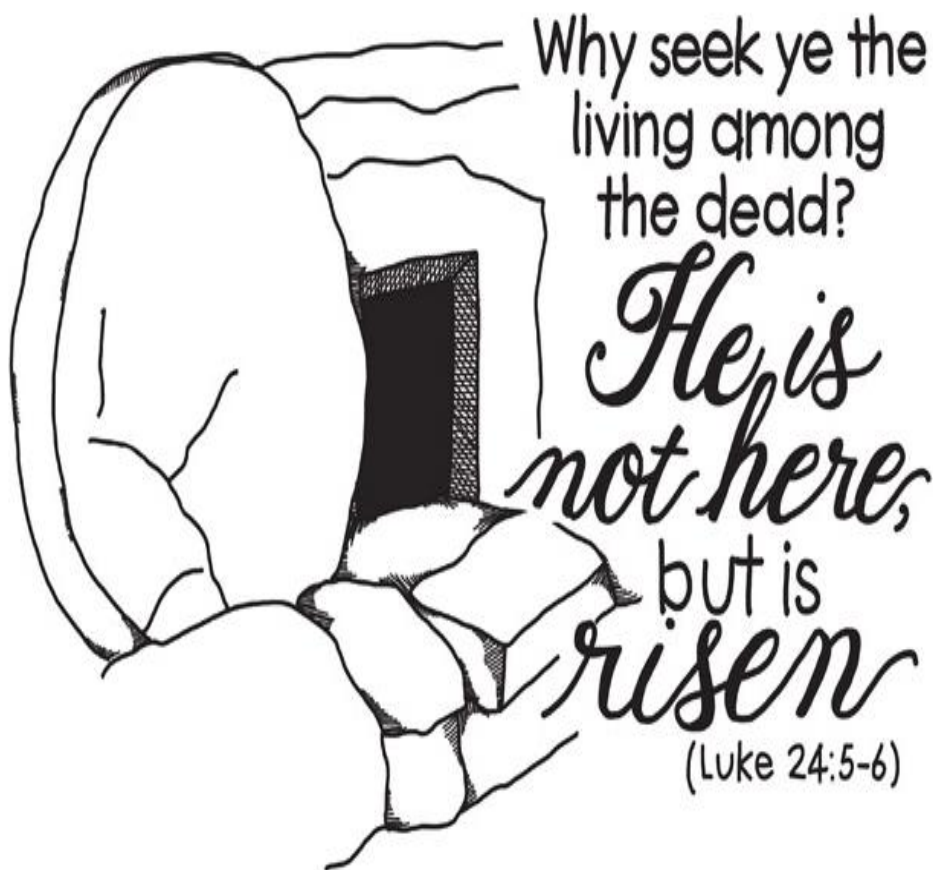




APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER



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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

SUN, APR. 1	RESURRECTION SUNDAY EASTER BREAKFAST
MON, APR. 2	OFFICE CLOSED
TUE, APR. 10	PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY RESUMES
WED, APR. 11	OAKS CONVO WITH FBI
SAT, APR. 14	BABY STEPS DIAPER PANTRY
MON, APR. 16	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
WED, APR. 18	COUNCIL MEETING
SAT, APR. 21	WOODMEN'S BANQUET
SUN, APR. 22	HOLY HUMOR YOUTH SUNDAY
FRI, MAY 11	DAUGHTER'S BANQUET
FRI, MAY 18	RICH HUFF AUCTION
SAT, MAY 19	RICH HUFF AUCTION

FROM THE PASTOR



When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Mark 16:1-8

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Dear, United In Christ,


Have you ever had the experience where you set out to accomplish one thing, but end up being totally blindsided by something you never expected? It's a disorienting experience and, more often than not, tends to leave me thinking "did that really just happen?" I've got to figure that this was pretty darn close to the question that came to the minds of Mary and Mary as they left the empty tomb that resurrection morning.

After all, they came to the tomb expecting to accomplish one given task, but what they encountered there was so out of the ordinary that they are left in total amazement.

So totally amazed and bewildered were they, in fact, that they end up keeping the news to themselves! Despite the words from the white-robed young man, Mary and Mary flee from the tomb saying nothing about what they found there. Their experience of the resurrection catches them so off guard that they're not even sure it really happened! Yet, according to the earliest manuscripts we have, this is the exact moment that Mark chooses to end his telling of "the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God" (Mark 1:1). Here, there is no eloquent Jesus waiting to be met in order to offer a discourse on this new resurrected life. Here we just have two of those who loved the Jesus they knew walking away in profound confusion as we watch on as readers.

See, this is the brilliance of Mark's gospel, though. As readers of the story, we hear the words of the young man to go and tell the others about the risen Jesus, but are blindsided by the silence of those who met him. Mark turns the task to us! By ending his narrative here, Mark turns the agency to us as readers. Now it is our turn to go out and tell this good news that we have seen and heard! I hope that, in this Easter season, you may take Mark's lead to find and share the signs of new life that surround us. Know that, whether confused and befuddled or not, the risen Christ does go before us.

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 "Pastor Justin".

Conversation with FBI Victim Specialist Melissa Howley

Join us on **Wednesday, April 11th at 6:00pm** as we welcome FBI Victim Specialist Melissa Howley to UIC. Melissa will be leading us in conversations regarding issues of human trafficking, physical and sexual abuse, and drug abuse here in the Susquehanna Valley.

As we wrap up our Lenten study on Women and Justice, this conversation will be a great opportunity for us to learn how to stand for justice in our own community. While all are always welcome, please be aware that some of the content shared, while important for us to hear, may be heavy in nature. We hope to see you there.

TED Bible Study, Tuesdays @ 6:30pm

TED



TED Bible Study is back! Resuming on April 10th at 6:30pm, we will gather in the Fellowship hall to dive

into our scriptural heritage to hear how it informs and equips us for today's context.

This month we will be reconnecting with compassion, channeling our righteous anger, and diving into the poetry of Genesis!

All are welcome!

No prior experience required! Come and see!

View from the Pew

By Sharon Weiser

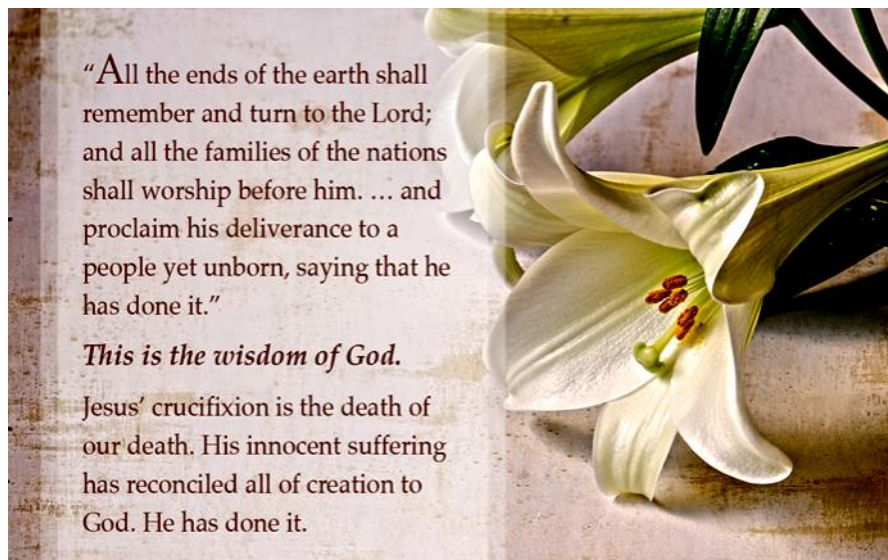


We have the most awesome kiddos at UIC. They hurry to go up with Pastor Justin on Sunday mornings when he invites them to come for children's sermon and they answer the questions he asks. But when he is finished sharing the day's thoughts with them and is ready to pray with them and says "We need to do two things..." immediately there is one little girl whose enthusiasm erupts! I think all of us wait for this to happen. Sometimes "Prayers and lollipops" comes out even before he begins to say "there are two things!"

We should all have this kind of enthusiasm, all be filled with the excitement and joy that hearing and learning about our God and Saviour brings us. We've been going through the season of Lent, a time of solemnity and reflection. It's also a time when Alleluia is taken out of the liturgy, as this is a joyful expression. On April 1st we will leave that time and once again focus on the joyful fact that Christ, who died on the cross as a sacrifice for us - to save us from our sins, is once again alive! Let's let ourselves be like enthusiastic children, full of joy and gladness.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Shout it loud, shout it enthusiastically! Shout it because it excites you and you want to share it with everyone and in doing so you might touch the ears and heart of someone who doesn't know how wonderful this is. And shout it daily because we ARE Easter people, we believe that Christ IS alive and we have the promise that because He lives, we will live eternally! **ALLELUIA!**

An Easter message from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton



It all started with such promise – the angel announcing to Mary that the child she would bear would be called Son of the Most High; the conviction of Mary that this child would be the embodiment of God's promised justice, that the hungry would be filled with good things and the rich sent away empty; angels announcing his birth; thousands being fed; the sick healed; the dead raised.

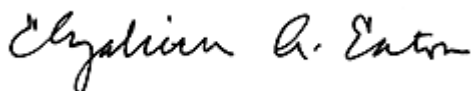
And then, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" It was over. The world hadn't changed. Might still made right. How ridiculously naïve to believe that any reversal of the old order could come about. Hope is for the gullible. Looking at this broken man hanging utterly helpless, naked and broken on a cross, the powers and principalities, earthly and spiritual, death and the devil must have said, "You fool."

This, as St. Paul reminds us, is the wisdom of the world. And

the world can present plenty of hard evidence that it is right: children killing children in horrific school shootings, 60 million displaced people – all of this supported by our rebellion against God, our idolatrous claim that we are in control and the world is ours. In the face of this and all of the suffering others cause and we cause others, we, too, might cry out, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

I believe that the beginning of Psalm 22 expresses the anguish of the psalmist and the anguish of our Lord, but there is more going on here. Citing the first words of a text was, in the tradition of the time, a way of identifying an entire passage. The psalm ends this way: “All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. ... Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.” This is the wisdom of God. Jesus’ crucifixion is the death of our death. His innocent suffering has reconciled all of creation to God. He has done it. We stake our lives on this.

This year, Easter falls on April 1. We shall have come through the Lenten desert to the Easter garden. We shall say, “Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!” And we shall confess this and live this in the face of worldly wisdom that is based on death. Life wins. Love wins. And if the world wants to call us April fools, we are glad to claim that title.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth A. Eaton". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a large 'E' and a long, sweeping 't'.

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

YOUTH AND FAMILY



TURKEY WAFFLE DINNER

We had a great turn out for our annual youth fundraiser.

- Meals: 261 Adults, 10 Youth and 9 children = \$2,128
- Donations: \$115
- Money raised for youth camp scholarships and youth gathering: **\$2,243!!**

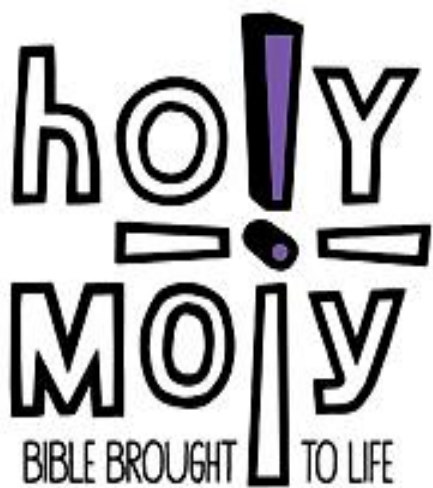
Thank you to everyone that helped make this event a huge success! We couldn't have done it without you!!



BOY SCOUT SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Boy Scouts served 422 meals at their annual spaghetti dinner. Well done Boy Scout Troop 600!

HOLY MOLY CLUB



This month our Holy Moly Club will be gathering on **Sunday, April 8th and Sunday, April 22nd at 9:00am.** Over these weeks, our students will be hearing the story of Joseph.

Want to follow along at home? Check out Genesis 37:1-28 and Genesis 40:1-

41:36 to learn what our students will be covering.

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY



The custom, which began with the Greeks, finds its roots in the musings of early church theologians who claimed that God played a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. This is a Sunday like no other!

On Sunday, April 22, come dressed in your brightest colors for worship, dress as crazy as you'd like, the crazier the better.

APRIL WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	Easter Apr. 1	Apr. 8	Apr. 15	Apr. 22	Apr. 29
Altar Guild	J. Mertz	S. Keifer	K. Guffey	C. Troxell	B. Guffey
Greeter	R. Kling	L. Danowsky	S. Keifer	A. Guffey	J. Snyder
	B. Keifer	K. Noll	B. Keifer	B. Guffey	T. Snyder
	L. Rabuck	S. Noll	Jen Sheaffer	K. Guffey	N. Walter
Acolyte	L. Warren-Lee	A. Danowsky	K. Swanger	E. Danowsky	D. Sheaffer
Asst. Minister	C. Zimmerman	B. Swartz	M. Shearer	A. Baker	T. McPherrin
Lector	M. Shearer	A. Baker	Ken B.	B. Swartz	Jen. Sheaffer
Comm. Asst.	S. Danowsky	T. McPherrin	T. Snyder	S. Keifer	K. Koch
	C. Troxell	M. Baker	D. Shearer	W. Wirth	D. Baker
	S. Keifer				
Usher	Karen B.	K. Arndt	E. Brown	K. Criswell	E. Brouse
	L. Caris	O. Arndt	S. Brown	B. Koch	R. Kling
	J. Mertz	A. Guffey	L. Rabuck	J. Sheaffer	B. Troxell
	Jen Sheaffer	K. Guffey	T. Swartz	K. Arndt	D. Shearer
Guest Rel.	B. Troxell	G. Weiser	F. Danowsky	Ken B.	J. Mertz
Offering Counter	T. Snyder	M. Rabuck	T. Snyder	M. Rabuck	W. Wirth
	J. Sheaffer	W. Wirth	C. Zimmerman	J. Sheaffer	M. Shearer
Bread/Wine	S. Weiser W. Wirth	K. Criswell	C. Zimmerman	B. Guffey	K. Guffey
Social Hour	None	E - K	L - R	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

<i>Kathy Loss 4/3</i>	<i>Breanna Martz 4/15</i>
<i>Jindrah Kemper 4/5</i>	<i>Cole Snyder 4/17</i>
<i>Rosemary Kling 4/5</i>	<i>Kyle Swanger 4/17</i>
<i>Jack Stiber 4/5</i>	<i>Ken Criswell 4/19</i>
<i>Bob Swartz 4/6</i>	<i>Marianne Murray 4/28</i>
<i>Lisane Snyder 4/12</i>	<i>Catrina Ciccone 4/29</i>
<i>Logan Aucker 4/13</i>	



HAPPY Anniversary

Mike and Annette Baker 4/28/84
Scott and Jodie Danowsky 4/29/95



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.

Cheryl D. Baker

October 27, 1948 - March 7, 2018



Cheryl D. Baker, 69, of Lewisburg, died Wednesday, March 7, 2018, at the Manor at Penn Village, Selinsgrove. She was born Oct. 27, 1948, in Lewisburg, a daughter of the late W. Glyn and Kathryn (Ale) Baker.

Cheryl was a graduate of Lewisburg High School Class of 1966. She was employed as an auditor for the Auditor General's office. She was a member of United in Christ Lutheran Church, Lewisburg. Cheryl enjoyed collecting antiques, going to auctions, Sheltie dogs, going to the beach, and watching the Yankee's and the Patriots.

She is survived by one brother and sister-in-law, Gerald G. and Caroline Baker of Lewisburg; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Cheryl was preceded in death by two brothers, Russell E. and Larry Baker.

A gathering of friends and family was held from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at Dale Ranck Cremation & Funeral Care, 125 N. Front St., Milton, followed by the funeral at 1, with the Rev. Justin Lingenfelter of United In Christ Lutheran Church, Lewisburg, officiating. Burial followed in Church Hill Cemetery, Lewisburg.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Cheryl's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1948 E. Third St., Williamsport, PA 17701.



MEMORIAL DONATIONS

The following memorial donations have been given in memory of a dedicated member whose generosity, faithfulness and love will live on through the ministry of this congregation well into the future.

Meda Moyer

Michelle and Steve Shearer, J. and S. Adami, Watsontown Dental, Peg Swinehart, Clifford and Rebecca Strutton, Phil and Nancy Claytor, Borough of Watsontown, Glen and Florence Van Dyke.

Eleanor Phillips

William and Shirley Good, Robert and Barbara Koch, Linda Danowsky.

Faye Ritter

Timothy Martin.

Robert Yost

William H Bowersox, Benfer-Miller A.L. Post 957, Marlin and Jean Hummel, Linda Hollenbach, Ted and Shirley McPherrin, Eugene and Marion Beaver, Robert and Kaye Berger, Tamra Thomas.

These memorial gifts will enable the ministry of this church to continue in a strong and vibrant way.



Older Adults Kickin' it up! Monthly Senior Center

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11 ~ 10AM-2PM

10:00 am - Social Hour

11:00 am - Free Bingo with Prizes

12:00 pm - Free Lunch

1:00 pm - Program: Friendships



FRIENDSHIPS

Enrich your life and improve your Health

- Benefits of friendships
- How to make new friends
- Why it's hard to make friends
- How to nurture friendships



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

COMMUNITY AID BIN

We've partnered with CommunityAid, which is a local, faith based non-profit organization that operates thrift stores, the closest being in Selinsgrove.

CommunityAid gives back to the community by giving their partners \$.04 per pound of clothing/shoes collected from their bins. A full bin of clothing = 800 lbs of clothing, or \$32.

Partners are also eligible to apply for grants after 1 year of partnership. Additionally, CommunityAid will provide shopping vouchers for UIC to give to those in need.



Money generated by the bin will be used to continue OAKs Senior Center at UIC. After one year, OAKs can also apply for a grant through CommunityAid, which will be used to keep the Senior Center running.

The collection bin can be found at the north side of the parking lot. Please help support us by dropping off any clothing or shoes you don't want anymore. You can also donate other items, but the church will not receive money for those items.

Please help us spread the word about the bin!

UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

Our Members: Arna Dershem, family and friends of Meda Moyer, family and friends of Cheryl Baker, Kathy Loss.

Family and Friends: Mildred Noll, Jay Young, Bob Koch, Richard Jordon, family and friends of Paul Cromwell, Charlie, Clay Gessner, Jon Noaker.



Are you or a loved one in need of prayer?

Submit your prayer request by calling 570-568-2254 or emailing it to 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.

THANK YOU's

Dear Rich Huff Committee,

First of all, allow me to express a thoughtful thank you that is larger than words!! The sponsorship of our "Superhero in You Super Scout" Girl Scout Mall event patches is so meaningful to me as a Girl Scout leader and event organizer. Three hundred girls, adults, and parent helpers brought a community event together on March 3, 2018 at the Susquehanna Valley Mall. I struggled with asking for money to pay for patches. The mall just couldn't financially support the patches this year. Your gift will allow me to return troop funds and purchase the patches for 249 girls!! Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support.

*Yours in Girl Scouting,
Kim King*

Dear friends of UICLC,

Thank you for your prayers and cards during my absence. It is great to be back.

*In Christin love,
Only Rishel*

Boy Scout Troop 600 would like to thank the congregation for their support at the spaghetti dinner. We deeply appreciate all UIC does for our troop.

~ Andrew Rohrer, Scout Leader

A touch of humor to brighten your day.

**I PUT MY
GRANDMA
ON SPEED DIAL.
I CALL THAT
INSTAGRAM.**



"It says it's better to give than receive. There's nothing in here about 'first dibs.'"



**"Today's sermon might offend those
who don't like to be singled out..."**

Especially, Richard, Nadine, Lois, Chuck, Pete, and Joanna."



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CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



RICH HUFF FUND



**Please help us make this auction a success
by donating a basket.**

In the fellowship hall, you'll find a Christmas tree filled with Santa Tags. Each tag has a basket theme and a list of items that could go in the basket. Please take one or more Santa Tags and fill a basket with items that match the theme or bring in your items and we will whip up a basket for you.

- Baskets need to be brought to the church **by May 6th**.
- Write your name and basket theme on the paper by the tree.
- If you have an idea of your own, mark it down.
- Two baskets can be made of the same theme.

Donations of any new or gently used items and baskets of all sizes are also needed.

Mark your calendars now!

Save May 18th and 19th for The Rich Huff, Operation Santa Claus/Baby Steps Diaper Pantry Silent Auction/Raffle Event!



At the 2018 Annual Girl Scout Day at the Susquehanna Valley Mall, all of the area girl scout troops were asked to bring items which would be donated to the Baby Steps Diaper Pantry. Here's what was collected! We received handmade hats, diapers, wipes and diaper rash creams. Thank you Kim King for organizing this!



Baby Steps DIAPER PANTRY

1,600 diaper were given out at
March's diaper pantry!!

NEXT DIAPER PANTRY

April 14 ~ 10-11:30am
1 bag (40 diapers) per child.

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