



FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

BLESSINGS
faith love
caring smiles
prayer
follow joy
HAPPY
SWEET
family SERVE **DREAMS** DAUGHTER
mother seek cherish lead **BEAUTIFUL**
GOD LAUGH **JESUS** LORD together
home father SON *Holy Spirit* ♥ **ALWAYS**
celebration memories **HUGS**
Loyal FREE
FOREVER
gratitude
HOPE wise
knowledge
BELIEVE
Teacher **HERO**
Compassion
kindness *Respect*
STRENGTHEN

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Worship with Holy Communion - Sunday, 10am

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday, 9am to 2pm.

UIC COUNCIL MEMBERS

Cami Zimmerman, President	1 st term, ends 12/2018
Charlie Dinsmore, V. President	1 st term, ends 12/2018
Annette Baker, Secretary	2 nd term, ends 12/2018
Ken Baker, Treasurer	1 st term, ends 12/2020
Ken Criswell	1 st term, ends 12/2019
Amy Danowsky	1 st term, ends 12/2019
Frank Danowsky	1 st term, ends 12/2018
Marianne Murray	1 st term, ends 12/2019
John Sheaffer	2 nd term, ends 12/2018
Bob Swartz	2 nd 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

SAT, FEB. 3 PICKING UP FOOD DONATIONS

SUN, FEB. 4 SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

SAT, FEB 10 BABY STEPS DIAPER PANTRY

**SUN, FEB 11 UIC SPONSORING COMMUNITY
MEAL @ CHRIST LUTHERAN**

**WED, FEB 14 OAKS
ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP**

MON, FEB 19 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

WED, FEB 21 LENTEN SOUP & STUDY BEGINS
Wednesday nights during Lent.

SUN, FEB 25 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
A Congregational Meeting will be held
after worship to hear committee
reports, and the audit report.

FROM THE PASTOR



Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Psalm 51:1-6

Dear United In Christ,

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. This annual reminder of our existence comes to us once again as we move towards Ash Wednesday this month. As we gather for worship to hear this truth spoken to us, once again, and as we receive the mark of the cross in ash on our very selves, we are reminded of the wilderness of our own sin as we head into the wilderness of Lent. Many of us will mark these days with our own set of personal practices; some will try their hardest to “give something up” for these forty days while others may try to take on a new practice of discipleship to mark this time. In either case, it all starts with this reminder and this tactile mark of our own

mortality on Ash Wednesday which, this year, also happens to fall on Valentine's Day.

How romantic.

Now I'm not advocating for anyone to go get ash-filled chocolates for their sweetheart, nor am I saying that Hallmark should pick up a new line of greeting cards to give out with our ashes in worship, but I do wonder if this convergence may actually be more appropriate than we think. After all, the plea of the psalmist should be the same on our lips this Lenten season: "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love." This season of wilderness, this time of called returning toward God, it's a time that reminds us not only of how insignificant we may be, but it also reminds us of the one who nevertheless cares for and loves each of us. Even as we remember the dusty bookends that mark our lives, we remember that all that we have been, all that we are, and all that we will be is exactly what God has made us. Out of such a steadfast love, God offers to each of us a life that God finds worthy of being scrubbed clean on account of Christ.

So happy Ash-Valentines-Wednesday-Day. In the wild season of Lent, I pray that you may be drawn just a little nearer to the God who loves your dusty-ashy self. I pray that in such an encounter, you may be renewed to go back out into the world and meet those around us with that same life-giving love of God. Come and see!

Yours, united in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Justin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP



All are welcome to join us for worship this Ash Wednesday (2/14) at 7:00pm here at United In Christ. Our service will include Holy Communion as well as the imposition of ashes. We hope you will join us as we begin the forty days of our Lenten journey together.

LENTEN SOUP AND STUDY: WOMEN AND JUSTICE

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Draft Social Statement on Women and Justice

For Study and Response
Prior to September 30, 2018

This Lenten season, United In Christ will be hosting a Soup and Study series focused on the ELCA's "Draft Social Statement on Women and Justice." As they have

regarding other social issues, the ELCA is looking for feedback on this statement from congregations across the country. As we come together to study the statement, we will reflect on the ways in which we as the Church can better work towards true God-given equality for women, as well as the ways in which we as the Church have often failed to embody such equality.

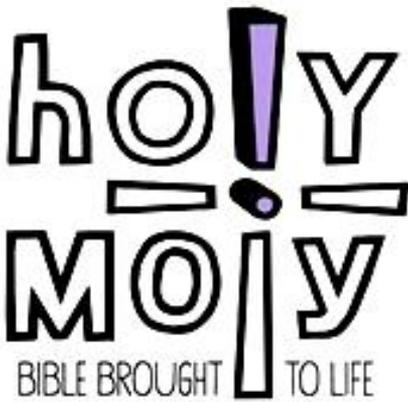
We will gather each Wednesday night in Lent at 6:30pm to discuss the various sections of the statement. Please see the signup sheet in the fellowship hall if you would like to participate and/or would like to bring soup!

All voices are welcome and encouraged to attend!

HOLY MOLY CLUB

The Holy Moly Club, our Sunday morning education opportunity for students in grades k-6, continues to meet every other Sunday.

This month, we will get together on February 11th and February 25th at 9:00am to hear Jesus' parables about the sower and the mustard seed.



If you see any of our Holy Moly students around the church this month, be sure to ask them what they learned! If you could use a little brushing up yourself, check out **Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23** for the Parable of the Sower and **Mark 4:30-32** for the Parable of the Mustard Seed!

ADULT FORUM

For the next few weeks, the Adult Forum will alternate between two different curricula. On the weeks that Holy Moly Club meets, Pastor Justin will lead the forum in a study on the same Bible texts that the Holy Moly students will be learning about. On the other weeks, we will be working through Rob Bell's *Nooma* study series.

No previous experience is required and all are invited to join us at 9:00am every Sunday morning!

Come and see!

YOUTH AND FAMILY



The Youth played
Minute To Win It
games at the
New Year's Lock-In.



SCOUTS



Last month, Pastor Justin was invited to speak to two of the Cub Scout dens about what it means to live out our “duty

to God,” just as they say in their Scout Oath each week. Gathered in the sanctuary, they explored all the ways in which God first fulfills God’s promises to each of us. Through our confession and forgiveness, through hearing the Word proclaimed, through communion, and through baptism, God continually fulfills God’s promises to offer grace and forgiveness in God’s love. They also learned how, when Jesus was asked which “duty,” which law, was the most important, he said that we are called to love God with all that we have and that we should love our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 22:36-40). In short, our only duty is to share in the love that God has already given!



IMPORTANT LINKS



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UIC's website: www.unitedinchristlutheran.net

Newsletter Archive: Read current and past newsletters.
www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/newsletter

Church Calendar: Stay up-to-date on everything that's happening at UIC and Sunday's Worship Volunteers are listed each week in each "worship" event.

www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/calendar

Sermons: Listen to a sermon you may have missed or just listen to it again and read the reading from that day.

www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/sermons

LET US KNOW



Please let us know when you are in the hospital or have an upcoming surgery by calling the church office at 570-568-2254 or Pastor Justin at 610-973-4052. Please do not assume that if you tell someone in church that the office or pastor will find out.

Because of confidentiality issues, it's best if you contact Pastor Justin or the church office directly. Contact the office if you would like to be put on the prayer list. We would love to prayer for you!

FEBRUARY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

* Please remove from newsletter and post on your fridge.*

	Feb. 4	Feb. 11	Ash Wed. Feb. 14	Feb. 18	Feb. 25
Altar Guild	K. Guffey B. Guffey	S. Keifer	J. Mertz B. Guffey	C. Troxell B. Guffey	S. Weiser B. Guffey
Greeter	S. Keifer B. Keifer R. Kling	A. Guffey B. Guffey K. Guffey	L. Rabuck Jen Sheaffer J. Sheaffer	J. Snyder T. Snyder N. Walter	G. Weiser K. Noll S. Noll
Acolyte	E. Danowsky	D. Sheaffer	L. Shearer	K. Swanger	L. Warren-Lee
Asst. Min.	B. Swartz	C. Zimmerman	A. Baker	T. McPherrin	M. Shearer
Lector	A. Baker	Ken B.	B. Swartz	R. Baker	B. Guffey
Comm. Asst.	D. Baker S. Weiser	S. Danowsky Jen Sheaffer	B. Guffey M. Baker	K. Criswell A. Guffey	A. Baker W. Wirth
Usher	L. Caris K. Criswell B. Koch J. Mertz	K. Arndt O. Arndt T. Swartz B. Troxell	C. Dinsmore S. Dinsmore C. Troxell W. Wirth	S. McPherrin M. Rabuck S. Brown D. Baker	D. Shearer C. Zimmerman Karen B. E. Brouse
Guest Rel.	Ken B.	M. Mertz	None	F. Danowsky	J. Mertz
Offering Counter	M. Rabuck M. Shearer	C. Zimmerman J. Sheaffer	M. Rabuck W. Wirth	J. Sheaffer M. Shearer	C. Zimmerman K. Guffey
Bread/Wine	J. Mertz	J. Sheaffer	S. Noll	O. Rishel	M. Shearer
Social Hour	E - K	L - R	None	S - Z	A - D

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.

MEMBER UPDATES

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please call the church office with these dates.

Happy Birthday



Larissa Shearer 2/3

Eleanor Brouse 2/14

Dalton Shearer 2/4

Annette Baker 2/19

Delroy Caris 2/5

Elwood Brown 2/19

Jeffrey Snyder 2/6

Gwen Murphy 2/19

Desiree Swartz 2/6

Mary Lou Keifer 2/21

Aaron Guffey 2/10

Brittany Guffey 2/27

Maiya Hauck 2/10

HAPPY Anniversary

Mel and Nancy Baker 2/14/03

Gerald and Carolyn Baker 2/17/62

Ken and Margaret Kahler 2/14/58

Mac and Mary Lou Keifer 2/26/15

Jack and Cheryl Stiber 2/26/65

Herb and Vivian Marsh 2/28/59



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED:

Our Members: Nelson and Esther Minium, Marie Tanner, Louella Swanger, Mel Baker Jr., Margaret Kahler, Ruth Stump, Arna Dershem, Alice Snyder, Willard Hauck, George Rice, Meda Moyer, John and Shirley Russell, Irene Stark, Bob Keifer, Laurel Hertz, Bob Swartz, Teena Zimmerman, Gerald Baker, Elwood Brown, Lisane Snyder, Mark Rabuck, Mac Keifer, Shanna Martz, Viv Marsh, family and friends of Bob Yost, family and friends of Eleanor Phillips, Cheryl Baker, Alecia Engle, Joan Ketchem.

Military: Brandon Wirth, Derek and Evy Rabuck.

Family and Friends: Fred & Ilsa Voss, Pastor Gary & Allie Owens, Ardith Wilkins, Mary Lazor, Sharon Clark, Pastor Peter Bergstresser, Sue Bearc, Sharon Rowe, Steve Rishel, Tom and Julie Shutt, Rita Grimes, Christina Koons, Lee Snyder, Fred Greenwalt, Lauren Hauck, Mike Moyer, Beverly Bardnard, Cathy Carpenter, June Eschbach, Elma Zeiber, Kimberly Barner, Trish Baker, Larry Erb, Patrick Payne, Abe Koons, Bob Klinger, Emma Baker, Lois Herbster, Paul and Ken Engle, Elwood Russell, Pat Klobe, Cindy Mertz, Jon Noaker, Paul Cromwell, Bob Reedy, Glenn Shively, Robert Brouse Jr, Cindy Reyes, Gladys Fawcett, Sharon Magyar.

As you remember these folks in your prayers, please check to see if any names you put on the list need to be removed.

It is good to hear when prayers are answered!

Please email office@unitedinchristlutheran.net or call 570-568-2254.



SOCIAL MINISTRY

FEB. 4TH IS SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY



We'll be collecting food for Panther Packs, which feeds hungry children in the Milton School District. Panther Packs provides backpacks of food over the weekends, when school meals are not available. Every week there are over 250 children that take advantage of this weekend meal program.

Each pack contains 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 snacks, 1 can of vegetables and 1 can of fruit. All food is nonperishable and provided to these children free of charge.

We'll also be collecting monetary donations, which will be used to buy food when we sponsor a meal at Christ Lutheran Church's Free Community Meal. All checks should be made out to United In Christ, with "Community Meal" or "Souper Bowl Sunday" written on the memo line. Monetary donations can also be sent to United In Christ Lutheran Church at 1875 Churches Road, Lewisburg PA 17837



LET'S STEP UP OUR GAME

This year we will again pit the right side and left side of the church against each other. Let's see which side will win by giving the most in food and monetary donations.

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM'S COLORS

This past Monday, the Scout Troops that meet at UIC passed out flyers asking for food donations to residents in the West Milton/New Columbia area.

Volunteers are needed to help gather the bags of food on Saturday, February 3. That Saturday we'll meet at UIC at 10am then go out in teams and collect the bags of food.

Items cannot be in glass and should be non-perishable foods that a child could open or prepare on their own.

Individual sized items like...

Ramen Noodles

Canned Pasta (pop top lids)

Soup, Stew, Chili (pop top lids)

Fruit Cups

Individual Cereal Boxes

Pudding Cups

Tuna Packs

Mac and Cheese Cups

Granola/Breakfast Bars

Applesauce Cups

Oatmeal Packs

Pop Tarts

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL



United In Christ's Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring the February 11th Free Community Meal. We're having goulash with bread, applesauce and dessert.

Volunteers are needed for the following.

1pm	help prepare meal
4pm	help setup
5pm	help serve
after meal	help clean-up

Please see sign-up sheets will be in the Fellowship Hall.

OAKs Senior Center



We had a full house at OAKs on January 10,
with 39 people.

Jim Persing
gave a
presentation
on how to
reach our
GOALS!



Journals were
purchased and
handed out to
help set, track and
assess our goals.



Older Adults Kickin' it up! Monthly Senior Center



ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14, 10am-2pm

10:00 am - Social Hour

11:00 am - Free Bingo with Prizes

12:00 pm - Free Lunch

12:45 pm - Mini Service and Imposition of Ashes



**OAKS IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!**



Baby Steps DIAPER PANTRY

NEXT DIAPER PANTRY

February 10 ~ 10-11:30am

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. The pantry is open to caregivers of babies from the communities around Milton, Lewisburg, Mifflinburg, and Watsonstown.

1 bag (40 diapers) per child.

HAVE YOU SEEN MY.....?

LOST
AND
FOUND



Did you lose something
at church?

Please check the
LOST AND FOUND BOX,
which is on the sign-up
table in the Fellowship Hall.

ALTAR FLOWERS



Altar flowers are a beautiful gift to our Lord and a wonderful expression of our love for God. It honors loved ones and gives thanks for special people and events in our lives.

There are lots of open slots to order flowers in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special event.

Flower Chart is in the Fellowship Hall.

The flowers are yours to take home after worship!

Altar flowers cost \$30.



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