



NOVEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Give **THANKS**
to the **LORD** for
HIS IS GOOD He
LOVE endures
FOREVER

Psalm 107:1

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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	2 nd term, ends 12/2019
Frank Danowsky	1 st term, ends 12/2018
Marianne Murray	2 nd 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

- SAT, NOV. 3** **TURN CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR**
- SUN, NOV. 4** **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**
- TUE, NOV. 6** **PA GENERAL ELECTIONS**
- SAT, NOV. 10** **BABY STEPS DIAPER PANTRY**
- MON, NOV. 12** **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- WED, NOV. 14** **OAKS
COUNCIL MEETING**
- SUN, NOV. 18** **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**
- MON, NOV. 19** **PHOTOS FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY**
- THUR, NOV. 22** **THANKSGIVING ~ OFFICE CLOSED**
- FRI, NOV. 23** **BLACK FRIDAY ~ OFFICE CLOSED**
- SAT, DEC. 1** **CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP**
- SUN, DEC. 2** **ADVENT 1**

FROM THE PASTOR



Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: "Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:50-57

Dear United In Christ,

Do these words sound familiar? I've read this passage a lot this past year. In fact, I've read more times than I honestly would have liked to. To be fair, some of you have probably heard me read these words more times in the past year than you would have liked to as well. This reading comes to us from 1 Corinthians and is a passage regularly proclaimed at the graveside as we prepare to commit the bodies of the deceased, of our loved ones, to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

We've been to the graveside a fair amount in these past few seasons. We've gathered together to comfort one an-

other as we've remembered fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, friends, and co-workers in faith. Our community has definitely changed a lot in this last year. Looking around, there are certainly a lot of people to miss and many tears that remain fresh. With all this change, my hope this month is that you can join us for worship this All Saints Sunday on November 4. As we gather together on this day, we will remember and give thanks for the lives and witnesses of the saints from this community who have gone before us into the church triumphant while also celebrating the new lives at work with us in our journeys of faith. It will be a day that holds both grief *and* joy, tears *and* smiles, hurt *and* hope because it is a day that holds both death *and* resurrection.

Which is precisely why I am glad that we are in this *together*. Gathered as a community this month we will remember our baptismal promises that, in the greeting of water and Word, we have been united with Christ in both his own death and resurrection. Together, even in the midst of the sadness we may continue to carry, we will stand in hopeful certainty to proclaim the message that Paul pulls from the prophets for the Corinthian community: death *has* been swallowed up in victory! It may be a difficult reality to see, but it's the one assured for us. As Paul says, our thanks *can* be to God, who gives us this victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

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.



*On Saturday, November 3
turn all your clocks back
1 hour before you go to bed.
This is also a great time of the
year to change the batteries
in your smoke detectors!*

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!

Join us Sundays at 9:00am for our “Roundtable Pulpit.”

We will take a look at the upcoming Sunday’s assigned texts and simply discuss the themes and highlights that we each hear. Zero preparation is required to attend! These conversations will then help Pr. Justin craft his sermon for the following week, based on the questions that come up and the items we discuss. Come check it out!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



We are currently accepting nominations for council members. If you would like to nominate someone, or yourself, you may do so by either contacting a current member of council, or Pastor Justin. **Deadline for council nominations is Sunday, Nov. 11.**

On **Sunday, November 18** we will hold our annual congregational meeting. At the meeting we will vote on the proposed 2019 budget and elect council members. The meeting will take place immediately following worship service. All members are encouraged to attend. Copies of the proposed 2019 budget are in the fellowship hall.

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP



Join us on **Saturday, December 1** here at UIC for our first ever free community Christmas Workshop! We will gather starting at 10am to make all sorts of Christmas crafts for the kids, sing some carols, and of course have plenty of cookies and cocoa! We are still looking for some thrifty folks to help

lead a few craft stations and supply baked goods for the day, so if you'd like to put that Pinterest board or recipe box to good use, please talk to Pastor Justin! We hope you can join us! Come and see!

Beckett David Swanger was baptize by Pastor Justin on Sunday, October 21, 2018.



Kyle Swanger, Beckett and Johanna Swanger, Pastor Justin

FOOD STAND

Linda Caris organized the food stand at Only Rishel's public sale. The proceeds from the sale was split between the Capital Expense Fund and the Youth.

- \$146 Capital Expense Fund
- \$73 Camp Mount Luther Scholarships
- \$73 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering

Thank you Linda Caris for chairing this event, and thank you to everyone that donated food and to those that came out to help with the food stand!!

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Articles, events, photos and/or thank you notes you'd like in the December Newsletter need to be in the office by Monday, November 12.

Worship Volunteers, please give the office **any dates in December** which you **will not be available** to serve during worship.



This also includes Christmas Eve!

If you know you will not be able to serve on Christmas Eve make sure the office knows. After you are scheduled it will be your responsibility to trade with someone else on the schedule if you are not available to serve that day.

STAY IN THE LOOP



Sometimes things can change daily. As they do the church's online calendar does as well. Go to www.unitedinchristlutheran.net to view the up-to-date Church

Calendar and to see the list of weekly Worship Volunteers for November.

HAVE YOU SEEN?



Did you forget something at church? Please check out the LOST AND FOUND BOX, which sits on the sign-up table in the Fellowship Hall.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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

	Nov. 4	Nov. 11	Nov. 18	Nov. 25
Altar Guild	S. Keifer	J. Mertz	C. Troxell	K. Guffey
Greeter	D. Baker Karen B. T. McPherrin	R. Kling K. Noll S. Noll	Jen Sheaffer L. Danowsky G. Weiser	B. Keifer S. Keifer T. Swartz
Acolyte	K. Swanger	L. Shearer	D. Sheaffer	L. Warren-Lee
Asst. Minister	C. Zimmerman	A. Baker	T. McPherrin	M. Shearer
Lector	A. Baker	Ken B.	C. Zimmerman	R. Baker
Comm. Asst.	R. Kling Jen Sheaffer	D. Baker M. Shearer	M. Baker T. Snyder	B. Swartz C. Troxell
Usher	D. Shearer E. Brown K. Koch J. Mertz	T. Swartz S. McPherrin M. Rabuck J. Sheaffer	Ken B. K. Arndt BJ Koch B. Swartz	L. Rabuck P. Swinehart W. Wirth K. Criswell
Guest Rel.	T. McPherrin	M. Mertz	K. Noll	M. Rabuck
Offering Counter	C. Zimmerman M. Rabuck	T. Snyder J. Sheaffer	K. Guffey M. Shearer	W. Wirth C. Zimmerman
Bread/Wine	K. Criswell	C. Troxell	P. Swinehart	S. Weiser
Social Hour	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

Congratulations!

*Becket David Swanger was baptized
on Sunday, October 21!*

HAPPY
Anniversary

Terry and Cindy Snyder 11/2/15

Mark and Lisa Rabuck 11/8/75

Willard and Pam Hauck 11/13/71

Bob and Sue Keifer 11/25/61

Mike and Jane Mertz 11/28/81

John and Shirley Russell 11/30/56



Happy Birthday

James Arndt 11/1

Merv Reedy 11/2

Owen Arndt 11/4

Kathy Guffey 11/4

Alecia Engle 11/9

Trudy Swartz 11/9

Mary Baker 11/15

Mike Baker 11/19

Elizabeth Divers 11/22

Joan Kethem 11/24

Woody Warren 11/28

Danielle Scott 11/30

John Russell 11/30



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

DON'T FORGET



We have two dates for photos, Tuesday, October 30 and Monday, November 19.

Please don't forget your appointment time!

Make sure you arrive 10 minutes prior to your appointment and if you plan to purchase any additional photos you will need to pay for them at your photography appointment.

NOVEMBER 22 & 23

*The church office will be closed
on Thursday, Nov. 22
and Friday, Nov. 24.*



ALTAR FLOWERS



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.

The cost is \$30 and you may take your flowers home with you after service!

UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

Our Members: Lisane Snyder,
Gerald Baker.

Family and Friends: Betty
Blyler, Art Keister, Hurricane Vic-
tims, Donny Ritter, Margaret
Barnes, Linda Schlick, Ed Harper,
Linda Geyer, David Geyer, Bill
Krause, Jon Noaker, Leigh Perry.



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.



Older Adults Kickin' it up! Monthly Senior Center

Wednesday, Nov. 14 ~ 10am-2pm

10:00 am - Social Hour

11:00 am - Free Bingo with prizes

12:00 pm - Free Lunch

1:00 pm - Native Americans of Central PA

Union County
Historical Society will
give a presentation on
Native Americans of
Central PA



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

SOLES 4 SOULS

Soles4Souls creates sustainable jobs and provides relief through the distribution of shoes and clothing around the world. New and gently-worn shoes are sold to individuals who live in extremely poor countries so they can start a small business. The income the small business owners earn gives them the ability to purchase necessities like food, shelter, and education for their families.



YOUR USED SHOES
BECOME SOMEONE ELSE'S
FOOD, HOUSING
AND EDUCATION.

The Kiwanis Club of Milton/Warrior Run is holding a "SOLES 4 SOULS" shoe drive. Jane Mertz is the contact person for the shoe drive. She can be reached at 570-971-9534.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

A large box will be placed in the fellowship hall, near the sign-up table, to collect shoes, boots, etc. of all ages.

They should be in pairs, and not ruined (no tears, broken heels, etc.).

The money raised from this will help our area needy children. Several projects and activities include helping out at Magical Memories (a Halloween event for children with life-threatening illnesses from 5 counties), a daddy/daughter dance, Panther Packs, National Night Out, trauma dolls for the fire department, WNEP Trail of Treats (a Halloween event for special needs kids from many school districts), mini libraries in 3 area laundromats, Music in the Park for kids, created activity boxes for children admitted to Evangelical Community Hospital, and provide children's books for our diaper pantry.

**Clean out your closet and help our children.
It's a win/win situation.**

Social Ministry



Food collected on Harvest home Sunday, which was taken to a local food pantry.



Over 70 people came out to support Lewisburg's walk. Thousands of dollars were raised to help fight hunger, and we are excited to see great things come of it! Thanks for helping make the 41st CROP Walk in Lewisburg a huge success!

United In Christ raised \$256.

Thank you to everyone that donated food, money, and to those that walked in this year's CROP WALK!

PRAYER CHAIN

Did you know that here at UIC we have a group of dedicated individuals who are always at the ready to pray on your behalf? If you ever have a need or concern you can call the office with as many or as few details as you'd like and we will notify the members of our prayer chain who will lift up your concerns in prayer to God.



*If you would like to be a part of the prayer chain,
you can touch base with Linda Caris or
leave a note for Terri in the office.*

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION



The Social Ministry collects non-perishable food items each month. Your donations get delivered to Maz-eppa 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.**



Baby Steps DIAPER PANTRY

2,240 diaper were given out at
October's diaper pantry.

NEXT DIAPER PANTRY

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

RECORDED SERMONS



Pastor Justin's sermons are but a click away. Visit UIC's website and click on "Sermons" to listen to past sermons. You'll also find that Sunday's readings written out for you to read.

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

An elderly woman walked into the country church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps. "Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely. "The front row please." she answered. "You really don't want to do that", the usher said, "The pastor is really boring." "Do you happen to know who I am?" the woman inquired. "No." he said. "I'm the pastor's mother," she replied indignantly. "Do you know who I am?" he asked. "No." she said. "Good," he answered.



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