

**Ackermanville
United
Methodist
Church**



**The
Friendly
Flyer**

January - February, 2026

From the Pastor's Desk.....



On January 6th, we begin the season of Epiphany. The word *Epiphany* comes from the Greek Epiphania, meaning “to show, make known, or reveal.” It is a season of celebration of God’s manifestation in our lives.

At this time of year, we once again meet the wise men who followed the star from the East to pay homage to the newborn King. When the star stopped over the place where the child was, they were overjoyed. They had been led to that very moment—to witness the Messiah. It was an epiphany, a revelation of God right before their eyes, and it filled them with overwhelming joy. After encountering Jesus, they returned home by a different way, avoiding King Herod, whose heart was filled with hatred. Jesus is the sign of God’s love for all, and their divine encounter changed them forever. Their Lord was now Jesus the Messiah, not any earthly king. Likewise, once we have met Jesus, we are no longer the same. We live differently—we live a new life.

As we begin this New Year, we have that same opportunity. Through the prophet Isaiah, God speaks to us: “I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” (Isaiah 43:19) God desires to give us new life and promises to be with us no matter what we face.

In this season of Epiphany, as we celebrate God’s loving presence among us, let us enter this New Year in a new way, remembering the words of the Apostle Paul: “If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Love in Christ,
Sukja



Church News

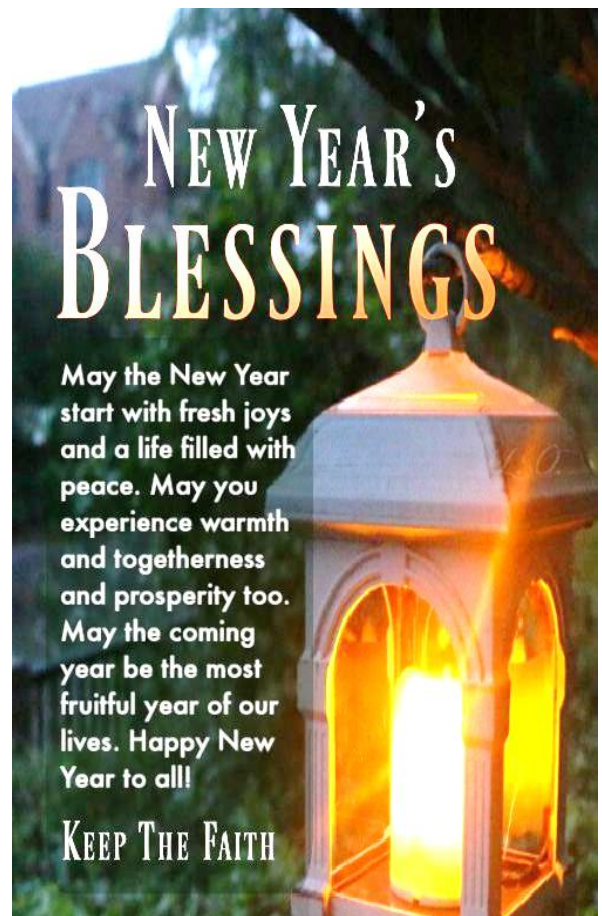
Undecorate the church - The men and women of the church will meet to undecorate the church this Wednesday, **January 7th** at 9:30 am. Join us!

Coffee hour will be the first Sunday of every month. Please join us in fellowship after Sunday worship on **January 4th and February 1st**.

Soup Bowl will be held tentatively on **Saturday, February 7th** from 5-7:30 pm. Please plan to join us for great food, fun and tricky tray baskets.

Volunteers are needed for shoveling and salting during the winter months. If you have the ability and time in your schedule please consider giving a hand to the church. Your hard work is much appreciated!

Valentine's Day Carnation Sale is tentative for this February. More details to follow in the insert page.





Lent & Easter 2026

Ash Wednesday

February 18, 2026. 7:30 PM worship.

The First Sunday of Lent is

February 22, 2026: 10 AM worship.

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026: 10 AM worship.

Holy Thursday

April 2, 2026: 7:30 PM worship service with communion.

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026 10 AM worship service with communion.

PUMP --Portland-Upper Mt. Bethel Food Pantry

The Food Pantry needs our help. If you will please bring your donation of food or paper goods and place them in the bins in the narthex, in the hallway outside of Young Hall, and an extra collection bin in the vestibule. We take all food to PUMP on the third Monday of the month. At this time they are in need of cereal and canned goods such as veggies, fruits, soups. *Thank you!*

WEIS MARKETS:

Please remember to keep bringing in your grocery receipts. Thanks!

HELP WANTED: Do you have some spare time and talents to share with your church? Please consider volunteering.

Sign-up sheets are available at both entrances. Include your name, phone number and email address. Please hand your sheet to Sue Martin. *Thank you!*





*We're here to
Serve*

- The task of the Ushers/Greeters is very important to the life of the congregation. They are the first contact any member or visitor has with AUMC. That first impression is very important and sets the tone for how people are likely to experience worship. Thank you for serving Christ in this way.
- Because this is so important, please be aware of the following things:
 - As you greet people, try not to engage in extended conversations with friends and family. This may prevent you from being aware of a new face.
 - Introduce yourself – even if the person you're greeting is a member of the congregation. That person may not know your name. If you think it's a member but do not know that person's name say something like: "I'm sorry, I don't have a name to go with your face."
 - If a visitor comes, ask if you may help them find a seat, or introduce them to someone with whom they may sit during the worship service. Let them know where they can find the restrooms. Please remember to tell the Pastor about the visitor (especially their name).
 - Remember, your job does not end at the beginning of the Prelude. Remain near the doors until the first hymn starts. That way if someone is running late they don't have to hunt for a bulletin. If the sanctuary is crowded, help them find a seat.
 - Remind congregation to fill out prayer request cards as soon as possible, as they will be collected during the first hymn.
 - Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle while singing the first hymn and give them to the pastor. If you hold up the prayer request cards with both of your hands, it will be helpful for the congregation to know that you are collecting the prayer request cards.
 - Do not shut either set of inner doors. Closed doors say: "You are not welcome!"
 - When it's time to take the offering, please stand up and be ready at the back of the sanctuary before the music starts. It's okay to get up while the Pastor is introducing the offering time.
 - Come forward and receive the offering plates from the Pastor.
 - Start down the center aisle. Once at the back of the sanctuary walk to the front of the outside aisles and move towards the back.
 - Wait at the end of the center aisle until the Doxology begins and then walk up the center aisle and hand the plates to the Pastor.
 - Stay at the altar rail until after the Offertory Prayer (bring a bulletin with you so you may pray as well) and then return to your seats at the close of the prayer.

Slate Belt Free Community Meals

1st Sunday of every month:

East Bangor United Methodist

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm ☐ 610-588-4453

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month:

**Ackermanville United Methodist**

1410 Ackermanville Rd., Bangor

3:00 pm 4:30 pm ☐ 610-588-7818

**Please share this information so that those who are in need can find a free meal.**

*If there is any doubt, please call the respective churches.*

## **Sunday Worship Helpers**

Would you like to be a Liturgist? Or a counter? Or would you like to become a greeter/usher? It's easy! Just sign up, or put a note in the offering plate, or let Charleen know. We would love for new people to get involved in these important aspects of the church.

*Thank you.*

## **Prayer List**

Please help us keep the prayer list up to date. If you would like someone to go on the prayer list, or removed from it, please use a prayer request card found in the pews or email the church at

[ackermanvilleumc@gmail.com](mailto:ackermanvilleumc@gmail.com)

*Thank You.*

## **Online Giving Option #1**

[www.ackermanvilleumc.org/donate](http://www.ackermanvilleumc.org/donate)

**DONATE to Ackermanville UMC by using our "Online Giving" link on our website.** You can make a one-time donation, or set up regular ("recurring") giving with this link. MasterCard, Visa, Discover, and American Express are accepted. Click on the **"Donate"** tab in the bottom left, then click on the green **"Make a Donation"** button on the lower left.

## **Online Giving Option #2**

<https://aumc.churchtrac.com/give>



Enter your email address and a password to create an account to give a donation using a credit card.

*Thank you!*

## Special Envelopes

If you have a special offering/donation (Love Fund, Community Meal, Memorial Fund, etc.) please put it in an envelope (blue & white envelopes available in pews), and list your name and what you are donating to, on the envelope, so we can give you credit at the end of the year. *Thank you.*

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Bulletins



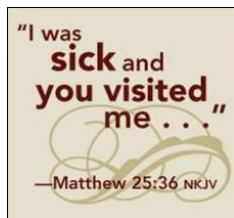
Altar Flowers

## Sponsoring Bulletins and Flowers

Sponsoring altar flowers is a simple way to glorify God and beautify the altar. They can be placed in honor of someone, in memory of someone, in celebration of a birthday, anniversary, or other milestone, or just to give thanks for God's blessings. Your sponsorship and dedication will be printed in the bulletin for that Sunday. The same goes for sponsoring bulletins. (Please see page 6) Please consider signing up. If sponsoring flowers, call Albanese Florist (**610-588-0441**) and place an order with them under the Ackermanville UMC account. Place the cost of flowers (or bulletins) in the offering plate on Sunday in a separate envelope, designating that it's for the cost of the flowers or bulletins. *Thank you.*

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## Pastoral Care



Please let Pastor Sukja know if you or a loved one is in the hospital. She would love to support you and your family with a visit. She depends on you to share the information of which hospital the loved one is

in. Please also let Pastor Sukja know of any other pastoral needs. The church phone number is 610-588-7818. The parsonage number is 610-452-2699. You can reach her by email: [sukjabang53@gmail.com](mailto:sukjabang53@gmail.com). If you do not reach her, please leave a message. *Thank you.*

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## Birthdays

### January

- 1 – Jack Yetter
- 2 – Jayce Tyler Brescancine
- 3 – Barbara LaBar
- 5 – Kyle Overfield
- 7 – Denise Butz
- 9 – Joe Carcione
- 16 – Karen Schafer
- 19 – Craig Ackerman
- 20 – Benjamin Hawes
- 20 – Jenna Lane
- 20 – Cindy Doll
- 22 – Rachelle Speer
- 22 – Morgan Heckman
- 22 – Ann Nicoletti
- 24 – Ridgley Hughes
- 25 – Renee Pongracz
- 26 – Cindy Peck

### February

- 1 – Gregg Peck
- 5 – Bill Ruggiero
- 6 – Kyle Sussick
- 8 – Karla Lane
- 17 – Tiffany Johnson
- 17 – Rebecca Kopp
- 18 – Emily Johnson
- 19 – John Dugey III
- 21 – Sharon Herman
- 21 – Sarah Hawes
- 22 – Amy White
- 22 – Jayla Parry
- 24 – Jamie Impecati
- 27 – Sherwin Williams
- 29 – Ray Pagotto



## Anniversaries

### January

- 1 – Sharon & Jerry Kruszk
- 14 – Barry & Kay Young

### February

- 7 – Gregg & Cindy Peck
- 14 – Ferlin & Dale Harris

## Ackermanville United Methodist Church

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### Mission Statement:

*Growing in Faith by sharing God's Love*

**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Sukja Bang

**Parsonage Phone:** 610-452-2699

**Email:** [sukjabang53@gmail.com](mailto:sukjabang53@gmail.com)

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|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Church School Superintendent | Jeff Sandercock      |
| Choir Director               | Del Roberts          |
| Lay Leader                   | Barry Young          |
| Organist                     | Cindy Doll           |
| The Ministers                | All the Congregation |

### Coffee Hour List

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|-------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Jan 4 | Bill & Donna Bright, Sharon Kruszka, Jane Ruggiero |
| Feb 1 | Tom & Joan Mutton                                  |

### Greeters & Ushers

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| Jan 4  | Jon Kraemer/ Del Roberts     |
| Jan 11 | Kay & Pete Nell              |
| Jan 18 | Bob Dailey / Jeff Sandercock |
| Jan 25 | Elizabeth Scott / Karla Lane |
| Feb 1  | Joan & Tom Mutton            |
| Feb 8  | Nancy Frantz / Gail Frantz   |
| Feb 15 | Jon Kraemer / Del Roberts    |
| Feb 22 | Kay & Pete Nell              |

### Church Office Hours

Monday/Wednesday/Friday  
10 AM to 1 PM

**Church Secretary:** Charleen Hutchison

**Phone:** 610-588-7818

**Email:** [ackermanvilleumc@gmail.com](mailto:ackermanvilleumc@gmail.com)

**All Sunday worship services  
are live streamed via ZOOM.**

An email is sent every Friday  
with the ZOOM details.

{Please contact the office to be added to the list.}




If you would like to **sponsor a Sunday bulletin**  
in honor / memory of a loved one please call  
Bill Ruggiero at 610-863-6297. The cost is \$10.



**Snowmen** ❄️  
FALL FROM *heaven*  
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# January 2026

| Sunday                                                                                                          | Monday                                                                                                                   | Tuesday                                                                                       | Wednesday                                                             | Thursday                                                                           | Friday                        | Saturday        |
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| 4                                                                                                               | 5                                                                                                                        | 6                                                                                             | 7                                                                     | 8                                                                                  | 9                             | 10              |
| Epiphany Sunday /<br>Holy Communion<br>10 AM<br>Coffee Hour,<br>11 AM<br>Sunday School,<br>9 AM                 | Church Office<br>10 AM – 2 PM                                                                                            | Epiphany<br> | Church Office<br>10 AM – 2 PM<br><br>Undecorate the church<br>9:30 AM |                                                                                    | Church Office<br>10 AM – 2 PM |                 |
| 11                                                                                                              | 12                                                                                                                       | 13                                                                                            | 14                                                                    | 15                                                                                 | 16                            | 17              |
| Baptism of the Lord<br>Worship, 10 AM<br>Sunday School,<br>9 AM                                                 | Church Office<br>10 AM – 2 PM                                                                                            |                                                                                               | Church Office<br>10 AM – 2 PM                                         |                                                                                    | Church Office<br>10 AM – 2 PM | Funeral service |
| 18                                                                                                              | 19                                                                                                                       | 20                                                                                            | 21                                                                    | 22                                                                                 | 23                            | 24              |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after<br>Epiphany<br>Worship, 10 AM<br>Sunday School,<br>9 AM<br>Community Meal,<br>3 PM | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM<br><br> |                                                                                               | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM                                         |                                                                                    | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM |                 |
| 25                                                                                                              | 26                                                                                                                       | 27                                                                                            | 28                                                                    | 29                                                                                 | 30                            | 31              |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after<br>Epiphany<br>Worship, 10 AM<br>Sunday School,<br>9 AM                            | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM                                                                                            |                                                                                               | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM                                         |                                                                                    | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM |                 |
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## February 2026

| Sunday                                                                                                             | Monday                                                                                               | Tuesday | Wednesday                                                             | Thursday | Friday                                                                                    | Saturday                                                                            |
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| 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany<br>Worship /Communion,<br>10 AM<br>Sunday School, 9 AM<br>Coffee Hour, 11 AM | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM                                                                        |         | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM                                         |          | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM                                                             | Soup Bowl<br>5 PM – 7:30 PM                                                         |
| 8                                                                                                                  | 9                                                                                                    | 10      | 11                                                                    | 12       | 13                                                                                        | 14                                                                                  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany<br>Worship, 10 AM<br>Sunday School, 9 AM                                     | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM                                                                        |         | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM                                         |          | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM                                                             |  |
| 15                                                                                                                 | 16                                                                                                   | 17      | 18                                                                    | 19       | 20                                                                                        | 21                                                                                  |
| Transfiguration Sunday<br>Worship, 10 AM<br>Sunday School, 9 AM<br>Community Meal, 3 PM                            | Office closed<br> |         | Church Office<br>10 AM – 2 PM<br><br>Ash Wednesday<br>Service 7:30 PM |          | Church Office<br>10 AM – 2 PM<br><br>Newsletter<br>deadline<br>For March/April<br>edition |                                                                                     |
| 22                                                                                                                 | 23                                                                                                   | 24      | 25                                                                    | 26       | 27                                                                                        | 28                                                                                  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent<br>Worship, 10 AM<br>Sunday School, 9 AM                                            | Church Office<br>10 AM – 2 PM                                                                        |         | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM                                         |          | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM                                                             |                                                                                     |
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