

**Ackermanville
United
Methodist
Church**



**The
Friendly
Flyer**

May - June, 2026

From the Pastor's Desk.....

As we move through the season of spring, I am reminded of the words from Scripture: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1). These words feel especially meaningful to me as I write this message. Life unfolds in different seasons, and sometimes we find ourselves standing at the threshold of a new one. After eight years of serving as your pastor at Ackermanville United Methodist Church, I will soon be entering a new season of life. My last Sunday in the pulpit will be June 14. As the time approaches, I find myself reflecting with deep gratitude on the years we have shared together in ministry.

It has truly been a joy and a privilege to serve this congregation. Over the years we have worshiped together, prayed together, and supported one another through many moments of life—times of celebration as well as times of challenge. Ackermanville has been a place where relationships matter and where people genuinely care for one another.

I have appreciated the many ways you have supported the ministry of this church and encouraged me in my work as your pastor. When I think about the time we have shared together, I am reminded of the words of the apostle Paul: "I thank my God every time I remember you" (Philippians 1:3). These words express well the gratitude I feel for this congregation and for the opportunity to serve among you.

Transitions can bring mixed emotions, but they also remind us that God continues to guide the life of the church in every season. I trust that God will continue to bless Ackermanville United Methodist Church and lead this congregation into the future with hope and strength. As the weeks ahead unfold, I look forward to the remaining time we will share together in worship and fellowship. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your lives and for the privilege of serving as your pastor.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Sukja



Church News

Clean Up the church - The men and women of the church will meet to clean the church on Saturday, **May 2nd** at 8:30 am. Join us!

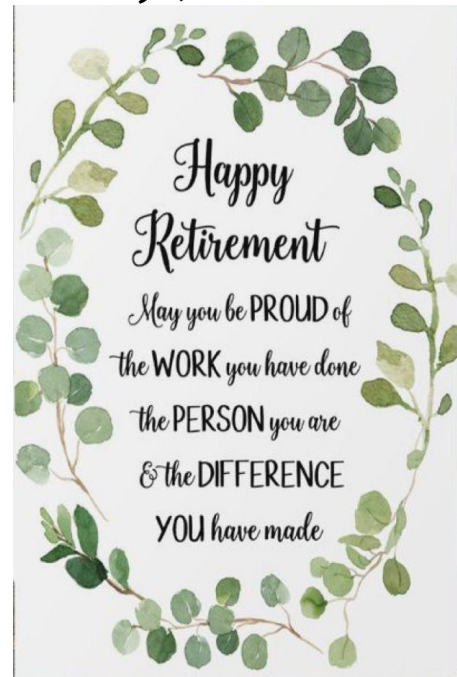
Coffee Hour Reception - Pastor Sukja's last Sunday in the pulpit will be on **Sunday, June 14th**. Please join us in fellowship after Sunday worship in the social hall to say thank you, goodbye, and wish her well.

Sunday school will meet for the last time this year on **Sunday, May 24th**. Sunday school will resume in September with our Rally Day. More info to follow in the insert page.

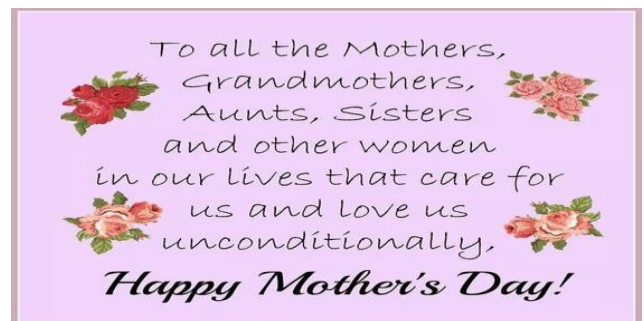
VOLUNTEERS are needed to help with spring and summer yard work for both the church and parsonage. If you have the time and talent please consider joining us.
Thank you to all who volunteer!

Coffee Hour will be held on **May 3rd** and **June 14th** after our worship service in Young hall. Please plan to join us in fellowship.

Pastor Sukja,



Mother's Day Ladies Tea will be held on **Saturday, May 9th** at 3 pm. Our theme this year is 'A Mad Hatter Tea Party!' Tickets are available by advance sale only, for a donation of \$15 each.





Looking ahead to July 2026:



Pastor Stephen, Katelyn and Sebastian,

We look forward to worshipping with you and getting to know you beginning July 5th.

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, mac & cheese, rice, noodles, canned goods such as veggies, fruits, soups. *Thank you!*

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

A Special Luncheon will be held on **Sunday, July 12th** to welcome and introduce everyone to our new Pastor, Stephen and his wife, Katelyn and their son Sebastian. Please plan to join us in fellowship after worship in Young hall.

WEIS MARKETS:

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

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

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!*



VBS 2026 is being planned for **Sunday, June 28--Thursday, July 2**. A theme & more information will follow in the insert page. Stay tuned!



*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

3rd 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

Thank You.

Online Giving Option #1

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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Birthdays:

May

- 4 – Linda Yetter
- 6 – Donna Carcione
- 7 – Sherry Ott
- 7 – Emma Rambo
- 9 – Mia Herman
- 16 – Barry Mueller
- 17 – Danielle Rambo
- 20 – Lacey Grace Skutnik
- 22 – Kay Beck
- 24 – Krista Yetter
- 27 – Dennis Counterman
- 28 – Carol Berger

June

- 1 – Barry Young
- 3 – Faith Harris
- 5 – Sherry Darr
- 6 – Kay Nell
- 6 – Lindsey Pagotto Mertz
- 11 – Dan Hawes
- 11 – Barbara Steinmetz
- 15 – Alenda Gardner
- 16 – Grace Harris
- 21 – Ken Reto
- 21 – Kevin Rambo
- 26 – Sue Traviss
- 28 – Barry Brescancine
- 29 – Jane Ruggiero
- 30 – Stacey Brescancine



Bulletins

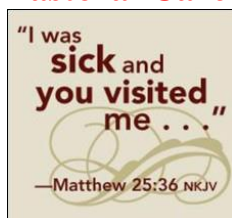


Altar Flowers

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.*

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. If you do not reach her, please leave a message. *Thank you.*

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Anniversaries:

May

- 1 – Ruth Ann & Barry Mueller
- 21 – Danielle & Kevin Rambo
- 27 – Tighe & Megan Lane
- 28 – Trisha & Chad Roberts
- 29 – Donald & Denise Butz

June

- 8 – Suzanne & Dan Hawes
- 9 – Brittany & Andrew D'Alessio
- 15 – Tammy & Craig Ackerman
- 23 – Tom & Joan Mutton

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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

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

Coffee Hour List

May 3	Tom and Joan Mutton
June 7	Janice and Del Roberts

Greeters & Ushers

May 3	Nancy Frantz / Gail Frantz
May 10	Jon Kraemer / Del Roberts
May 17	Kay & Pete Nell
May 24	Bob Dailey / Jeff Sandercock
May 31	Elizabeth Scott / Karla Lane
June 7	Sherry Darr / Del Roberts
June 14	Nancy Frantz / Gail Frantz
June 21	Jon Kraemer / Del Roberts
June 28	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

**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.



The 2023 Church Directory has been **revised** and copies are available for you to pick up at both church entrances. An email PDF version was also send out in March.



May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					Church Office 10 AM – 1 PM	Clean the Church Day 8:30 am
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
5 th Sunday of Easter w/communion 10 AM Sunday School, 9 AM Coffee Hour, 11 AM	Church Office 10 AM – 1 PM		Church Office 10 AM – 1 PM	<i>National Day Of Prayer</i>	Church Office 10 AM – 1 PM	Mother's Day Tea 3 pm
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
6 th Sunday of Easter Worship, 10 AM Sunday School, 9 AM <i>Mother's Day</i>	Church Office 10 AM – 1 PM		Church Office 10 AM – 1 PM	<i>Ascension of the Lord</i>	Church Office 10 AM – 1 PM	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Ascension Sunday Worship, 10 AM Sunday School, 9 AM Community Meal, 3 PM	Church Office 10 AM – 1 PM		Church Office 10 AM – 1 PM		Church Office 10 AM – 1 PM	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Pentecost Sunday Worship, 10 AM Sunday School, 9 AM	Church Office closed <i>Memorial Day</i>		Church Office 10 AM – 2 PM		Church Office 10 AM – 2 PM	
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Trinity Sunday 10 AM Graduate info deadline						

June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Church Office 10 AM – 1 PM		Church Office 10 AM – 1 PM		Church Office 10 AM – 1 PM	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
2 nd Sunday after Pentecost Worship/Communion, 10 AM	Church Office 10 AM – 1 PM		Church Office 10 AM – 1 PM		Church Office 10 AM – 1 PM	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
3 rd Sunday after Pentecost Worship, 10 AM Pastor Sukja's last day Coffee Hour, 11 AM To honor & wish her well	Church Office 10 AM – 1 PM		Church Office 10 AM – 1 PM		Church Office 10 AM – 1 PM Newsletter deadline For July/Aug edition	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
4 th Sunday after Pentecost Worship, 10 AM Community Meal, 3 PM <i>Father's Day</i>	Church Office 10 AM – 2 PM		Church Office 10 AM – 2 PM		Church Office 10 AM – 2 PM	Clean up day and prepare for new Pastor & family
28	29	30	July 1	2	3	
5 th Sunday after Pentecost Worship, 10 AM VBS Tentative 6:30-8:30pm	Church Office Closed For a weeks' vacation VBS	VBS	Church office Closed VBS	VBS	Church office Closed	



Official Announcement from the Eastern PA Conference about our new Pastor:

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.

**As we go through this transition of welcoming our new pastor,
please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions and concerns.**

Sue Martin, Chair SPRC.

sue.greg2@gmail.com 610-751-9714





Attention all College, Trade School, and High School Graduates:

We would like to recognize their accomplishments on a Sunday in June's insert page. Please provide us with your Graduates information by **Sunday, May 31st**. You can complete the form below and return it to the office. Copies are also available at both church entrances.

Graduates of the Class of 2026

Name: _____

Parents of: _____

Grandparents of: _____

College or University: _____

High School: _____

Degree and Honors: _____

Future Plans: _____

Please return this form to the office. Congratulations!