

AUGUST 2018 NEWSLETTER



UNITED IN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Justin G. Lingenfelter: Pastor

Cell: 610-973-4052 Email: pastor.justin17@gmail.com

Terri Cromwell: Office Administrator and OAKs Coordinator

Church Office: 570-568-2254 Cell: 570-850-5730 Church Email: office@unitedinchristlutheran.net

Marilyn Gresh: Music

Home: 570-473-9406 Email: marilyngresh@hotmail.com

Terry Snyder: Sexton Cell: 570-238-4666

WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION Sunday, 10am

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Monday through Thursday, 9am to 2pm

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

MON, AUG. 6 YOUTH LOCK-IN

Students going into 7th grade and up

WED, AUG. 8 OAKS

SAT, AUG. 11 BABY STEPS DIAPER PANTRY

MON, AUG. 13 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

COMMUNION DAY

WED, AUG. 15 COUNCIL MEETING

SUN, AUG. 19 BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

TUE, AUG. 26 HOLY MOLY PLANNING MTG.

SUN, SEPT. 2 NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

MON, SEPT. 3 LABOR DAY: OFFICE CLOSED

SUN, SEPT. 9 GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

FROM THE PASTOR



The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining." And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.""

Exodus 16:2-4,9-12

Dear, United In Christ,

Have the kids started dragging their feet yet?

Obviously, Kelsey and I don't have any kids, but I can still remember what it was like to round this corner of the summer when I was in grade school. It was about this point in the year that my mom would start getting the three of us kids ready to head back into the routine of the dreaded school year. It started with a couple day trips; we would go out to get new backpacks

and lunchboxes, new shoes (since we inevitably ruined ours during the freedom of the summer), and even the foundations of a new wardrobe to get us through the new year. It was also about this time of the summer when Mom and Dad would start to once again start enforcing the limits of our bedtime so that "it will be easier when school starts." This month of August was always one of getting ready for what was coming. And I hated it.



I mean, I never explicitly rebelled against the preparations, but you can bet your bottom dollar that I (quite literally) dragged my feet through the whole ordeal. I would shuffle around the department stores and outlets with an indecisive bent that I'm sure must have driven my mother insane. I

would silently protest the reinstating of a regulated bedtime by willing myself to stay awake in bed until at least forty-five minutes later than I was sent there. And don't even get me started on the dreaded ritual of trying on jeans! For this, my most loathsome foe, I saved the one verbal tool in my arsenal; I whined "do I have to??" and I complained about the whole process.

If that's what my poor mother had to deal with, then I can only imagine what Moses and God felt in the face of the Israelites' complaining during their long march out of Egypt. The wilderness journey set before them clearly provided ample opportunities for them to drag their feet, as it were, but on occasion, the feet dragging turned into outright complaining. "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt," they cry, "for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

In short, the people are not amused. This journey, this wandering, is not exactly their cup of tea. From their vantage, things were better before. At least in Egypt they had a certain amount of security in knowing how, from where, and when their next meal would come! Now, with so much uncertainty ahead of them, their worry has turned into resentment for what God and Moses have in store.

Yet, for all of their complaining, for all of their feet-dragging, God still provides for the Israelites' needs. With quail and manna, God provides for the people who gripe about God's way. With all the patience due a mother or a saint, God and Moses attend to the complaining people and provide for them, even when it may have been easier to "turn this car around!" Thank God for that!

GOD IS WITH YOU!

If you find yourself dragging through these dog days of summer, know that the God who bears all complaints is here with you. Whatever gripes, complaints, or anxieties you may have about this journey of faith together, know that the God who led the Israelites through the unknown wilderness continues to care deeply for God's people, and that means you too. No matter the protest we may raise, God's exodus promise is to continue to care and provide for us through it all. As we continue through this month of preparation, know that God has already prepared your way in God's self, even if your feet drag along the way.

Yours, united in Christ,

COMMUNION DAY



Has your student grown increasingly curious about what we do around the Lord's Table? Do they want to know more about being included in sharing this sacrament with God's people? Pastor Justin will be hosting a Communion Day for students looking to learn more as they prepare for their own First Communion and

for students who would like a bit of a refresher. We will meet at the church at **10am on Monday, August 13.** We will spend the day getting a full snapshot of why and how we do what we do around the Eucharist. At the end of the day, we will gather in the spirit of service that Jesus exemplified with his friends to host a spaghetti supper for students' families and show them some of what we've learned.

If you have a student who is interested in joining us for this day, please let Pastor Justin know!

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY



Our next New Member Sunday will take place during worship on **September 2!** We look forward to this opportunity to formally join together in God's mis-

sion and celebrate with those who want to take part in the ministries of United In Christ.

If you are interested in joining the congregation or would simply like more information on what membership entails, please contact Pastor Justin or leave a message with Terri in the office.

Help Us Support

Area Students in Need!





UIC Social Ministry will be collecting the following school supplies for children in need in the Milton School District:

- **♦ NOTEBOOKS**
- **♦** BINDERS
- **♦ LUNCH BAGS**
- **♦** BACKPACKS
- **♦** GLUE STICKS

- ◆ CRAYONS
- **♦** RULERS
- **♦ PENCILS**
- **♦ PENCIL BOXES**
- **♦** ERASERS















Please drop off school supplies in the collection box in the fellowship hall by August 17th.

We will be dedicating these items on

Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday Aug. 19th

SURPRISE PASTOR JUSTIN!!



We threw a surprise birthday, wedding anniversary, pastoral anniversary party for Pastor Justin after worship on July 8. In case you didn't already know this, Pastor Justin loves Middlesworth b-b-q chips, and he loves to wear fun socks!



THESE SOX WERE MADE FOR WALKIN'

THAT'S JUST WHAT OTHER PAIRS HAVE DONE

THEY BROUGHT YOU TO UIC

WHERE YOU LEAD US & MAKE THINGS FUNI



YOUTH AND FAMILY



Our First Mass Gathering at the 2018 Youth Gathering in Houston, Tx.



All of the youth and chaperones from the Upper Susquehanna Synod.





We worked with Project C.U.R.E. to help organize medical supplies and equipment to be shipped around the world!





Along the way we ran in to Pastor Schade and Rachel. We also put up a good fight and managed to land on the floor level to hear Tauren Wells and Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber.





On our interactive learning day we had everything from skits and sports to autographs and advocacy! To round it out, this evening held some of the most powerful and moving speakers yet.





The next Youth Gathering will be 2021 in Minneapolis!

YOUTH GROUP LOCK-IN

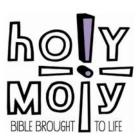


All students going into 7th grade and up are invited to join us for our annual End-Of-Summer Lock-In here at UIC!

We **start at 6pm on Monday, Aug. 6** with **pickup at 10am on Tuesday, Aug. 7**. We will spend the time in study, planning the year ahead, and having some fun! Students are asked to bring a snack to

share with the group and something for breakfast Tuesday morning. We hope to see you there!

PLANNING MEETING



As we get ready for the upcoming school year, we are excited to continue our Sunday morning Holy Moly Club!

Throughout the school year, the Holy Moly Club welcomes students from grades K-6 to join in faith formation as

they encounter great stories from the Bible in fun and exciting ways.

As we get ready for the year, we will have a planning meeting at the church on **Tuesday**, **August 26 after worship**. All parents/grandparents of Holy Moly students are invited to attend, as well as anyone who is interested in learning more or who might like to lead a class or two in the year. We hope to see you there!

UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

Our Members: family and friends of Only Rishel, Mel Baker Jr, family and friends of Esther Minium, Bertie Danowsky, Lisane Snyder, family and friends of Arna Dershem.

Family and Friends: Annabelle, Dean Minium, 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'll also print your prayer request for 4 weeks.

LET US KNOW



Please let us know when you are in the hospital or have an upcoming surgery. Call the church office at 570-568-2254 or Pastor Justin at 610-973-4052 to let us know. Please do not as-

sume 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.

AUGUST WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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

	8/5	8/12	8/19	8/26
Altar Guild	K. Guffey	B. Guffey	J. Mertz	S. Keifer
	T. McPherrin	L. Rabuck	J. Snyder	T. Swartz
Greeter	K. Noll	Jen Sheaffer	T. Snyder	P. Swinehart
	S. Noll	G. Weiser	N. Walter	D. Baker
Acolyte	A. Danowsky	D. Sheaffer	E. Danowsky	K. Swanger
Asst. Minister	B. Guffey	T. McPherrin	M. Shearer	B. Swartz
Lector	Jen Sheaffer	B. Swartz	C. Zimmerman	M. Shearer
.	A. Baker	D. Shearer	M. Murray	A. Guffey
Comm. Asst.	D. Baker	Ken B.	S. Danowsky	B. Guffey
	L. Caris	K. Arndt	R. Kling	B. Koch
Usher	S. McPherrin	K. Koch	E. Brouse	K. Criswell
	C. Zimmerman	A. Baker	Karen B.	W. Wirth
	B. Troxell	S. Keifer	Ken B.	Kathy G.
Guest Rel.	M. Mertz	G. Weiser	K. Noll	F. Danowsky
Offering	W. Wirth	K. Guffey	C. Zimmerman	T. Snyder
Counter	J. Sheaffer	M. Shearer	M. Rabuck	J. Sheaffer
Bread/Wine	C. Zimmerman	B. Guffey	W. Wirth	R. Baker
Social Hour	L-R	S - Z	A - D	E-K

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, please try to trade with someone 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, and she will find a replacement for you.

MEMBER UPDATES

Congratulations!



Kyle and Johanna Swanger welcomed their baby boy on July 25, 2018. Beckett David Swanger weighed 7 lbs. and was 19 1/2". Congratulations on your new baby!

Happy Birthday

Amy Danowsky 8/2
Peg Swinehart 8/3
Jen Sheaffer 8/4
Ruth Stump 8/4
Trent Russell 8/7
Leanne Larson 8/10
Dustin Kemper 8/11
Ava Hauck 8/12
Herb Marsh 8/12

Dave Baker 8/13
Steve Shearer 8/13
Bob Troxell 8/19
Marie Tanner 8/19
Terry Snyder 8/21
Sonja Noll 8/23
Justin Cooley 8/24
Sharon Byerly-Larson 8/28



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



Arna M. Dershem May 19, 1935 - June 28, 2018 Esther M. Minium Sept. 23, 1926 - July 2, 2018



Esther Marie Minium, 91, of Heather Court, Nottingham Village, Northumberland, passed away at her residence on Monday, July 2, 2018.

A native of Union County, she was born Sept. 23, 1926, in Lewisburg, a daughter of the late Ralph J. and Mary (Libby) Swanger. She was married to Nelson Minium who survives.

Esther attended Milton schools. She was employed as the switchboard operator at Evangelical Community Hospital, Lewisburg, retiring after 25-plus years of service.

She was a member of the United In Christ Lutheran Church of Lewisburg and was active in its Sunday school class. Esther loved spending time with her family, doing embroidery, attending church activities, and country music.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, Celia and Woodrow Warren of Lewisburg, Melody and Larry Erb of Lewisburg, and Laurel and Timothy Hertz of Milton; one son and daughter-in-law, Dean and Carrie Minium of Milton; 15 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren; three sisters-in-law, Dora Minium of Montoursville, Celia Stamm of Lewisburg and Dottie Minium of Harrisburg; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one great-grandson, Blake Kovilaritch; one great-granddaughter, Lily Katheryn Warren; and five brothers, Leroy, Neil, James, Norman, and Bruce Swanger.

Friends and relatives were received from 10-11 a.m. Monday, July 9, 2018 at United In Christ Lutheran Church, 1875 Churches Road, Lewisburg, followed by the funeral at 11, with her pastor, the Rev Justin Lingenfelter officiating.

Burial followed in Church Hill Cemetery.

Donations in Esther's memory may be made to United In Christ Lutheran Church, 1875 Churches Road, Lewisburg, PA 17837.

Funeral arrangements were by the John H. Shaw III Funeral Home, Market and Eighth streets, Lewisburg.



Arna M. Dershem, 83, of New Columbia, passed away at her residence on Thursday, June 28, 2018.

Born May 19, 1935 in New Columbia, a daughter of the late Harold and Inez Dershem.

Arna graduated from Bucknell University.

Arna grew up on her parents' farm in New Columbia – the place that was her home all her

life. Never afraid of physical labor, she cherished her work on the farm, especially driving the tractor. Always the dutiful daughter, she cared for her parents in their times of ill health, and was their caregiver until their deaths. In fact, she sacrificed her life and work as a music teacher in New York to come home and care for her parents.

Arna was an active member of United In Christ. She served as the organist and choir director for many years, and once taught the choir to sing "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" in German for Reformation Sunday. She served on the worship and music committee, education committee, and church council. She taught Sunday School and Adult Forum and was particularly knowledgeable about the Bible.

One of her gifts to her community was writing a history of White Deer Township, a volume that can be found in many local libraries and homes. As an historian of the area, she collected facts, narratives, and pictures that told the story of how the area was settled, developed, and grew into the community it is today. She also applied her historian skills by writing the history of St. John's Lutheran Church. Her inquisitive mind led her to ask many questions and engage in her own study of scripture that enlightened her fellow congregants and challenged many pastors!

Arna was no stranger to illness, and battled cancer more than once in her life. Yet she always maintained a positive attitude and a smile. Her dignity, intelligence, talent, love for her dog, and faithfulness to her church and Lutheran heritage will be remembered by her church family. She is survived by several cousins.

Interment was at Highland Cemetery, New Columbia. Arrangements were handled by the Dale Ranck Funeral & Cremation Care, Milton.



REFLECTIONS ON THE 2018 ASSEMBLY



Change in format and shared conversations were a big part of this year's synod assembly and I want to thank everyone for their willingness and courage, as we lived through those two days together.

The day of business went well, with folks lifting up as a highlight the opening worship by camp staff. We also appreciated

having Rev. Amy Reumann back to our territory and hearing her updates with advocacy ministries across the church.

Interesting enough, as human nature plays out, the biggest "complaint" shared – or rather, disappointment – was that folks missed having the popcorn and soda. That part was out of our control as Thrivent Financial, the annual providers of the popcorn and soda, were unable to come this year. But the best part for me was watching the engagement of folks sharing their stories with one another on Saturday. And the result, from the notes shared and the comments on evaluation forms, was a huge positive.

So now that we have input from folks around the synod, I ask that everyone keep our synod in prayer, praying for the Spirit's guidance as we discern our future steps. Please hold in prayer your synod staff and our mission strategy team as we work through what you have shared and where God is leading us.

~ Bishop Collins

GARDENERS NEEDED



Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village in Lewisburg, is looking for volunteer gardeners to help care for the flower gardens around their sign.

If you would like to volunteer, please call Charlene Fisher at 570-523-4244.

DANDELION TRAIL RUN



Camp Mount Luther will be holding a 5K and 10K trail run race at the camp on **Saturday, September 1.**

This is an entry-level trail race with proceeds going to the camp. The start time for the race is 9am. Runners decide on

race day if they want to do a 5k or 10K run.

Race day registration is \$25. Registration opens at 7:30am on race day. Pre-register by August 8 and pay only \$20. Spectators are welcome as well.

A kid's fun run will also be held with two age categories: six and under and 7-10. Special awards will be presented to every participant in the fun run.

Again this year, a one mile fun walk on a dirt road will be held with the same registration fees and amenities applying (or you may just walk without receiving amenities for \$10). Awards will be given for overall male and female race time, three awards for each age group and an overall master's for male and female in both the 5K and the 10K. The awards ceremony will be immediately following the race. Shower facilities are available after the race. All miles for the course

will be marked and there is one water stop on the course. Timing will be electronically done.

To register, visit http://midpenntrailblazers.com/trail-race-events/dandelionrun/dandelion-run.html.

The Dandelion Run, begun in 2002, is organized by Joel and Shelley Heasley of Middleburg. It was named in honor and memory of Rev. Glenn E. Heasley, Jr., former Assistant to the Bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Glenn's favorite "flower" was the dandelion. Heasley's widow, Shirley, is also involved in the planning of the race.

CML WHOOPIE PIE STAND



Camp Mount Luther will staff a booth at the Selinsgrove Market Street Festival on Saturday, September 22, where they will sell homemade whoopie pies. Volunteers

are needed to make these sweet treats, as well as to staff the booth on the day of the festival. If you are interested in donating whoopie pies (of any flavor) or helping to sell them that day, contact Sarah Hershberger at 570-966-9674 or Chad Hershberger at 570-922-1587.

DISASTER RESPONSE WORK TEAM



The Susquehanna Valley Interfaith Disaster Response Network is planning a work week at the end of October in Daytona, Florida. If you are in-

terested in participating to assist recovery from the hurricanes of the past few years contact Craig Miller, Assistant to the Bishop for Evangelical Mission: prcmiller@usselca.org.



1,720 diaper were given out at July's diaper pantry.

NEXT DIAPER PANTRY

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

COMMUNITY AID BIN



We've partnered with CommunityAid, which is a thrift stores in Selinsgrove. Please help support us by dropping off any lightly used clothing or shoes.

STAY IN THE LOOP



Go to UIC's website to view an up-to-date Church Calendar of Events or current month's Worship Volunteers, which are listed in all upcoming "worship" events.

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





AUGUST 8, 10am-2pm

10 am - Social Hour

11 am - Free Bingo with Prizes

12 pm - Free Lunch

1 pm - Bluebird Presentation by Dick Hess.



A LITTLE HUMOR TO BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY.



How come the waitress gets 15% and God only gets 10%?

Sometimes I forget to witness to people....

Now I'm covered!



"HELLO, YOU'RE ON THE AIR!"

MOST TELEMARKETERS WILL

QUICKLY HANG UP...

CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

and the
Upper Susquehanna Synodical
Women's Organization
Present

Fall Women's Retreat and Cluster Gatherings

All women are invited to come for a day-long retreat to spend some quiet time with God and with your sisters in Christ in the tranquil setting of God's creation.

Just Say Yes to God

Led by Friends of the Heart

Friends of the Heart is comprised of three Millersburg women who share God's love through teaching, testimony, drama and song. "Just Say 'Yes' to God!" is a retreat based on the book of Philippians that focuses on balancing work with worship. They talk about: "Looking In," issues that keep you from moving on in life, "Looking Up," developing an ongoing relationship with Christ and "Looking Out," using your talents, wifts and passion to touch the world. Skit should be supported to the passion to the passion to the state of the same passion to the same passion to the same that the same same passion to the same passion to



gifts and passion to touch the world. Skit characters are Mary, Martha, and a psychologist who helps them determine how they might best express devotion to Christ.

Saturday, October 20, 2018

9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Doors open at 9:00 Evergreen Center at Mount Luther

Cost includes coffee and tea, snacks, lunch, and the program.

WOMEN'S RETREAT 2018 REGISTRATION FORM

Cost: \$22.00 Registration Deadline is October 12, 2018

Name:			_				
E-Mail:			_				
Address:			-				
Phone:	N.						
City:	State:	Zip:					
Permission to take part in program: I am interested in the policies, goals, and programs of Camp Mount Luther and the Upper Susquehanna Synod and hereby give consent and give permission to participate in this program. Any photos or video recordings taken in which I or my child might appear may be used for promotion of the camp/synod free of any claims.							
Signature:			_				
Date:							

Make checks payable to <u>Camp Mount Luther</u> with "Women's Retreat" on the memo line and send to the address below:



CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, PA 17844

Phone: (570) 922-1587 Fax: (570) 922-1118 E-Mail: cml@campmountluther.org

THANK

Here is a personal note of thanks to United In Christ for providing a crucial piece of our Summer Lunch and Learning program: lunch! We had such a wonderful time this summer, each day, at both Meadow View and Essex Place. It was such a relief to have lunch taken care of each day and to be able to focus on managing activities or free-time outside. Each week, the participants greatly appreciated and enjoyed the lunches you helped provided. Attendance was great this summer, so oftentimes we only had a few extra sandwiches left over. When we did have leftovers, I was able to visit households where I knew there were large families and offer them the remaining lunches or snacks. They were always appreciative. And I am appreciative of all of you, so thank you, again, for making the Meadow View and Essex Place summer camps a part of your summer lunch provisions.

Sincerely, Jon Hunsberger

Thank you for sending me to Camp Mount Luther Day Camp. I had fun swimming, all camp worship, and staying overnight with all my new friends. My favorite Bible story was Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. I had so much fun that I'm going back again for a second week. In Christian love, Kamden Swanger

YOU

Thank you thank you thank you to everyone for celebrating with us last month! Between an anniversary (1st year here at UIC), and anniversary (3rd year for Kelsey and I) and a birthday (my 27th), there was certainly a lot for me to be thankful for. Your cards and gifts were incredibly touching and generous. Even one year in, you have already been an incredible blessing to me and I look forward to what's next!

Pr. Justin

Thank you to our United In Christ family for all the love and prayers during Only's illness and passing. Mom was baptized here in St. John's and no matter where she lived she always considered it home. The support you gave us both made all the difference through that most difficult time.

Sincerely, Judy Rishel

A huge thank you to Ken and Ruby Baker for volunteering in the office while I was away on vacation!! ~ Terri Cromwell

UNITED IN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH 1875 CHURCHES ROAD LEWISBURG PA 17837

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Location: 1875 Churches Rd., Lewisburg, PA Office Phone: 570-568-2254
Email: office@unitedinchristlutheran.net
Website: www.unitedinchristlutheran.net
Office Hours: Mon. thru Thurs. 9 a.m. - 2