

UNITED In CHRIST
NEWSLETTER
MAY/JUNE 2015



JOY IN THE SPIRIT!



SUNDAY WORSHIP with HOLY COMMUNION 10:00 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL/ADULT FORUM: 9:00 A.M.

March Worship Attendance

March 1 – 50 (snow); March 8 – 90; March 15 – 80;

March 22 – 91; March 29 – 88

Average attendance in March: 80

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Click on <http://unitedinchristlutheran.net/> and find links to send your friends and family information on upcoming events, youth schedule, recent sermons, directions, and newsletters. This is a great way to promote our church and invite our friends and neighbors to check us out!



Also, join the conversation about UIC and see recent pictures and postings about all the happenings at our church on Facebook. Just search for United in Christ Lutheran Church, Lewisburg, and click on the “join” button.

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United in Christ’s Mission Statement:

Led by the Spirit, we follow Christ’s call to honor God and neighbor through worship, learning, service, prayer, stewardship and invitation.



MAY and JUNE IMPORTANT DATES

May 6 - Church Luncheon, noon, OIP in Lewisburg (across from Walmart)

May 8 - Daughter's Banquet, 6 pm. Enjoy a delicious meal provided by the men of the congregation with delightful entertainment

May 10 - Honoring Women of Faith. Special music provided by Leisl Doebler, flute, and Pastor Schade, harp.

May 10—Geranium orders due for Pentecost Sunday. See envelopes in Social Hall.

May 13 - OAKs, 10am-2pm. Healthy cooking for seniors.

May 13—Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.

May 16 - Operation Santa Claus/Richard Huff Memorial Fund, 10 am. –2 p.m. Chinese and Silent Auction

May 18 - St. Andrew's, Milton, Community Harvest Meal 5pm (volunteers needed—see sign-up sheet)

May 18-29 Pastor Schade will be away

May 24 - Pentecost, This is the day we celebrate the Holy Spirit descending to the disciples and empowering them to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all the nations. Seminarian Felicia Swartz will be preaching.

May 25 - Office Closed, Memorial Day, NO YOGA

May 31 - Youth Sunday and Family Picnic. Following the service we will have a youth and family picnic at the home of Jeff and Tina Snyder

June 3 - Church Luncheon, noon, Ciro's in Watsontown

June 10 - OAKs, 10am-2pm. Game day with youth volunteers.

June 14—Packing bag lunches for Lewisburg children. After worship on Sunday we will be assembling lunch bags for children in the Lunch and Learn program.

June 19-21 Synod Assembly

June 21 - Men of Faith Sunday, Bring your favorite man to church to celebrate God's gift of faith to them.

June 24 - Council, 6:30pm



SUNLIGHT FROM SCHADE

Attending Church Adds Years to Your Life!

There's been a great deal of research lately on what factors go into helping a person live longer and healthier. In addition to *eating smart* (at least 80% plant-based), and *exercising* (daily moderate-to-rigorous physical activity), studies of populations with a high number of centenarians show that two other important longevity factors are *having purpose* and *strong social connections*. It turns out worship and involvement with a church fills those last two very nicely. People who form strong and supportive alliances with a group of people who support them and encourage them in healthy living not only enjoy longer lives, but lives with greater satisfaction.

According to Dan Buettner, author of *The Blue Zones: Eating and Living Like the World's Healthiest People* (National Geographic Books), centenarians who live in longevity hotspots often belong to a faith-based community and have close-knit families. **In fact, attending services four times a month can add up to 14 years of your life!**

Seeking a purpose can also extend life and give it greater meaning.

Volunteering at church is a natural place to find your purpose. The nice thing about doing things with the church is that you can do what you love, unlike a job where you must do what's required. If you love to sing, teach children or adults, cook food, lead a Bible study, paint, or tend flower beds, the church can benefit from your skills and talents as you find purpose at the same time.

Since I've been the pastor here at United in Christ, I've noticed that most of the funerals I've done have been for older members, some of whom were in their nineties. And as I think about people like Bill Harvey, Pauline Hauck, Laird Killian, and Grace Kling, it strikes me that they shared many of these longevity traits in common. They attended church faithfully. Their families were close-knit. And their church was an extension of their family. They volunteered regularly as

long as they were able. And they were supported by the church even when they could no longer attend or serve due to aging bodies and failing health.

No matter what your age, it is never too early or too late to start cultivating the habits of longevity. In fact, maybe there is more we can do as a church to help our members with the other two areas – healthy eating and exercise. Perhaps for church meals we can serve less meat, carbohydrates and sugars, and look to more vegetable-based options, fruits and plant-based proteins.

And while we do offer yoga on Monday evenings (thanks to Kristie Koch!), **perhaps we could start something like a church walking-club or other exercise group** (if you would be interested in this, please let me know!). The more we can do to support each other in healthy habits, the better we will be taking care of the temples of our bodies with which God has entrusted us.

If you have an idea for other ways we can improve the health of this particular Body of Christ, or have an activity you'd like to try, please let me know. We can experiment with different options and see what fits best with our congregation. **No matter what we do, as we continue to attend worship on a regular basis, deepen our faith through study and prayer, serve our neighbors, contribute financially, and invite others, we will see the health of our church continue to improve!**

Blessings,

Pastor Schade

Pastor Schade Vacation

Pastor Schade will be on vacation May 18-29 teaching a 2-week intensive class at Lebanon Valley College. If you are in need of pastoral care, please call Terri Cromwell at the church office (570-568-2254) during office hours (M-F, 8:30-1:30) or on her cell phone (570-850-5730) after hours. She will direct you to the person covering for Pastor Schade at that time.

UNITED IN CHRIST NEWS ITEMS

UNITED IN CHRIST BLESSED BY SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES in HOLY WEEK

BJ Koch played the part of the Centurion on **Palm Sunday** as the story of the Passion was told through his eyes. Special thanks to Bob Swartz (Jesus), Mac Keifer (Pilate), Annette Baker (Narrator) and the members of the men's and women's reader groups who also assisted.



Fifteen youth led the **Good Friday** service of darkness, with readings, sound effects, music and cross recessional. Special thanks to Mike Baker and Bob Swartz for their assistance. Our four confirmation students also assisted with the service on Maundy Thursday, helping with the footwashing. Eight youth also assisted with the Saturday Vigil service as lectors and prayer leaders.

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY CELEBRATES GOD'S GIFT OF LAUGHTER



Ted McPherrin and Pastor Schade were The Blues Brothers “On a Mission from God” for Holy Humor Sunday, getting The Band (of Disciples) back together to receive the Great Commission from Jesus (Bob Swartz). Lots of folks got into the fun with crazy costumes, including (clockwise) Bradley Kemper, Nancy and Mel Baker, Sonja and Ken Noll, Dave and Karen Baker, and Trudy and Bob Swartz.



UIC STAFF CHANGES

United in Christ Lutheran Church is pleased to announce that **Felicia Swartz**, a member of the congregation and student at Gettysburg Theological Seminary, will be serving as the new **Coordinator for the OAKs** (Older Adults Kickin' it up) Monthly Senior Center. Said The Rev. Dr. Leah Schade, pastor, "Thanks to grants we received through Wheat Ridge Ministries and the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) Small Church Grant program, we are able to fund the part-time position that will include oversight of volunteers, programming, relations with participants, publicity and record-keeping."



"I'm very excited to be able to work with OAKs because it is such an important program in our community," said Swartz. "This is the only senior center in the West Milton/New Columbia area, and is much needed because we have a large population of older adults who are underserved. I'm looking forward to helping to plan the monthly events, special trips, speakers, and intergenerational activities with the congregation's youth during the summer months," Swartz said.



Thanks to **Frank Danowsky** for working as our sexton at UIC for these past two years. Frank has "retired" and handed over the duties to **Terry Snyder** who began as our new sexton the week of April 13. But Frank will still be helping out on an as-needed basis. Thanks for all that you and Bertie do for our church, Frank!

Thanks to **Tina Raup** for working as our bookkeeper and accountant for the last year and a half. Tina resigned her position effective March 31. We are currently in the process of searching for a new accountant. We are grateful to Tina for the work she did to get our church finances in order. We are in the process of finding a new accountant for the church.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Fundraising goal for ELCA Youth Gathering almost reached!



Our Youth enjoyed an afternoon at Bounce Away in Shamokin Dam after leading the service for Holy Humor Sunday on April 19.

Thanks to all our volunteers and the generosity and support of the congregation, we now have over \$7000 toward our fundraising goal of \$8000. Stay tuned for one or two more fundraisers this summer to help our younger kids get to camp.



Thanks to Frank and Bertie Danowsky and their family members, and all the parents and youth who helped with our Youth Easter Breakfast this year.

Community Easter Egg Hunt: About 50 children and their families attended our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4. Children were divided into groups by age to find candy-filled eggs. Prizes were awarded, and families were invited to our Easter and Holy Humor services. Thanks to Michelle Shearer for putting together this great event!



Children hold up “Allelujah” signs during the children’s sermon on Easter morning to celebrate Jesus’ resurrection.





End-of-Year Youth and Family Picnic, Sunday, May 31 at the home of Jeff and Tina Snyder:

Bring a side dish and/or dessert to share. We'll provide hot dogs and hamburgers. Bring yard games, bathing suits and towels (and board games in case of rain). Enjoy a fun day of fellowship, a tour of the farm, and

celebrating the great ministry we have done this year. 5898 New Columbia Rd., New Columbia.

UIC CAMPING RETREAT: THERE'S STILL TIME TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE AT HALFWAY DAM!

United in Christ members and friends - We are planning a church camping retreat the second weekend in August, Friday 7th - Sunday, 9th at RB Winter State Park. The cost for two nights stay for camping is around \$63 total (assuming you reserve a site with electricity). To make an online reservation go to <http://www.pa.reserveworld.com/SearchPark.aspx> for more information. Even if you do not want to camp overnight, mark your calendar and save the date for coming up to spend time on that Friday evening, Saturday, or Sunday for worship. Folks can come and go as they wish. Sites are already filling up, though, so if you want to camp, reserve now! It will be a great weekend of enjoying God's creation, fellowship with each other, games, swimming, hiking, shared meals, and worship. Friends and family are invited to join us. Mark your calendar and make your reservation ASAP!



Care of Creation Week at UIC

United in Christ celebrated Care of Creation week with an OAKs program on gardening for seniors, our children planting seeds in Small Stars, and a blessing of seeds, soil and water during the service on April 12. Pastor Schade presented a sermon on climate change from the perspective of the Holy Spirit. Free seeds and planting containers were given out to all worshipers.



OUR MINISTRY OF GENEROSITY



Due in large part to the harsh weather conditions in January and February our worship attendance and giving is behind. As a whole, **we are about \$4400 behind budget for the year so far.** We are designating

April 26 and May 3 as Snow Make-up Days for offerings and are asking everyone who may have missed giving their offerings during the first three months of the year to bring that offering on either April 26 or May 3.

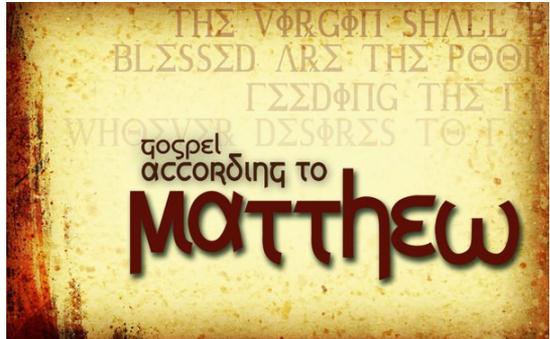
May 16: Camp Mount Luther Spring Work Day

Practice stewardship through service at Camp Mount Luther at their annual Spring Work Day. The camp needs your help getting the camp grounds and facilities ready for summer. There will be plenty to do and everyone in the family can help! The event will be held on Saturday, May 16, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please bring supplies to do cleaning, mulching, raking, and light construction projects, such as step ladders, buckets, rakes, etc. A light lunch will be served.



MAY ADULT FORUMS: THE BOOK OF MATTHEW

Join our Seminarian Felicia Swartz for an in-depth look at the Gospel of Matthew, its history, central themes and the famous Beatitudes. May 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 9 a.m. in the fellowship hall.



Adult Forum—Sunday, June 7 at 9 a.m.

“WHERE DID JESUS DIE AND RISE?”



*Our own **Ben Hollenbach**, on break from his PhD program at University of Michigan, will give a virtual tour of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem and talk about the history of the site.*



New Shelving and New Items for the UIC Library

Thanks to our creative and organized librarians, Jane Mertz and Shirley McPherrin, our church library continues to grow and change almost weekly. New books, movies, CD's and children's items are available. Check out the ever-evolving library and find a good read next time you're at church.

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION CONTINUES

Social Ministry will continue to collect non-perishable food items on the 1st and 2nd Sundays of each month. Our donations will be delivered to Mazeppa Manna and Hand UP (Milton Food Bank) on an alternating basis in order to reach more people in the community. Both organizations are especially in need of cereal, peanut butter, canned fruit, pasta, sauce, and boxed mixes. Place these items in the baskets located in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for your continued support of this project!

Pastor Schade Keynote Speaker for Federal Bureau of Prisons Volunteer Banquet

Pastor Schade was invited to speak to volunteers serving our local federal prisons at a banquet honoring their work on April 16. Pictured below is Pastor Schade with Yvonne Bennage, Reentry Affairs Coordinator.



May Worship Volunteer Schedule

	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	Youth May 31
Acolyte Team	B. Schade	D. Shearer	A. Arndt	E. Danowsky	Zoe Scott
Asst. Minister	C. Zimmerman	M. Shearer	B. Swartz	T. McPherrin	Youth
Lector	S. Keifer	C. Zimmerman	M. Keifer	A. Baker	Youth
Comm Asst.	R. Kling K. Koch	H. Marsh T. McPherrin	P. Packer M. Shearer	T. Snyder B. Swartz	C. Russell A. Arndt
Altar Guild	S. Weiser	K. Guffey	S. Keifer	J. Mertz	C. Troxell
Greeters	F. Van Dyke E. Brown S. Brown	G. Weiser L. Rabuck E. Brouse	B. Yost G. Yost C. Zimmerman	L. Danowsky K. Floyd K. Guffey	S. Keifer B. Keifer R. Kling
Ushers	M. Rabuck L. Rabuck J. Mertz G. Murphy	P. Packer B. Swartz T. Swartz W. Wirth	C. Troxell B. Troxell K. Arndt D. Baker	M. Shearer K. Baker E. Brouse E. Brown	L. Shearer J. Kemper O. Arndt B. Schade
Social Hour	P,Q,R	S,T,U,V	W,X,Y,Z	A,B,C	D,E,F,G
Bread/ Wine	C. Troxell	S. Weiser	W. Wirth	S. Dinsmore	C. Zimmerman
Offering Counters	M. Rabuck J. Sheaffer	C. Zimmerman W. Wirth	T. Snyder M. Shearer	M. Rabuck J. Sheaffer	C. Zimmerman W. Wirth

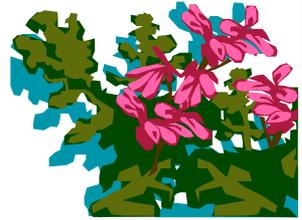
** Remove calendar and post on your fridge!**

June Worship Volunteer Schedule

	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
Acolyte Team	M. Murray	B. Kemper	R. Schade	D. Kemper
Asst. Minister	R. Baker	A. Baker	T. McPherrin	M. Shearer
Lector	K. Kahler	T. McPherrin	H. Marsh	B. Swartz
Comm Asst.	C. Troxell S. Weiser	W. Wirth C. Zimmerman	D. Baker A. Baker	M. Baker S. Danowsky
Altar Guild	F. Van Dyke	N. Walter	S. Weiser	C. Zimmerman
Greeters	A. Loss H. Marsh V. Marsh	K. Noll S. Noll F. Van Dyke	L. Rabuck G. Rice G. Murphy	T. McPherrin M. Keifer P. Packer
Ushers	S. Brown D. Caris L. Caris T. McPherrin	S. Dinsmore M. Keifer S. Keifer B. Keifer	K. Guffey R. Kling A. Loss S. McPherrin	K. Koch B. Koch H. Marsh C. Dinsmore
Social Hour	H,I,J,K	L,M,N,O	P,Q,R	S,T,U,V
Bread/Wine	K. Floyd	K. Guffey	L. Harvey	K. Hilkert
Offering Counters	M. Rabuck J. Sheaffer	C. Zimmerman W. Wirth	T. Snyder M. Shearer	M. Rabuck J. Sheaffer

Pentecost Geraniums!

Geranium order forms are on the information table in the fellowship hall. The cost is \$4.75. The deadline for ordering is **Sunday, May 10th.**



***Note:* The geraniums will be planted outside the church after Pentecost Sunday,**

LAST YOGA CLASS OF THE SUMMER ON MAY 18: Many thanks to Kristie Koch who leads our weekly yoga sessions on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Kristie will be taking “maternity-leave” from leading the classes for the summer. Watch for an announcement of the classes restarting in the fall.

**Community Harvest Dinner at
St. Andrew’s UMC in Milton on Monday, May 18th**

**Servers and desserts
Needed. See
sign-up in the
fellowship hall.**



COMMUNITY DINNER



Older Adults Kickin' it up! Monthly Senior Center

WHEN:

COME AND ENJOY:

WEDNESDAY

**MAY
13TH
10-2PM**

- FELLOWSHIP 10 A.M.
- HEALTHY COOKING FOR SENIORS: 10:30 A.M
- FREE LUNCH: 12 NOON
- FREE BINGO WITH PRIZES: 1 P.M.



Only Senior Center
in the West Milton
New Columbia
Area!

HEALTHY COOKING FOR SENIORS



ASK THE PASTOR

*Q: I recently read that on April 12, 1633, physicist and astronomer Galileo Galilei was sentenced by the inquisition of the Roman Catholic Church to three years in prison and to recite once a week the Seven Penitential Psalms, all for holding the belief that the Earth revolves around the sun. **What are the Penitential Psalms, and why would reciting them be a punishment?***

A: The Psalms are 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130 and 143. Traditionally these Seven Psalms are used during each day of Lent as a focus on penance for the forgiveness of sins, and ends at Easter when Christ's resurrection from the dead is celebrated. The Church handed down this sentence as part of Galileo's punishment and he agreed not to teach the



“heresy” anymore and spent the rest of his life under house arrest. It took more than 300 years for the Church to admit that Galileo was right and to clear his name of heresy.

Q: I love chocolate. Was chocolate around when Jesus was alive? Did Jesus like chocolate?

A: Jesus was known to eat bread, fish, wine---whatever was handy. He lived off the land, too, eating things like figs and different fruits. Since the Middle East was part of the Roman Empire there was a wide variety of foods that were exported. They would have had oranges, limes, lemons, eels, fish, beef, rice, breads of all sorts, beef, and lamb, and poultry. However, New World foods like potatoes, tomatoes, and chocolate would have been unknown. So, no, Jesus would never have been tempted by the sin of Trader Joe's 72% Dark Cacao Chocolate, unlike yours truly!

If you have a question for “Ask the Pastor,” you may put a note in Pastor Schade's box or email her (jimleah@aol.com). Questions will be answered in the newsletter on a first-come basis. Questions can be submitted anonymously!



VIEW FROM THE PEW

By Sharon Weiser

A CHURCH TOUR!

As I walk through the building, there are lots of wonderful things to see and do. There is such potential for members to participate in things, although some may be missing out on a few great opportunities. Do you come in and head straight for the Sanctuary, perhaps go to the Social Room for a beverage then leave on Sunday morning? If that's you, let's take a tour of UIC.

We'll begin at a different door than you normally enter, the lower parking lot entrance. Enter the door and turn right, down a few steps and through the double doors. The first door on your left is the Youth Room. This is a fun room, with the bean bags, futon, large t.v. and murals on the walls. It was painted and decorated by the Youth.

Next, we walk to the room adjacent to the Youth Room. We peek through the glass panel on the door, because this door is always locked. It stores a variety of items, Operation Santa/Rich Huff Auction items, old church records and most of the paper cutting decorations used in the Sanctuary for Advent, Christmas and Easter.

Across the hall is the Boy Scout room, where you'll find a foosball and pool table. Did you know UIC owns a pool table? Well, we do! I don't think anyone takes advantage of it anymore. Well, that's an opportunity missed! At one time, it was used a lot. There are 3 small storage rooms to the far left, 2 for the scouts and 1 for UIC, which stores many of the items used in decorating the Sanctuary. Boy Scouts meet here every Monday at 7pm.

Backtracking, walk back to the lower parking lot entrance and continue up both set of stairs, through the double doors, enter the first door on your left. Welcome to the Prayer Room, you'll find chairs, an altar and tranquil lighting inside. You are welcome to sit and meditate when something is weighing heavily on your heart—it's a place to pray, to get away and sort things out. If you would like, the Pastor will sit with you to talk and pray.

Next, we'll go across the hall to our Sewing Room. This is where we make the blankets that are sent to Lutheran World Relief and other worthwhile causes, including the Rich Huff auction. This is one area where more help is needed! It is getting more difficult to do all the work that needs to be done with the 4 or so helper we have. We are very thankful for the small handful of volunteers who show up Thursday mornings to cut, press, knot and sew but we do have LOTS of room and need for more!

Across the hall you'll find the Sunday School Room for the younger children, (birth to 5yrs) where they learn and play. *"Train up a young child in the way he should go and when he is old he shall not depart from it."* Proverbs 22:6

Next door you'll find the Nursery. It's a great place to be rocked, to change a diaper, nurse, lay a baby down to sleep or play. Across the hall are the offices for Pastor Schade and Terri, our office administrator. When the doors are open you are welcome to pop in to say "hello" anytime. Terri also

has pen and paper in her church mailbox if you need to write her a note, have a request or suggestion. The last two doors on the left are the Ladies' and Men's restrooms.

As the hallway opens you will find our Library, full of books, dvds, puzzles and magazines. No matter your age, there is something here for you. It's our most recent addition to "extra-curricular activities" at UIC and currently not enough people know about it or are taking advantage of it. Please, check it out. Unlike public libraries, you can sign something out and keep it for a month or more, there is no charge!!

Through the double doors you will find the Social Room. You most likely know this room, especially if you join us after service. If you come to worship, but leave right after, you are missing fellowship, a wonderful opportunity to connect, meet new people and visit with fellow worshippers. This room is also home to our monthly OAKs (Older Adults Kickin' It Up) gathering which happens the 2nd Wed. each month from 10am-2pm, an outreach program, which is open to the public. We have free bingo, lunch, learning (different presentation each month), and socializing. Check it out sometime. We also host the Rich Huff Auction here (which is May 16th this year), dinners and banquets like the Woodmen of the World dinner and our Turkey and Waffle dinner, both served by the Youth, and the Hilkert Reunion which is served by the Kitchen Crew. The dinners are fundraisers, but in addition to that they are an opportunity to volunteer and socialize with other UIC people. We also host funeral lunches. If you are willing to help by making a food donation when called upon, please call the church to let us know.

Now we'll go upstairs to the Sanctuary. If you are more comfortable taking the elevator, please do so, that is why it's there. The elevator was installed several years ago so people with issues climbing stairs would be able to come to worship. In the Sanctuary you may think, "Well, I've been here, I know what this is for." But, did you know that some pretty terrific preaching happens here? Did you know that a small group of youngsters (which is really increasing) go up front for children's sermons? Did you know that the Youth lead worship some Sundays and they do an awesome job? They teach us some nice upbeat music while showing us how strong their faith is. Did you know that there are special services like Holy Humor Sunday and Scout Sunday, services during Holy Week, and even a Sunday in July when Re-Creation preforms and shares the wonderful talent which God has given them?

Sit in a pew and reflect on all the rooms, all the activities that occur within these walls, and think about what you'd like to experience that you haven't yet. God has blessed United In Christ in many ways and for this we say AMEN! Thanks be to God!



**United in Christ Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
March 24, 2015**



Present: Annette Baker, Elwood Brown, Pastor Schade, John Sheaffer, Michelle Shearer, Bob Swartz, Willard Hauck, Tina Snyder and Wendy Wirth

Absent: Allison Arndt, Kristie Koch, Mark Rabuck

The Treasurer's Report for February 2015 was presented for review. It was noted that we had three Sundays in the winter which have had deficits in offering due to bad weather poor attendance. **Motion was made by A Baker, seconded by M Shearer, to accept the report as presented. Motion carried.**

Pastor's report was distributed and reviewed:

Discussion of *The Use of the Means of Grace* study conducted during the five Wednesdays of Lent and its results. A recommendation was discussed which will be presented in the adult forum on Sunday, April 26 at 9:00 AM.

A letter was presented to address the deficit that the church.

Given the activity from the February council meeting related to the faith and stewardship presentation by Keith Mundy, the results were shared. A list was distributed of persons whom the council would like to make more connections with them.

Synod Assembly will be held on June 19 and 20 at Susquehanna University. P Schade is looking for two persons to go with her to the Synod Assembly.

Committee Reports

Property – Spring clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, March 28 at the church. There are only about six people signed up and invitation to council was made to attend.

Social Ministry – We will be partnering with other Lewisburg churches and the Bucknell Lunch and Learn program this summer to provide lunches for 30 children on June 16 and 17. Funds will be provided by the Rich Huff fund. Social Ministry will coordinate the purchasing of lunch items and packing the bags.

Youth – At this point, over \$6,000 has been raised towards the ELCA

Youth Gathering with the Turkey Waffle Dinner this month. Upcoming fundraisers will be Easter Breakfast, Chicken BBQ, Woodmen of the World banquet and a Heads/Tails drawing on Holy Humor Sunday.

Old Business – A revision to the continuing resolution of the Rich Huff Memorial Fund was presented by the committee. **Motion was made by B Swartz, seconded by P Schade, to accept the resolution as presented and present it at the next congregational meeting in November. Motion carried.**

New Business –A letter of resignation was received by Tina Raup, our financial secretary, effective March 31, 2015. Council discussed future plans for the church financially. A recommendation was made to meet with Keith St. Clair, a CPA in Lewisburg, to discuss the possibility of taking over the tax and accounting of the church.

Some of the lights in the sanctuary are out and discussion was had about replacement of the bulbs concerning with the system panel failing. J Shaeffer will work out getting the bulbs down and replace them for the time being until we can pursue new lighting.

United in Christ Lutheran Church Council Minutes

April 22, 2015

Present: Elwood Brown, Mark Rabuck, Pastor Schade, John Sheaffer, Michelle Shearer, Bob Swartz, Tina Snyder and Wendy Wirth

Absent: Allison Arndt, Annette Baker, Willard Hauck and Kristie Koch

The Treasurer's Report for March 2015 was presented for review. We had five Sundays in March. We actually had a surplus of \$2,324.75 for the month and are at a deficit of \$3,256.10 for the year so far in the first three months. **Motion was made by M Shearer, seconded by M Rabuck, to accept the report as presented. Motion carried.**

Pastor's report was distributed and reviewed:

P Schade reported that a financial analysis was done on giving in the first quarter. A letter will be sent out to congregation members to show a comparison of individual giving habits from last year to this year.

A motion was made by P Schade, seconded by M Rabuck to transfer \$2800 from the ELCA Endowment Fund to savings in order to reconcile the account and establish a restricted line for OAKs.

Synod Assembly will be held on June 19 and 20 at Susquehanna University. Mark Rabuck and Felicia Swartz will be the congregational representatives, along with P Schade, to the Synod Assembly.

There was positive feedback regarding music on Easter Sunday, especially regarding the brass. The worship attendance was low for the first

service. Worship and Music discussed having only one worship service.

A Special Music fund will be created to assist with paying musicians for special music and also help youth further their education in music. The seed money to start this fund is from memorial funds donated in memory of Grace Kling.

Staffing changes: Frank Danowsky retired as sexton. Terry Snyder has taken over as sexton. In addition, Felicia Swartz has been hired as the new OAKs Coordinator.

A trip is being planned to Sight and Sound in Lancaster this summer to see *Joseph*.

Pastor Dan May has agreed to do visitation on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the fall when P Schade is teaching classes at both Lebanon Valley College and Susquehanna University. A proposal of \$100 per week would be diverted from the salary of P Schade and given to Pastor May to cover that cost.

Kelsey Swanger is no longer serving as chaperone for the ELCA Youth Gathering in July. Felicia Swartz will be taking her place.

Committee Reports

Property – Spring clean-up was not held on Saturday, March 28 at the church due to the snow and the cold. There was a group who came in later and completed the mulching for the church beds.

Social Ministry – We will be helping serve the meal on a Monday night in May at St. Andrew's Methodist Church Community Meal. We also will be partnering with other Lewisburg churches and the Bucknell Lunch and Learn program this summer to provide lunches for 30 children on June 16 and 17. Funds will be provided by the Rich Huff fund. This committee will purchase the lunch items and pack the bags.

Youth – At this point, over \$7,000 has been raised towards the ELCA Youth Gathering, which will increase with the Woodmen of the World banquet held this weekend. Another hot dog sale will probably happen in order to help the CML fund for our campers this summer.

Old Business – Last month it was noted that some of the lights in the sanctuary were out. B Swartz reported that Mike Baker checked them and found that a breaker was switched off. Thus no problem with the light bulbs in the sanctuary.

New Business – M Rabuck discussed the Daughters' Banquet on May 8 and the need for help in completing his menu this year. He needs three grills in order to cook the chicken and the vegetables. P Schade will put it out on Facebook for grills and helpers for the event. There was discussion about the offering counter procedures and the ease of the process.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2015.

HEALTH TID-BITS

From our Parish Nurses

Hello fellow congregation members. I believe our rough winter is finally behind us now. The sun is shining more and the days are definitely warmer. We need to protect ourselves from UV rays.

Skin cancer is the most common type of cancer in the U.S. Melanoma is the most serious type of skin cancer. Skin cancer is more common in people with lightly pigmented skin, but no one is exempt.

What is the main cause of skin cancer? The sun. The sun is essential for our survival, but it can also be very harmful. Repeated, prolonged exposure to the sun's UV rays can cause skin cancer. We don't need to avoid the sun, we just need to learn how to protect ourselves from its harmful rays. Always wear sunscreen when you are out in the sun. Sunscreen isn't just for kids— mom and dad need to wear it also. Be sure to reapply sunscreen every few hours or if you have been swimming.

Let's not forget about our eyes. Wear sunglasses whenever you are outside, even in the car, even during winter. UV rays can harm your eyes as well as your skin. Another thing we can do to help protect our skin is to avoid prolonged exposure to the sun, especially during the hottest part of the day when the sun is at its highest.

Skin cancer can be cured if found and treated early. Symptoms of skin cancer often include a new growth or a change in size and/or color of a mole. Some growths appear as sores that never go away. You can help protect yourself by doing skin self-exams. Always go to the doctor if you find something suspicious even if you think it is nothing. If left untreated, skin cancer can be very hard to treat or cure.

So, enjoy the nice weather and the sunshine but protect yourselves from harmful UV rays. Until next month, good health to you all.

In Christian Love, Irene and Celia



Member Updates



Mel Baker– 5/2
Shirley McPherrin– 5/2
Jeffrey Byerly– 5/3
Tanya Kemper– 5/5
Joshua Martz 5/5
Mya Cromwell 5/6
Carlena Russell– 5/6
Lana Rote– 5/10
Alice Snyder– 5/11
Barry Swanger– 5/12
Jodie Danowsky– 5/14
Colleen Danowsky– 5/15
Ken Noll– 5/15
Mark Rabuck– 5/15
Arna Dershem– 5/19

Meda Moyer– 5/19
Margie Beiber– 5/23
Becky Fink– 5/23
Margaret Kahler– 5/23
Nancy Walter– 5/23
Rikki Russell– 5/25
Carolyn Baker– 5/26
BJ Koch– 5/29
Koda Olds 5/30
Charlie Dinsmore 5/31
Oliver Kemper– 5/31
John Sheaffer– 6/11
Amanda Rabuck– 6/13
Rachel Schade– 6/13
Ben Hollenbach 6/14

Lucille Harvey– 6/16
Scott Danowsky– 6/17
Allen Loss– 6/17
Lisa Rabuck– 6/18
Cheryl Stiber– 6/18
Emma Danowsky– 6/20
Celia Warren– 6/20
Bertie Danowsky– 6/22
Felicia Swartz– 6/22
Kathy Arndt– 6/23
Ariana Garcia– 6/24
Michelle Shearer– 6/26
Aliena Zimmerman– 6/28



Elwood & Sandra Brown– 5/1/04
Dave & Karen Baker– 5/2/81
Josh & Shanna Martz 5/24/03
Ed & Lisane Snyder– 5/27/78
Delroy & Linda Caris– 6/2/63

Jim & Leah Schade– 6/8/96
Jerry & Donna Kling– 6/12/64
BJ & Kristie Koch– 6/12/10
Steve & Michelle Shearer– 6/21/97
Matthew & Wendy Wirth– 6/21/86
Ken & Ruby Baker– 6/24/89
Glen & Florence Van Dyke– 6/24/95
Scott & Colleen Danowsky: 6/26/11
Laurel & Tim Hertz– 6/29/99
Ken & Sonja Noll– 6/30/63

Laird Killian

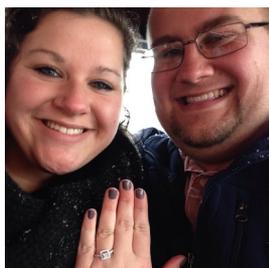
October 13, 1924 – April 2, 2015
Service at United in Christ, April 7, 2015

Bill Harvey

April 6, 1929 - April 20, 2015
Service at United in Christ, May 4, 2015



Congratulations to Mac and Marylou Keifer who were married on Hawaii on February 26, 2015. Jack and Cheryl Stiber also renewed their wedding vows on the same day for their 50th wedding anniversary.



Congratulations to Kyle Swanger and Johanna Wentzel who became engaged on March 1.

NEW ADDRESSES

Kyle Swanger - 425 Broad Street West
Milton PA 17886

Rebekah Fink - 1240 Jefferson St. Mil-
ton, PA 17847



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED:

Our Members: Faye Ritter, Carolyn Baker, Nelson and Ester Minimum, Barry and Louella Swanger, Eleanor Phillips, Mel Baker Jr., Marie Tanner, Margaret Kahler, Ruth Stump, Kathy Loss, Grace and Bob Yost, Arna Dershem, The Kemper Family, Cheryl Baker, Becky Fink, Bob Swartz, Jeffrey Byerly, Alice Ann Snyder, Willard Hauck, Lana Rote, Ellen McCormick, George Rice, John Russell, Sonja Noll, Lucille Harvey, family and friends of Bill Harvey, Vivian and Herb Marsh and family on the death of Viv's sister Caroline Ostriche, Dick Kling, Trudy Swartz, Ken Baker, family and friends of Laird Killian.

Friends and Family: Ilsa and Fred Voss, Pastor Peter Bergstresser, Pastor Gary and Allie Owens, Ardith Wilkins, Mary Lazor, Sharon Clark,

THANK YOU's

To the United in Christ Lutheran Church,
For the food donations, all of you have been so nice
In such a thoughtful way, it's hard to find a way to thank
Each one of you today....

But hopefully, this special card will show, at least in part,
That the MANNA is grateful and this comes straight from the heart.
God bless you,
The Mazeppa Manna Outreach!

UIC Lutheran,

We so appreciate the wonderful job the Kitchen Committee did for my mother's funeral service, and for all the love shown to my mother as a member of your church.

With love and gratitude,

Linda (Hauck) Harris and Family.

Thanks to our "grounds crew" who weeded and mulched the beds around the church: Carol and Bob Troxell, Bob Keifer and Herb Marsh.

Thanks to Trudy Swartz for creating Pastor Schade's "Ruah" costume for her sermon on Care of Creation Sunday.

A big thanks to Mark Rabuck for volunteering to plow the church parking lot during the many snows this winter.

Lost & Found

If you are missing ear muffs, ear buds, game chips or a hairbrush, please visit the lost and found box in the office to claim your item.



Fresh Express Food Distribution: Christ Wesleyan, 363 Stamm Rd., Milton, 4 p.m. —6 p.m., last Wednesday of every month. You must live in the Milton School District. Bring proof of address to receive free produce and grocery items. Bring your own bags or boxes.

MEMORIAL GIFTS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

We thank the following individuals who have donated in memory of our recently departed members:

In Grace Kling's memory:

Gary and Janice Young, Terry Young, Village Realty, Sandra Brock, Sylvia Meily.

In Pauline Hauck's memory:

James and Judy Gaskill, Thomas and Mary O'Connell, Dan and Joan Bradley, Frank and Bertie Danowsky, Carol Waltz, B.Z. Motors, Edward Hauck, Charles and Deborah Jennings, Walt and Verdilla Heading, Belcan, Linda Harris, Sharon and Nicholas Ferreira.

Have you indicated in your will and to your loved ones that you would like memorial donations given to the church? Have you named the church in your will? Would you like to find out more information on how to do this? Please notify Pastor Schade. Gifts and bequests enable the ministry of this church to continue in a strong and vibrant way. It is a fitting way to ensure that the church which nurtured your faith in life can continue to nurture others even after you are gone. We give thanks to God that Pauline's and Grace's generosity, faithfulness and love will

**Special Music
Fund to be
Established:**

Thanks to the generosity of Grace Kling's family, the memorial donations given in her name will be used to start a new Special Music Fund. While we are still at the beginning stages of determining the parameters of the fund, we are hoping to establish this to be able to have guest musicians for special services (Easter, Christmas, etc.) and support young musicians with their education. If you are interested in making a contribution toward this fund, please notify Glen Van Dyke or Pastor Schade



T-Shirt Sale!

There are still church t-shirts available.



Color: **Bright Yellow**

Our Church Logo on the Front!

The back reads:

“United in Christ Lutheran Church”

“Led by the Spirit, we follow Christ's call to honor God and neighbor through worship, learning, service, prayer, stewardship and invitation.”

SIZES AVAILABLE

Youth: Small, Medium, Large

Cost: \$5 per shirt

Adult: Medium, Large, XL, 2XL, 3XL

Cost: \$7 per shirt

Make checks payable to United in Christ with “t-shirt” in the memo line. See Terri or Pastor Schade in the office for your t-shirt today!

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