



MARCH  
2018  
NEWSLETTER

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

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

### UIC COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

- SAT, MAR. 10**      **BABY STEPS DIAPER PANTRY**  
**YOUTH TURKEY WAFFLE DINNER**  
**TURN CLOCKS AHEAD BEFORE BED**
- MON, MAR. 12**      **EASTER FLOWER DEADLINE**
- WED, MAR. 14**      **OAKS**
- SAT, MAR. 17**      **SCOUT SPAGHETTI DINNER**
- MON, MAR. 19**      **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- SUN, MAR. 25**      **PALM SUNDAY**
- THU, MAR. 29**      **MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE**
- FRI, MAR. 30**      **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**
- SAT, MAR. 31**      **COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT**
- SUN, APR. 1**      **EASTER BREAKFAST**  
**EASTER SERVICE**

# FROM THE PASTOR



*Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?*

Isaiah 58:5-7

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Dear, United In Christ,

Do you miss your chocolate yet? Have you had that craving for soda? Have you managed to stay off Facebook so far? We've made it about a third of the way through our Lenten transition from death into life now; how are you doing?

If you're anything like me, I'm sure some days are better than others. Some days it's easier to simply forget about what you've given up. There's enough going on, you keep busy, so you don't even miss it! But then there's the other days, the days when the supermarket candy aisle just *calls* to you. The days when the office party only brought soda to share. The days when you just want to check in on that one Facebook friend you haven't heard from in a while. Those are the tougher days, the small, yet guile, moments that test our mettle. See, this wilderness is clever. These days of wandering

know how to get under our skin. They have this infuriating way of reminding us of those things we don't even have to think about the rest of the year.

Then again, maybe that's exactly why we *need* this season of Lent. Maybe that's why we need this period that transitions us from death to life to see just what it is that we need to die to. This Lenten season has already brought with it stark reminders that we, as a people, have some work to do. It's the work that the author of Isaiah lays before us. Here, in this season of our fasting, we are called to a new fast. It's a fast to "loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke." It calls us to feed those we see hungry, to house those we see without shelter, and to clothe those we see going naked. In short, it's a call to stand up for our neighbors and insist on meeting their needs.

After all, we may feel the struggle of this wilderness journey, but for so many the wilderness is no journey at all: it is their home. As we make this transition from death to life this Lent, may we have the courage to speak such a word of hope and life into the broken spaces of our world. May we loose the bonds of injustice and set the oppressed free. May we break the yokes that bind our neighbors to the structures that hold them back. May we insist on life in the places that spell out death, that others may be greeted by the same Christ who came to greet us and brings each of us through from death to life.

Happy fasting!

Yours, united in Christ,

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



***Palm Sunday, March 25***

*10:00 a.m. service*

***Maundy Thursday, March 29***

*7:00 p.m. service*

***Good Friday, March 30***

*7:00 p.m. service*

***Community Easter Egg Hunt***

*Saturday, March 31*

*1:00 p.m.*

***Resurrection Sunday, April 1***

*8:30 a.m. breakfast prepared*

*and served by youth*

*10:00 a.m. service*

# YOUTH AND FAMILY



Youth Group at Lewisburg's Escape Room  
They worked together and made their way  
out of the room!.

## TURKEY AND WAFFLE DINNER



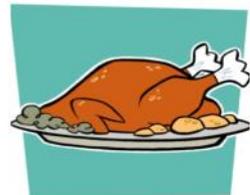
We'll be serving mashed potatoes and waffles with turkey and gravy, corn, applesauce, drinks and an assortment of cakes and pies for dessert.

**Saturday, March 10, 4-7 p.m.**

**\$8 Adults**

**\$4 Children 12-6**

**Children under 6 Free**



Help send UIC Youth to CML and to the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Texas.

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 600**  
**SPAGHETTI DINNER**

**March 17, 2018 4pm-7pm**



**\$7 Adults**

**\$5 Children 12-6**

**Children under 6 Free**

**COMMUNITY EGG HUNT**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 31**



The Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 1pm and is for children 12 years old and younger. Children in 5th grade and under must be accompanied by an adult.



# Boy Scout Troop 600 Klondike

January 27, 2018



# Scout Sunday

January 28, 2018



## MARCH WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	Mar. 4	Mar. 11	Mar. 18
Altar Guild	S. Keifer	J. Mertz	C. Troxell
Greeter	T. McPherrin C. Zimmerman E. Brown	B. Swartz T. Swartz S. Brown	D. Baker Karen B. E. Brouse
Acolyte	A. Danowsky	D. Sheaffer	K. Swanger
Asst. Minister	B. Swartz	C. Zimmerman	A. Baker
Lector	T. McPherrin	S. Keifer	Jen Sheaffer
Comm. Asst.	M. Murray S. Danowsky	K. Koch Jen Sheaffer	D. Shearer R. Kling
Usher	L. Caris B. Koch J. Mertz L. Rabuck	K. Arndt C. Dinsmore S. Dinsmore Ken B.	K. Koch A. Guffey B. Troxell W. Wirth
Guest Rel.	K. Noll	M. Rabuck	S. McPherrin
Offering Counter	W. Wirth C. Zimmerman	J. Shearer C. Zimmerman	M. Rabuck M. Shearer
Bread/Wine	T. Snyder	P. Swinehart	S. Dinsmore
Social Hour	E - K	L - R	S - Z

# MARCH WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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

	Mar. 25	Mar. 29 Maundy Thurs.	Mar. 30 Good Friday
Altar Guild	B. Guffey	S. Keifer	Youth
Greeter	G. Weiser Ken B. R. Baker	B. Swartz T. Swartz	Ken B R. Baker
Acolyte	L. Shearer	E. Danowsky	Youth
Asst. Minister	T. McPherrin	B. Guffey	M. Shearer
Lector	M. Shearer	B. Swartz	Youth
Comm. Asst.	T. Snyder B. Swartz	A. Guffey	
Usher	K. Criswell S. McPherrin D. Baker A. Baker	L. Shearer D. Shearer K. Koch B. Koch	
Guest Rel.	Jen Sheaffer		
Offering Counter	W. Wirth M. Shearer		
Bread/Wine	C. Troxell	S. McPherrin	
Social Hour	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

## Happy Birthday

*Bob Troxell 3/1*

*Grace Yost 3/18*

*Krista Wirth 3/2*

*Glen Van Dyke 3/18*

*Leah Schade 3/7*

*Allyssa Stark 3/26*

*Gerald Baker 3/8*

*Chad Cromwell 3/29*

*Irene Stark 3/9*

*Donna Kling 3/30*



## HAPPY Anniversary

*Frank and Bertie Danowsky 3/12/67*

*Allen and Kathy Loss 3/16/01*



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



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. The flowers are yours to take home after worship!

**Flower Chart is located in the Fellowship Hall.**

# Margaret J. Kahler

May 23, 1939 - November 25, 2017



Margaret J. Kahler, age 78, of Halifax passed away on Saturday, November 25th, 2017 at her residence.

She was born in Elizabethville the daughter of the late Daniel and Sarah Zimmerman Weaver. She had worked as an LPN at the former Polyclinic Hospital and later re-

tired from Capital Blue Shield. She was a member of St. Peter's (Fetterhoffs) Lutheran Church in Halifax.

Surviving are her husband Kenneth Kahler; two daughters Carole Ann Dreibelbis and Karen Lynn Kahler; two sons David Lee (Lan) and Tom Matthew (Vilay); a brother Raymond Weaver; grandchildren Dwight Dreibelbis (Jennifer), Michael Grubb, David Kahler, Jr. and Katherine Kahler; a great grandson Kenneth Dreibelbis; nieces & nephews. She was preceded in death by a son Kenneth Kahler, Jr and a granddaughter Victoria Kahler.

Visitation was held on Saturday Dec. 9 from 10 to 11 am at St. Peters (Fetterhoffs) Lutheran Church in Halifax. A Celebration of Life Service was at 11 am with inurnment to follow in the church cemetery.

# Faye E. Ritter

*January 18, 1941 - February 04, 2018*



Faye E. Ritter, 77, of Lewisburg, passed away on Feb. 4, 2018, at Evangelical Community Hospital, Lewisburg.

She was born Jan. 18, 1941, in Lewisburg, a daughter of the late Clinton and Hazel (Reedy) Snyder. She was married in 1962 to Ernest R. Ritter Jr. who preceded her in death in 1987.

Faye was a homemaker and later worked in the Lewisburg school's cafeterias. She was a member of United In Christ Lutheran Church in rural Lewisburg, and a member of the Order of Eastern Star. Faye liked gardening and loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Ernest R. III and Tammy Ritter, of Lewisburg; one daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Frank Zitkovich, of Greensburg; one brother, Lee Snyder, of Watsonstown; and four grandchildren, Ernest Ritter IV, George Ritter, Brooke Zitkovich, and Tyler Zitkovich. Faye was preceded in death by three brothers, Dayton, Clair, and Floyd Snyder; and one sister, Miriam Snyder.

Friends and relatives were received from 10 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, February 7 at the Shaw Funeral Home, 400 N. Front St., Milton, followed by the funeral at 11, with the Rev. Justin Lingenfelter officiating. Burial was held privately in Church Hill Cemetery, Lewisburg.

# UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

**Our Members:** Eleanor Brouse, family and friends of Faye Ritter, Bertie Danowsky.

**Family and Friends:** Sharon Magyar, family and friends of Bobby Brouse, Brenda Krouse, Brenda Mull, family and friends of Billy Graham, friends of Trish Baker, Peggy Fullmer, Jon Noaker, Paul Cromwell, Gladys Fawcett.

## Are you or a loved one in need of prayer?



Submit your prayer request by calling the church office at 570-568-2254 or emailing it to [office@unitedinchristlutheran.net](mailto:office@unitedinchristlutheran.net). We will email your prayer request to UIC's prayer chain.

We will print your request in our Sunday bulletins and monthly newsletter for 4 weeks. After 4 weeks, if there is need for ongoing prayer, please submit a new/updated prayer request.

**Don't forget to set your clocks  
ahead 1 hour the night of  
Saturday, March 10!**



# SOCIAL MINISTRY

## SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

We collected 2,200 food items for Panther Packs!!

\$289 was also collected, which will be used  
for Community Meals.



Everyone who helped  
pick-up the food bags  
that were donated  
within the community!



Looks at all the food  
we collected!!

# COMMUNITY MEAL

United In Christ sponsored the February 11 Free Community Meal at Christ Lutheran in Milton.



We served goulash with bread and butter, applesauce and an assortment of desserts. *Thank you Ruby Baker for giving us your goulash recipe and helping make it!*

We served around 75 people. Leftovers from the meal were given to Haven Ministries. Haven Ministries is a Homeless Shelter/Soup Kitchen, which is located in Sunbury.



# OAKs Senior Center



Mini Ash Wednesday  
service with  
imposition of ashes  
with Pastor Justin.

Next OAKs is on  
Wednesday, March 14

# THANK YOU's

*A huge thank you goes out to all those who showed up to pick up food items, those that donated and also those who helped deliver the food to Saint Andrew's.*

*~ Social Ministry Committee*

*Dear Friends in Christ,*

*Thanking the Lord for you and the faithful way you show His love. Thank you for the Christmas gifts.*

*~ Country Comfort Residents*

*Thank you for the gifts of food in support of the Panther Packs Program ministry here at St. Andrew's. You are an answer to prayer! The fact that you remembered the children and this ministry with your gift strengthens our hearts. God has used you to bless us with courage for another day of planning. The total children we are feeding for the week-ends now totals 269 each week!*

*God's work, done God's way, will never lack God's supply.*

*~ Mary Richie*



**Baby Steps**  
**DIAPER PANTRY**

**NEXT DIAPER PANTRY**

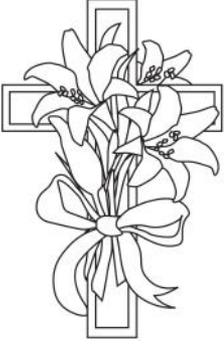
March 10 ~ 10-11:30am

1 bag (40 diapers) per child.

# Easter Flowers Order Form

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

Dedicate flowers by submitting an order form, along with payment, **no later than Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.**



## 6" Potted Plants

Lilies \_\_\_\_\_ x \$7.75 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tulips \_\_\_\_\_ x \$6.75 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Daffodils \_\_\_\_\_ x \$6.75 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: *(write legibly)* \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF:

*(write legibly)* \_\_\_\_\_

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IN HONOR OF:

*(write legibly)* \_\_\_\_\_

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I will be taking my plant(s) home.

I will not be taking my plant(s) home.

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