

March 2024

Upper Susquehanna Synodical Women's Organization

LETTER OF CALL

Congregational/Intercongregational Unit Presidents,
Contacts and participants of the Upper Susquehanna
Synodical Women's Organization

You are invited to attend the *Thirty-sixth Annual Convention of the Women of the ELCA, Upper Susquehanna Synod, August 10, 2024 at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Turbotville, PA.*

Please plan to come to this one day convention as it brings an opportunity for you to meet with your sisters from neighboring churches and participate in the Women of the ELCA of the Synod.

CONVENTION THEME: "Don't Go it Alone...Follow Jesus"

Scripture Text: "John 12:26 "Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be, My Father will honor the one who serves me."

Convention Hymns: "Trust and Obey, " "I have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Registration: The registration form is enclosed and may be copied for additional registrations.

Delegates must be present at all business meetings and the orientation session.

Delegate Certification Form: Please return by July 1

Nomination Forms: We will be electing a Treasurer and Secretary as well as 2 board members. Please give prayerful consideration to serving in one of these positions. We have a wonderful and active board that is a joy to work with.

Rev. Mindy Bartholomew will lead the worship service and bible study. **Josie Miller** will be leading the second workshop with chair yoga.

Offerings: Freewill – This offering will be received during the worship service on Saturday morning. It will be used to support the on-going ministries of the Women of the ELCA

Mission Ingathering: - this year our Mission Ingathering will support Lutheran Immigration Services

In-Kind Offering - We will be accepting non-perishable food items for Agape Ministries in Bloomsburg.



Directions to Holy Spirit Church

10275 State Route 44. Watsonstown



Directions From South -- on 15 North use the right lane to take ramp to PA 147. Take Exit 1 toward Watsonstown/McEwensville. Turn right onto Susquehanna Trail. Turn right onto PA 44. In about a mile turn left into Holy Spirit.

Directions From East -- take I 80 West. Take Exit 212B towards I 180 West. Take Exit 1 toward Watsonstown/ McEwensville. Turn right. Turn right onto PA 44. In about a mile turn left into Holy Spirit.

Directions From West-- Take I 80 east. Take Exit 212B for I 180W PA 147S towards Milton /Muncy. Merge onto I 180 W PA 147 North Take Exit 1 towards Watsonstown/McEwensville. Turn right. Turn right onto PA 44. In about a mile turn left into Holy Spirit.

Directions From North-- Head south on Rt 15. Take Exit toward Watsonstown/White Deer. Turn Left onto White Deer Pike. Go across bridge and turn right at the stop light. Turn left at the railroad tracks and then right. Continue on PA Route 44 about 3 miles. Holy Spirit is on the left.

BLANKET SUNDAY OCTOBER 6, 2024

**Sponsored Jointly By
The Women of the ELCA and
The Committee for Global Missions
Upper Susquehanna Synod of the
ELCA**

**Collection will be Saturday October
19th from 9 am to Noon at the Faith
Lutheran Church
2349 Old Turnpike Road, Lewisburg,
PA**

**The container should be available
from October 18 until October 22.
Please load to the back of the
container.**



WELCA 2023 Fall Retreat

The women of the Upper Susquehanna Synod met for their annual Fall Retreat, at Camp Mount Luther, on Saturday, October 21, 2023.

Approximately 35 attendees enjoyed an informative program presented by Abby Yorks, ambassador for Soles4Souls. She is the 'sole' ambassador and collection location for all of Pennsylvania. Abby, in collaboration with churches, businesses and community organizations, collects new and used shoes of all styles and sizes from children to adult, women's and men's, for those in need. These collections are processed, sorted and sent for distribution throughout the United States and around the world, wherever there is a need.

Abby would love to come to your congregation or church group to further explain her work with S4S (Soles4Souls), assisting you in becoming a part of this wonderful ministry to provide shoes for those in need. You can contact Abby at:
abbyyorks@hotmail.com * 570-768-0310

UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SWO
THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
“Don't Go it Alone...Follow Jesus”
August 10, 2024
REGISTRATION FORM

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

(Street)

(City)

(Zip)

PHONE_____CELL PHONE_____

E-MAIL_____

CONGREGATION_____

CONGREGATION NUMBER_____

CONGREGATION ADDRESS_____

(Street)

(City)

(Zip)

CLUSTER (Please check one):

Buffalo Valley_____ Juniata Valley_____ North Branch_____

Middle Creek_____Tulpehocken_____West Branch_____

Is this YOUR first time to attend a convention?_____Yes_____NO

I will be attending the Convention as (Please check one)

Delegate_____ Participant_____ Board_____ Officer_____

_____My Congregational Unit is a member of the Women of the ELCA

_____ My Congregational Unit is not a member of the Women of the ELCA

Special Food Needs_____

MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER FOR \$45.00 PAYABLE TO:

Upper Susquehanna Synodical Women's Organization (or USSWO)

Return Registration form and full payment by July1 2024:

Elizabeth Baylor

364 Kaseville Rd.; Danville, PA 17821

phone 570-279-4766 * email sueb123@ptd.net

NO REFUNDS AFTER August 1, 2024

UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION
DAY OF LEARNING/RENEWAL
APRIL 27th, 2024

LOCATION: St John's Lutheran, 410 Race Street (Corner of 5th and Race Streets)
Mifflinville PA 18631

(Directions to the church are on the back of this page. Church is accessible via ramp and an elevator is available.)

Please consider joining us for this event which will offer a presentation by Sister Marianne Brock who is looking forward to sharing pictures and telling of her experiences while traveling in the Holy Land. This proves to be an enjoyable opportunity and we hope you will decide to join us – not only for the information and views Sister Marianne will be offering but also the opportunity to interact with your fellow Upper Susquehanna Synodical Women. Let's celebrate spring by viewing some of the areas where Jesus traveled. It might also be a good day to "plant the seeds" of some new friendships with our sisters in the USSWO.

REGISTRATION begins at 9:30 a.m. ~~ PROGRAM begins at 10:00 a.m.
(Closing at approximately 2:00 p.m.)

COST: \$15.00 which includes lunch

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 15, 2024

Call 570-850-8346 (Rita Avery's cell phone) if you have questions.

Name _____

(if any dietary restrictions, please indicate on this form)

Address _____

Phone # (____) _____ Cell phone # (____) _____

Email address (if available): _____

Congregation name and city/town _____

**Please make checks payable to USSWO.
Mail to: Rita Avery, 771 Foye Road, Sunbury, PA 17801
OR email your response to tnravery@ptd.net and
bring your registration payment to the event.**

The church is easily accessible and wheelchair accessible with a ramp outside and
an elevator on the inside.

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Directions to St. John's

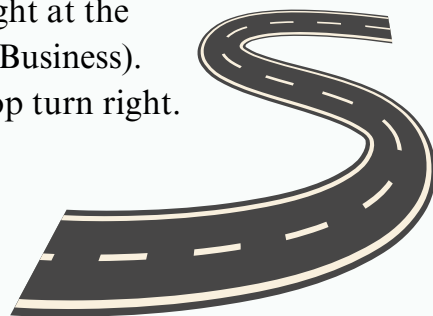
410 Race St, Mifflinville, PA 18631

Coming from the west -

You can take interstate 80 east. Get off at the Mifflinville exit (Lowe's) this is exit 242. Follow the ramp to the stop sign. Turn left onto 339 (Third St). Turn right onto Race St (Bank is on this corner)

You can come by way of Rt 11 North -

Mifflinville lies between Bloomsburg and Berwick. You will be turning right at the red light on to Market St. (This is near America's Choice Cars and Credit Business). Cross bridge and come to the stop sign by Mifflin Pizza. At this 4-way stop turn right. At Bank turn left onto Race St.



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DELEGATE CERTIFICATION

DELEGATE'S NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

(Street)

(City)

(Zip)

PHONE_____CELL PHONE_____

E-MAIL_____

CONGREGATION_____

CONGREGATION NUMBER_____

CONGREGATION ADDRESS_____

(Street)

(City)

(Zip)

CLUSTER (Please check one):

Buffalo Valley_____ Juniata Valley_____ North Branch_____

Middle Creek_____ Tulpehocken_____ West Branch_____

Is this the DELEGATE'S first time to attend a Convention?_____Yes_____NO

(It is very important that this form be sent as well as the registration form in order to form the Committees of Convention)

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED IN ORDER TO CERTIFY YOUR DELEGATE!!!

Return form by July 1, 2024 to: Elizabeth Baylor

364 Kaseville Rd.

Danville, PA 17821

Phone 570-279-4766

sueb123@ptd.net

Responsibilities of the Delegate:

1. Attend all Business Meetings and
2. Report on the Convention to Congregational/Intercongregational units concerning the actions and events of the Convention.

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RESOLUTION

The following resolution is related to _____
(indicate topic)

I submit the following resolution:

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT (Reasons to support the resolution)

WHEREAS.....

MOTION (Recommendations for action based on the reasons)

RESOLVED, That.....

(If more than one resolution is presented, use the form outlined above on another sheet of paper)

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Danville, PA 17821

Submitted by:

Name_____

Congregation_____

Congregation Number_____

Cluster_____

**Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Upper Susquehanna Synodical Women's Organization
Nomination Form**

The individual nominated must consent to serve if elected.

TREASURER FOR THE BOARD

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

(Street)

(City)

(Zip)

PHONE_____CELL PHONE_____

E-MAIL_____

CONGREGATION_____

CONGREGATION NUMBER_____

CONGREGATION ADDRESS_____

(Street)

(City)

(Zip)

CLUSTER (Please check one):

Buffalo Valley_____ Juniata Valley_____ North Branch_____

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EXPERIENCE that would help this person serve in this position>

Please indicate up to four experiences, offices and/or other responsibilities over the last ten years for the following:

WOMEN OF THE ELCA (include congregational unit, cluster, synodical women's organization, churchwide. May include experience in previous church bodies)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

ELCA (include congregation, conference, synod and churchwide. May include experiences in previous church bodies.)

1. _____

2. _____

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4. _____

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ECUMENICAL (interchurch related activities. Include local, state and national/international)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION(Please indicate offices, volunteer service and/or other responsibilities)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

VOCATIONAL/OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCES (Include full or part-time)

AGE CATEGORY: 20-29_____ 30-39_____ 40-49_____ 50-64_____ 65 and over_____

Consent of the Nominee has been secured?_____Yes_____No

Submitted

by:_____

Congregational/Intercongregational Unit

Mail by July 1, 2024 to:

Elizabeth Baylor

364 Kaseville Rd

Danville, PA 17821

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Upper Susquehanna Synodical Women's Organization

Nomination Form

This form is to be used for nominees to the position of executive board member. The individual nominated must consent to serve if elected. Each nominee must be a participant of a Congregational/intercongregational Unit and a member of the ELCA.

SECRETARY FOR THE BOARD

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

(Street)

(City)

(Zip)

PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

CONGREGATION _____

CONGREGATION NUMBER _____

CONGREGATION ADDRESS _____

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Submitted by:_____

Congregational/Intercongregational Unit

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Danville, PA 17821

**Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Upper Susquehanna Synodical Women's Organization
Nomination Form Executive Board**

This form is to be used for nominees to a position for the Women of the Upper Susquehanna Synod. The individual nominated must consent to serve if elected. Each nominee must be a participant of a Congregational/Intercongregational Unit and a member of the ELCA.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____
(Street) (City) (Zip)

PHONE _____ CELLPHONE _____

EMAIL _____

CONGREGATION _____

CONGREGATION NUMBER _____

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