

**Ackermanville
United
Methodist
Church**



***The
Friendly
Flyer***

September - October, 2025

From the Pastor's Desk.....

A well-known English deist, Anthony Collins of the seventeenth century, was walking one day when he crossed paths with a commoner. "Where are you going?" asked Collins.

"To church, sir."

"What are you going to do there?"

"Worship God, sir."

"Is your God a great or a little God?" Asked Collins.

"He is both, sir."

"How can He be both?"

"He is so great, sir, that the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him; and so little that He can dwell in my heart."

Collins later declared that this simple answer had more effect on his mind than all the volumes he had ever read about God, and all the lectures he had ever heard.

This Great God dwells within our hearts and commands us through Christ to love one another as Jesus loved us. Because God abides within us, we all have a spark of divinity within us. So, when we see our brothers and sisters as God sees them, we cannot help but treat them with respect and love.

Our church has been striving to practice God's love with one another and with our neighbors in our community. I would like us to continue to encourage one another to see God dwelling in every one so that we may experience the joy of sharing Christ's love with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Yes, indeed, our God is so great that the heaven of heavens cannot hold God; and that great God is always dwell in our hearts not because God is so little but because God's love doesn't have limit. Have a blessed fall!

Love in Christ,

Sukja



Church News

Fall Cleaning Day - The men and women of the church will meet to clean the church Saturday, **September 6th and October 11th** at 9 am. We will meet for breakfast at 7:30 am at TK's in Mt Bethel.

Coffee hour will return on Sunday, **September 7th** with Rally Day. Then the Coffee hours will resume their schedule on the first Sunday of every month. Please join us in fellowship after Sunday worship.

Rally Day will be held on **September 7th at 9 AM** and marks the beginning of Adult Sunday school for the year. We are getting excited to Rally together for a new and exciting school year!

Fall Bible Study will be held every **Wednesday evening beginning October 29th from 6:30 to 7:45 PM** for 6 weeks leading up to the Advent Season. Pastor Sukja will have sign-up sheets with more details.

Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on **October 4th** from 4:30 pm to 7 pm. Pricing information to follow. Dinner includes: spaghetti with homemade sauce and meatballs, fresh tossed salad, fresh Italian bread, homemade desserts. Pre-orders are taken. Take out is available.

Bosco's Friends Helping Friends 25% off coupons for \$5 will be on sale. Please see Holly. The shopping date this year is tentative for **October 22, 2025**.

Trunk or Treat / Pumpkin Palooza will be held on Sunday, **October 26th 4-6 PM** with more details to follow for this community event.





Church EVENTS

For November & December

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!*



Church Anniversary Celebration

November 9, 2025 at 10 AM worship service and luncheon.

A committee has been formed and is working on details for this 155th celebration. Mark your calendars!

Charge Church Conference will be held on Sunday, **November 16, 2025** following the worship service in our church.

Sonshine Sound Concert will be held on Sunday, **November 30, 2025.** More details to follow for this free event held in our church.





*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



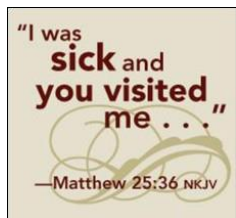
Altar Flowers

## 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

### September

- 2 – Eric Butz
- 4 – Joan Mutton
- 6 – Kevin Martin
- 14 – Steve Sanders
- 15 – Robert Dailey
- 15 – Michael James Brescancine
- 18 – Andrew D'Alessio
- 24 – Pat Nicoletti
- 24 – Meagan Lane
- 27 – Donna Bright
- 28 – Alice Butz

### October

- 1 – Sheldon Richards
- 2 – Del Roberts
- 4 – Jerry Collins
- 5 – Cameron Nicoletti
- 8 – Jody Zengulis
- 10 – Joel Sussick
- 16 – Porter Sussick
- 19 – Emma Elizabeth Lane
- 20 – Matthew Bright
- 21 – Charles Gardner
- 25 – Christina Lessig
- 26 – Janet Crafa
- 26 – Sara Rambo
- 29 – Dolores Reto
- 29 – Jerry Kruszka
- 20 – Tighe Lane
- 31 – Lowell Grubb

## Anniversaries

### September

- 9 – Beverly & Walter Hopstetter
- 9 – Steve & Kay Beck
- 13 – Kyle & Tonia Overfield
- 18 – Diane & Sheldon Richards
- 28 – Greg & Sue Martin

### October

- 3 – Abbey & Matthew Robertson
- 8 – Christine & David Speer
- 9 – Nadine & Ridgley Hughes
- 13 – Tiffany & Brian Johnson
- 16 – Sandy & Jerry Collins
- 19 – Tyler & Stacey Brescancine
- 22 – Barry & Terri Brescancine
- 30 – Jody & Renee Zengulis

## 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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|--------|-------------------------------------------|
| Sept 7 | Janice & Del Roberts                      |
| Oct 5  | Kay Nell, Nadine Hughes, & Ann Scagliotta |

### Greeters & Ushers

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|---------|------------------------------|
| Sept 7  | Elizabeth Scott/ Karla Lane  |
| Sept 14 | Del Roberts / Bob Dailey     |
| Sept 21 | Joan & Tom Mutton            |
| Sept 28 | Nancy Frantz / Gail Frantz   |
| Oct 5   | Jon Kraemer / Del Roberts    |
| Oct 12  | Kay & Pete Nell              |
| Oct 19  | Bob Dailey / Jeff Sandercock |
| Oct 26  | Elizabeth Scott / Karla Lane |

### 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.}



**Rev. Dave Goss,  
Benjamin Hawes,  
Bill Ruggiero,  
Meagan Walton (Ackerman),  
Barry Young,**



**Thank You** for preaching in worship this summer while Pastor Sukja was on vacation. We appreciate your service and dedication to our church.



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.



# September 2025

| Sunday                                                                                                                             | Monday                                                                            | Tuesday | Wednesday                     | Thursday | Friday                        | Saturday                                                                 |
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|                                                                                                                                    | 1                                                                                 | 2       | 3                             | 4        | 5                             | 6                                                                        |
|                                                                                                                                    |  |         | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM |          | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM | Men & Women<br>9 AM Clean Church<br>7:30 AM Meet<br>For Breakfast at TKs |
| 7                                                                                                                                  | 8                                                                                 | 9       | 10                            | 11       | 12                            | 13                                                                       |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after<br>Pentecost Worship /<br>Holy Communion<br>10 AM<br>Rally Day w/ Coffee Hour<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 |                                                                          |
| 14                                                                                                                                 | 15                                                                                | 16      | 17                            | 18       | 19                            | 20                                                                       |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after<br>Pentecost<br>Worship, 10 AM<br>Sunday School, 9 AM<br>Administrative<br>Council meeting, 11 AM    | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM                                                     |         | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM |          | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM |                                                                          |
| 21                                                                                                                                 | 22                                                                                | 23      | 24                            | 25       | 26                            | 27                                                                       |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after<br>Pentecost<br>Worship, 10 AM<br>Sunday School, 9 AM<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 |                                                                          |
| 28                                                                                                                                 | 29                                                                                | 30      |                               |          |                               |                                                                          |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after<br>Pentecost<br>Worship, 10 AM<br>Sunday School, 9 AM                                                | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM                                                     |         |                               |          |                               |                                                                          |
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# October 2025

| Sunday                                                                                                                               | Monday                        | Tuesday | Wednesday                                                                            | Thursday | Friday                                                   | Saturday                                                                 |
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|                                                                                                                                      |                               |         | 1                                                                                    | 2        | 3                                                        | 4                                                                        |
|                                                                                                                                      |                               |         | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM                                                        |          | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM                            | Spaghetti Dinner<br>Fundraiser<br>4:30 PM – 7 PM                         |
| 5                                                                                                                                    | 6                             | 7       | 8                                                                                    | 9        | 10                                                       | 11                                                                       |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after<br>Pentecost<br>Worship / World<br>Communion, 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                            | Men & Women<br>9 AM Clean Church<br>7:30 AM Meet<br>For Breakfast at TKs |
| 12                                                                                                                                   | 13                            | 14      | 15                                                                                   | 16       | 17                                                       | 18                                                                       |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after<br>Pentecost<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                            |                                                                          |
| 19                                                                                                                                   | 20                            | 21      | 22                                                                                   | 23       | 24                                                       | 25                                                                       |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after<br>Pentecost<br>Laity Sunday<br>Worship, 10 AM<br>Sunday School, 9 AM<br>Community Meal, 3 PM          | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM |         | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM<br>Boscov's Friends<br>Helping Friends<br>Shopping day |          | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM<br><br>Newsletter Deadline |                                                                          |
| 26                                                                                                                                   | 27                            | 28      | 29                                                                                   | 30       | 31                                                       |                                                                          |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after<br>Pentecost<br>Worship, 10 AM<br>Sunday School, 9 AM<br>Trunk or Treat /<br>Pumpkin Palooza<br>4-6 PM | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM |         | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM<br><br>Fall Bible Study<br>6:30 – 7:45 PM              |          | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM                            |                                                                          |

