

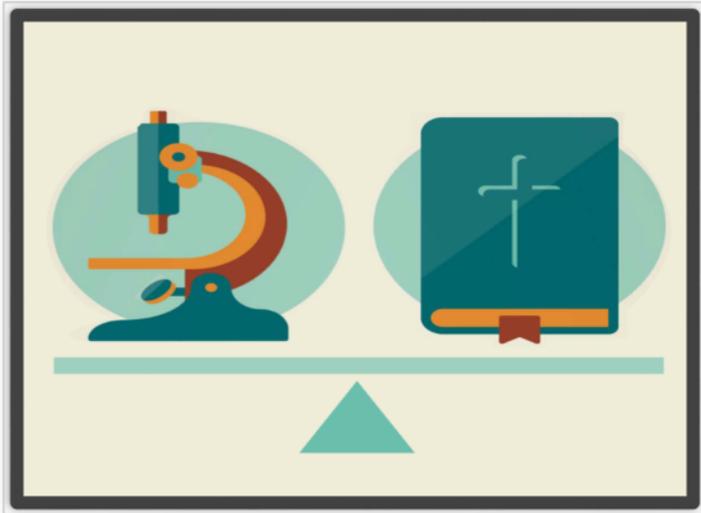
# UNITED In CHRIST

## NEWSLETTER

### SEPT/OCT 2016



**Pastor Tom Martin; Prof. of Religious Studies at Susquehanna University, will be holding Adult Forum and preaching in September.**



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Sermon: God Must Not Be Very Bright, Irrational Grace

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Sermon: Weeping for Our Nation (using the Jeremiah text)

SEPTEMBER 25

Adult Forum: Science, Faith and Evolution

Sermon: Taking Advantage of God

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## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

**Adult Forum (Sunday school) - 9 a.m.**

**Worship with Holy Communion - 10 a.m.**

### UIC COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Annette Baker** (2<sup>nd</sup> term, ends 2019)

**Elwood Brown** (2<sup>nd</sup> term, ends 2017)

**Frank Danowsky** (1<sup>st</sup> term, ends 2019)

**Charlie Dinsmore** (1<sup>st</sup> term, ends 2019)

**John Sheaffer, Vice President** (2<sup>nd</sup> term, ends 2019)

**Dalton Shearer, youth rep** (1<sup>st</sup> term, term ends 12/2016)

**Tina Snyder, Secretary** (1<sup>st</sup> term, ends 2017)

**Bob Swartz, President** (1<sup>st</sup> term, ends 2017)

**Wendy Wirth** (2<sup>nd</sup> term, ends 2018)

**Cami Zimmerman, Treasurer** (1<sup>st</sup> term, ends 2019)

Council Members are elected for a term of three years and no more than 2 consecutive terms.

### ***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.*

# PASTOR TOM MARTIN

Tom Martin received his PhD at Oxford University in 1986. The subject of this thesis is the relationship between eschatology (the part of theology concerned with death, judgment, and the final destiny of the soul and of humankind) and history in the Christian community for which the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles was written.



Tom Martin is Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Susquehanna University. He has published many items, including “*Faith in the Classroom: The Perspective of a Pastor Called to College Teaching*” and “*Reflection on Lutheran Identity on Reformation Sunday.*” He is a member of the Association of Teaching Theologians (ELCA), and The Society of Biblical Literature. Tom Martin was received and installed as a Pastor in the ELCA in 2007.

Pastor Tom will be kicking off UIC’s Sunday morning Adult Forum classes, as well as preaching and presiding at worship.

**We are blessed to have him for 3 Sundays in September!**

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Grace and Peace to you from Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Many years ago I was in North Carolina and had just begun the process of discerning the Lord's will in my life and in a possible call to ministry. The pastor of my congregation was in conversation with me, leading, guiding in ways similar to our Lord's guidance by asking deep, soul-searching questions. Through prayer and contemplation, the Spirit led me to step out upon the path and just as I was doing so the pastor resigned. Believe me when I say that I was not only surprised, but shaken. I thought he would be with me through the process to walk and encourage me along the way. It made me ask questions of myself and I had a few questions for God as well.



The changes of this life are not always easy and saying farewell to those we have grown to care for and love is difficult. Know that Christ is doing a new thing. Just as an interim was sent to help in my journey and then another pastor was called, God will send someone here to walk the next part of your journey of faith with you. Although, there will always be some grief to experience with change I encourage you to look to the future with excitement and anticipation of what comes next.

With this transition will come new challenges and joys as you discern the next steps prayerfully together. And in that transition God has graced me with an opportunity to walk

and serve you as interim until the next pastor is called.

So who is this person who steps forward to journey with the congregation you may ask? Regarding introductions, I find it best to first say that I am a sinner saved by the grace of God. Without God I am nothing. But such as I am, God has called me to ministry, and in answer to the request of our Bishop, along with approval of your church council I am here to serve your spiritual needs.

It should be noted and can't be stressed enough, that I work for Jesus, but do not have the Lord's abilities. In saying this, I humbly ask that you would contact me should you have any needs, for I cannot read your hearts and will only know what you tell me. When calling me please leave a message along with a number and details of your situation. In that way I can respond and get back to you in a timely manner.

I am not a pastor who seeks things to be centered on myself, but rather am a very spiritually grounded person who seeks all things to be centered on Christ. I was thrilled when one person I met spoke of the need to "get back to basics."

Indeed, the need to give all praise and focus to the Lord our God while serving our neighbors should be our focus and foundation of our faith.

My prayer is during this time of transition that your faith will grow stronger and that the Spirit of God will lead and guide you together in the path that you should walk. I am here to walk with you into the new future of United in Christ that God will give.

God's peace!

Pastor Faron

# SYNOD ASSEMBLY - JUNE 17-18



United in Christ Lutheran church was represented by Pastor Schade, Seminary Felecia Swartz, Council members Frank Danowsky and Dalton Shearer, and Cami Zimmerman who volunteers as the assembly Stage Manager.

The Assembly included the annual issues to be reviewed; reports from various synodical committees, annual synod budget was approved, and assembly worship with communion. But this was a special assembly as Bishop Robert Driesen is retiring.

Therefore, ELCA national representatives were on hand to conduct the election of our next bishop. Several names were lifted in the first ballot. Through the process of discernment, some candidates removed their name from the ballot and others presented a brief biography and speech about themselves. Additional ballots were cast until only 3 candidates remained, all from the Buffalo Valley conference of which United in Christ belongs to. The final 2 candidates were Pastor Bill Henderson who currently serves at Christ in Lewisburg and Assistant to the Bishop /Director for Evangelical Mission (and former pastor of the Follmer Lutheran parish of Potts Grove and Milton) Barbara Jean "BJ" Collins. On the final ballot BJ was called to be our next Upper Susquehanna Synod Bishop. The first person to congratulate her was Pastor Henderson who remains as the conference dean and is currently assisting Council and the Call Committee with our own process of calling our next pastor. It was truly a joyous day.

Remember in your prayers retiring Bishop Driesen who will retire in September and for Bishop Elect Barbara Jean Collins and all the congregations of the synod. ~ Cami Zimmerman

# B.J. COLLINS ELECTED BISHOP

The Rev. Barbara Jeanne Collins, Selingsrove, Pa., was elected June 18 to serve a six-year term as bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The election was held during the Synod Assembly June 17-18 at Weber Chapel at Upper Susquehanna University in Selingsrove.



Collins was elected on the fifth ballot with 133 votes to 122 votes for the Rev. William S. Henderson, pastor of Christ’s Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lewisburg, Pa.

“I’m humbled by and in awe of being given this responsibility by our Synod Assembly voting members. The Holy Spirit is definitely doing something new here,” said Collins. “This confirms the growing sense for mission across our synod. We’re talking about renewal and about building relationships. We’re talking about how we are blessed by God’s abundance – empowering us to be generous in our living. I am impassioned to be able to help engage others in this vision to be the church, to be the change, and to be in the midst of our communities where God is calling us to be.”

Collins has served as assistant to the bishop and director for evangelical mission of the Upper Susquehanna Synod since 2013. She was pastor of a two-point parish serving at St. John Lutheran Church in Potts Grove, Pa., and Follmer Lutheran Church in Milton, Pa., from 2002 to 2012.

The bishop-elect earned a Bachelor of Arts from Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania in Bloomsburg in 1997 and a Master of Divinity from Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg in 2001. Gettysburg is one of the ELCA’s eight seminaries.

The Rev. Robert L. Driesen, current bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod, has served as bishop since 2007 and will retire Aug. 31.

Collins will be installed as bishop Saturday Oct. 29, at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sunbury, Pa.

# GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN



We had over 140 worshipers on Pastor Schade's last Sunday. We prayed for the Schade family, listened one last time to Pastor Schade playing the harp and the children enjoyed their last Children's Sermon from her.



During service Mark Rabuck presented Pastor Schade with a prayer shawl from the congregation.



*In infinite wisdom  
the Lord surely knew,  
that we'd need a Pastor  
as faithful as you.*

*Committed to serve  
when you answered God's call,  
you prove it by being  
a servant to all.*

*We thank you for  
your great advice,  
your beautiful sermons,  
and keeping Faith in our lives.*

*We pray that God continues  
to bless you in your life,  
as you have been faithful  
in the work of Jesus Christ*

*We pray you have happiness  
in all things great and small,  
that He showers you  
with loving care  
we pray for most of all.*

*We want you to know  
how much you mean to us,  
For all you've done,  
and for who you are,  
We appreciate you so much!*



At the luncheon Bob Swartz gave Pastor Schade a framed poem from the congregation.



# THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION WITH YOUTH

By Dalton Shearer

Pastor Schade introduced the program to me on one of the Sundays in May. She said at TEY they teach about theology and also some leadership building. I thought about it for a little bit, and I finally thought that I would give it a shot. I got back to Pastor Schade and said that I'd do it. She was so excited to hear I was going to do the camp because youth in her past congregation did the camp and really enjoyed it.



On Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July I arrived at Gettysburg Seminary. After everyone arrived we went to Valentine hall (where we did most of our activities due to the heat) for opening prayer. This was basically a mini service which we had every day. We had them first thing in the morning and at 7 o'clock at night. Then after our opening prayer we went to the lounge in Valentine for our first meal which was pizza. After our meal we did some simple ice breakers just to get to know each other. Then we had hangout time and lights out at 12, which most nights I didn't make it past 11:30.

The next morning we woke up bright and early to head to Zion Lutheran Church for a service. One of the girls that attended the camp goes to this church so we weren't complete strangers.

One thing about this church is that it does contemporary services, which are more upbeat. It was very different from the traditional services at UIC. After we left service we headed to a diner for brunch. When we got back to the campus we had some down time then did some group building exercises. Every afternoon we had leadership skill building.

One thing that was incorporated into our theological education at TEY was caring for the environment, and how the Earth is a big aspect in the bible. One thing that I like was how Pastor Schade related taking care of the earth to how we need to take care of each other.

One of my favorite things we did at TEY was our daily open conversations. This was when we would gather together and talk about whatever, except politics. We wouldn't bring up politics due to the fact that we were an intentional Christian community and we didn't want any fights. We talked about things like riots, war, and different things that are happening in our everyday lives. Right before we went back to the dorms every night we had "*daily reflection*". We split up into small groups and talked about our day, each of the people in my small group would say our "*roses*" and "*thorns*" of the day. This was a time were we could say whatever and it would not leave that room. I will say that some nights the conversations got really deep and we went over our hour and a half time period.

Finally, I would like to thank you, my congregation for this opportunity to grow in my faith. I would also like to thank Pastor Schade and the staff at TEY for making this experience fun and very educational. I would recommend it to any youth that would like to grow in their faith or even to just learn more about theology in a fun and enjoyable way.

# MY FAITH JOURNEY by Bob Swartz

The first half of my life I spent in a church very similar to UIC. During the 60's most churches were building additions for Sunday school classrooms and large sanctuaries. Yes, the churches were getting bigger but the biggest thing was the people. The old nursery rhyme "*Here's the church, and here's the steeple. Open the door and see all the people*". The church was full of people who had dedicated their lives to serving and learning. They prepared the altar for worship, were ushers, lit the candles and taught Sunday school. But most importantly, they attended Sunday school. Over 75% of worshipers also attended Sunday school classes. These faithful people did all they could for the church, without complaining. They never seemed to get tired of serving, they saw it as the will of God. They never said they knew all, they always wanted to learn more. By studying the bible, living the word and interacting with people they did what Jesus wants us to do.



Looking back through the years I believe everyone's FAITH JOURNEY can be broken down in to 4 phases of life.

**Phase 1:** The "Learning" years, 0-17 yrs.

As a small child we learn by watching and imitating others. Every Sunday I attended Sunday school and church with my parents and grandmothers. My parents were a great example for me. They taught me responsibility, the meaning of hard work and how to do the best job. My parents farmers. They'd start at 4 a.m. milking cows then do it again at 4 p.m. They cleaned stables, fed the cows and chickens, collected eggs, bedded the barn yard, and worked in the fields. After a long hard day they still made time for the Lord. I can still remember seeing my dad reading the *DAILY BREAD* before he went to sleep at night. My mom, who worked right along side my dad every day, found time to be a Sunday school teacher. They made time for God.

What about your faith journey? Who did you learn from? Was it a parent or grandparent, aunt or uncle, older brother or sister, someone

at church, pastor or Sunday school teacher? The learning years are when we learn by the example of others. Maybe you learned by watching the person in church that sat across the aisle from you every week. Did you study the way they worshiped on Sundays?

**Phase 2:** The “I Know” years, 17-30 yrs.

Around the age of 24 our brains become fully developed and we now understand that our parents WERE smarter than we thought they were. These are the years we start to practice what we’ve learned. We still need guidance from those who guided us through the first phase of our faith journey. They say these are the years when most people fade away from church. Stay on your journey, ask for help from those around you.

In this phase I had the pleasure of knowing Dr. Leonard Bush from Geisinger. One day at church he suggested I go into ministry. I said I didn’t feel I could, but that I would serve the church however I could. I’d serve on council, work with the youth, teach Sunday school and assist in worship. Whatever was needed. Sometimes we question our abilities and our faith. What is the right thing to do while on our faith journey?

**Phase 3:** The “I’m Content” years, 30-60 yrs.

During this time I married Trudy and had 2 children, which we brought to church and Sunday school every week. My father-in-law, Mel Baker, has helped me along my faith journey. He taught me the proper mix for mortar, how to make mortar stick to the bricks. Just like when we grow in our faith and need to find ways to make our faith stick. Are you nurturing your faith journey? How are you living a Christ like life? WWJD, What Would Jesus Do?

**Phase 4:** The “Twilight” years, 60+

As I start phase 4 of my faith journey I will continue to serve the congregation and church. How much time do we have left? How should we use this time? Try to do at least one positive thing each day. Do we know all there is to know? We should never stop learning what God wants to teach us. One day a passage seems to tell you one thing and another day it seems to tell you something else. We never stop learning what the Holy Spirit is trying to tell us, it is always a learning journey.

*“A Christian’s life is the window through which others can see Jesus.”*

# YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY



Another wonderful week at  
Camp Mount Luther!



On September 11,  
we will have an **ALL  
CHURCH PICNIC** at West  
Milton Park after worship.  
Bring something to share.

## CONFIRMATION *and* YOUTH!

Confirmation and Youth Group will kick off their classes on Sunday, September 11. We will share a meal followed by classes. Please meet in the Social Hall at United in Christ by 6 p.m.

UICLC is once again participating in the Milton Area CROP Walk on Sunday, October 9 at 1:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church off Arch Street in Milton.



If anyone is interested in walking, please contact Michelle Shearer, our church CROP Walk rep, at church of by phone at 570-768-8316.

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## FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

On Sunday, October 9 our Youth and Family Ministry will help serve the next FREE Community Meal at Christ Lutheran Church, 1125 Mahoning St., Milton. on Sunday, October 9. Please be at Christ Lutheran by 4 p.m.



Milton Harvest Festival will hold their POPS Concert on Thurs., Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. Purchase tickets at the door.

\$8 for Adults

\$5 for Children

## September Worship Volunteer Schedule

	9/4	9/11	9/18	9/25
Acolyte	Z. Scott	O. Arndt	A. Danowsky	E. Danowsky
Asst. Minister	D. Scott	B. Swartz	C. Zimmerman	A. Baker
Lector	A. Baker	A. Arndt	Ken Baker	M. Keifer
Comm. Asst.	M. Baker T. Snyder	S. Weiser S. Danowsky	W. Wirth M. Keifer	D. Baker R. Kling
Altar Guild	S. Weiser	C. Zimmerman	S. Keifer	K. Guffey
Greeters	E. Brown S. Brown G. Weiser	D. Baker Karen B. H. Marsh	K. Noll S. Noll L. Danowsky	B. Keifer S. Keifer C. Zimmerman
Ushers	B. Koch L. Rabuck M. Rabuck W. Wirth	K. Arndt S. McPherrin D. Shearer L. Shearer	C. Dinsmore S. Dinsmore K. Koch T. Swartz	B. Troxell C. Troxell B. Swartz S. Brown
Social Hour	L - R	S - Z	A - D	E - K
Bread/Wine	C. Zimmerman	K. Guffey	K. Criswell	S. Dinsmore
Offering Counters	T. Snyder K. Guffey	C. Zimmerman M. Rabuck	W. Wirth M. Shearer	J. Sheaffer K. Guffey

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

## October Worship Volunteer Schedule

	10/2	10/9	10/16	10/23	10/30
Acolyte	O. Arndt	L. Shearer	A. Danowsky	E. Danowsky	Z. Scott
Asst. Minister	T. McPherrin	M. Shearer	B. Swartz	C. Zimmerman	D. Scott
Lector	S. Keifer	H. Marsh	T. McPherrin	M. Shearer	B. Swartz
Comm. Asst.	K. Koch K. Guffey	S. Danowsky M. Murray	M. Baker A. Baker	D. Shearer H. Marsh	A. Arndt S. Keifer
Altar Guild	J. Mertz	C. Troxell	C. Zimmerman	J. Mertz	K. Guffey
Greeters	J. Sheaffer J. Sheaffer L. Rabuck	J. Snyder T. Snyder N. Walter	K. Guffey R. Kling M. Keifer	B. Swartz T. Swartz T. McPherrin	D. Baker Karen B. L. Danowsky
Ushers	B. Keifer B. Koch S. McPherrin L. Caris	K. Arndt D. Baker Karen B. L. Rabuck	E. Brown S. Brown T. Swartz M. Shearer	C. Dinsmore S. Dinsmore B. Troxell C. Troxell	W. Wirth R. Kling T. McPherrin J. Mertz
Social Hour	L - R	S - Z	A - D	E - K	L - R
Bread/ Wine	R. Kling	S. Keifer	S. McPherrin	V. Marsh	J. Mertz
Offering Counters	T. Snyder M. Rabuck	C. Zimmerman M. Shearer	W. Wirth K. Guffey	J. Sheaffer M. Rabuck	T. Snyder M. Shearer

# SOCIAL MINISTRY



Our Social Ministry Committee purchased the food with funds from the Rich Huff Fund, and members of the church packed lunches for four days in June. The program provided a total of 485 bag lunches for the Bucknell Program which were provided to those

youth in attendance and the remaining shared with families in the two low income housing facilities at Essex House and Meadowview. Pictured here is Ruby Baker who helped deliver lunches to the community gardens in Lewisburg where the students learned about growing food and caring for our environment.



Social Ministry collected school supplies for the Milton Area Elementary Schools from members of the congregation. The Rich Huff

Committee donated supplies from the Rich Huff Fund. Terri Cromwell dropped off the supplies, which will be divided up between the three elementary schools in Milton.

There are so many children in need in our community. It is such a blessing to be able to give them these supplies. Thank you to everyone that donated!

# FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

Christ Lutheran Church hosts the meal every other month, which is open to the public. Everyone is welcome to attend!

The Community Meal at Christ Lutheran Church on Aug. 14th had help from our Social Ministry Committee. There are 5 churches in the area that helped serve August's meal. Each church is responsible for part of the meal, we donated baked beans.



Kathy Guffey, Ken and Ruby Baker, and Ed and Lisane Snyder helped serve the dinner.

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## HAM & BEAN SOUP

It's that time of the year! Signup sheets for donating ingredients and to buy quarts of Mark's famous ham and bean soup can be found on the Sign-Up Table in the Social Hall.



Please bring canned and non-perishable food items to the church between now and Sept. 24. We will bless these items on **Harvest Home Sunday, September 25.**

Donations may be placed in the baskets in the church entryway.

# OAKs MINISTRY



July's OAKs had a great turnout. We played *MOVIE TRIVIA*. This was Pastor Schade's last OAKs. We celebrated with cake!



In August we had *GAME DAY*. It's a blast to watch them play *CHAIR VOLLEYBALL*! They love it, and laugh the whole time.



Older Adults  
Kickin' it up!  
Monthly Senior Center



Wed. September 14, 10-2pm

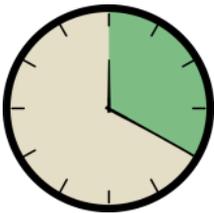
Eat Smart  
Live Strong 

HEALTHY COOKING FOR SENIORS



Wed. October 12, 10-2pm

Keep **FALLS** out  
of your **Autumn**



Every **20 minutes**

an older adult dies from a fall in  
the United States.

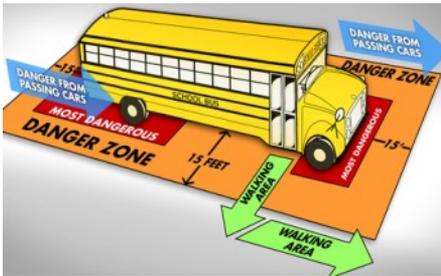
Every 11 seconds, an older adult is  
treated in the emergency room for a fall.

(According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

# HEALTH TID-BITS

## From our Parish Nurses

Hello again fellow congregation members. Wow, I don't know about you but my summer really seemed to go fast. The kids are back in school. Cooler weather has arrived. Those of you who have gardens have probably done lots of canning. And most of our vacations are over. Now it's time to do some fall housecleaning and preparation for winter.



If you have children in school that ride the bus, be sure to talk to them about bus rules. Tell them the importance of talking to the driver or a teacher if they are having a problem with someone on the bus. I know our schools talk to kids about

issues such as substance abuse and bullying, but parents should also be reinforcing this.

Fall is also the time our kids start playing more sports. Be sure they have the right equipment for their sport. Stress how important it is to follow the rules. Parents, be a spectator who shows support and good sportsmanship, so the kids have good examples to follow.



Adults need to prep for fall and winter too. Many of us still follow the example of our mother's and give our homes a good fall cleaning. But remember our homes need to be made safe as well as clean. If there are children in the house, be sure receptacles have covers on them. Be sure there are no loose carpets to trip over or cords that could be a tripping hazard. If you are on



medications, be sure to take them as scheduled and keep periodic visits with your doctor.

As winter approaches, so do the winter blues. Plan ahead so you can beat these winter blues. Take care of your health. If you live alone, plan ways to stay active, such as volunteering at church, libraries, or schools. You can also visit shut-ins. Join a book club or go to our senior group, OAK's. Now you don't have to live alone to do the things I have mentioned to beat the winter blues. Couples or even entire families can do these things.

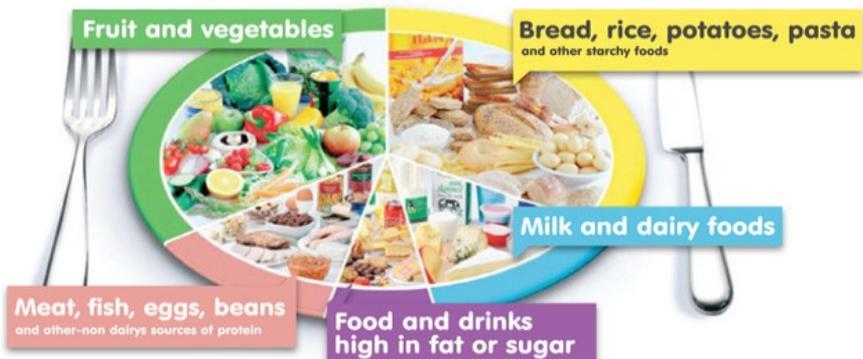
Lastly, I want to talk about taking care of our bodies. We do this with healthy eating, exercise, and a good night's sleep. It is not something we just need to teach our kids but things that adults need to do, too.

Now I talked about the things we can do to get ready for winter, but these are things we should do all year long. These are things that can help us to lead healthy, happy, productive lives.

Until next time, good luck with your fall cleaning and good health to you all.

In Christian Love,  
Irene and Celia

## The 'eatwell' plate



# View from the Pew



We have said our goodbyes to Pastor Schade and her family. Now's the time we need to stand on our own. It's kind of like when the birdies leave their nest and then the nest is empty. In this case though, it was the bird that left the nest and we are the birdies that are left. In some instances we will need to pick up the slack that could result from this time. We need to square our shoulders and say, "We are NOT left alone. We will move forward. We will do things as they need to be done. We will continue to spread God's love!" We can do this.

We have worked together for a long while and we will continue to work together. Sunday services will continue, OAKS and Confirmation/Youth classes will go on, council will meet and make decisions, the Rich Huff committee will continue, etc., etc. In some instances some of the congregation may be asked to do things they haven't helped with before, some might be asked to step up again to what they used to do but in all cases, we will work together. AND we will in due time have another pastor who we will all get to know and who will guide us. In the meantime, we have an interim pastor who we'll get to know and who'll work with us. As we go through our process of working to the end of once again having our own pastor, please don't fall away. Please continue to be a real part of United In Christ. To the members who arrived in our family while Pastor Schade was here—please don't feel that because she is not part of us any more you don't want to be either.

Please continue to be part of the UIC family. Those of us who have been here “forever” have accepted you as family and we hope that we are family to you as well, family sticks together.

Summer is full of things that often keep people from services on a Sunday morning. George and I have had a few of those Sundays. The thing is to not let that become the norm only the exception. I need to share this: As a child and even well into my adult life, I was led to believe that if I didn't go to church I was committing a sin, God was upset with me and so if there was a Sunday that I was away, I felt that I was a “bad” person. I have learned that this is not the way the God I believe in works and while I still miss everyone when I do miss a Sunday, I no longer feel as though God is sitting on his judgment seat shaking his head and finger at me and chastising me. Maybe if I missed many in a row “just because” He would kind of remind me that gathering together with fellow believers strengthens my belief and helps me in so many ways but I don't hope to test that. But this is not about me, this is about all of us and the bottom line is **WE ARE UNITED IN CHRIST**, we are the church, and may we continue to be united.



*Father God, We thank  
you for the leadership of  
Pastor Schade and now ask  
that you guide us as we work  
together looking forward to a  
new pastor. AMEN*

# MEMBER UPDATES

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In Loving  
Memory



Dick Kling  
Oct. 16, 1935  
– Jul. 29, 2016



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New  
Address

The Rev. Dr. Leah Schade, Jim, Rachel, Benjamin  
1424 Jocasta Dr.  
Lexington, KY 40517  
Pastor Schade: 610-420-6861  
Jim Schade: 570-246-3974

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Happy  
Birthday

Matt Wirth 9/3  
Terri Cromwell 9/7  
Kamden Swanger 9/8  
Lou Swanger 9/10  
Susan Dinsmore 9/13  
Ken Kahler 9/15

Gerald Baker 9/17  
Sue Keifer 9/17  
Christine Aucker 9/19  
Karen Baker 9/23  
Esther Minium 9/23  
Dawn Warren-Lee 9/23  
Curtis Zimmerman 9/25  
Cami Zimmerman 9/26  
Bryce Warren 9/27  
Richard Russell 9/28

Pam Hauck 9/29  
Linda Caris 10/1  
Mark Danowsky 10/7  
Shirley Russell 10/10  
Tim Hertz 10/17  
Vivian Marsh 10/17  
Ruby Baker 10/20  
Dylan Cromwell 10/23  
Mel Baker 10/25  
Cheryl Baker 10/27

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Happy  
Anniversary

Charlie and Susan Dinsmore 9/4/93  
Rich and Jackie Russell 9/4/93  
Woody and Celia Warren 9/11/71

Justin and Nicole Cooley 9/20/14  
Mel and Mary Baker 9/22/50  
Chad and Terri Cromwell 9/22/01  
John and Jenn Sheaffer 10/6/01  
Chris and Dawn Lee 10/10/11  
Jeff and Tina Snyder 10/15/94  
Rick and Kathy Guffey 10/25/86

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED:**

**Our Members:** Nelson and Esther Minium, Louella Swanger, Eleanor Phillips, Mel Baker Jr., Marie Tanner, Margaret Kahler, Ruth Stump, Kathy Loss, Grace and Bob Yost, Arna Dershem, Cheryl Baker, Becky Divers, Jeffrey Byerly, Alice Ann Snyder, Willard Hauck, Lana Rote, George Rice, John Russell, Dick Kling and Eleanor Brouse, Lucille Harvey, Meda Moyer, John and Shirley Russell, Irene Stark, Kim Floyd, Bob Keifer, John and Jen Sheaffer, Laurel Hertz, Only Rishel, Danielle Scott-Murphy, Rob Zimmerman, family and friends of Barry Swanger, Owen Arndt, Pastor Schade and Family, Bob Swartz, family and friends of Dick Kling.

**Military:** Brandon Wirth.

**Friends and Family:** Paul Cromwell, Larry Erb, Connie Heyman, Rodney Bastian, Paul McCabe, Rose Knorr, Barbara Crossgrove, Barb Manbeck, family and friends of Richard Thomas, Fred and Ilsa Voss, Pastor Gary and Allie Owens, Ar-dith Wilkins, Mary Lazor, Sharon Clark, Jen, Marty Golder and family, family and friends of James Artley (Peg Swinehart's brother), Andy Renner, Logan Hile, Kathy Benway, Randy and Melinda Benway, Pastor Pete Bergstresser, Andrew Cunningham, Pat Warren, Tom Aber, family and friends of Richard But-ton, Dave Wall, Rita Grimes, Karl Eberhart, Dennis Rearick Jr, Brian Swanger, victims and families of Ansbach, Germany at-tack, Tom Beck, Kathy Holt, family and friends of Jim Kline, John Switalski, Florence Snyder, Dawn Young, Melody Erb, Donna Minard.

**The FRIENDS & FAMILY LIST will be cleared after Sept. 1**

**TO ADD NAMES: SEND EMAILS TO:  
UICLUTHERAN@DEJAZZD.COM or CALL 570-568-2254**

**June/July Worship Attendance**

June 5: 84	June 12: 82	June 19: 52	June 26: 82
July 3: 77	July 10: 98	July 17: 142	July 24: 60
July 31: 42			

Total for June 2016: 300  
Average for June 2016: 75

Total for July 2016: 419  
Average for July 2016: 84

# THANK YOU's

Dear UIC Members and family,

I cannot say how thankful I am for all you have done for me including your recent monetary gift. It will be a great help as I start this coming week. Starting in a new place can be scary, but knowing I have a supportive church family back home is a great peace of mind. The times I've spent from childhood to adulthood at UIC have helped shape who I am as a person of faith and I cannot have done so without all who have been there for me.

In Peace,

Felicia Swartz

Dear UIC Family,

We were so grateful for the wonderful potluck lunch, framed poem and financial gift on our last Sunday! Thanks to all of you for your thoughtfulness, generosity and love. We miss everyone very much! We have found a new church home that in many ways reminds us of United in Christ. We are keeping all of you in our prayers!

With much love,

Pastor Schade, Jim, Rachel and Benjamin

Thank you Tina and Jeff for trimming the bushes outside my office window!

Forever grateful,

Terri Cromwell

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

We wish to thank you for the monetary contribution which was presented as a commencement award. This year your donation was presented to Brandon Bastian, Rich Huff Scholarship. Your continued generosity and interest in our school enables us to recognize those worthy students who have excelled in their areas of study.

Sincerely yours,  
Andrew R. Rantz,  
Milton High School Principal

Thanks to Ruby Baker who helped deliver lunches to children in Lewisburg through the Bucknell Lunch and Learn program. Thanks to Ed and Lisane Snyder, Kathy Guffey, and Florence Van Dyke from Social Ministry, along with the volunteers who helped pack the lunches. Thanks also to the Rich Huff committee (Shirley McPherrin, Sharon Weiser, Jane Mertz, Tina Snyder and Susan Dinsmore) for providing the funds.

Carol Troxell, thank you for the many hours you've spent taking care of the flower beds around the church!



The Flowers that were planted in front of the church were all donated by Beverly Meerbach in memory of her parents, Harold and Jean Hafer. Thank you Beverly!!

## TALENT NEEDED: PLUMBER

There may be a few small projects at UIC coming up. If you know anything about plumbing, please let a member of council know. By doing the work ourselves we will be good stewards with everything God has given us.

*“Your talent is God’s gift to you.  
What you do with it is your gift back to God.”*

- Leo Buscaglia

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## DO YOU HAVE APPLE TREES?



The youth are looking for anyone who has apple trees that are willing to donate the apples. They will pick the apples on the property and have them made into Apple Cider, which we are planning to sell on Sunday morning at UIC, sometime in late

September or early October. Cost: \$4 per gallon.

If you're interested in donating apples, please contact Michelle Shearer at church or by phone at 570-768-8316.

***Thank you in advance for supporting the youth going to Camp Mount Luther and the ELCA Youth Gathering in two years!***

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## VOLUNTEERS AND COMMITTEES

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS MON., OCT. 17.

**Worship Volunteers**, please let Terri Cromwell know any dates in Nov/Dec that you will be away.

**Ministries, Committees and Groups**, please email Terri any articles and photos you would like in the next newsletter from your events in Sept. and Oct. Also, all information for upcoming events in Nov. and Dec.

# September/October Important Dates

Sun. Sept. 4.....**BLESSING VOCATIONS**

Preaching and Presiding - Cami Zimmerman

Sun. Sept. 11.....**RALLY SUNDAY/YOUTH SUNDAY**

Adult Forum: Is Faith Anti-Science

Preaching and Presiding - Pastor Tom Martin; Prof. of  
Religious Studies at S.U.

Church Picnic at W. Milton Park, 11:30 a.m.

Confirmation and Youth Group starts, 6 p.m.

Wed. Sept. 14....**OAKs**, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Seniors Cooking

Fri. Sept. 16.....**HAM AND BEAN SOUP**, prep and cooking

Sat. Sept 17.....**MILTON HARVEST FESTIVAL**, Ham and Bean  
Soup sale , watch for signup sheets in Social Hall

Sun. Sept 18.....**GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY**

Adult Forum: Science, Faith and the Creation of Universes

Preaching and Presiding - Pastor Tom Martin; Prof. of  
Religious Studies at S.U.

Service Project - details will follow

Wed. Sept. 21...**COUNCIL MEETING**, 6:30 p.m.

Sun. Sept 25.....**HARVEST HOME SUNDAY**

Adult Forum: Science, Faith and Evolution

Preaching and Presiding - Pastor Tom Martin; Prof. of  
Religious Studies at S.U.

Sun. Oct. 2.....**BLANKET SUNDAY**

Sun. Oct. 9.....**CROP WALK**, at First Presbyterian Church in  
Milton, 1:30 p.m.

Community Meal, Youth and Family serving, 4 p.m. at  
Christ Lutheran in Milton.

Sun. Oct. 12.....**OAKs**, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Fall Prevention

Sun. Oct. 16.....**YOUTH SUNDAY**

Mon. Oct. 17.....**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Wed. Oct. 19.....**COUNCIL MEETING**, 6:30 p.m.

Sun. Oct. 30.....**REFORMATION SUNDAY**

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