

Ephrata Manor - United Church of Christ Homes

Location: Ephrata, Pennsylvania
Rural or Urban: Middle of a corn field
Ephrata Manor established: 1991
United Church of Christ Homes established: 1965
Worship Size: 80-110 in the Donecker Chapel

As many are aware the UCC and its predecessor denominations founded mission houses, hospitals, and orphanages, at times throughout its history where such services were scarce and needs were great. Today, that legacy continues and even more ministries are part of bearing witness to the UCC's continuing testament and radical hospitality.

Ephrata Manor, one of the United Church of Christ Homes is proud to be a part of this continuing legacy. Just as many congregations we live into passionately declaring and demonstrating the courageous love of Christ here in Penn Central Conference, we too are the church in action, focused on providing care and service to elders through acts of love and compassion.

We demonstrate our commitment by welcoming people from different faith traditions, different denominations, and different walks of life. People with lots of faith, people with a little faith, and people of no faith are all welcome here. Our dialogue is richer because of our differences, but our similarities are what unite us.

Residents, staff, and volunteers are all part of this community each bearing gifts that build us up as a whole. Many different disciplines represent the staff and provide holistic, person centered care. The board of United Church of Christ Homes is comprised of UCC pastors and laity, also playing an important role in the care of our residents.



(L) Residents and staff enjoying our 25th Anniversary Garden Party in 2016. (R) Member of our caring nursing team and a resident having fun together.

Worship is of the ways we live out our faith in our community:



We gather each Wednesday afternoon for worship in the Donecker Chapel. We currently have a 22 member choir, a 6 member Joy Bell choir, an organist, pianist and flautist who share their gifts each week. During Advent and Christmas we were “On the Road with Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem.” Christmas Eve candles at the ready for singing “Silent Night.” Cross draped in purple during Lent.

Our community is also engaged in being church to others outside our walls:



We hold Food Drives to benefit Ephrata Area Social Services. Residents also organize a Sandwich Sale to benefit the Ephrata Pioneer Fire Company and a Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the local Lions Club and its philanthropic endeavors.

In 2017 we continue to care not just for our own, but continue to look for new opportunities to share and demonstrate Christ’s courageous love to all!

We hope that you will lift up a prayer for us on Health and Human Service Sunday, observed in many UCC congregations on Sunday, January 29 as we continue to lift up and pray for our Penn Central partners in ministry.