



November  
2017  
NEWSLETTER

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Give **THANKS**  
*to the*

**LORD** *for*  
*He*

*His* **IS GOOD**

**LOVE**  
*endures*

**FOREVER**

Psalm 107:1

# UNITED IN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

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**Worship with Holy Communion - Sunday, 10am**

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday through Friday, 9am to 2pm.**

### UIC COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

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

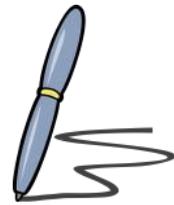
### ***United in Christ's Mission Statement:***

*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

<b>SAT, NOV. 4</b>	<b>TURN CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR</b>
<b>SUN, NOV. 5</b>	<b>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</b>
<b>TUE, NOV. 7</b>	<b>ELECTION DAY, UIC POLLING LOCATION</b>
<b>NOV.7-NOV.9</b>	<b>PASTOR AWAY</b>
<b>WED, NOV. 8</b>	<b>OAKS</b>
<b>SAT, NOV. 11</b>	<b>BABY STEPS DIAPER PANTRY</b>
<b>SUN, NOV. 12</b>	<b>CONFIRMATION SUNDAY</b>
<b>MON, NOV. 13</b>	<b>DEC. NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>
<b>WED, NOV. 15</b>	<b>COUNCIL MEETING</b>
<b>SUN, NOV. 19</b>	<b>CONGREGATIONAL MEETING</b>
<b>THU, NOV. 23</b>	<b>THANKSGIVING DAY OFFICE CLOSED</b>
<b>FRI, NOV. 24</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>

# FROM THE PASTOR



*But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;*

*I have called you by name, you are mine.*

*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.*

*Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.*

*I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?*

*I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*

Isaiah 43:1-2,18-19

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What are you remembering? What is it that your mind wanders to in your idle moments of reflection? Who's subconsciously tugging at your heartstrings these days? November has always felt to me like a month for a lot of good remembering. As we move steadily through Autumn and as our days grow shorter, maybe it's the very subduing of creation itself that causes us to pause and reflect on where we've been and how we've gotten to where we are now. Even in our own cultural institutions, this is a month when we are invited to gather together with those closest to us and remember all of the things for which we are continually thankful.

We start this month, just as we do every November, with All Saints Day, a day in which we are invited to remember all of those who are no longer in our midst. For some of us, though, the remembering that this day invites may be diffi-

cult. Many of us are still acutely aware of the pain we feel from the loss of loved ones near and dear to us. Even now, sometimes the remembering can only come from behind tears of grief.

Yet, even in such grief-bearing remembering, God meets us and speaks God's word of abundance to us. The prophet Isaiah bears God's message: the God who created and formed you, you who grieve and you whom we remember, calls and redeems and names you as God's own. When our remembering causes us grief, as we remember the pain that comes from the old ways of brokenness and death, those things that separate us one from another, when such remembering takes you through the wilderness, God promises a new thing. It's a new thing that springs forth from the unexpected places. It's a new thing that turns what we remembered upside down. It's a new thing that conquers death with the insistence of life.

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## ALL SAINTS DAY

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On this All Saints Day, and throughout this month of remembering, we give thanks to God for the witness of all the saints who have served beside us, but have since been welcomed into the fullness of God's presence. We give thanks for these new things God has done for us and for those who have gone before. I hope that the remembering of this month will provide you with the opportunity to also recognize God's Spirit still at work in and through this community. Come and see!

~ Pastor Justin



# Baby Steps

## DIAPER PANTRY

### CELEBRATES 1 YEAR!

Since October 2016, the diaper pantry has given  
16,200 diapers to area families!

OCT. 2016	920 DIAPERS	MAY 2017	1,120 DIAPERS
NOV. 2016	1720 DIAPERS	JUN. 2017	1,200 DIAPERS
DEC. 2016	1960 DIAPERS	JUL. 2017	1,800 DIAPERS
JAN. 2017	800 DIAPERS	AUG. 2017	840 DIAPERS
FEB. 2017	1040 DIAPERS	SEPT. 2017	1,480 DIAPERS
MAR. 2017	1000 DIAPERS	OCT. 2017	1,160 DIAPERS
APR. 2017	1,160 DIAPERS		

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## CHILDREN'S BOOK

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The Milton/Warrior Run Kiwanis Club has partnered with Baby Steps Diaper Pantry. The Kiwanis has supplied the pantry with children's books, which are handed out every month at the pantry.

The Kiwanis also held two fundraisers at Wendy's in Lewisburg (\$181.07 + \$141.01), which they donated to the pantry.



The Bowen Agency in Lewisburg, Selinsgrove, and Sunbury held a diaper drive and donating them to Baby Steps Diaper Pantry at United in Christ Lutheran Church.



# Baby Steps DIAPER PANTRY

2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH  
OPEN FROM 10AM-11:30AM

Next Distribution: Saturday, Nov. 11

Diapers will be given to families in the surrounding communities of Lewisburg, Mifflinburg, Milton and Watsonstown.

1 bag (40 diapers) per child.

# YOUTH AND FAMILY



YOUTH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10



## PANERA BREAD FUNDRAISER

On Monday, October 16,  
UIC's Youth Group  
raised over \$240!!





## CROP WALK

Larissa and Michelle Shearer, along with Pastor Justin and his wife Kelsey, participated in the Lewisburg CROP Walk this year. It was a beautiful day for the walk. Thank you to everyone that participated. We were able to raise \$313!



## HAY RIDE

UIC was invited to St. John Lutheran Church in Potts Grove for their annual hay ride.





# SOCIAL MINISTRY

On Sunday, October 8, the Social Ministry Committee helped with the Community Meal at Christ Lutheran. The congregation donated tea rolls and cupcakes and approximately 8 people came out to help serve the meal.

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On Sunday, September 10, United In Christ participated in God's Work, Our Hands Sunday by going out into our community and serving those around us.

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



UIC partnered with Love, In the Name of Christ (Love, INC) in Milton and worked on a few projects they had in the works.

Because of her health, Cynthia hasn't been able to cut her grass, or trim her bushes in quite a long time. Thank you to everyone who came out and helped give Cynthia's yard a much needed facelift.



UIC also stopped by Beverly's house and sealed the wood on her wheelchair ramp.



Thrivent Financial encourages its members to make an impact in their community by starting a Thrivent Action Team. Mark Rabuck did just

that. He was award a \$250 grant, which he used to purchase beans for the Ham and Bean Soup. 2 kettles of soup were cooked at the church on Friday, September 15, then another 2 kettles were cooked the following day at Milton's Harvest Festival.



**WE RAISED \$1,190 FOR HURRICANE VICTIMS!!**

# NOVEMBER WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	<b>Nov. 5</b>	<b>Nov. 12</b>	<b>Nov. 19</b>	<b>Nov. 26</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	S. Keifer	J. Mertz	C. Troxell	S. Weiser
<b>Greeter</b>	Karen B.	E. Brown	L. Danowsky	K. Noll
	D. Baker	S. Brown	J. Snyder	S. Noll
	B. Keifer	Jen Sheaffer	T. Snyder	L. Rabuck
<b>Acolyte</b>	A. Danowsky	E. Danowsky	L. Shearer	A. Danowsky
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	A. Baker	T. McPherrin	M. Shearer	B. Swartz
<b>Lector</b>	M. Shearer	S. Keifer	C. Zimmerman	A. Baker
<b>Comm. Asst.</b>	M. Baker	S. Danowsky	D. Baker	T. Snyder
	D. Shearer	M. Murray	K. Koch	C. Troxell
<b>Usher</b>	K. Arndt	L. Caris	Karen. B.	T. Swartz
	C. Dinsmore	K. Criswell	E. Brouse	B. Troxell
	S. Dinsmore	K. Guffey	B. Koch	C. Zimmerman
	J. Mertz	S. McPherrin	W. Wirth	M. Rabuck
<b>Guest Relations</b>	T. McPherrin	Ken Baker	F. Danowsky	M. Mertz
<b>Offering Counter</b>	J. Sheaffer	W. Wirth	C. Zimmerman	W. Wirth
	K. Guffey	M. Rabuck	K. Guffey	M. Shearer
<b>Bread/Wine</b>	T. Snyder	S. Dinsmore	P. Swinehart	C. Troxell
<b>Social Hour</b>	L - R	S - Z	A - D	E - K

## Please take schedule out of newsletter and keep.

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, please trade with someone else on the schedule and then notify the office of the change. If you are unable to trade with someone, please call Terri Cromwell at the church 570-568-2254, or on her cell 570-850-5730.

Visit our website, [www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/calendar](http://www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/calendar), to view UIC's Online Calendar. Click on any "worship" event and you'll find a list of worship volunteers for that particular Sunday.

# MEMBER UPDATES

*Congratulations!*



Justin and Nicole Cooley welcomed their new daughter into the world on September 11, 2017. Scarlette Leanne Cooley was 6lbs 14oz and 18.5" long.

Krista Wirth and Deven Lebaron welcomed their new daughter into the world on September 17, 2017. Willow Jean Lebaron was 7lbs 3oz and 18" long.



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## Happy Birthday



James Arndt 11/1	Brooke Zimmerman 11/17
Merv Reedy 11/2	Mike Baker 11/19
Marcus Brouse 11/3	Elizabeth Divers 11/22
Owen Arndt 11/4	Joan Kethem 11/24
Kathy Guffey 11/4	Woody Warren 11/28
Alecia Engle 11/9	Danielle Murphy 11/30
Trudy Swartz 11/9	John Russell 11/30
Mary Baker 11/15	Julia Murphy 11/30
Sherrie Danowsky 11/16	

# Congratulations Mr & Mrs



On Sunday, September 10,  
Frank and Bertie Danowsky  
renewed their wedding  
vows after 50 wonderful  
years together!

On Saturday, October 28,  
Aaron Guffey and Beth Waits  
were married here at UIC.  
Congratulations to you both!

# HAPPY *Anniversary*

Terry and Cindy Snyder 11/2/15

Mark and Lisa Rabuck 11/8/75

Willard and Pam Hauck 11/13/71

Bob and Sue Keifer 11/25/61

Mike and Jane Mertz 11/28/81

John and Shirley Russell 11/30/56



## *Welcome*

*We are so very blessed to welcome 8 new members to United In Christ! Don Byerly, his wife Dr. Sharon Larson-Byerly and their granddaughter Leanne Larson, Beth Guffey, Rick Whitesel and his partner Mike Ketchem, and Rod Noll and his son Colby Noll, joined UIC on October 15.*



## 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, Arna Dershem, Cheryl Baker, Jeffrey Byerly, Alice Snyder, Willard Hauck, George Rice, 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, Joan Ketchem, Peg Swinehart.

**Military:** Brandon Wirth, Derek and Evy Rabuck.

**Family and Friends:** Paul Cromwell, 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, Steve Rishel, Tom and Julie Shutt, Rita Grimes, Christina Koons, Lee Snyder, Fred Greenwalt, Lauren Hauck, Mike Moyer, Beverly Bardnard, Cathy Carpenter, Betsy Mertz, baby Landon and Nick Mensch, Harold Snyder, June Eschbach, Elma Zeiber, Kimberly Barner, Dan Baker, Trish Baker, Larry Erb, Patrick Payne, Abe Koons, Bob Klinger, Emma Baker, Tony Dimassimo, Family and friends of Patricia Pfleegor, Lois Herbster, Paul and Ken Engle, Jonathan Gresh, Elwood Russell, Pat Klobe.

We want to pray for you!

Please call the office at, 570-568-2254 or  
email your prayer request to, [office@unitedinchristlutheran.net](mailto:office@unitedinchristlutheran.net)

**SO NEW**  
MAILING  
ADDRESS



*Please update our mailing address  
in your records to:*

**UNITED IN CHRIST  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1875 Churches Road  
Lewisburg, PA 17837**

# CAMP MOUNT LUTHER BENEFIT



If you choose to purchase any bottles of wine that evening, a portion of the proceeds will be given to Camp Mount Luther.

**FRIDAY, NOV. 3, 2017 ~ 6pm to 8pm**

Entertainment will be provided by Bernie Rich, local musician who sings contemporary folk music and Christian anthems.

**SPACE IS LIMITED**

Please make your reservations with the camp office at 570-922-1587 or email [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org).

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Please help us fill the sanctuary with beautiful poinsettias in memory or honor of those loved by members of the congregation at United In Christ.

After brightening our sanctuary, these beautiful plants can be taken home or you can choose for them to be delivered to members of our congregation who are unable to make it to church.

**COST IS \$6.50**

Dedicate a poinsettia by submitting an order form, along with payment, no later than Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Order forms can be found in the fellowship hall on the signup table.

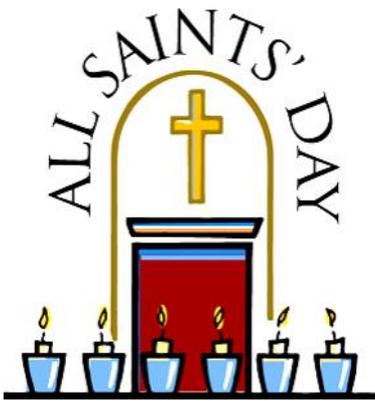
**Poinsettias are a beautiful gift to our Lord  
and a wonderful expression of our love for God  
and all he has given us!**

# NOVEMBER 4

*Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed!*



# NOVEMBER 5



*On ALL SAINTS SUNDAY we remember all of those who are no longer in our midst. Family members and friends are invited to light candles in honor of loved ones*

*who were born or baptized in the past year.*

*Also, in memory of loved ones who have passed into eternal life.*

# NOVEMBER 23 & 24

*The church office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24.*





# Older Adults Kickin' it up! Monthly Senior Center

Wednesday, November 8, 10am-2pm

10 am - Social Hour

11 am - Free Bingo with Prizes

12 pm - Free Lunch

1 pm - Presentation by the Alzheimer's  
Association of PA

**KNOW** the  
**10 SIGNS**  
EARLY DETECTION MATTERS



- The facts about Alzheimer's
- How to get diagnosis
- Future planning
- Importance of early detection
- Q&A time

**1 in 9** AMERICANS OVER 65 HAVE ALZHEIMER'S

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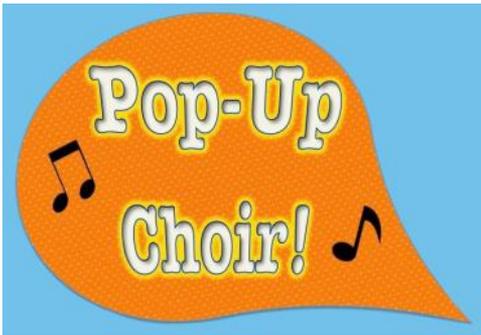
# ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

On Sunday, November 19, we will hold a congregational meeting immediately following service. We will be voting on the 2018 proposed budget and electing Council members for the coming year.

Copies of the 2018 proposed budget are on the signup table in the Fellowship Hall. Please take a copy and review it before the meeting.



We are currently accepting nominations for council. We have 3 people coming off whose seats need to be filled for the coming year, Elwood Brown, Willard Hauck and Wendy Wirth. Council members are elected for a term of 3 years. If you would like to nominate someone or yourself, you may do so by either contacting Pastor Justin or a current member of council.



*Marilyn, our organist, is starting a Pop-Up Choir, which will occasionally sing, but will sit with their family and friends during service. The choir will come up front to sing, then return to their seats afterward.*

*There will not be choir robes or lots of rehearsals. The Pop-Up Choir is open to anyone in high school and older.*

***Please see Marilyn if you would like to participate.***

# WELCOME TABLE

On the Welcome Table in the Fellowship Hall you'll find 3 different devotionals, Our Daily Bread, Christ in Our Home, and The Word in Season. You'll also find copies of the Living Lutheran Magazine and UIC's current newsletter, along with information on resources within the community and hand-outs from previous OAKs Senior Center days.

**Quick Guide to UIC**

- Worship Time**  
Sundays at 10:00am
- Adult Education Forum**  
Sundays at 9:00am
- Sunday School (K-6th)**  
Every-other Sunday at 9:00am
- Youth Group (7th-12)**  
Every-other Sunday at 5:00pm
- Bible Study**  
Tuesdays at 6:30pm
- Yoga**  
Mondays at 7:00pm
- OAKs Senior Center**  
Second Wednesday of the month from 10:00am-2:00pm
- Baby Steps Diaper Pantry**  
Second Saturday of the month from 10:00am-11:30am

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

Pastor Justin has updated our brochure.

*Do you have someone you've wanted to invite to church?*

*Take a brochure and give it to them.*

It's an easy way to tell someone about UIC.

**OUR CALLING**  
Lay worship leader, Carol, prays with one of our youngest members.

**FAITH FORMATION**  
At United In Christ, we offer a variety of age-appropriate faith formation experiences. We invite all to bring their curiosity and questions as we are drawn into Scripture and led by the Holy Spirit in our searching.

**BABY STEPS DIAPER PANTRY**  
On the second Saturday of every month, from 10am-11:30am, United In Christ holds a pantry for baby diapers for families in need. The pantry is open to the public and provides diapers for newborns up through size six.

**OAKs**  
OAKs (Older Adults Kickin It up) Senior Center meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 10am-2pm. The program includes free bingo with prizes, a free nutritious lunch, and a speaker and/or activity. All are welcome to join us!

**Come and see!**  
UIC member, Dylan, lends a helping hand during God's Work, Our Hands Sunday.



# THE STORY

The Story is a condensed, chronological Bible that reads like a novel

God goes to great lengths to rescue lost and hurting people. That is what *"The Story"* is all about: the story of the Bible, God's great love affair with humanity.

*"The Story"* was written to help make the Bible more accessible to those who may get lost in the language. There are no verse references, and scripture is seamlessly woven together with text, into a single grand narrative.

For those intimidated or overwhelmed by the complete, full-length Bible, *"The Story"* helps people understand God's Word more fully and engage with it more easily.

**ADULT FORUM MEETS SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9AM.**

## PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY



Pastor Justin holds a bible study on Tuesday evenings in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!**

# THANK YOU's

*Thank you Elwood Brown, Frank Danowsky, Ken Noll and Mike Baker for installing UIC's new mailbox.*

*Thank you Dave Baker, for installing the new lights in the sanctuary.*

*Thank you to everyone who came out and worked on UIC's God's Work, Our Hands community projects!*

*The ham and bean soup was a huge success, but it wouldn't have been without all of you who donated ingredients and volunteered to help prep, cook, bottle, setup, sell and cleanup. UIC is blessed to have each and every one of you!!*

*Thank you so much for the prayers and loving thoughts as I've gone through a very bad time. Thank you for the cards, visits and food. Herb didn't have to cook for two nights. I've really missed my church family and hope to get back soon. I really appreciate the communion at home. I truly miss all of it!*

*In Christian love, Viv & Herb Marsh*

*Thank you Scott Danowsky for volunteering to fill in as Sexton in Terry's absence.*

*Youth Group, thank you to those who come out and man the information tables at our restaurant fundraisers.*

*Florence Van Dyke, thank you for taking the food from Harvest Home Sunday and delivering it to Mazeppa Manna and Milton's HandUp.*

***September and October were busy months.  
United In Christ is so blessed to have such a  
wonderful congregation, Thank You!!***

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