

Ackermanville United Methodist Church

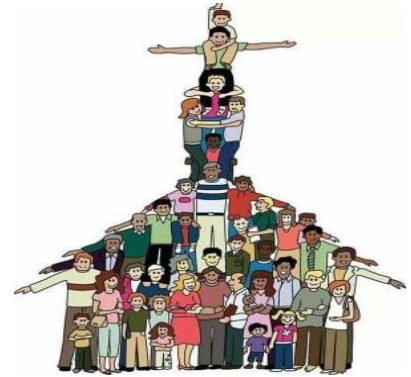


The Friendly Flyer

November - December, 2025

From the Pastor's Desk.....

"Great is your faithfulness." (Lamentations 3: 23)



This year marks the 155th anniversary of our church. What a milestone! One hundred fifty-five years ago, God planted a seed of faith in this community through a small group of believers. That seed has grown and flourished, shaping countless lives and drawing people closer to Christ through worship, prayer, fellowship, and service.

When we first planned to celebrate our 150th anniversary, the pandemic interrupted those plans. Yet even in those challenging years, God was at work among us. Although our church building was closed for a time, we never stopped worshipping. We gathered faithfully through Zoom, lifting our prayers and praises from our homes, staying connected in spirit if not in person. Even now, we continue to offer Zoom worship for those unable to attend in person, ensuring that all may join in fellowship and hear God's Word.

During those years, our congregation showed remarkable creativity and resilience. We transformed our free community meal into a drive-through ministry, serving our neighbors safely and keeping the connection of care alive. We found new ways to reach out, encourage one another, and remain faithful to Christ's mission despite unprecedented obstacles. Today, as we honor 155 years of ministry, we give thanks for God's faithfulness and for your dedication as a congregation. Together, we are carrying forward the vision planted so long ago – to be a light in this community, offering hope, and extending the love of Christ to all.

With gratitude,

Sukja



Church News

Church Anniversary Celebration

November 9th at 10 AM worship service followed by a catered luncheon. (Page9) **RSVP** needed by October 26th. Sign-up sheet at church. Mark your calendars!

Charge Church Conference will be held on Sunday, **November 16th** following the worship service in our church at **11:30 AM**.

Sonshine Sound Concert will be held on Sunday, **November 30th at 2 PM**. This is a free event held in our church.

Decorate the Church - The men and women of the church will meet to decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas Season on Saturday, **November 29th at 8:30 AM**. *Join us!*

Christmas Poinsettia Sale

Each year, our sanctuary comes alive with the beauty of poinsettias, filling our hearts with joy as we celebrate the birth of Christ. You are invited to donate a poinsettia in memory or in honor of loved ones. Each plant is **\$15** for a 6.5" red pot with 6-8 blooms. You are welcome to take yours home after the Christmas Eve service. **The deadline to order is November 30th**. Please complete the insert form and return with payment to Barry or Kay.

Coffee Hour

The **first Sunday** of every month we meet in Young Hall for our Coffee Hour. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us in the social hall for coffee and fellowship after Sunday worship on **December 7th**.

Fall Bible Study will be held every **Wednesday evening beginning October 29th through December 10th** from 6:30 to 7:45 pm for 6 weeks leading up to the Advent Season. Pastor Sukja is pleased with the turn out this year.

Church Cleaning Day – The men and women of the church will meet to clean the church on **Saturday, November 8th at 8:30 AM**. *Join us!*

Christmas Cookie Walk

on Saturday, **December 13th** from **9 AM to 11AM**. \$18 large and \$12 small containers. Come and walk through the tables of delicious cookies and fill your box. Pre-orders are taken. Due by Dec 10th. We will be looking for volunteers to help bake and prepare boxes.

Holiday Open House (tentative)

on Sunday, **December 14th** from **4 to 5 PM**. Join us for music, crafts & fellowship.



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!*



For January & February 2026

Share God's Love

Help share God's love with family, friends and neighbors for Valentine's Day with a carnation. Orders need to be received the Sunday before and can be picked up in Young Hall. Carnations will be a nice assortment of mixed colors. More information to follow.

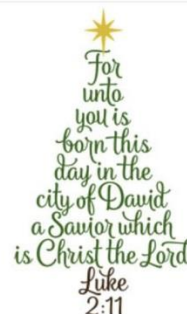
Soup Bowl Saturday

Tentative for February 8, 2026
5 – 7:30 PM

It's time for our annual fundraising event! Enjoy homemade soup, bread, desserts followed by a tricky tray and silent auction.

Tickets will be available for a donation. More information to follow. Join us for some "soup-er" fun!

2026 Envelopes will be ready for you to pick up in the vestibule starting the beginning of the New Year.





*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

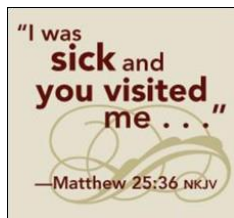


## Sponsoring Bulletins and Flowers

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 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

### November

- 2 – Andrea Lane
- 4 – Beverly Hopstetter
- 4 – Mary Hawes
- 6 – Janice Roberts
- 8 – David Speer
- 10 – Diane Richards
- 14 – Erica Nicoletti
- 19 – Steve Beck
- 29 – Bill Bright
- 30 – Linda Zellner

### December

- 2 – Sean Commins
- 2 – Lindsey Ginther
- 3 – Karen Parry
- 7 – Tyler Tarr
- 8 – Landon Charles Dugey
- 15 – Josh Riggs
- 16 – Donna Hopstetter
- 16 – Meagan Walton
- 17 – Nadine Hughes
- 19 – Lori Tarr
- 21 – Kay Young
- 23 – Carl Moosch
- 24 – Ferlin Harris
- 25 – Holly Sussick
- 25 – Tenley Renee Kopp
- 28 – Tyler Brescancine
- 28 – Sandy Collins
- 29 – Hope Noelle Gold
- 30 – Rylee Jade Kopp



## Anniversaries

### November

- 14 – Holly & Joel Sussick
- 25 – Alenda & Charles Gardner
- 27 – Donna & Joe Carcione

### December

- 21 – Charleen & Donald Hutchison
- 23 – Sherry & Bruce Ott

## Ackermanville United Methodist Church

1410 Ackermanville Road

Bangor PA 18013

610-588-7818

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

### 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

|       |                                          |
|-------|------------------------------------------|
| Nov   | None                                     |
| Dec 7 | Everyone please bring in 2 dozen cookies |

### Greeters & Ushers

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| Nov 2  | Del Roberts / Bob Dailey     |
| Nov 9  | Joan & Tom Mutton            |
| Nov 16 | Nancy Frantz / Gail Frantz   |
| Nov 23 | Jon Kraemer / Del Roberts    |
| Nov 30 | Kay & Pete Nell              |
| Dec 7  | Bob Dailey / Jeff Sandercock |
| Dec 14 | Elizabeth Scott / Karla Lane |
| Dec 21 | Del Roberts / Bob Dailey     |
| Dec 24 | Joan & Tom Mutton            |
| Dec 28 | Nancy Frantz/ Gail Frantz    |

### 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.}

## PSALMS OF THANKSGIVING



### PSALM 69:30

I will praise the name of God  
with a song;  
I will magnify him with thanksgiving.

### PSALM 100:4

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!



### PSALM 106:1

Praise the Lord!  
Oh give thanks to the Lord,  
for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

### PSALM 75:1

We give thanks to you, O God;  
we give thanks, for your name is near.  
We recount your wondrous deeds.



### PSALM 44:8

In God we have boasted  
continually,  
and we will give thanks to your  
name forever.

### PSALM 86:12

I give thanks to you, O Lord my  
God, with my whole heart,  
and I will glorify your name forever.



[www.mamaofthreeboys.com](http://www.mamaofthreeboys.com)



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.



# November 2025

| Sunday                                                                                                                              | Monday                                            | Tuesday                                                                           | Wednesday                                                                  | Thursday                                                                             | Friday                                 | Saturday                                                 |
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| <b>2</b>                                                                                                                            | <b>3</b>                                          | <b>4</b>                                                                          | <b>5</b>                                                                   | <b>6</b>                                                                             | <b>7</b>                               | <b>8</b>                                                 |
| All Saints Sunday /<br>Holy Communion<br>10 AM<br>Sunday School,<br>9 AM                                                            | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM                     |                                                                                   | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM<br><br>Fall Bible Study<br>6:30 PM – 7:45 PM |                                                                                      | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM          | Men & Women<br>Church Clean-up<br>day<br>8:30 AM         |
| <b>9</b>                                                                                                                            | <b>10</b>                                         | <b>11</b>                                                                         | <b>12</b>                                                                  | <b>13</b>                                                                            | <b>14</b>                              | <b>15</b>                                                |
| Church Anniversary<br>Celebration<br>Worship, 10 AM<br>Sunday School,<br>9 AM<br>Anniversary<br>Luncheon,<br>11 AM                  | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM                     |  | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM<br><br>Fall Bible Study<br>6:30 PM – 7:45 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>                                                |
| Charge Conference<br>w/Worship,<br>10 AM<br>Sunday School,<br>9 AM<br>Conference<br>meeting,<br>11:30 AM<br>Community Meal,<br>3 PM | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM                     |                                                                                   | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM<br><br>Fall Bible Study<br>6:30 PM – 7:45 PM |                                                                                      | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM          |                                                          |
| <b>23</b>                                                                                                                           | <b>24</b>                                         | <b>25</b>                                                                         | <b>26</b>                                                                  | <b>27</b>                                                                            | <b>28</b>                              | <b>29</b>                                                |
| Christ the King<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>Closed for<br>Holiday | Men & Women<br>Decorate Church<br>8:30 AM                |
| <b>30</b>                                                                                                                           |                                                   |                                                                                   |                                                                            |                                                                                      |                                        |                                                          |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday<br>of Advent,<br>10 AM<br>Sunday School,<br>9 AM<br>Sonshine Sound<br>Concert,<br>2 PM                       | ←Deadline<br>To place an order<br>For Poinsettias |                                                                                   |                                                                            |                                                                                      |                                        |                                                          |

# December 2025

| Sunday                                                                                                                           | Monday                        | Tuesday   | Wednesday                                                                                                              | Thursday                                                                             | Friday                                                                                | Saturday                                 |
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|                                                                                                                                  | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM |           | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM<br><br>Fall Bible Study<br>6:30 PM – 7:45 PM                                             |                                                                                      | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM                                                         |                                          |
| <b>7</b>                                                                                                                         | <b>8</b>                      | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b>                                                                                                              | <b>11</b>                                                                            | <b>12</b>                                                                             | <b>13</b>                                |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday<br>Of Advent /<br>Holy Communion<br>10 AM<br>Sunday School,<br>9 AM<br>Coffee Hour,<br>11 AM              | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM |           | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM<br><br>Fall Bible Study<br>6:30 PM – 7:45 PM<br><br>Cookie Walk<br>Pre-orders<br>Are due |                                                                                      | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM<br><br>Newsletter<br>Deadline<br>For Jan/Feb<br>edition | Christmas Cookie<br>Walk<br>9 AM – 11 AM |
| <b>14</b>                                                                                                                        | <b>15</b>                     | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b>                                                                                                              | <b>18</b>                                                                            | <b>19</b>                                                                             | <b>20</b>                                |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday<br>Of Advent<br>Worship, 10 AM<br>Sunday School,<br>9 AM<br>Holiday Open<br>House (Tentative)<br>4 – 5 PM | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM |           | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM                                                                                          |                                                                                      | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM                                                         |                                          |
| <b>21</b>                                                                                                                        | <b>22</b>                     | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b>                                                                                                              | <b>25</b>                                                                            | <b>26</b>                                                                             | <b>27</b>                                |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday<br>Of Advent<br>Worship, 10 AM<br>Sunday School,<br>9 AM<br>Community Meal,<br>3 PM                       | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM |           | Church Office<br>Closed for holiday<br><br>Christmas Eve<br>Worship 7:30 PM                                            |  | Church Office<br>Closed                                                               |                                          |
| <b>28</b>                                                                                                                        | <b>29</b>                     | <b>30</b> | <b>31</b>                                                                                                              | <b>January 1</b>                                                                     | <b>2</b>                                                                              |                                          |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of<br>Christmas<br>Worship, 10 AM                                                                         | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM |           | Church Office<br>Closed for holiday<br><br>New Year's Eve                                                              |  | Church Office<br>Closed                                                               |                                          |



## **Ackermanville United Methodist Church 155<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

Dear Ackermanville United Methodist Members and Guests,

**On November 9<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate 155 years of AUMC!  
Hard to believe we've reached this wonderful milestone.**

Please join us for a celebration church service at 10 AM with special guests.  
District Superintendent Lee will be with us to celebrate.  
Immediately following the worship service, we will have a catered luncheon in Young Hall.

**For us to accurately plan,  
Please confirm you can attend the luncheon,  
and **RSVP by Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.****

**Simply let us know your name and number of persons attending by:**

- sign-up sheet at church outside Young Hall
- email us at: [ackermanvilleumc@gmail.com](mailto:ackermanvilleumc@gmail.com)
- call 610-588-7818, leave a message with name and number of people attending

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It's folks like you that have kept Ackermanville United Methodist Church operating all these years with your generous gifts. We want to keep AUMC operating for another 155 years!

In honor of this wonderful milestone, folks that would like to make a gift to AUMC maintenance and improvement fund may do so. This can be in honor of someone, or in memory of someone.

Simply mark the check or note on the payment as "Anniversary Maintenance and Improvement Fund." These funds will be used to work on upcoming projects to begin in 2025.

**Online Giving:**



**[www.ackermanvilleumc.org/donate](http://www.ackermanvilleumc.org/donate)**  
**<https://aumc.churchtrac.com/give>**

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AUMC Anniversary Committee

Ackermanville United Methodist Church

2025 Christmas Poinsettias



6.5" Pots with 6-8 Blooms  
Red Flowers  
\$15.00 each

In Honor / Memory of: (please circle one)

\_\_\_\_\_

In Honor / Memory of: (please circle one)

\_\_\_\_\_

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

\$15.00 each X \_\_\_\_\_ (number purchased) = \_\_\_\_\_

Submit completed form and payment to Barry or Kay Young.

Last day to order is November 30, 2025.

Pay by Cash or Checks Payable to AUMC.