

# The BUZZ

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**Lower Saucon United Church of Christ**  
**Reverend Rebekah Thomas**  
**1375 Third Avenue**  
**Hellertown, PA 18055**  
**610-838-8821**

**Sunday Worship 9:00 am**  
**Sunday School 9:15 am**

Lower Saucon UCC, a progressive congregation rich in history, exists to:

- Promote spiritual growth in all people of all ages
- Nurture a loving and caring Christian community
- Worship our Living God through faithful service

Lower Saucon UCC: a place to believe, belong and worship together.

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## Lay Leader Schedule

Usher of the Month Judy Koch

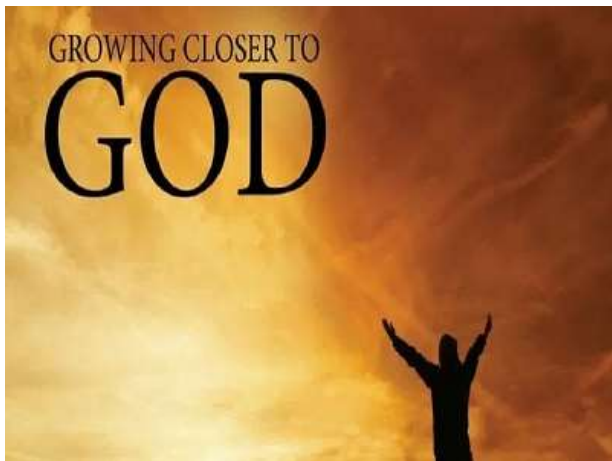
Ushers/Greeters	Scripture Reader	Children's Sermon	Sunday School
Mar 2 Carlene Barrell	Cheryl Christman	Paul Wilhelm	Nancy Gorkos
Mar 9 Tina Seifert	Diana Severn	Doug Lander	Diana Severn
Mar 16 Betty Byerley	Kris Breidenbach	Nikki Meyer	Tony Nauroth
Mar 23 Jo Ann Sofka	Tom Sofka	Tony Nauroth	Josh Sanders
Mar 26 Consistory Members Present	NA	NA	NA
Mar 30 Kate Griffiths	Judy Kovacs	Lindsey Sanders	Alan Byerley
			Tina Seifert

## FROM PASTOR BECKY ...

In just a few weeks Lent will begin. On Ash Wednesday we will once again pause to ponder our own mortality. I will speak these words over and over again, “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.” I’ve been thinking a lot about that worship service lately, not only because I am preparing the liturgy, but also because I think it is one of the most important worship services we have each year. I know that it isn’t easy to think about the shortness and uncertainty of life. Still, every year as I ask you to do just that.

At the beginning of Lent it sets a tone for us to begin the process of taking that deep look at ourselves and our relationships with God. Perhaps there are some things that you need to let go of during this Lenten season. Perhaps there are things that need to fall away from your lives, that they may nourish the soil for something new that wants to grow. Maybe there are things that you need to add to your lives, things that may help you to draw closer to God. My prayer for you this Lenten season is that you use the journey to grow closer to God and one another.

In light and love,  
Pastor Becky



### Our Model, Jesus by [Mary Luti](#)

*Jesus said, “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”* – Matthew 18:20 (NRSV)

If you’re a handsome White bearded cis male with hair cascading to your shoulders, look good in sandals, and live in Utah, you will not lack work. People will hire you to come to their homes and pose with the family for Christmas photos, graduation photos, and wedding announcements.

It seems there’s a growing market in Utah for Jesus models. Some men are charging up to \$200 per hour to be “there among them” when two or three are gathered.

According to the *Morning Brew*, their high hourly rate is owing to the small labor pool. Since many men in Utah are Mormons and they mostly shave and have short hair, they don’t look a lot like Jesus. Hence the lucrative side-hustle for “strapping fellas with long hair and beards who haven’t aged into the Mall Santa market yet.”

I confess I kinda love the idea of Jesus in the family photo (third to the left, with the piercing eyes). But are you going to break it to them, or shall I?

You don’t need a pricey professional for the job.

You could recruit a convict, a next-door neighbor, a refugee, a high school track coach, someone with a combover, beer belly, wrinkles and a cane. Heck, families could save a bundle just by looking harder at each other.

Some days, when his likeness in me is clearer than others; on days when the Jesus role I’ve been rehearsing for years is almost convincing; on those days, when by grace he shines, they could even call me.

And I’d bet good money that someone who really needs a Jesus could also call you.

#### Prayer

Jesus, may we model you convincingly. We may never make a living being you, but we’ll surely make a life.



**LSUCC CONSISTORY MINUTES (Pending Approval)  
February 12, 2025**

In attendance: Kirk Gorkos, Kate Griffiths, Judy Koch, Tina Seifert, Cheryl Christman, Lindsey Sanders, Tom Sofka, Tim Mattes, Alan Byerley, Tony Nauroth, and Paul Wilhelm. On Zoom: Pastor Becky Thomas

Alan led us in devotions. Alan led us in prayer.

Secretary's report: Presented by Lindsey. Tim made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Tina seconded. All voted to accept.

Treasurer's report: Kirk presented the account balances as of 2/12/25. Paul made a motion to accept. Tom seconded. All voted to accept.

**Pastor's Report:**

1/6 – 2/9/2025

Period	Hours	PCE	Notes on Activities
1/6-1/12	27	8	Consistory; Yoder funeral
1/13-1/19	23	4	Clergy Women's Retreat (Continuing Ed)
1/20-1/26	24	5	Community of Practice; HAM Meeting
1/27-2/2	25	5	Barrell funeral; PNEC Nominating Comm.; PNEC Staff & Personnel
2/3-2/9/20	3		Ernst funeral
<b>Total</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>25</b>	

Notes:

**President's Communication:**

- We received a request from a community member to use our kitchen for a summer cooking class (Four 1-week sessions between June and August).
- We received our Five-for-Five awards from the conference for 2023 and 2024.

**Committee reports:**

- Property –
  - Snow clearing has been going well between Heintzelman plowing and Property committee shoveling/snow blowing
  - Changed the lights in the small parking lot
  - Changed the springs for the Fellowship Hall circulator
- Supper –
  - Soup sale made about \$600
- Service –
  - Started making Easter candy
  - Hellertown Yard Sale June 7<sup>th</sup>
- Worship –

- Ash Wednesday Service at First UCC at 7pm – Supper at 6pm
- Maundy Thursday Service at First UCC at 7pm
- Good Friday Service at Lower Saucon UCC at 7pm
- Good Friday morning – we are invited to Christ UCC (Center and Market St) for their Cross Carry service
- Christian Ed –
  - Will not be holding game day over the summer
  - March 16<sup>th</sup> – Faith night at the Phantoms
  - March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Dinner and a Movie
  - April 20<sup>th</sup> – Egg Hunt
  - True North VBS – June 23-26, 2025

**Concerns from the Past:**

- We have the new computers and are in the process of transferring everything over from the old computers.
- Consistory packet is still under review.
- All of the necessary payroll taxes have been paid to Keystone Collections.

**Concerns for the Future:**

- March Consistory meeting will be held on Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>; April Consistory meeting will be held Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>
- LSUCC will be hosting the HAM Lenten dinner on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Meeting was adjourned, and all joined in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lindsey

**Consistory usually meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM, but for two months will meet on Thursday to accommodate our Lenten schedule. Meetings are open to every member of our congregation. For comments, concerns or further details, please see any member of Consistory.**



**\*H O M E\***

**FUND**

Contributions to our "Helping Our Members Emergency" fund are coming in. You can give to this fund anytime simply by writing "HOME" on your church envelope. The amount you give will be credited to your church offering statement. Lower Saucon will also add to the HOME fund by giving 10% of all fundraising profits.





Scammers are targeting pastors by using online sermon recordings to create requests for financial support. Be aware that Pastor Becky will **NEVER** text or email financial requests. Protect yourself, Never send money or gift cards to anyone, even family members, unless you have spoken to them directly and are sure they are who they claim to be.



AMONG  
OUR  
MEMBERS

# stewardship report

## January Income

\$10,329.00 Current Expenses  
 181.00 Benevolences  
 218.00 Facilities Use  
 125.00 Memorials  
 1442.00 Fundraising  
 \$12,295.00 Total



Our church family wants to share in your joys and sorrows. Hospitals and care facilities do not notify churches or share information, so please contact the church office with information about family members who are hospitalized, in care, or in need of prayer for any reason. We'd also like to share your joys so be sure to let us know those as well.



If you ever question if Sunday morning's worship or other events at LSUCC will be canceled for inclement weather, you can watch Channel 69 WFMZ [Storm Center Updates](#) on TV or online. The info will also be emailed and posted on our website and Facebook Page.



Roberta Joy  
(Ohmacht)  
Barrell

(November 23, 1942 –  
January 21, 2025)

Roberta J. Barrell, 82, formerly of Hellertown, died Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at VNA Hospice House at St. Luke's, Lower Saucon Twp. She is the wife of the late Carl E. Barrell, who died May 22, 1997. Roberta was born in Bethlehem on November 23, 1942 to the late John and Pearl (Pysher) Ohmacht. She was a nurse's aide at Sacred Heart Hospital, Allentown and Saucon Valley Manor, and Zawick Manufacturing both of Hellertown as a seamstress. Roberta is a member of Lower Saucon United Church of Christ, Hellertown.

Roberta is survived by her children: Joseph P. (Beth) Barrell of Hellertown; Carlene E. Barrell of Williams Twp.; and a sister: Valerie Mazeo in NJ; grandchildren: Carl, William, Emma Barrell, Samantha Barrell, Alexis Dobby, and Whitney Anderson.

Family and friends were invited to call 10-11 a.m. Monday, January 27, 2025 at Lower Saucon UCC, 1375 Third Avenue – Hellertown followed by the service at 11 a.m. The interment will conclude services at Union Cemetery of Hellertown. A funeral repast will be held at the Carriage House at Heintzelmans immediately following the graveside service. To share an expression of sympathy with this family, please visit [www.heintzelmancares.com](http://www.heintzelmancares.com). Arrangements are by the Heintzelman Funeral Home, Inc. Hellertown.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Roberta's name to Lower Saucon UCC, 1375 Third Avenue, Hellertown, PA 18055.



**Marguerite  
Pauline (Schaadt)  
Johnson**

(April 27, 1937 –  
February 16, 2025)

Marguerite P. Johnson, 87, of  
Hellertown, passed away on  
February 16, 2025. Born in

Fullerton, PA on April 27, 1937, she was the daughter  
of the late Samuel and Olive (Saeger) Schaadt.

Marguerite was a member of Lower Saucon United  
Church of Christ as well as a homemaker who cared for  
her children, grandchildren and many other family’s  
children.

She is survived by her husband: Wilbur E. Johnson;  
Children: James A. Johnson, of Emmaus, Linda A.  
Reed, of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and Eric S. Johnson, of  
Hellertown; Grandchildren: Amanda, Connor, Trevor,  
and Piper of Sioux Fall, SD, and Mitchel and Taryn, of  
Emmaus. She was predeceased by: her son, Kevin B.  
Johnson; siblings: Robert S. Schaadt, Joyce H. Ernst,  
Delores M. Marth, and Aurthur I. Schaadt.

Services will be held privately. In lieu of flowers,  
please consider donating to the Alzheimer’s  
Association for furthering research for a cure through  
Marguerite’s Tribute Page at [falkfuneralhomes.com](http://falkfuneralhomes.com)  
To leave online condolences, please visit her “Book of  
Memories” at [falkfuneralhomes.com](http://falkfuneralhomes.com)



**To my parents' church family,  
They found “home” with you and in  
worshiping God together with you  
and with many who passed before  
them. They were comforted in song,  
messages, prayers, hugs, laughs, and  
fellowship.  
Thank you for always appreciating  
them, remembering them in prayer,  
and staying in touch. They really  
loved you!**

**Blessings, Colleen**

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

- March 5 Larry Wolf
- March 8 Greg Baylock
- March 9 Lucinda Lysek
- March 16 Rodney Reichard
- March 25 Kyle Christman  
Gerry De Angelis
- March 26 Reed Spengler
- March 27 Veronica Wilhelm
- March 29 Glenn Meyer



**MARCH ANNIVERSARYS**

- March 1 Tim & Lisa Klotz
- March 5 Steve & Sue Donchez
- March 6 Jacob & Lexi Doddy
- March 12 Tom & Donna Louder
- March 18 Rocky & Cathy Chunko



**If you, or your family members, were omitted from  
the celebration lists please accept our apologies and  
contact the [church office](#) to see that the information is  
updated.**



A few for Ash Wednesday at First UCC and many for  
our 3/26 hosting of the HAM Lenten Service. Please  
sign up on the bulletin board at church. Contact Kate  
Griffiths (text, call 484-866-7521 or email  
[kgriffiths@gmail.com](mailto:kgriffiths@gmail.com)) with questions.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS**

**Family Game Event**

March 8, 2-5 PM

All are welcome to join us as we enjoy the  
pleasure of friendly, family competition  
playing games together. Bring your  
favorite game along or learn a new one.  
It's all part of the fun. We have added  
Pickle Ball to our game options.



**SPIRITED AWAY BOOK CLUB**



Come escape with us as we explore books  
that will nourish your Spirit! We will meet  
in-person at LSUCC on the last Thursday  
of the month 7pm. Join us for one book or  
all the books! March 27: *Sleeping with Bread: Holding  
What Gives You Life* by Dennis Linn et.al.





The Christian Ed Committee is hoping to continue our egg hunt tradition on Easter Sunday for adults as well as children. So come to worship prepared to spend a few minutes outdoors after the service. See Nancy if you are willing to fill eggs for the event.

### CHRISTIAN SERVICE NEWS

## Easter Candy Making



Easter candy will be made every Monday and Wednesday from 9AM to 12PM beginning February 10. All are welcome for any amount of time you can share. No prior experience necessary. Please let

Gerrie Koch (call 610-838-9350 or email [gkoch3@verizon.net](mailto:gkoch3@verizon.net)) or Kate Griffiths (text, call 484-866-7521 or email [kgriffiths@gmail.com](mailto:kgriffiths@gmail.com)) know of your availability on any given day so they will be able to contact you if plans change for any reason.

## Grocery Gift Cards



Sign up for April Gift Cards by March 16 with delivery scheduled for Sunday, March 30. Remember to include your Easter Holiday Shopping when placing

your order. The Church earns 5% of the amount we sell. If there are any questions please see or call [Gerrie Koch](#). You can sign up for cards in the side hall, Fellowship Hall or by phoning Gerrie or the church office.



## SHOO-FLY PIES



Shoo-fly pies will be baked on March 15. The price is \$10.00 and pies can be picked up from 10am – Noon. Pies should be pre-ordered on the sign-up sheet posted in the

side hall or Fellowship Hall or you can call Gerrie (610-838-9350) or the church office by Mar. 13.

## Paint Like Bob Ross Event.

April 6

2 PM at LSUCC

Sign up today for this or any other upcoming class online at <https://www.letsaintapicture.art/>. There are 12 seats available in each class. Share the information with your friends and neighbors. It's really a lot of fun and you may discover a talent you never knew you had. The cost is \$60 and all supplies are included except a roll of paper towels.



## EVANGELISM & MISSION NEWS

### ALLIANCE STAMP MINISTRY

Please continue to be on the lookout for the envelopes you receive with stamps. Just trim your used envelope postage so there is 1/3 inch of paper surrounding the stamp, and then drop them in one of the collection containers located in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall. If you want to know more about this ministry visit:



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fj0Gl1S3j6Ec>



Our JOYFUL NOISE campaign raised \$11.00 in January for the Local Food Bank. In March the money collected will support the Heifer Project International.

## Phoebe Partnership

Thank you to everyone who donates or helps make items. Phoebe staff and residents appreciate our efforts. Donations of large print puzzle, word-search and fill-in books, adult coloring books, small boxes of crayons or colored pencils are always welcomed by the residents.



Look for a collection basket in the side hall. If you'd like to do some simple sewing to help create prayer items or if you knit, crochet or have extra yarn—any colors, prayer blankets size 3' x 3', are being made for our ministry at Phoebe Richland. **Yarn and/or blankets can be dropped off at church or someone can pick them up.** Questions? Call or text Cheryl at 610-657-1787



WILL YOU GIVE TO  
**One Great Hour?**

Our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be taken on March 10. This offering provides support for health, education, refugee, agricultural and emergency relief initiatives in 138 counties by working with local, national, and global partners. It is administered in the national UCC setting by Wider Church Ministries, Global Sharing of Resources.



## S.T.A.R.-Serving to Aid & Restore

is currently in need of –

- |                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Hospitality items-         | Clothing-       |
| Body wash                  | Socks (m&w)     |
| Shaving cream (m&w)        | Underwear (m&w) |
| Toothpaste                 | Thermals (m&w)  |
| Deodorant (m&w)            | Hats (m&w)      |
| Toilet Paper               | Gloves (m&w)    |
| Tissues (Individual packs) |                 |

Clothing can be new or gently used. They cannot accept any other clothing at this time. Cash donations are welcome as well – They have an inexpensive source for hand and foot warmers. We will deliver any items brought to LSUCC during March.

## Fellowship Hour

- Mar 2: The Gorkos Family  
 Apr 6: The Severn Family  
 May 4:

Thank you to Kate Griffiths for sponsoring Fellowship Hour in February. You can sign up to sponsor a Sunday on the side hall bulletin board. Contact Kate Griffiths if you have questions.

## COMMUNITY FOOD BANKS

Please continue to support both of our area Food Banks. Monetary donations can be made through your church offering or directly to: New Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church, ATTN: Food Bank, 3233 Apples Church Road, Bethlehem, PA 18015, or the Emergency Food Bank at Word of Life, ATTN: Food Bank, 3221 Bingen Rd, Bethlehem, PA 18015.



This club meets at Elaine Kantor's home, usually monthly. They are reading, *The Night We Lost Him* by Laura Dave. For date and time information please see Martha Sterling or Elaine Kantor.



## LSUCC QUILTERS

Our quilters have begun to collect prizes for next year's raffle. Anyone interested in sponsoring a prize, please speak to Martha Sterling. The quilters meet each Tuesday from 9 AM to 3 PM. New members are always welcome. No experience necessary. Just a willingness to learn.

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

## DAILY DEVOTIONS



The new "These Days" & "Upper Room" are in. If you want one dropped off to you, call or email the church. If you are more techno-savvy and would like a free



Stillspeaking daily devotional message delivered to your email inbox visit <http://www.ucc.org/feed-your-spirit/daily-devotional/>

## LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Wednesday, March 5 at First UCC  
Soup 6 PM Joint Service 7 PM



*what are you up to?—Get up to something instead of giving something up this Lent.*

Soup Dinner at 6pm      Worship Service at 7pm.

March 12 - Friedens Lutheran  
2451 Saucon Valley Rd, Center Valley PA

March 19 - Christ Lutheran  
69 Main St, Hellertown PA

March 26 - Lower Saucon UCC  
1375 Third Ave, Hellertown PA

April 2 - New Jerusalem  
3233 Apples Church Rd, Bethlehem PA

April 9 - First UCC  
501 Northampton St, Hellertown PA

Labeled offering will be distributed to the designated congregation.





Sunday, April 13, 9 AM at LSUCC



Joint Service Thursday, April 17, 7PM at First UCC



Joint Service Friday, April 18, 7 PM at LSUCC



Sunday, April 20, 9 AM



April 27 9 am

Sunday, March 9

We will welcome the families of the Scouts who meet in our building to worship with us

as we celebrate the values of scouting and honor the past and current scouts who are with us that day!



### JOINT YOUTH MINISTRY



A meeting of a joint group of youth in 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade will be held monthly at First UCC. For further details contact Pastor Becky.

### LOWER SAUCON CHURCH CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Although this cemetery is now an independent non-profit, it was once owned by our congregation. Many of the ancestors of our congregation are buried there, perhaps some of yours. The Board would like to remind you that grave sites are still available at reasonable rates. For more information check the posting on our bulletin board or for assistance please contact, Kathy J Kline at 610-419-0264 or Justina McCardle at 610-838-6784.

### Letter from Our Conference Minister Dated February 17, 2025

*"I want to live the rest of my life, however long or short, with as much sweetness as I can decently manage, loving all the people I love, and doing as much as I can of the work I still have to do. I am going to write fire until it comes out of my ears, my eyes, my noseholes—everywhere. Until it's every breath I breathe. I'm going to go out like a meteor!"*

—Audre Lorde

Dear Friends,

I have been a little distracted lately – there is so much going on in the world, in our government, in our communities, in the conference and in the transition work for the Keystone Conference. As I was reflecting on what to write this week, I came across this quote from Audre Lorde. “Audre Lorde was an American writer, professor, philosopher, intersectional feminist, poet and civil rights activist. She was a self-described ‘Black, lesbian, feminist, socialist, mother, warrior, poet’ who dedicated her life and talents to confronting different forms of injustice, as she believed there could be ‘no hierarchy of oppressions’ among ‘those who share the goals of liberation and a workable future for our children.’” She’s just my kind of person, as you all might have guessed.

What touched me about the quote though, was the focus on love – on loving all people – while doing the work



of our lives. I need to be reminded sometimes just to love. It's easy to get distracted by the world, by work, by anxiety, by fear, and by annoyances and forget that our primary reason for being is to love. Loving isn't always easy; in fact, sometimes it's downright difficult. And love is a commandment, not a choice, but a commandment from Jesus to love God and to love our neighbors – all our neighbors.

The work we must do needs to reflect the love of God that we have and experience, the leadership of Jesus and his example of how to live, and the strengthening power of the Holy Spirit. Yes, the fire of my faith needs to come out of my ears, my eyes, my nostrils, and my mouth. I need to proclaim love in all I do. Will I go out like a meteor – maybe. Will I stand for justice and peace and compassion and generosity? Absolutely! Will I strive to love in all the moments of my life and in all the actions I take? For sure!

It's St. Valentine's Day tomorrow and it has turned into a somewhat sappy version of love expressions. Yet, we need to remember "St. Valentine was a Roman priest and physician who was martyred during the persecution of Christians by the emperor Claudius II Gothicus about 270 CE." He was martyred for his faith, for his faith actions – one of which was certainly love, offered through the priesthood and his actions as a physician. So, my friends, I ask you to spread love, to share love, to experience love as a gift from God and a commandment for how we live our lives of faith.

Blessings, Bonnie

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1Lorde, Audre (1983). "There is not hierarchy of oppressions" (PDF). *Interracial Books for Children BULLETIN: Homophobia and Education*. 14 (4): i–ii. ISSN 0003-6870.

"Audre Lorde 1934-1992". Poetry Foundation. Archived from the original on November 27, 2019. Retrieved March 28, 2021.

2<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Valentine>

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A special thank you to Betty Byerley & Tony Nauroth for acting as proof readers.

PLEASE SUBMIT ANY INFORMATION FOR THE BUZZ BY THE 15<sup>TH</sup> OF THE MONTH TO

[info@lowersauconucc.org](mailto:info@lowersauconucc.org)

I WILL REPLY SO YOU KNOW I RECEIVED IT.

## Search-A-Word Puzzle Based on Isaiah 55:1-2 (NRSV)

J F O O D E T A H W X H D D  
H N O O W I T H O U T L E D  
Y C E S T S R I H T S I L O  
L S I K G H T O N Q E S I O  
J P L H E Y O U R E V T G G  
Y I U A W C U E Y N L E H R  
M L R I C H O H W O E N T T  
L G L E H L R M S Y S D L Y  
A W Q U C A W R E R R A W F  
B E A D F I V H B E U E I S  
O H A T N E R E Y V O R N I  
R T K T E E R P X E Y B E T  
I F F R B R P A C V Q U W A  
M O N E Y T S S C S P Y Y S

### Isaiah 55:1-2

**Hear, everyone** who **thirsts, come** to the **waters**; and you that **have** no money, come, buy and **eat!**

Come, **buy wine** and **milk** without money and **without price.**

**Why** do you **spend** your **money** for that **which** is **not bread**, and **your labor** for that which **does** not **satisfy?**

**Listen carefully** to me, and eat **what** is **good**, and **delight yourselves** in **rich food.**



New Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church  
 5255 Apples Church Road Bethlehem, PA 18015  
 Church Phone: (610) 658-0751  
[www.newjerc.org](http://www.newjerc.org)  
 E-mail: [newjerel@gsnet.com](mailto:newjerel@gsnet.com)



January 30, 2025

Rev. Rebecca Thomas  
 Lower Saucon UCC (Hellertown)  
 1375 3rd Avenue  
 Hellertown, PA 18053-1409

Dear Rev. Thomas,

Thank you for choosing to make a difference in the lives of our seniors at Phoebe!

We are grateful that you believe in our mission and support our work to provide compassionate, person-centered care to every resident who calls Phoebe home, and charitable care for those in need.

Because of you, our residents will continue to experience programs and services that improve quality of life, including seasonal celebrations, enriching community life activities, and uplifting spiritual programs.

If you have questions regarding your gift, please do not hesitate to contact me at 610-794-5132.

With gratitude,

Kristine Pappas  
 Director Relations Coordinator

**Gift Information:**

Recognition: Lower Saucon UCC (Hellertown)  
 Gift Date: 1/30/2025  
 Gift Amount: \$25.00  
 Gift Purpose: Phoebe Devitt Homes

Phoebe Devitt Homes is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, multi-site organization specializing in services for senior adults in Allentown. No goods or services were provided to you in return for your charitable gift. The entire amount of your contribution is tax-deductible. If you have questions about your gift, please call 610-794-5132.

A community of faith, called by God, to enrich the lives of our seniors, their families, and the communities we serve.

1925 W. Turner Street, Allentown, PA 18104 | 610-794-5132 | [phoebe.org](http://phoebe.org)

February 3, 2025

Lower Saucon United Church of Christ  
 1375 3rd Avenue  
 Hellertown PA 18055

Dear friends of the food pantry –

*God's blessings be with you.*

Our sincere thanks for your recent donation of \$211 to the community food pantry at New Jerusalem Lutheran Church. While many struggle to attain "the basics" of keeping food on the table and a roof overhead, your thoughtful generosity will bring comfort to those who find themselves in a position of being food insecure.

We are most grateful for people like you who think of others. May a measure of the goodness you extend to others come around to bless you richly as well.

Yours in Christ,

*The Rev. Lisa K. Borrell*

Pastor, New Jerusalem Lutheran Church



# OUR CALENDAR PAGE

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LOWER SAUCON UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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		Pretzel Bark		
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		Pretzel Rods 4/pkg		\$1.00
MILK	WHITE	Molds		\$6.00
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TOTAL ORDER				_____

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