

Ackermanville United Methodist Church



The Friendly Flyer

September - October, 2026

From the Pastor's Desk.....

Friends.

It's hard to believe that as I'm writing this we're almost half-way through August. This first month and a half of our new season in ministry together has felt like no time at all, even as the process of moving in and finding space for the surplus of assorted books I somehow acquired over the last few years seems unending.



Katlyn, Sebastian, and I are grateful for the warm welcome we've received from all of you. A central theme in our worship this summer has been that the church is called to be a community recognizable by love for one another and for the wider community around us. I've been glad to see you living that out.

As summer ends and we settle into the rhythm of weekly worship I'm looking forward to getting to know people properly, not just from the pulpit, and establishing a schedule of visitation for members who can't join us on Sundays.

Writing newsletters has never been my forté, especially when it comes to ending them. So let's close with a trivia question: On which mountain did two prophets encounter God? Answer next month!



Blessings

Steve



Church News

Fall Cleaning Day –

The men and women of the church will meet to clean the church Saturday, **September 5th, and October 17th** at 8:30 AM. Looking for volunteers to help with this service to our church.

Coffee hour will return on Sunday, **September 13th** with Rally Day. Then the Coffee hours will resume their schedule on the first Sunday of every month at **11:30 AM**. Please join us in fellowship after Sunday worship.



Rally Day will be held on **September 13th at 9:30 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!

Bible Study will be held every **Wednesday evening beginning October 28th at 6:30 PM and Thursday at a TBA time** for 6 weeks leading up to the Advent Season. Pastor Steve will have sign-up sheets with more details.

Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser tentatively will be held on **October 31 or November 7.**

A scheduled date, time, and 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.

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends

25% off coupons for \$5 will be on sale. Please see Holly.

The shopping date this year is

October 22, 2026 from 8 AM-11 PM.

All the proceeds benefit our church.

Trunk or Treat / Pumpkin Palooza

will be held on Sunday, **October 25th 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 spaghetti sauce and canned tomatoes. *Thank you!*

NOTICE: We will **NO longer** be collecting egg cartons due to sanitary reasons.

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!*



Bible Study....

will be held Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings beginning **October 28th and running for 6 weeks through December 10th**. Pastor Steve will have sign up information. It's a great way to prepare for the Advent season. Mark your calendars!

Charge Church Conference will be held in the fall tentatively with more information to follow. **Reports are due the end of September.**

Sonshine Sound Concert will be held on an Advent Sunday afternoon for all to enjoy. 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

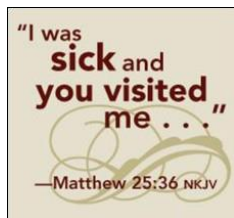


## Sponsoring Bulletins and Flowers

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 Steve 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 Steve 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

### September

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

### October

- 1 – Sheldon Richards
- 2 – Del Roberts
- 10 – Joel Sussick
- 16 – Porter Sussick
- 19 – Emma Elizabeth Lane
- 20 – Matthew Bright
- 21 – Charles Gardner
- 26 – Janet Crafa
- 26 – Sara Rambo
- 29 – Dolores Reto
- 29 – Jerry Kruszka
- 20 – Tighe Lane



## Anniversaries

### September

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

### October

- 3 – Howard & Alicia Miller
- 3 – Abbey & Matthew Robertson
- 9 – Nadine & Ridgley Hughes
- 13 – Tiffany & Brian Johnson
- 19 – Tyler & Stacey Brescancine
- 22 – Barry & Terri Brescancine

## 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:** [stephenwhitehead88@gmail.com](mailto:stephenwhitehead88@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

|         |                                           |
|---------|-------------------------------------------|
| Sept 13 | Janice & Del Roberts                      |
| Oct 4   | Kay Nell, Nadine Hughes, & Ann Scagliotta |

### Greeters & Ushers

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| Sept 6  | Nancy Frantz / Gail Frantz    |
| Sept 13 | Jon Kraemer/ Del Roberts      |
| Sept 20 | Kay & Pete Nell               |
| Sept 27 | Bob Dailey / Jeff Sandercock  |
| Oct 4   | Sherry Darr / Elizabeth Scott |
| Oct 11  | Nancy Frantz/ Gail Frantz     |
| Oct 18  | Jon Kraemer / Del Roberts     |
| Oct 25  | 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.

# September 2026

| Sunday                                                                                                                       | Monday                                                                            | Tuesday | Wednesday                     | Thursday | Friday                        | Saturday                                   |
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|                                                                                                                              |                                                                                   | 1       | 2                             | 3        | 4                             | 5                                          |
|                                                                                                                              |                                                                                   |         | Church Office<br>10 AM – 2 PM |          | Church Office<br>10 AM – 2 PM | Men & Women<br>8:30 AM<br>Clean Church Day |
| 6                                                                                                                            | 7                                                                                 | 8       | 9                             | 10       | 11                            | 12                                         |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after<br>Pentecost Worship /<br>Holy Communion<br>10:30 AM                                           |  |         | Church Office<br>10 AM – 2 PM |          | Church Office<br>10 AM – 2 PM |                                            |
| 13                                                                                                                           | 14                                                                                | 15      | 16                            | 17       | 18                            | 19                                         |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after<br>Pentecost<br>Worship, 10:30 AM<br><b>Rally Day</b> w/ Coffee Hour<br>Sunday School, 9:30 AM | Church Office<br>closed<br>(vacation week)                                        |         | Church Office<br>closed       |          | Church Office<br>closed       |                                            |
| 20                                                                                                                           | 21                                                                                | 22      | 23                            | 24       | 25                            | 26                                         |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after<br>Pentecost<br>Worship, 10:30 AM<br>Sunday School, 9:30 AM<br>Community Meal, 3 PM            | Church Office<br>closed<br>(vacation)                                             |         | Church Office<br>10 AM – 2 PM |          | Church Office<br>10 AM – 2 PM |                                            |
| 27                                                                                                                           | 28                                                                                | 29      | 30                            |          |                               |                                            |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after<br>Pentecost<br>Worship, 10:30 AM<br>Sunday School, 9:30 AM                                    | Church Office<br>10 AM – 2 PM                                                     |         | Church Office<br>10 AM – 2 PM |          |                               |                                            |
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# October 2026

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                               | Monday                        | Tuesday | Wednesday                                                          | Thursday                                           | Friday                        | Saturday                                                                           |
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| 4                                                                                                                                                                                    | 5                             | 6       | 7                                                                  | 8                                                  | 9                             | 10                                                                                 |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after<br>Pentecost Worship /<br><b>World Communion</b><br>10:30 AM<br>Sunday School, 9:30 AM<br>Coffee Hour, 11:30 AM                                        | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM |         | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM                                      |                                                    | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM |                                                                                    |
| 11                                                                                                                                                                                   | 12                            | 13      | 14                                                                 | 15                                                 | 16                            | 17                                                                                 |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after<br>Pentecost<br>Worship, 10:30 AM<br>Sunday School, 9:30 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>8:30 AM<br>Clean Church Day                                         |
| 18                                                                                                                                                                                   | 19                            | 20      | 21                                                                 | 22                                                 | 23                            | 24                                                                                 |
| 21 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after<br>Pentecost /<br><b>Laity Sunday</b><br>Worship, 10:30 AM<br>Sunday School, 9:30 AM<br>Community Meal, 3 PM                                           | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM |         | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM                                      | Boscov's<br>Sale<br>Shopping event<br>8 AM – 11 PM | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM |                                                                                    |
| 25                                                                                                                                                                                   | 26                            | 27      | 28                                                                 | 29                                                 | 30                            | 31                                                                                 |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after<br>Pentecost /<br><b>Reformation Sunday</b><br>Worship, 10:30 AM<br>Sunday School, 9:30 AM<br><br><b>Trunk or Treat/<br/>Pumpkin Palooza</b><br>4-6 PM | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM |         | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM<br><br><b>Bible Study</b><br>6:30 PM | <b>Bible Study</b><br>TBA                          | Church Office<br>10 AM – 1 PM | <b>Spaghetti Dinner</b><br><b>(tentative)</b><br>Or possible<br>November 7<br>date |
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