know is used by many. The newest project that was just completed and covered by this year's grant allocation is the eradication of some ringtail creatures who made their way into the loft of the old section of the church above the preschool through a hole under the eaves. The crew from Pocono Wildlife did a thorough job taking a solid week doing the work of trapping and returning the racoons safely back into the wild and then making the necessary repairs. They found out just how many nooks and crannies our church has from all the additions over the years.

Looking ahead to 2027, our EUMC budget was approved and being the growing church that we are and meeting the safety/ministry/outreach concerns we have for the first time topped the $300K mark for the annual budget. Traditionally about 7.5% of the annual budget does not get tapped, as some budget line items are precautionary categories (i.e. boiler repair) and we hope for less snow plowing!!

We are always looking for new members to join our Finance team. We meet the 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm in Friendship Hall. We meet 8 months out of the year. Interested, please reach out to me. I am inviting you to share your gift!!!

There are other ways to serve on the Finance team.
--One way is to be a counter. They are teams of two on a monthly rotation, usually on Tuesday morning counting/reporting/depositing the prior Sundays weekly collection and Joyful Noise.
--Another way to serve is to help tabulate the Weis and Shoprite receipts as we get 1% return, this is done 6 times a year processing 2 months of tapes at a time. EVERYBODY PLEASE SAVE YOUR RECEIPTS!
--We also need someone who has some financial or bookkeeping experience to do our annual financial review. Where you sit down with the treasurer and financial secretary and follow a designed procedure to review how we are properly following all monetary procedures and protocol.
So, please reach out to me or Jan in the office if interested in serving in these capacities.
Enjoy your Thanksgiving holiday and focus on one thing you are especially thankful for. Have a blessed Advent season and a joyous Christmas day. Think of someone you can make extra happy this Christmas who needs some extra blessings.

With pleasure and gratitude,
Bob Decker Finance Chm and his committee.

Food Pantry (SFRC): Member of Feeding America through Second Harvest Food Bank
The Lord inspired us to help feed families who have need, that are not eligible for local, county or state programs. The program serves the communities of Albrightsville, Blakeslee, Brodheadsville, Effort, Gilbert, Kunkletown, Kresgeville, Saylorsburg and Sciota on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, from 10:00 am to noon (generally).

The pantry will be open as follows for November and December 2026: **from 10 am to noon:**
NOTE: November 14th only (Thanksgiving distribution); **December 19th only** (Christmas distribution)
January—dates to be determined

Volunteers:
Youth: Must be in high school. If 16-17, must complete volunteer paperwork, but background checks are not required.
Adults: Must complete volunteer paperwork. Must complete state background checks (and Federal checks if not in Pennsylvania for 10 years). Must complete youth protection training. Contact Jan Decker for all volunteer paperwork at: eumc103@ptd.net or 570-629-1890 ext. 103.

Our biggest volunteer need continues to be associated with picking up items from our suppliers. These are often mid-day/mid-week activities and require flexibility with time. Please contact Deb Audett (570-350-0335) if you can make a bi-weekly commitment.

SFRC is seeking donations for the **Winter months**: canned soups, as well as any canned goods and/or any non-perishable item. Also, cereal and breakfast bars. (See a good sale? Bring it for SFRC!) ALSO: Holiday foods (corn, green beans, mashed potatoes, yams, beets, cranberry sauce, free turkey/ham…)

Men's Group: Our meetings are normally held on the third Saturday morning of each month at 9:00 am in the former Day Care Kitchen area. (There are always snacks and coffee available. For more information contact Steve Johnson at sjsa@ptd.net The next meeting is scheduled for ***November 21st*** where we will be finishing 1st Peter study by Kyle Idleman. On ***December 19th***, we will be doing a study concerning Advent and Christmas. On ***January 16th*** we will start a new study to be determined at our November meeting.

Missions:
Joyful Noise Offering during worship services for November and December 2026:

November 1st	**Breast Friends of PA**
November 8th	**Voice of Martyrs**
November 15t	**Connectional Ministries**
November 22nd	**Olsen Christmas Wish**
November 29th	**EUMC Outreach - General Fund**

December 6th **Olsen Christmas Wish**
December 13th **Salvation Army**
December 20th **World Service Fund**
December 27th **EUMC Outreach - General Fund**

January 2027 TBD.

Fall Family Fun Day on October 17th was full of fun and excitement. We had approximately 95 people register. We are already working on Fall Family Fun Day for October 2027. Information will be provided as we get closer.

Family Christmas Celebration is ***Saturday, December 12th*** from 3-5 pm. All are invited. We are making some changes this year. We will have the story of Jesus birth in the sanctuary at 3pm. Anyone interested, or who have children interested in being involved, please see Brenda Mitchell. After the story, we will move downstairs and make advent wreaths, play some games and have some hot dogs, pizza, mac & cheese and some cookies. Cookie donations are welcome. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

We are working on our 2027 Joyful Noise along with the Mission Outreach Auction. Please look at the bulletin and newsletter for more information.

Missions Committee is also looking for members of the church to join us. We are in need of assistance with many of our outreach events. Even the teens, provided they have been confirmed, can join this committee. If you are interested, please reach out to Pastor Scott or Melinda Knitter (570-977-6853 or mknitter@ptd.net).

Pastoral Care: If you know of someone from our congregation that would like a visit from the Pastoral Care team or Pastor Scott, please contact Dee Juris and she will make arrangements for those who may need a cheerful visit. Dee can be reached at: deedoloresj24@gmail.com. Next meeting is ***November 11th*** at 1:00 pm.

They are back to college! The Pastoral Care Team is seeking donations of "snacks and goodies" to send as a care package for our college students. Donations can be dropped off in the box in the Narthex. Additionally, they will need the name and college address so to send the care packages in **by November 10th** (as they will be packaging up the boxes on November 11th to be sent out) Please submit the information to the church office or Dee Juris at: deedoloresj24@gmail.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry: The Prayer Shawl Ministry group meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm. If you knit or crochet or would like to learn, please join the ladies they would love to welcome you and have you join the group. Contact Joyce Aylsworth 570-643-3334 (maylsworth@pa.metrocast.net) for more information.
Our next meetings are scheduled for: **Tuesday November 17th only; December 1st, 15th, January 5th, 19th.**

The ladies of the Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to extend a gracious and heartfelt "thank you" to all who have donated yarn and/or monetary donations in support of this ministry. We couldn't do this without you and God's grace.

Seekers: Just come on out and join them on **Monday mornings at 10:00 am** in Friendship Hall. The group continues the book, "Experiencing the Heart of Jesus". There will be **no meeting on Monday, Dec. 28**.

Women's Group of Effort: The next meeting will be held on **Monday, December 14th at 6:00 pm.** This is our Ladies Night In Dinner. All women 18 and over are invited to attend. We will have a cookie exchange (bring 3 dozen if you would like to participate) and a gift exchange (not more than $15). Cost of the dinner is $15 per person. A sign-up sheet with the full menu is on the Welcome Center. Hurry, last day to sign up is **December 6th**! (sign up sheet is on the Welcome Center). Devotions will be provided by: Jan Decker We are always looking for others to join in on the fun with us and to serve as part of a group that supports the church and various mission projects!

NEW: Effective February 1st, 2027, the Women's Group of Effort will be meeting on the 1st Monday of each month. Our meetings are normally held at 7:00 pm in Wesley Hall. Please note there will be *no meeting in January 2027*.

We are always looking for others to join in on the fun with us and to serve as part of a group that supports the church and various mission projects! Our meetings are generally held the second Monday of each month at 7:00pm…..come on out… there's always terrific food!
Contact Joyce Aylsworth at maylsworth@pa.metrocast.net for more information.

Miscellaneous

Space available for rent: Looking for a comfortable and friendly place to hold your next party, family gathering or meeting? Look no further! EUMC has the perfect areas for such events. Wesley Hall (seats 125) and an outdoor Pavilion available to rent to non-profit organizations. Fees are: $75 for Church members and $150 for non-members with an additional $50 for the Custodian. Contact the church office at 570-629-1890 for availability and additional information.

Shop Rite and Weis Market Register Tapes: The church is still collecting the register tapes from Shop Rite (Brodheadsville store only) and Weis Market (from any store). The church receives 1% of each qualified amount. As with all things, there are some guidelines and restrictions. One of which is that ***we cannot submit a tape that is more than one (1) year old.*** The Shop Rite and Weis register tapes may be dropped off in the box in the Narthex, on the Welcome Center.

Upper Room Devotionals: Just a reminder that the Upper Room Devotionals are located in the back of the Narthex. To help offset some of the costs, a donation of $1.50 for the smaller books and $1.75 for the large print is requested. Thank you.

Recycling: We do recycle plastics (including bottles), glass and cardboard and to use the appropriate recycling bins located in both Wesley and Friendship halls. Please *DO NOT* throw in the regular trash or garbage cans. Thank you.

Card Showers: (send cards and shower them with love)

Phyllis Conklin, c/o Mrs. Bush's Personal Care Home, 302 Kunkletown Road, Kunkletown, PA 18058
Bob Reeder, 208 Kennel Road, Saylorsburg, PA 18353
Bob Hemhauser, PO Box 872, Brodheadsville, PA 18322



Dave Riddell, 0145 Twin Lake Drive, Kunkletown, PA 18058
Mackenzie Borger, c/o Pam Borger, PO Box 362, Kresgeville, PA 18333

November 2026

11/02 Kaizen Hovan
11/03 Andrea Yetter
11/05 Neil Roberti, Ken Edwards
11/07 Jaylee Belstra
11/09 Jeffrey Hurst
11/10 Aubree Zamorsky, Branch Borger
11/11 Ellis Moretz
11/13 Tracy Opitz
11/14 Allison Mayo, Olivia Szydlowski
11/16 Lindsey Edwards
11/19 Jesse Laxton
11/20 Jason L'Heureux
11/26 Emma Wichman
11/30 Diane Doll

December 2026

12/01 Pat Mackes, John Clawges
12/03 Glenn Yetter
12/04 Douglas Tavella, Susan Johnston, Kacie Ernst, Kiera Jochen, Lillian Murphy
12/05 Logan Wasdyke, Riley Wasdyke
12/07 Chace Zamorsky, Lois Kruppa
12/08 Melissa Roberti, Bill Milburn
12/09 Karen Brangan
12/11 Rhonda Sawyer, Cortney Zamorsky
12/12 Danny Demaio
12/14 Jill Yetter-Lunney
12/17 Linda Borger
12/18 Olivia Bonser
12/19 Carrie Hansen, Sharon Boyd
12/20 Mason Munz
12/21 Theresa Mayo
12/22 Peyton Laxton, Natasha Hoover
12/25 Happy Birthday Jesus! Jacqueline Audett
12/27 Wanda Bonser, Pamella Roach
12/28 Judy Bush
12/31 Ethan DeMaio

January 2027

01/06 Derek Marshall
01/07 Bella Vaillant, John Costantino, Annabella Scheller
01/08 Marie Young
01/09 Erica Gower
01/13 John Frost
01/14 Kaimi Butler
01/16 Adele Argot, Julie Foley
01/17 Dawn Francis
01/19 Brenda Davis
01/22 Pearl Reiss
01/25 Dawson Borger
01/26 Lorie Tavella
01/27 Sheri Seip, Billy Milburn
01/29 Mertise Wolfe, Gabriel Everett
01/30 Tonya Haydt
01/31 Caitlin Pierson-Bonser, Elizabeth Jeker

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02/01 Connor Beam, Ellie Scheller
02/02 Taylor Tremble
02/03 Lindsey Possinger, Linda Riddell
02/06 Sarah Brecht
02/07 Cristina Turell
02/09 Kiaya Daube, Bob Catina
02/10 Nita Nydam, Joshua Gerhart Jr., Tyler Laxton

In the event you are aware that a birthday is not listed and/or there is one listed of someone who is deceased or no longer attending church, please advise the office so that our records can be updated. Thank you!



Time to order your Christmas Poinsettia's

Fill out form below (please print clearly) and include check (payable to EUMC) or cash, put in offering envelope marked ***Christmas Flowers*** and place it in the collection plate. **All prepaid orders are due *by November 29th*.** All flowers may be taken home after church service on December 24th. Please note: Flowers left after Monday, January 4th will be given to local nursing homes or shut-ins. Additional order forms are located at the Welcome Center.

Number of plants	**Amount**
_____6 ½ pot (5-7 flowers)@ $13.50 each	**$_____**
_____7 ½" pot (7-9 flowers) @24.00 each	**$ _____**

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED $_____

*****Please print clearly – Thank You!*****

GIVEN BY _____

IN HONOR OF _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

*****ADDITIONAL ORDERS MAY BE WRITTEN ON BACK*****