



SEPTEMBER 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, SEPT. 2** **NEW MEMBERS SUNDAY**
- MON, SEPT. 3** **LABOR DAY: OFFICE CLOSED**
- SUN, SEPT. 9** **GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS**
YOUTH GATHERING SUNDAY
HOLY MOLY STARTS BACK UP
ADULT FORUM STARTS BACK UP
- MON, SEPT 10** **YOGA STARTS BACK UP**
- WED, SEPT. 12** **OAKS**
- FRI, SEPT. 14** **HAM AND BEAN SOUP COOKING**
- SAT, SEPT. 15** **HAM AND BEAN SOUP SALE AT**
MILTON HARVEST FESTIVAL
- SUN, SEPT. 16** **YOUTH GROUP STARTING**
- SEPT. 19-26** **PASTOR JUSTIN ON VACATION**
- MON, SEPT. 24** **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- SUN, OCT. 7** **CROP WALK**

FROM THE PASTOR



Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. O simple ones, learn prudence; acquire intelligence, you who lack it. Hear, for I will speak noble things, and from my lips will come what is right; for my mouth will utter truth; wickedness is an abomination to my lips. All the words of my mouth are righteous; there is nothing twisted or crooked in them. They are all straight to one who understands and right to those who find knowledge. Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold; for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.

Proverbs 8:1-11

Dear, United In Christ,

Didn't you think you'd have it all figured out by now?

At every seeming milestone in my life to this point, I had always imagined I would have things figured out for myself. In high school, I imagined that by the time I graduated I'd know what I'd want to do by way of a career. Yet, lo and behold, high school graduation came and went and I had no clue. Then I figured, "Ok, maybe by the time I finish my bachelor's degree, I'll be ready to move on with some clear goals." Surprise surprise! It turns out I needed more answers (and another degree). Then I figured, "Well, maybe I'll understand it all and feel ready by the time I'm ordained." WRONG AGAIN! Like a carrot dangling from a stick, it

seemed like understanding has always been a step or two ahead of me for as long as I can remember.

But maybe that's the point. You know, at our baptisms, we were greeted by the rush of the Holy Spirit: "the spirit of wisdom and understanding . . . the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord." As the Spirit moves with us throughout our own years, so are we invited and drawn deeper and deeper into the seeking of God in all of God's mystery. It's a lot like Wisdom lifting her voice from the heights in Proverbs. In her words, she never promises answers or solutions; instead, her call is one that draws those who hear to herself. Understanding, with all of its silver, gold, and jewel-surpassing worth, is with her. It's not simply handed out by her. Just the same, our baptismal promise isn't one of being given straightforward or simple answers, but is rather one of invitation towards God's self.

In this month when our students return to school in pursuit of so many answers, may you also be drawn into your own searching. This month marks the kickoff of so many things here at UIC; from Sunday School classes to Bible studies; from Youth Group and Confirmation to Scouting, sewing, and yoga. I challenge you to take the opportunities that present themselves to you; dive deep into the avenues that seek Wisdom's call and pursue the Spirit's movement. As always, we never guarantee to have clear answers, but we promise to hear the questions that the Spirit stirs up. After all, we need your divine curiosity because, really, none of us has it figured out.

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 ON VACATION



Pastor Justin will be on vacation **September 19-27**. If you need pastoral care while he is away, please call the office during office hours, 570-568-2254. After office hours please call Terri Cromwell on her cell, 570-850-5730.

Terri will let the supply pastor know of the need.

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 mission 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.

ROUNDTABLE PULPIT



Have you ever wondered how a sermon gets made? Have you ever been listening to a homily and thought "Hmm, this one's not for me?" Have you ever tried to figure out where in God's name preachers get this stuff? Well you're in luck! Pastor Justin wants you, yes YOU,

to help him avoid those unfortunate lines of questions!

ences in worship this month! We are looking forward to starting our regular Youth Group meetings again on **September 16th** at 6:00pm. Any and all students in grades 7-12 are invited to join us! Come and see!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES



We are excited to relaunch our Confirmation program this fall! As our new class of students heads into this two-year curriculum, we are excited by the opportunities ahead. This year, our classes will be led by Beth Guffey! If you have a student in 7th grade or high who would like to be a part of our Confirmation Class, please let us know as soon as possible!

COMMUNION DAY

Last month, four of our students from UIC ventured out for a day to learn all about the Lord's Supper.



We spent the day in Bible study.



Getting a tour of Shade Mountain Winery (where we get our communion wine).



Learning how to bake bread (which we used in worship).



Preparing a meal for our families that evening.

Along the way we had a ton of fun and learned a lot about the gifts of God's love that we get to taste, see, hear, smell, and feel through this meal we share together each and every week!

HAM & BEAN SOUP

Donations are needed for our annual Ham and Bean Soup. Signup sheets are in the fellowship hall.

Quarts are \$5.

Deadline for ordering soup is September 9.

We'll have a booth at the Milton Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 15.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thursday, September 13 at 5:30pm - We need people to clean and cut up ingredients, clean up the kitchen and get everything ready for cooking the soup on Friday.

Friday, September 14 from noon to 5pm - We need volunteers to cook and package the soup, or just come out for some fellowship!!

Saturday, September 16 - Volunteers are needed for the following:

- Setup booth at Milton's Harvest Festival, 6am
- Sell soup throughout the day
- Tear down booth, 4pm.
After a long day we could sure use extra hands to tear everything down!

**Please come out, even if
for only one hour!**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Terry Snyder will be away on vacation from **September 21 until October 7**. United In Christ is looking for volunteers to help get the church ready for Sundays while Terry is away. For those 2 weeks, we have split the work up into 3 jobs for each week. There are 6 volunteer slots that need filled. There is a Sign-Up Sheet in the fellowship hall.

***Sanctuary *Restrooms *Fellowship Hall**

IMPORTANT LINKS

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 under each "worship" event.
www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/calendar

Sermons: Listen to a sermon you may have missed or just listen to it again and see the readings for that Sunday.
www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/sermons

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION



The Social Ministry collects non-perishable food items each month. Your donations get delivered to Mazeppa Manna and HandUP on an alternating basis. Both organizations are especially in need of cereal, peanut butter, tuna, mac & cheese dinners, ketchup, canned fruit, pasta, sauce, and boxed mixes.

Place these items in the baskets located in the Narthex.

STAY IN THE LOOP



Go to the church'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.

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.

UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

Our Members: Lisane Snyder, Bertie Danowsky, family and friends of Arna Dershem.

Family and Friends: Jon Noaker, Angela Smith, Mya Cromwell, Charlie Fegley, Josie.



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 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.

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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

	Sept. 2	Sept. 9	Sept. 16	Sept. 23	Sept. 30
Altar Guild	C. Troxell	C. Zimmerman	K. Guffey	B. Guffey	S. Keifer
Greeter	B. Keifer	D. Baker	K. Noll	Jen Sheaffer	B. Swartz
	S. Keifer	Karen B.	S. Noll	J. Sheaffer	T. Swartz
	R. Kling	A. Guffey	E. Brouse	L. Danowsky	P. Swinehart
Acolyte	L. Shearer	A. Danowsky	D. Sheaffer	K. Swanger	E. Danowsky
Asst. Minister	A. Baker	M. Shearer	B. Swartz	T. McPherrin	C. Zimmerman
Lector	Ken Baker	B. Guffey	S. Keifer	A. Baker	R. Baker
Comm. Asst.	M. Baker	D. Shearer	S. Weiser	C. Troxell	S. Danowsky
	K. Koch	M. Murray	W. Wirth	T. Snyder	Jen Sheaffer
Usher	K. Arndt	L. Shearer	K. Criswell	K. Koch	E. Brouse
	L. Caris	T. McPherrin	T. Swartz	S. McPherrin	D. Shearer
	B. Koch	L. Rabuck	C. Troxell	A. Guffey	M. Shearer
	B. Troxell	M. Rabuck	D. Baker	B. Swartz	S. Brown
Guest Rel.	M. Rabuck	Ken Baker	T. McPherrin	M. Mertz	K. Noll
Offering Counter	W. Wirth	M. Rabuck	J. Sheaffer	M. Shearer	C. Zimmerman
	T. Snyder	K. Guffey	W. Wirth	M. Rabuck	J. Sheaffer
Bread/Wine	K. Guffey	S. Keifer	H. Marsh	S. McPherrin	J. Mertz
Social Hour	L-R	S-Z	A-D	E-K	L-R

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

HAPPY *Anniversary*

Ken and Ginny Criswell 9/1/68

Charlie and Susan Dinsmore 9/4/93

Rick and Jackie Russell 9/4/93

Woody and Celia Warren 9/11/71

Justin and Nicole Cooley 9/20/14

Mel and Mary Baker 9/22/50

Chad and Terri Cromwell 9/22/01



Happy Birthday

Matt Wirth 9/03

Terri Cromwell 9/07

Kamden Swanger 9/08

Lou Swanger 9/10

Scarlette Cooley 9/11

Susan Dinsmore 9/13

Ken Kahler 9/15

Willow Lebarron 9/17

Sue Keifer 9/17

Christine Aucker 9/19

Dawn Warren 9/23

Karen Baker 9/23

Don Byerly 9/23

Curtis Zimmerman 9/25

Cami Zimmerman 9/26

Richard Russell 9/28

Pam Hauck 9/29



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

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.

Esther Minium

*Anonymous, Matthew Russell, Celia Stamm,
Beatrice Swanger, Woodmen Life.*

Only Rishel

*Peg Swinehart, Charles Palazzo, Timothy Hogan,
Michael and Rana Denham, Robert and Carole Kochik,
Mary Wehr, Ken and Phelda Rishel, Rosemary Kling,
Maurice and Barbara Clouser, Ronald and Shirley Rishel,
Anonymous, Joyce Coup, Richard and Nancy Hoffman,
Jack and Carol Rishel, Glen and Florence Van Dyke.*

Arna Dershem

Anonymous.



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

YOUTH AND FAMILY

SCOUTS AT UNITED IN CHRIST



Brownie Girl Scout troop #61414 will once again be meeting at UIC. Brownies are girls in 2nd and 3rd grade. They meet on Mondays from 6:30-8pm downstairs in the Youth Room. Girl Scout Brownie leader Angela Munson can be reached at 570-412-7572.

Junior Girl Scout troop #62071 will start meeting at United In Christ this fall in the church library on Monday s from 6-7:30pm. Juniors are girls in 4th and 5th grade. Junior Girl Scout leader Glenda Richards can be reached by email at ggrichards723@gmail.com.



Cub Scout troop #3600 will continue to meet in the fellowship hall on Mondays from 6:30-8pm. Cub Scouts are boys in grades k-5. Cub Scout leader Clint Heinzleman can be reached at 570-713-5196.

Boy Scout troop #600 continues to meet downstairs in the scout room on Mondays from 7-8:30pm. Boy Scout leader Andy Rohrer can be reached at 570-660-5607.

YOGA CLASS



One way to help eliminate stress is a regular yoga practice. Yoga not only helps reduce stress, it increases strength, improves your balance and flexibility, and improves your overall quality of life.

Starting on **September 10**, Kristie Koch will offer a free yoga class at UIC each Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. No previous experience necessary. Everyone is welcome. Class is free, but you might want to invest in a yoga mat, and bring a towel and a water bottle.

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.

OFFICE HOURS

Summer is over, kids are back to school and the office will once again be open on Fridays.



Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Older Adults Kickin' it up! Monthly Senior Center

On Wednesday, August 8, we had 8 new seniors at OAKs! We had added an extra table at the far end of the bingo tables, but still ran out of room. So we setup 2 round tables for people to play bingo at. It wonderful to see OAKs grow!



Emily Kerstetter, from the Union-Snyder County Agency on Aging, distributed Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program produce vouchers to Union and Snyder County residents from

10am to 1pm. 58 vouchers were handed out this year.

That's an increase of 52% from last year!

For lunch we had hamburger b-b-que on buns with french fries, salad, and desserts.

After lunch Dick Hess gave a wonderful presentation on the Eastern Bluebird.

Next month marks 5 years since OAKs started!



Older Adults Kickin' it up! Monthly Senior Center

Celebrating 5 Years!

Wednesday

September 12, 2018

10 am - Social Hour

11 am - Free Bingo with Prizes

12 pm - Free Lunch

1 pm - Performance by KJ



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



Baby Steps DIAPER PANTRY

1,240 diaper were given out at
August's diaper pantry.

NEXT DIAPER PANTRY

September 8 ~ 10-11:30am
1 bag (40 diapers) per child.



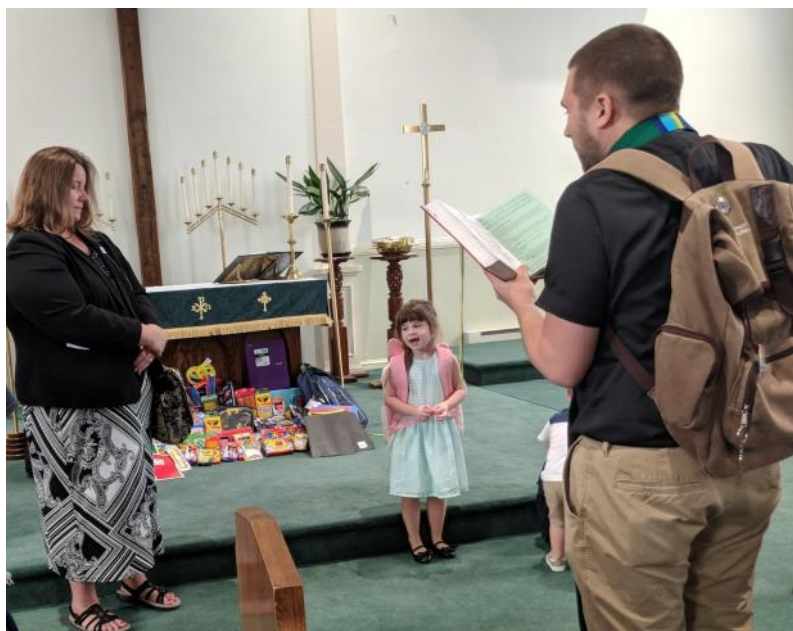
A changing table has been installed
in the fellowship hall family restroom.

Social Ministry

Money from the Community Meal Fund was used to purchase ingredients to make baked beans for the August 12th free community meal at Christ Lutheran Church in Milton.

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

Thank you to everyone that donated to our back-to-school drive. The backpacks and supplies were blessed during worship on Sunday, August 19. The backpacks have been taken to the Milton School District and will be given to needy elementary children within the district.





God's work. Our hands.

Please join us on **Sunday, Sept. 9**, as United In Christ will be

participates in God's Work, Our hands Sunday by going out into our community and serving those around us. This year, we will be packing our tools and heading to Camp Mount Luther to tackle a few projects for the campers and staff who call that space home every summer. We will head out to the project sites following worship that morning, so don't forget to **wear your yellow UIC shirts to church!**

CROP WALK



United In Christ is putting together a team to walk in the Lewisburg CROP Walk on **Sunday, October 7**. If you are interested in joining the team please contact Michelle Shearer, UIC's CROP Walk Rep, at church

or by phone at 570-768-8316.

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

UIC Ladies, I am attending the CML Fall Women's Retreat. Sister in Christ, come out and spend the day with me as we grow our faith and spend a day away from kids, spouses and all of the other daily things we do!! ~ Terri Cromwell

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, 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: _____

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 Camp Mount Luther with "Women's Retreat" on the memo line and send to the address below:



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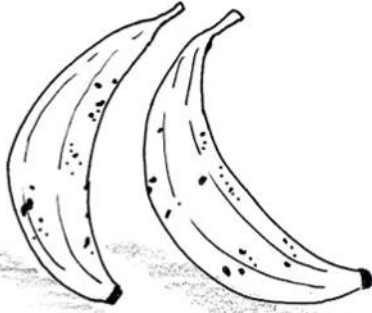
355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, PA 17844

Phone: (570) 922-1587 Fax: (570) 922-1118

E-Mail: cml@campmountluther.org

A LITTLE **HUMOR** TO BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY.

— KIRKRAFT —



TWO BANANAS



TUBA NANAS

**LAST PERSON THROUGH
THE CHURCH POTLUCK LINE**



THANK YOU

Dear United In Christ Lutheran Church,

Hello everyone, my name is Glenda Richards. I am the leader for Girl Scout troop #62071. We would like to thank you and Pastor Justin for allowing us to use your facility to hold our weekly meetings.

I was a Girl Scout as a little girl and made the choice to have my daughter join the organization when she was in kindergarten and decided to become a troop leader the following year. However, it has taken me until now to accomplish that goal, I am excited to see where this year will take me and the girls in my troop. I know that my daughter is excited to have me as a troop leader this year as well as my assistant's daughter.

There is much to teach these young ladies and I can't wait to begin our journey! Thank you again for giving us this opportunity.

Sincerely, Glenda Richards and Troop # 62071

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