

Ackermanville United Methodist Church



The Friendly Flyer

July - August, 2026

From the United Methodist Church Eastern Conference

Stephen Whitehead to Ackermanville UMC and Cherry Valley UMC:



Stephen was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, and moved to the US in 2019. He is married to Katlyn and they have one son, Sebastian. He studied Philosophy at the University of Dundee, where he was active in the Dundee University Christian Union's campus evangelism efforts and served as a speaker and Community Links Co-Ordinator for the local Christians Against Poverty Debt Center. After preaching occasionally at the encouragement of a local Church of Scotland minister, he sensed God's call to pastoral ministry during the Covid lockdowns. After graduating from Moravian Theological Seminary in May, he has served as pastor at Emmanuel UMC in Allentown since July 2025. He was commissioned as an Elder this past February through the Board of Ordained Ministry.

Stephen brings a heart for evangelism, thoughtful preaching, and faithful pastoral care that will bless both congregations. His relational leadership, commitment to visitation, and passion for discipleship will help strengthen shared ministry and deepen spiritual growth at Ackermanville UMC and Cherry Valley UMC.

Welcome Pastor Steve!



Church News

Worship Time Change – Beginning **Sunday, July 5th** our worship service time will be permanently changed to **10:30 AM**.



Communion will be changed to the Second Sunday for July -- **July 12th**. It will return to the first Sunday for the month of August.



A Welcome Luncheon will be held on **Sunday, July 12th** to welcome and introduce yourself to Pastor Stephen and his wife, Katlyn and their son Sebastian. Please plan to join us in fellowship after worship at 11:30 am, and bring a dessert to share.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help with summer yard work for both the church and parsonage. If you have the time and talent please consider joining us. *Thank you!*



The church office will be closed for the week of **July 4th** for vacation. (MWF: June 29th, July 1st & July 3rd) I will return on Monday, July 6th.

The Community Meal is the **THIRD** Sunday of every month: 150 meals are assembled in containers beginning at 2pm. The meals are then delivered to their cars beginning at 3 pm. It's a wonderful community service and the people look forward to it every month. We are always looking for volunteers to help keep this program going.

Great work by all who volunteer their time and talents to serve the community!



VBS is being held the week of **July 26th** through **July 30th**

from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The children gather for a fun week of Christian learning with lots of fun activities, crafts and snacks. The theme will be "Fruits of the Spirit". Join us for a fun week!



September & October 2026

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!*

Rally Day is *tentatively* planned for 9 am **Sunday, September 6th**. This is the kick off to another Sunday school year. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us in Young Hall for a pancake breakfast.

The return of **Coffee Hour** is *tentatively* scheduled for **Sunday, October 4th** after worship at **11:30 am** in Young Hall. Please plan to join us in fellowship.

Our annual **Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser** is *tentatively* scheduled for Saturday, **October 10th** from 4:30 to 7 pm. Mark your calendar and plan to join us to eat in or take out your delicious Italian meal.

Trunk or Treat/Pumpkin Palooza is *tentatively* planned for **Sunday, October 25th** from 4 to 6 pm. This is an annual community event that is enjoyed by all. Children of all ages have a fun afternoon.

Charge Church Conference



Reports are due by Sept 30, and will be compiled onto a new computer system. More information to follow.



*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 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

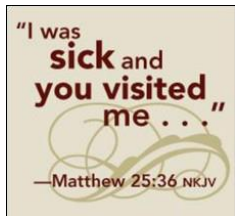


## Sponsoring Bulletins and Flowers

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 Stephen know if you or a loved one is in the hospital. He would love to support you and your family with a visit. He depends on you to share the information of which hospital the loved one is

in. Please also let Pastor Stephen know of any other pastoral needs. The church phone number is 610-588-7818. The parsonage number is 610-452-2699. You can reach him by email: [stephen.whitehead88@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.whitehead88@gmail.com). If you do not reach him, please leave a message. *Thank you.*

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## Birthdays:

### July

1 – Cheryl Pagotto  
3 – Alicia Miller  
4 – Viola Davies  
5 – Ann Scagliotta  
9 – Alyssa Kruszka  
10 – Richard Lane  
13 – Hailey White  
15 – Ruth Ann Mueller  
21 – Khloe Overfield  
21 – Jane Williams  
23 – Kelsey Pagotto  
26 – Donald Butz Jr.  
28 – Chad Roberts  
28 – Brian Johnson

### August

4 – Terri Brescancine  
5 – Suzanne Hawes  
7 – Tom Mutton  
10 – Lori Riggs  
16 – Lenora Rutt  
17 – Sue Martin  
18 – Abbey Robertson  
21 – Tammy Ackerman  
22 – Edward Vroom  
26 – Brady James Ginther  
27 – Tanner Brescancine  
27 – Liviana Rose Roberts  
28 – Jeff Sandercock  
30 – Kolin Overfield



## Anniversaries:

### July

6 – Jane & Bill Ruggiero  
21 – Ray & Cheryl Pagotto

### August

7 – Lori & Josh Riggs  
11 – Peter & Kay Nell  
24 – Wade & Sue Travis

## Ackermanville United Methodist Church

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### Mission Statement:

*Growing in Faith by sharing God's Love*

**Pastor:** Rev. Stephen Whitehead

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

**Email:** [stephen.whitehead88@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.whitehead88@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

|        |      |
|--------|------|
| July 5 | None |
| Aug 2  | None |

### Greeters & Ushers

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|---------|------------------------------|
| July 5  | Bob Dailey / Jeff Sandercock |
| July 12 | Elizabeth Scott / Karla Lane |
| July 19 | Sherry Darr / Del Roberts    |
| July 26 | Nancy Frantz / Gail Frantz   |
| Aug 2   | Jon Kraemer / Del Roberts    |
| Aug 9   | Kay & Pete Nell              |
| Aug 16  | Bob Dailey / Jeff Sandercock |
| Aug 23  | Elizabeth Scott / Karla Lane |
| Aug 30  | Sherry Darr / Del Roberts    |

### 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)

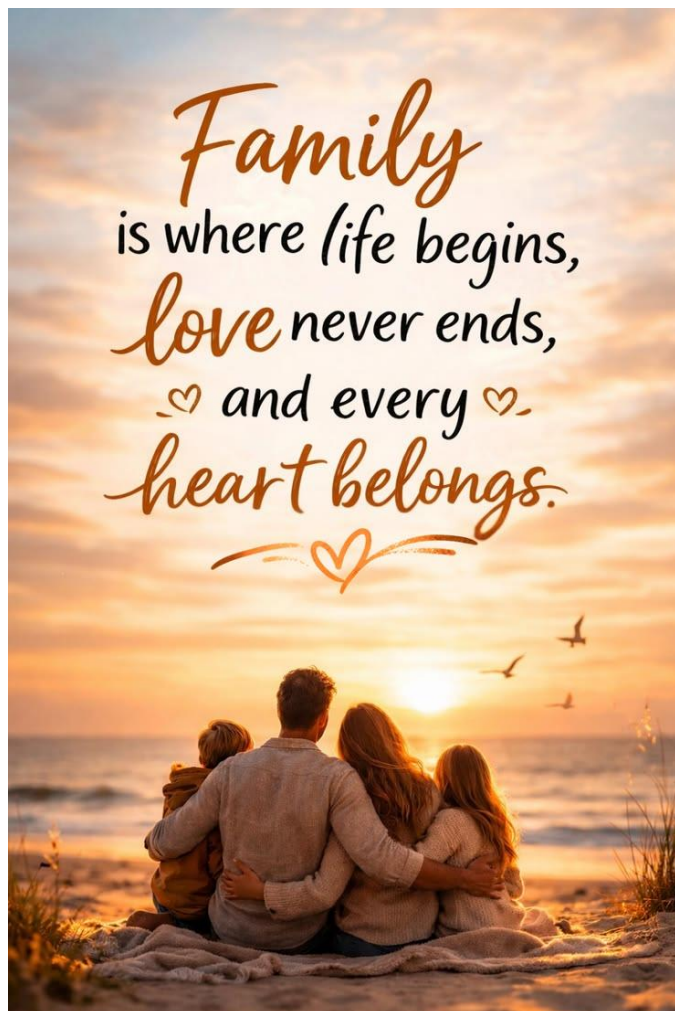
**All Sunday worship services  
are live streamed via ZOOM.**

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.



# July 2026

| Sunday                                                                                                                   | Monday                                                      | Tuesday                | Wednesday                                                   | Thursday               | Friday                        | Saturday                                                                            |
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|                                                                                                                          |                                                             |                        | 1                                                           | 2                      | 3                             | 4                                                                                   |
|                                                                                                                          |                                                             |                        | Church Office<br>Closed                                     |                        | Church Office<br>Closed       |  |
| 5                                                                                                                        | 6                                                           | 7                      | 8                                                           | 9                      | 10                            | 11                                                                                  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After<br>Pentecost<br><b>10:30 AM</b><br>w/Pastor Stephen<br>message                              | Church Office<br>10 AM – 2 PM                               |                        | Church Office<br>10 AM – 2 PM                               |                        | Church Office<br>10 AM – 2 PM |                                                                                     |
| 12                                                                                                                       | 13                                                          | 14                     | 15                                                          | 16                     | 17                            | 18                                                                                  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after<br>Pentecost<br>Worship, <b>10:30 AM</b><br>With communion<br>Welcome Luncheon,<br>11:30 AM | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM                               |                        | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM                               |                        | Church Office<br>9 AM – 12 PM |                                                                                     |
| 19                                                                                                                       | 20                                                          | 21                     | 22                                                          | 23                     | 24                            | 25                                                                                  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after<br>Pentecost<br>Worship, <b>10:30 AM</b><br><br>Community Meal,<br>3 PM                     | Church Office<br>closed                                     |                        | Church Office<br>10 AM – 2 PM                               |                        | Church Office<br>10 AM – 2 PM |                                                                                     |
| 26                                                                                                                       | 27                                                          | 28                     | 29                                                          | 30                     | 31                            | Aug 1                                                                               |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after<br>Pentecost<br>Worship, <b>10:30 AM</b><br><br>VBS,<br>6:30 PM – 8:30 PM                   | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM<br><br>VBS,<br>6:30 – 8:30 PM | VBS,<br>6:30 – 8:30 PM | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM<br><br>VBS,<br>6:30 – 8:30 PM | VBS,<br>6:30 – 8:30 PM | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM |                                                                                     |
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## August 2026

| Sunday                                                                                                    | Monday                        | Tuesday   | Wednesday                     | Thursday  | Friday                                                                                 | Saturday  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>2</b>                                                                                                  | <b>3</b>                      | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>                      | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>                                                                               | <b>8</b>  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost<br>Worship/ Communion,<br><b>10:30 AM</b>                         | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM |           | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM |           | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM                                                          |           |
| <b>9</b>                                                                                                  | <b>10</b>                     | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b>                     | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b>                                                                              | <b>15</b> |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost<br>Worship<br><b>10:30 AM</b><br>Admin Board meeting,<br>11:30 AM | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM |           | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM |           | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM                                                          |           |
| <b>16</b>                                                                                                 | <b>17</b>                     | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b>                     | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b>                                                                              | <b>22</b> |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost<br>Worship, <b>10:30 AM</b><br><br>Community Meal, 3 PM           | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM |           | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM |           | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM<br><br>Newsletter<br>deadline<br>For Sept/Oct<br>edition |           |
| <b>23</b>                                                                                                 | <b>24</b>                     | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b>                     | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b>                                                                              | <b>29</b> |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost<br>Worship, <b>10:30 AM</b>                                       | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM |           | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM |           | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM                                                          |           |
| <b>30</b>                                                                                                 | <b>31</b>                     |           |                               |           |                                                                                        |           |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost<br>Worship, <b>10:30 AM</b>                                       | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM |           |                               |           |                                                                                        |           |