



JUNE
2018
NEWSLETTER

HE WILL COVER YOU
WITH HIS FEATHERS,



UNDER HIS WINGS

YOU WILL

FIND

refuge;

HIS FAITHFULNESS

WILL BE YOUR

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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

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

FRI, JUNE 1

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Office closed on Fridays during June, July, and August.

SAT, JUNE 9

BABY STEPS DIAPER PANTRY

SUN, JUNE 10

CHURCH POTLUCK LUNCHEON

WED, JUNE 13

OAKS

Game Day

FRI, JUNE 15

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

SONS BANQUET

Please signup by June 10.

SAT, JUNE 16

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

SUN, JUNE 17

MEN OF FAITH SUNDAY

MON, JUNE 18

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

WED, JUNE 20

COUNCIL MEETING

THU, JUNE 21

HOUSTON PRE-GATHERING MTG.

10am - 3pm

SUN, JUNE 24

ELCA GATHERING SENDING SUNDAY

TUE, JUNE 26

YOUTH LEAVING FOR ELCA GATHERING

FROM THE PASTOR



But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Ephesians 2:4-10

Dear, United In Christ,

Every year during high school, we would have this assembly sometime around June where we all poured into the auditorium and sat for an eternity (ok, maybe 2 hours) while the administration gave out awards to students for all sorts of reasons. There were awards for athletes, musicians, and artists. There were awards for community service, technological skill and even attendance. As we got older, the stakes were raised as the awards started to come with monetary incentive as well, theoretically intended as scholarship money for students heading to higher education.

Sitting through these assemblies, though, groups of us would silently sit and keep track of just who it was who got the most awards out of everyone in the class. See, we *knew* ahead of time who it would be. We knew who the kids were who were going to run the board on these awards. And let's be honest, we

silently judged them a little bit for it as well, even though we got just as caught up in the sense of competition as the next person. In a way, there was a sort of subliminal message that we could measure the worth of our peers (and ourselves), by the number of accolades we received from the school. Somehow, we thought we could earn our sense of worth from all this.

Really, such means of measurement kind of grew up with us, didn't they? How often do we measure ourselves by the work we do or by the promotion we strive for? How often do we think of our value in terms of the number we write in on the income line of our tax forms? It's an insidious way of thinking, really. After all, as soon as we hit a road bump, as soon as our numbers might go down for whatever reason, we somehow think that our self-worth must go down as well.

Such an attitude, though, is precisely what the author of Ephesians stands against in this text above. "For by grace you have been saved through faith," they write, "and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God." Don't worry about how others may try to measure you, they say; your worth and worthiness has already been established in the gift of the God who *chose you!* You don't need to worry about earning a thing! God has prepared all we need!

This passage is particularly important to us this month since it will be serving as the primary theme for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering. For a week, our students will steep in the meaning of this scripture and hear what it means to be valued and treasured by God. In a world that seems to be driven by performance-based incentives, this passage comes as a welcome relief to us and to the students who are constantly pushed to be there best. Rest assured, we are all already of immeasurable value to the God who loves us. For we are what God has made us, and nothing could be more rewarding than that.

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".

YOUTH AND FAMILY

ELCA NATIONAL GATHERING



It's finally here! After years of planning and fundraising, this month our Youth Group will finally be heading to Houston, TX from June 26th through July 2nd. The week will be filled with incredible opportunities for faith formation and service within the city. Through these last few

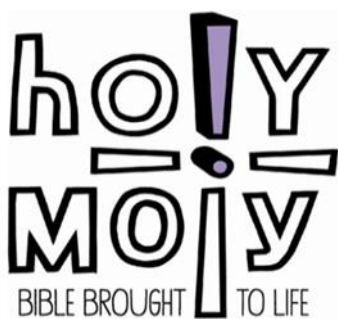
weeks, and most especially during the week of the event, please hold our group in prayer that the experiences they have may be formative and lasting. This year's group includes Amy Danowsky, Bradley Kemper, Dustin Kemper, Marianne Murray, Larissa Shearer, Syann Stewart, Kelsey Swanger, Felicia Swartz, and Pastor Justin.

If you'd like to follow along throughout the week, you can tune in to speakers and worship services by going to <https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering>. You can also follow along through the Gathering's various social media pages and by tracking the hashtag #ELCAYG2018.

Thank you to everyone in this congregation for supporting our Youth and helping make this trip a reality. We hope that you can join us for worship on **June 24th** when we will have our sending for the group before they head south!

PRE-GATHERING DAY

On Thursday, June 21st, our Youth and chaperones will be gathering at the church from 10:00am-4:00pm to make our final preparations for our trip to Houston. Parents of participants are invited to join us starting at 3:00pm for our last minute reminders and check-ins! See you there!



Last month, our students wrapped up their year of learning with the Holy Moly Club and will now be taking a break through the summer. We want to thank Jen Sheaffer and Kyle Swanger for all of their work in leading our classes and helping to make each week a success! Over the year, our students covered all sorts of wonderful stories from the Bible, but they each had their own favorites. Read what some of them had to say here!

What was your favorite story from the year?

Landon: “My favorite story was the last part of Joseph because at the end Joseph was happy to see his dad and brothers.”

What activity or craft was your favorite?

Leanne: “My favorite was when I got to make the cow legs!”

From wrestling masks to cardboard towers with cow legs in between, our Holy Moly Club saw a lot this year! We hope that you will join us next year! Be on the lookout for registration details coming this summer! Thank you all!

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

Oh The Places You'll Go,
Oh The Things That You'll See,
When You Join Us For Worship At UIC!





**This year's theme
was Dr. Seuss!
Pastor Justin did
a phenomenal job
rhyming the
whole service,
including his
sermon!!**

**If you missed
Holy Humor Sunday,
you can listen
to it by visiting the
sermon archives
on the
church's website.**





Older Adults Kickin' it up! Monthly Senior Center



May's OAKs hit a new record! Throughout the day we had 55 people at OAKs, including 10 new seniors!



Master Gardeners Liz, Mareta, and Kathy talked about herbs, what they can be used for, and how to grow them indoors. Using seeds we planted small pots of basil, thyme, and parsley.



Older Adults Kickin' it up! Monthly Senior Center

Wednesday, June 13 ~ 10am-2pm

10:00 am - Social Hour

11:00 am - Free Bingo
with Prizes

12:00 pm - Free Lunch

1:00 pm - Games



After lunch we'll enjoy some minute to win it games and some chair volleyball!



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

JUNE WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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

	Jun. 3	Jun. 10	Jun. 17	Jun. 24
Altar Guild	C. Zimmerman	S. Weiser	B. Guffey	K. Guffey
Greeter	Jen Sheaffer	J. Snyder	K. Noll	P. Swinehart
	J. Sheaffer	T. Snyder	S. Noll	D. Baker
	R. Kling	N. Walter	S. Keifer	Karen Baker
Acolyte	D. Sheaffer	L. Shearer	K. Swanger	A. Danowsky
Asst. Minister	B. Swartz	T. McPherrin	A. Baker	C. Zimmerman
Lector	C. Zimmerman	Jen Sheaffer	B. Swartz	Ken Baker
Comm. Asst.	S. Keifer	M. Baker	R. Kling	S. Danowsky
	A. Baker	K. Koch	M. Shearer	D. Shearer
Usher	M. Shearer	L. Caris	K. Arndt	S. McPherrin
	E. Brown	K. Criswell	O. Arndt	S. Brown
	A. Guffey	B. Koch	E. Brouse	M. Rabuck
	L. Rabuck	J. Mertz	T. Swartz	C. Troxell
Guest Rel.	G. Weiser	Ken Baker	B. Troxell	Jen Sheaffer
Offering Counter	M. Shearer	W. Wirth	M. Shearer	C. Zimmerman
	M. Rabuck	J. Sheaffer	M. Rabuck	T. Snyder
Bread/Wine	J. Mertz	P. Swinehart	S. Noll	O. Rishel
Social Hour	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.

Potluck Luncheon

Sunday, June 10

UIC will be holding an end-of-year potluck after worship on Sunday, June 10. Please bring a dish to share and be sure to stick around for a longer time of fellowship as we celebrate the past school year's worth of ministry and activity here at UIC!



In the months of June, July and August, the office will be closed on Fridays.

New Church Office Hours:
Mon. - Thurs. 9am-2pm.

A touch of humor to brighten your day.



"This morning, you were preaching to the Choir again... and we've had just about enough of that!"

MEMBER UPDATES

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

Happy Birthday

<i>Mike Mertz 6/2</i>	<i>Lisa Rabuck 6/18</i>
<i>John Sheaffer 6/11</i>	<i>Celia Warren 6/20</i>
<i>Amanda Rabuck 6/13</i>	<i>Emma Danowsky 6/20</i>
<i>Rachel Schade 6/13</i>	<i>Bertie Danowsky 6/22</i>
<i>Ben Hollenbach 6/14</i>	<i>Felicia Swartz 6/22</i>
<i>Allen Loss 6/17</i>	<i>Kathy Arndt 6/23</i>
<i>Scott Danowsky 6/17</i>	<i>Michelle Shearer 6/23</i>
<i>Cheryl Stiber 6/18</i>	



HAPPY Anniversary

Delroy and Linda Caris 6/02/63
BJ and Kristie Koch 6/12/10
Steve and Michelle Shearer 6/12/10
Matt and Wendy Wirth 6/21/86
Ken and Ruby Baker 6/24/89
Glen and Florence VanDyke 6/24/95
Scott and Colleen Danowsky 6/24/95
Tim and Laurel Hertz 6/29/99
Ken and Sonja Noll 6/30/63



We welcome
2 new members
to United In Christ!
Mary Kay Harper,
and Owen Arndt
(confirmand), joined
UIC on May 20.



The flowers planted in front of
the church were paid for
by Beverly Meerbach,
in memory of her parents,
Harold and Jean Hafer.



Jen Sheaffer, thank you for planting the flowers.
They look great!

Daughter's Banquet



Thank you to the men of UIC for pampering the daughters of the congregation. Around 90 daughters attend the banquet this year.

Men of UIC, you did a fabulous job. Thank you!



**PLEASE JOIN
US FOR A**

**SONS
BANQUET**

6PM JUNE 15TH

**HOSTED BY:
WOMEN OF UIC**

**SIGNUP BY:
JUNE 10**

Rich Huff Fund's Annual Fundraiser **OPERATION SANTA CLAUS**



OPERATION SANTA CLAUS is our yearly fundraiser for the Rich Huff Fund. Proceeds are used to supply the monthly Baby Steps Diaper Pantry, which gives out approx. 1,000 diapers each month. Since the diaper pantry opened in October 2016, 23,920 diapers have been given out! Proceeds are also used to buy necessities for area children in need.



We have been truly blessed by the generosity of others! Without donations from businesses and people within our community and church we wouldn't be

able to continue helping the children in our community. Thank you to everyone that donated to *OPERATION SANTA CLAUS* and to each of you that came out to our auction!

2018 OPERATION SANTA CLAUS

Cash Donations: \$1,878

Silent Auction: \$2,885

Raffle Auction: \$2,595

Food Stand: \$803

Total \$8,161

RICH HUFF SCHOLARSHIPS

Rich Huff Fund of United In Christ awarded three scholarships, in the amount of \$500 each, to area seniors.



(Denise Seebold, Kailey Betz, Lance Klinefelter)

Congratulation to Kailey Betz, Lance Klinefelter, and Denise Seebold for winning this year's scholarships. Kailey

attends Warrior Run High School and will be attending Lycoming College next year. Lance attends Lewisburg Area High School and will be attending Grove City College next year. Denise attends Mifflinburg Area High School and will be attending West Chester University next year.

The fund was established in 2013 in memory of Rich Huff, a beloved member of the congregation who died after complications from a house fire. Rich had played Santa Claus for years at the Lycoming Mall and other venues and had a great love of children. The fund helps children in need in our area, and these scholarships are intended to recognize the efforts of students who demonstrate the spirit of helping children.



Baby Steps

DIAPER PANTRY

800 diaper were given out at
May's diaper pantry.

NEXT DIAPER PANTRY

June 9 ~ 10-11:30am
1 bag (40 diapers) per child.

MIFFLINBURG KIWANIS BLUEBERRIES



Glen Van Dyke is taking orders for blueberries. The cost is \$31 for a 10lb box. **Orders need to be given to Glen or Florence by June 28!** Glen can be reached at 570-966-1804 and Florence can be reached at 570-966-2322. Blueberries need to be picked up at Wehr's Beverage in Mifflinburg on Wed., July 5 between 10am-1pm.

Proceeds benefit children in the Mifflinburg School District.

LIBRARY IN NEW LOCATION

Marianne Murray made bookcases for the library!

*Thank
you
Marianne!!*

The library has been moved from the office entryway to the room across the hall from the offices.



UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

Our Members: Kathy Loss, Kay Hilbert, Arna Dershem, Viv Marsh.

Family and Friends: Dave Geyer, Brenda Mull, family and friends of Cindy Mertz, Larissa Young, Dick Rein, Charlie Fegley, Mae Koser.



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'll print prayer requests for 4 weeks.

WELCOME TABLE



The Welcome Table in the Fellowship Hall has the magazine Living Lutheran. The church purchases this magazine for you, please stop by and take a copy.

THANK YOU's

Dear United In Christ,

Thank you for your recent gift to Transitions. Your support is deeply appreciated. There are more exciting times ahead for Transitions! As we strive to achieve our mission to end patterns of violence and abuse, now and in the future, we look to partners like you to work with us. Thank you again for your support of Transitions.

Warm regards,

Susan K. Mathias, Chief Executive Office

Thank you so much for sponsoring the awesome patches for our mall event!

Mifflinburg Girl Scout Troops 60357, 60027, and 60353

Thank you to Mark Rabuck for planning, shopping, cooking and everything else you did for the Daughters Banquet.

Thank you to all the men of the congregation that came out to help Mark at the Daughters Banquet.

Thank you to Carol Troxell for planting the Easter flowers and the Pentecost geraniums.

Thank you to Ken Criswell for removing the cupboards in the library to make room for the new bookcases.

Thank you to Shirley McPherrin and Jane Mertz for setting up the library in its new location.

Thank you to everyone that donated to, baked desserts for and came out to the Rich Huff Auction!!

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