



August 2017 NEWSLETTER

HE WILL COVER YOU
WITH HIS FEATHERS,



AND

UNDER HIS WINGS

YOU WILL

FIND

refuge;

HIS FAITHFULNESS

WILL BE YOUR

shield

AND

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PSALM 91:4

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Worship with Holy Communion - Sunday, 10am

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday, 9am to 2pm.

UIC COUNCIL MEMBERS

Bob Swartz, <i>President</i>	2 nd term, ends 12/2019
John Sheaffer, <i>V. President</i>	2 nd term, ends 12/2018
Cami Zimmerman, <i>Secretary</i>	1 st term, ends 12/2018
Wendy Wirth, <i>Treasurer</i>	2 nd term, ends 12/2017
Willard Hauck	1 st term, ends 12/2017
Elwood Brown	2 nd term, ends 12/2017
Frank Danowsky	1 st term, ends 12/2018
Charlie Dinsmore	1 st term, ends 12/2018
Annette Baker	2 nd term, ends 12/2018
Ken Criswell	1 st term, ends 12/2019
Amy Danowsky	1 st term, ends 12/2019
Marianne Murray	1 st term, ends 12/2019

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.

Mark Your Calendars

WAL-MART HOTDOG STAND | SAT., AUGUST 5

For details, see page 17.

OAKS | WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

For details, see page 21.

DIAPER PANTRY | SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

10am-11:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE | MONDAY, AUGUST 14

Anything you'd like to put in the Sept./Oct. newsletter needs to be given to the office by Monday, August 14. All events, along with event details, need to be given to Terri by Aug. 14. You can either email your items or put them in Terri Cromwell's mailbox, which is across from her office. WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS, please give the office any dates in Sept./Oct. which you will not be able to serve during worship. After you are scheduled it will be your responsibility to trade with someone else on the schedule if you are not able to serve that day, and let the office know who you traded with.

PERKINS YOUTH FUNDRAISER | WED., AUG. 16

For details, see page 17.

COUNCIL MEETING | WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

Council will meet at 6:30pm.

YOUTH LOCK-IN | FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

For details, see page 16.

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS SUNDAY | SUN., AUG. 20

For details, see page 13.

FROM THE PASTOR

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you are also built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

~ Ephesians 2:19-22

I love this passage from Ephesians for a number of reasons, but most particularly for the way in which it creates a vision for what those found in the venture of Christ can become. It's a vision that deviates from the typical path of divinity in the First Century Mediterranean region. In a world where gods lived high upon the mountains or in the most ornate temples their disciples could create, this passage offers a new and strange implication of where God can be found. While other gods were assumed to look down upon their followers with general disdain, only showing up for them if the price was right, here we are instead offered an image of the God who chooses to dwell among God's people. Indeed, this is a God whose wish is to remain inseparable from God's people!

What's more is that this vision makes it clear

that all types are joined together to become that dwelling place for God. Those who started as strangers and aliens to one another are brought together as coworkers, citizens with all the saints who preceded them and all the members of the household of God. Despite any differences and boundaries that may work to keep people separated from one another, the work of Jesus unites them together as a strong foundation with Christ himself as the cornerstone, the piece that keeps it all together.

I've only been here for a few short weeks, yet I am already excited and impressed by the ways in which this community takes both their namesake and this vision to heart. There are times when I still feel like a stranger in a strange land (and I am sure there are more ahead within this central PA culture), but I trust in the God who can bring us all together for a united and common purpose. Already, I've been encouraged by ministries taking place here that work to truly see our neighbors as fellow citizens in this venture from Christ, rather than as strangers or aliens to ourselves. I'm looking forward to working with you all and discovering new ways in which the Holy Spirit may be calling us to continue the work of building up that dwelling place for God to work through us. I'm excited by the road ahead, but I'm equally excited to be sharing it with you all!

Yours, united in Christ,
~ Pastor Justin

THE REV. JUSTIN G. LINGENFELTER



We had a great turnout for Pastor Justin's "Meet and Greet" on Saturday, June 3.



He preached on Sunday, June 4th and was unanimously voted in that same afternoon as United In Christ's new pastor!

Pastor Justin was ordained on June 10, 2017. Bishop Collins presided over the ordination, while Pastor Henderson, Dean of the Buffalo Valley Conference, presided over the installation.



The preacher for the day was Justin's dad, The Rev. Scott Lingenfelter.

Those in attendance included members from UIC, members from New Life

Lutheran in New Tripoli, PA (Pastor Justin's home church), members from St. Andrews Lutheran in Perkasie, where Justin has been working this past year with



their pastor, The Rev. Dr. Phillip Krey, former president of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (LTSP). Krey also attended the service, as did students and staff from LTSP and other pastors from the Upper Susquehanna Synod.



RICH HUFF FUND



Baby Steps DIAPER PANTRY

DIAPERS GIVEN OUT

JUNE: 1,200 DIAPERS

JULY: 1,800 DIAPERS

Baby Steps Diaper Pantry has been open for 10 months. So far, we've given out 12,720 diapers! We've also given out children's books twice and baby wipes once. God is good!

UPCOMING BABY STEPS DIAPER PANTRY DATES

August 10, 10-11:30am

September 8, 10-11:30am

The Rich Huff Committee started Baby Steps Diaper Pantry to help supply diapers to needy families with infants and toddlers from the communities of Milton, Lewisburg, Mifflinburg and Warrior Run.

Baby Steps Diaper Pantry is held on the second Saturday each month from 10-11:30 a.m. in United In Christ's Fellowship Hall. Each child will receive 40 free diapers!



Son's Banquet

The ladies of the congregation served 32 sons of God on Friday, June 23. They feasted on hot sausages and hot dogs, baked macaroni and cheese, baked beans, pickles and olives and finished with ice cream for dessert.

The sons played a game. Just like we use to do years ago, for example who came the longest distance, most grandchildren, etc. We did who had the shiniest head, the longest hair, who had the sexiest legs, and who were the 2 youngest sons of God at the banquet. The winners each received a \$5 Sweet Frog gift card. It was fun and everyone had a great time.

The Winners were....

- Dylan Sheaffer and Camden Swanger, 2 of the youngest sons of God.
- Bob Troxell, for the shiniest head.
- Jeff Stahl, Sharon Weiser's Son-in-law, for the sexiest legs.
- Garvin, Mel Baker's grandson, for the longest hair.

HAVE YOU SEEN?

**LOST
AND
FOUND**



Did you forget something at church? Please check out the LOST AND FOUND BOX, which sits on the sign-up table in the Fellowship Hall.

SOCIAL HOUR



Social Hour is a time for us to stay connected with each other while enjoying a light snack.

If your last name begins with one of the letters listed for that Sunday's Social Hour during August, please bring cookies to share. No need to bring anything bigger during the summer months. This will be a new tradition during the months of June, July and August.



The last couple of months we've had the lights go out and come back on in the middle of worship. The circuit boards are starting to fail.

We've decided to update the lighting in the sanctuary with LED retrofit bulbs and new dimmers. We're updating the bulbs instead of replacing the circuit boards since the boards would cost around \$6,000.

LIGHT BULB CAMPAIGN

We need to replace 28 bulbs in the sanctuary. Our Light Bulb Campaign will begin on August 13th. We are hoping each family will sponsor a bulb at a cost of \$50, which will cover the cost of the bulb and help pay for the new dimmers needed so we won't have to use the old circuit board system any more.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED:

Our Members: Nelson and Esther Minium, Marie Tanner, Louella Swanger, Eleanor Phillips, Mel Baker Jr., Margaret Kahler, Ruth Stump, Kathy Loss, Arna Dershem, Cheryl Baker, Jeffrey Byerly, Alice Snyder, Willard Hauck, George Rice, Lucille Harvey, Meda Moyer, John and Shirley Russell, Irene Stark, Bob Keifer, John and Jen Sheaffer, Laurel Hertz, Bob Swartz, Alecia Engle, Teena Zimmerman, Gerald Baker, Elwood Brown, Lisane Snyder, Mark Rabuck, Mac Keifer, Shanna Martz, Grace and Bob Yost, Cheryl Stiber, family and friends of Dale “Kelly” Rein.

Military: Brandon Wirth, Derek and Evy Rabuck.

Family and Friends: Paul Cromwell, Connie Heyman, Fred & Ilsa Voss, Pastor Gary & Allie Owens, Ardith Wilkins, Mary Lazor, Sharon Clark, Pastor Peter Bergstresser, Sue Bearc, Sharon Rowe, Jon Noaker, Jen, family and friends of Jim Hare, Chris Lee, Steve Rishel, Tom and Julie Shutt, Rita Grimes, John Fritz, Christina Koons, Lee Snyder, Fred Greenwalt, Lauren Hauck, Lance Strickland, Mike Moyer, Beverly Bardnard, Cathy Carpenter, Betsy Mertz, baby Landon and Nick Mensch, Harold Snyder, June Eschbach, Elma Zeiber, Kimberly Barner, Dan Baker.

We want to pray for you!

Please call the office at, 570-568-2254 or
email your prayer request to, office@unitedinchristlutheran.net

AUGUST WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Please remove and post on the fridge.

	AUG. 6	AUG. 13	AUG. 20	AUG. 27
Altar Guild	S. Weiser	S. Keifer	K. Guffey	J. Mertz
Greeter	D. Baker Karen B. G. Weiser	E. Brown S. Brown K. Guffey	S. Keifer B. Keifer L. Rabuck	B. Swartz T. Swartz E. Brouse
Acolyte	A. Danowsky	L. Shearer	E. Danowsky	O. Arndt
Asst. Minister	A. Baker	C. Zimmerman	B. Swartz	M. Shearer
Lector	M. Shearer	H. Marsh	Ken Baker	S. Keifer
Comm. Asst.	W. Wirth H. Marsh	S. Danowsky M. Murray	M. Baker K. Koch	D. Baker D. Shearer
Usher	D. Shearer S. McPherrin T. Swartz C. Troxell	L. Caris B. Koch R. Kling B. Troxell	D. Baker C. Dinsmore S. Dinsmore M. Rabuck	Karen B. K. Arndt L. Rabuck E. Brown
Guest Relations	B. Keifer	T. McPherrin	H. Marsh	Ken Baker
Offering Counter	C. Zimmerman K. Guffey	W. Wirth M. Shearer	J. Sheaffer M. Rabuck	W. Wirth T. Snyder
Bread/Wine	W. Wirth	C. Zimmerman	K. Criswell	K. Guffey
Social Hour	E - K	L - R	S - Z	A - D

Thank you to those who serve during Sunday Worship!

Thank you for volunteering to help make our worship service complete. If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, please trade with someone else on the schedule and then notify the office of this change as soon as possible. If you are unable to trade with someone on the schedule, please call Terri Cromwell at the church 570-568-2254, or on her cell 570-850-5730.

Help Us Support Area Students in Need!



UIC Social Ministry will be collecting the following school supplies for children in need in the Milton School District:

- ◆ NOTEBOOKS
- ◆ BINDERS
- ◆ LUNCH BAGS
- ◆ BACKPACKS
- ◆ GLUE STICKS
- ◆ CRAYONS
- ◆ RULERS
- ◆ PENCILS
- ◆ PENCIL BOXES
- ◆ ERASERS



Please drop off school supplies in the collection box in the fellowship hall by August 18th.

We will be dedicating these items on
**Blessing of the Backpacks
Sunday Aug. 20th**

MEMBER UPDATES



DALE L. REIN
8/16/16 - 7/21/17



Change of
Address

Cami Zimmerman
40 Cherry Tree Lane
Turbotville PA 17772

HAPPY
Anniversary

Sue Oliver and Diane Rocek 8/12



Happy Birthday



Amy Danowsky 8/2	Steve Shearer 8/13
Peg Swinehart 8/3	Bob Troxell 8/19
Jen Sheaffer 8/4	Marie Tanner 8/19
Ruth Stump 8/4	Gerald Baker 8/20
Trent Russell 8/7	Terry Snyder 8/21
Dustin Kemper 8/11	Sonja Noll 8/23
Ava Hauck 8/12	Justin Cooley 8/24
Herb Marsh 8/12	Daniel Danowsky 8/26

YOUTH AND FAMILY

CAR WASH AT KOST TIRE

The Youth held a car wash fundraiser at Kost Tire in Lewisburg on Saturday, June 3. We had a good turnout and raised over \$260.

TEXAS ROADHOUSE FUNDRAISING NIGHT

On June 14 we raised \$125 from meals at Texas Roadhouse. The youth set up a table with candy they made, chocolate covered oreos and pretzels. The chocolate raised over \$172!



SWEET FROG FUNDRAISER

What better way to end an evening in July than by enjoying some frozen yogurt! On July 19th Sweet Frog donated 25% of our purchases to the Youth, which came to a little over \$87!



UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

YOUTH LOCK-IN



Join us for our end of the summer Youth Lock-In starting at 6p.m. on Friday, August 18 and ending at 10a.m. on Saturday, August 19.

Please bring a drink and snack to share for Friday night and something to share for breakfast on Saturday morning. Please let Terri Cromwell or Pastor Justin know if your students plans to attend, that will give us a good idea of how many chaperones we will need for the night.

YOUTH GATHERING DEADLINE

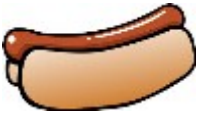


The 2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering is quickly approaching! With that in mind, we will need hard commitments from individuals in order to register for the Gathering in the coming weeks.

Any youth fully planning to attend the 2018 Gathering in Houston from June 27-July 1 should contact the church office or talk to Pastor Justin by **Sept. 1, 2017** so we can get everyone registered on time.

We are looking forward to these five days of worship, learning, Bible Study and service under the coming year's theme of "**This Changes Everything.**"

WAL-MART FOOD STAND ~ AUGUST 5



The Youth will have a Hotdog Stand at Wal-Mart in Lewisburg from 10am-2pm.

PERKINS FUNDRAISER ~ AUGUST 16

The fundraiser lasts all day on Wed., August 16, and can be used in the bakery or in the restaurant. You must give Perkins the coupon below in order for the youth to receive 15% of your purchases. Additional copies can be either picked up at church or can be printed from the Church Calendar on the church's website, [here](#).

DINE TO DONATE

Please present this to the cashier

August 16th, 2017

**And Perkins Restaurant and Bakery
will donate 15% of your total bill to:
United in Christ Lutheran Church**

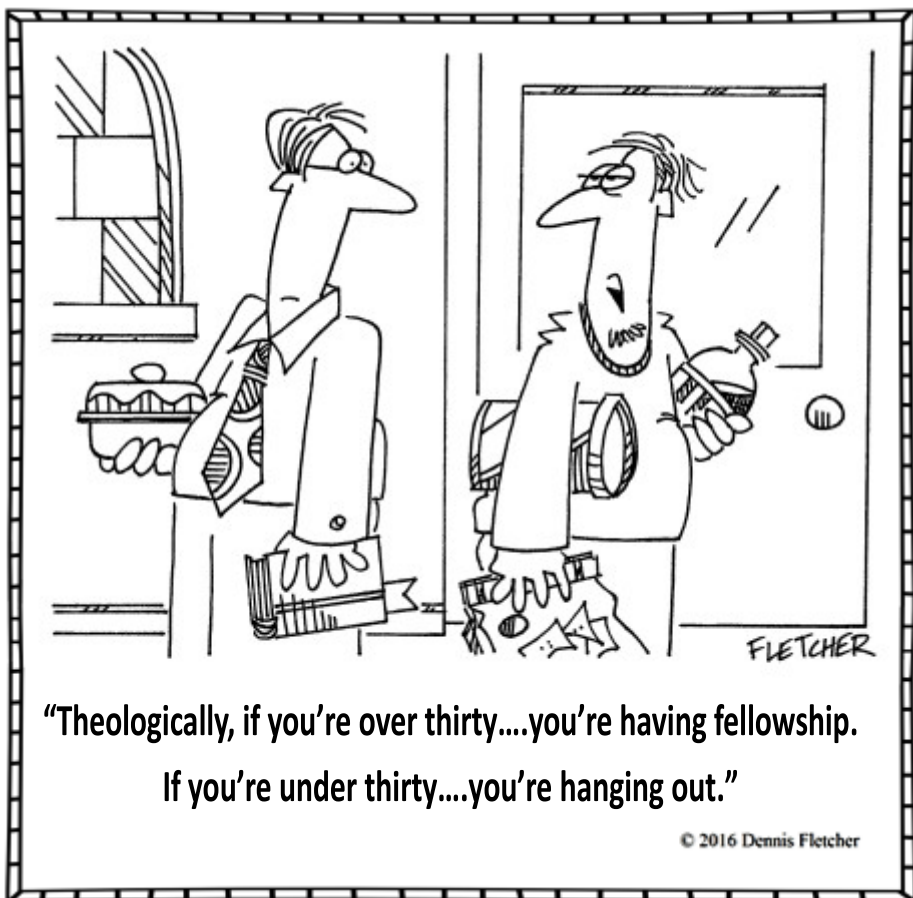


Coupon Expires: August 16th, 2017

**Valid only at Perkins Restaurant & Bakery located at:
Lewisburg**

One coupon per person at participating Perkins Restaurant & bakery locations. Not valid with any other discount or offer. Coupon void if purchased, sold or bartered for cash. Only original coupons accepted. Mutilated, tampered, forged or photocopied coupons are not accepted. Sales tax, if applicable, must be paid by customer.

Always pray to have eyes that
see the best in people,
a heart that forgives the worst,
a mind that forgets the bad,
and a soul that never loses faith in God.



**“Theologically, if you’re over thirty....you’re having fellowship.
If you’re under thirty....you’re hanging out.”**

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Older Adults Kickin' it up! Monthly Senior Center

JUNE 2017



James Malee, an attorney from Malee Law Firm in Lewisburg, came to OAKs to educate us on Elder Law Needs. He spoke on the different types of Power Of At-



torneys, Living and Last Wills, nursing home care, and probate and inheritance tax. We had lots of questions and he answered all of them!

Lunch would never be possible without the help of the OAKs Committee! Here are two of them, Shirley McPherrin and Jane Mertz.

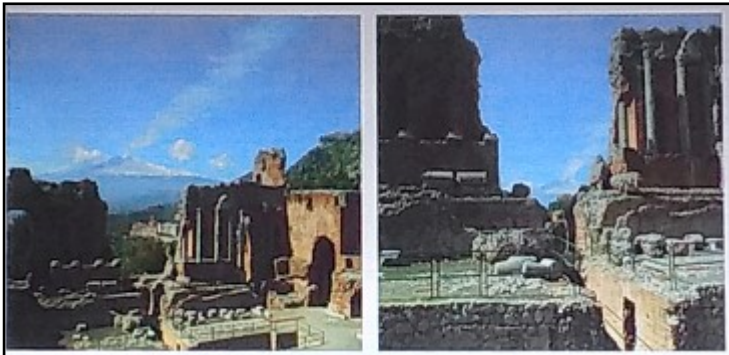


JULY 2017



Ruby and Ken Baker took a trip to Sicily and Southern Italy this past March. On July 12, Ruby Baker shared a PowerPoint presentation of their trip. This was by far the most people that have stayed for a presentation. Even the people that only come for lunch stayed!

GREEK THEATRE



SASSI DE MATERA





Older Adults Kickin' it up! Monthly Senior Center

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9 ~ 10am-2pm

10am - SOCIAL TIME

11am - FREE BINGO & PRIZES

12pm - FREE HOT LUNCH

12:30pm - MEDICATION SAFETY PRESENTATION



**Union County Farmers
Market Produce
Vouchers will be
distributed from
10am-12noon, along
with a list of where
you can use the
vouchers.**

THANK YOU's

Mount Luther is so very grateful for all the gifts that congregations donate to us each year. These gifts come in many forms, and we would like to say thank you for your support.

In Christ, Chad Hershberger, Executive Director of CML

Thanks for the \$210 you have given to the Manna. You have been so nice in such a thoughtful way. It's hard to find a way to thank each one of you. The Manna is grateful and this comes straight from the heart.

God Bless, Mazeppa Manna Outreach

Kathy Guffey, thank you for scheduling the carpet cleaning this year. Ken Criswell, thank you so much for unlocking and locking the church for the cleaners!!

~ Terri Cromwell

Worshipping among the people of God at United In Christ was a true blessing!

~ Pastor Allison

My United in Christ Family,

Thank you for your words of kindness and encouragement, notes and prayers, throughout this challenging time for me. Also, thank you for the lovely prayer shawl. It warmed my heart!

~ Lisane Snyder

Shirley McPherrin, Ruby Baker, Jane Mertz, Sharon Weiser, and Ken Baker, thank you for manning the office and answering the phones for me while I was away at Creation!

~Terri

A big THANK YOU to Kathy Guffey for organizing the Son's Banquet and to all of the ladies that help her!

*United In Christ Family,
Thank you all for an incredible whirlwind of a week from Call Vote to Ordination. Every visitor I spoke to told me about how friendly and welcoming you were to them. And that's not to mention how much we all loved the food! Thank you all for your work in welcoming all and making for a weekend I will never forget! I'm really excited for what is ahead.
Peace, Pastor Justin*

*Ruby Baker, thank you for your wonderful presentation of Italy and Sicily during OAKs. It is a destination I know I'll never see in person and it was wonderful to see it through your eyes!
~ Terri Cromwell*

*Thank you for Participating in our Dine to Donate night at Texas Roadhouse!
Sincerely, Texas Roadhouse*

*Dear Pastor and Congregation,
Congratulations Reverend Justin Lingenfelter on your Ordination! HandUP Foundation would like to express a heartfelt thank you for the donation we received from the offering from Rev. Lingenfelter's Ordination. It is my pleasure to tell you about our newest project at HandUP Foundation. Renewed Hope Women Home, is an in-house program that is 4-6 months long and focuses on emotional healing, educational training, and life skills. This is an opportunity for women in crisis to start over.
Blessings, Patti Snyder*

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