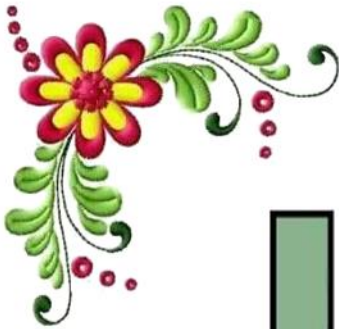




# JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

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For the  
**JOY**

of the Lord  
is your strength

Nehemiah 8:10



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## WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, 10am

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday, 9am to 2pm

### UIC COUNCIL MEMBERS

<b>Bob Swartz</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> term, ends 12/2019</b>
<b>Cami Zimmerman</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> term, ends 12/2021</b>
<b>Charlie Dinsmore</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> term, ends 12/2021</b>
<b>Kathy Guffey</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> term, ends 12/2021</b>
<b>Ken Baker</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> term, ends 12/2020</b>
<b>Ken Criswell</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> term, ends 12/2019</b>
<b>Lisa Rabuck</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> term, ends 12/2021</b>
<b>Rich Whitesel</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> term, ends 12/2021</b>
<b>Emma Danowsky</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> term, ends 12/2021</b>
<b>Syann Steward</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> term, ends 12/2021</b>

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

- TUE, JAN. 1**      **NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
**OFFICE CLOSED**
- WED, JAN. 9**      **OAKS**
- SAT, JAN. 12**      **BABY STEPS DIAPER PANTRY**
- WED, JAN. 16**      **COUNCIL MEETING**
- MON, JAN. 21**      **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- SUN, JAN. 27**      **SCOUT SUNDAY**
- SUN, FEB. 3**      **SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY**
- SUN, FEB 24**      **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**



# FROM THE PASTOR



*In the first year of King Cyrus of Persia, in order that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the Lord stirred up the spirit of King Cyrus of Persia so that he sent a herald throughout all his kingdom, and also in a written edict declared: "Thus says King Cyrus of Persia: The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem in Judah. Any of those among you who are of his people—may their God be with them!—are now permitted to go up to Jerusalem in Judah, and rebuild the house of the Lord, the God of Israel—he is the God who is in Jerusalem; and let all survivors, in whatever place they reside, be assisted by the people of their place with silver and gold, with goods and with animals, besides freewill offerings for the house of God in Jerusalem."*

Ezra 1:1-4

Dear United In Christ,

Have you ever felt like you've just needed a fresh start?

When I was in college and seminary, the end of the semester always felt to me like a cluttered mess of mental disarray. Day to day and hour to hour I felt like I was juggling multiple theses and deadlines all while trying to actually produce content worthy of a decent grade. Inevitably at some point along the way, my drive to do well slipped into a drive to simply survive until the end of the semester when every-

thing would finally come to an abrupt halt. There was hope to be found in the fact that, soon, it would all be over and, in turning over the calendar, I'd be given a clean new slate from which to start.

Even today, I still get hit with that sense of anticipation and hope as we turn the calendar into the new year. I love this annual sensation of feeling like we are being given a fresh start to just about everything we set ourselves to. But for as much as I enjoy the feeling of opening up the new calendar, I can only imagine the sense of astonishment and wonder the Israelites felt at King Cyrus' shocking announcement. After a generation of captivity and exile, the Israelites are told that they are finally going to return home. They are receiving a fresh start, complete with the resources they need to set out on the right foot!

What's shocking, though, is that this news comes from the most unexpected of sources. The Persian King Cyrus, the very ruler who has inherited their captivity, is the one God is stirring to set them free. They aren't being delivered at the hand of a revolutionary, but rather find their liberation in the very one who would otherwise have been their enemy. Their fresh start, you see, is coming from the last place they'd expected.

Maybe that's the point, though. As we wait with hopeful expectation about what this year might hold, we might find that our fresh starts come from the least likely of sources. But from wherever they may come, these fresh starts open to us the possibility of being who God has called us to be. It's a whole new year ahead, so, keep your eyes peeled, UIC. We might just find God's fresh start in the most unexpected of ways.

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 text "Yours, united in Christ,".



# SOCIAL MINISTRY

## FEB. 3RD IS SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY



We'll be collecting food for Panther Packs, which feeds hungry children in the Milton School District. Panther Packs provides backpacks of food over the weekends, when school meals are not available. Every week there are over 250 children that take advantage of this weekend meal program.



We'll also be collecting monetary donations, which will be used to buy food when we sponsor a meal at Christ Lutheran, Milton, Free Community Meal. All checks should be made out to United In Christ, with "Community Meal" or "Souper Bowl Sunday" written on the memo line.

**Monetary donations can also be sent to:  
United In Christ Lutheran Church  
1875 Churches Road, Lewisburg PA 17837**

This year we will again pit the right side and left side of the church against each other. Let's see which side will win by giving the most in food and monetary donations.

## WEAR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM'S COLORS

**Volunteers are needed to help gather the bags of food on Saturday, February 2. That Saturday we'll meet at UIC at 10am then go out in teams and collect the bags of food.**

Items cannot be in glass and should be non-perishable foods that a child could open or prepare on their own.

Individual sized items like...

**Ramen Noodles**

**Canned Pasta** (pop top lids)

**Soup, Stew, Chili** (pop top lids)

**Fruit Cups**

**Individual Cereal Boxes**

**Pudding Cups**

**Mac and Cheese Cups**

**Granola/Breakfast Bars**

**Oatmeal Packs**

**Pop Tarts**

**Single Serving**

**Microwavable Meals**

# CHRISTMAS CAROLING

This year UIC went caroling to Rockwell, ElmCroft, and Country Comfort. We also stopped at Grace Yost's, and Carolyn Baker's homes to sing carols.







Mark Rabuck presented a check for \$1,768.82 to the American Cancer Society. The money came from the proceeds of the ham and bean soup fundraiser we had in September.



## **VALENTINE GIFTS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS & MILITARY PERSONNEL**

The congregation is asked to bring small-denomination gift cards (Dunkin' Donuts, Dominoes, Subway, Sheetz, etc.) for Alli Arndt, college student; and Brandon Wirth, military personnel, by Feb. 3.

We want them to know we are thinking and praying for them during their spring semester and in serving our country.



## Christmas Tree Decorating

### **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!

**To place your order please email the office  
at [office@unitedinchristlutheran.net](mailto:office@unitedinchristlutheran.net)  
or call 570-568-2254.**

# UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

**Our Members:** Becky Carl, Kathleen Noll, family and friends of George Rice, family and friends of Ruth Stump, family and friends of Mac Keifer, Alice Snyder, family and friends of Lisane Snyder, Mel Baker.



**Family and Friends:** Mya Cromwell, family and friends of Ed Harper, Walt Heddings, Linda Geyer.

## **Are you or a loved one in need of prayer?**

Submit your prayer request by calling the office at 570-568-2254 or emailing the office at [office@unitedinchristlutheran.net](mailto:office@unitedinchristlutheran.net).

We will email your prayer request to United In Christ's prayer chain. We'll also print your prayer request for 4 weeks.

# JANUARY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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

	Jan. 6	Jan. 13	Jan. 20	Scout Sunday Jan. 27
Altar Guild	S. Keifer	J. Mertz	C. Troxell	C. Zimmerman
Greeter	K. Guffey T. Swartz P. Swinehart	L. Rabuck N. Walter B. Keifer	D. Baker Karen Baker G. Weiser	Scouts
Acolyte	A. Danowsky	E. Danowsky	K. Swanger	D. Sheaffer
Asst. Minister	T. McPherrin	C. Zimmerman	M. Shearer	B. Swartz
Lector	Jen Sheaffer	M. Shearer	S. Keifer	Scouts
Comm. Asst.	B. Swartz C. Troxell	R. Kling S. Weiser	K. Koch T. McPherrin	Jen Sheaffer T. Snyder D. Baker
Usher	A. Baker R. Kling E. Brown S. Brown	K. Arndt O. Arndt B. Koch T. Swartz	K. Guffey S. McPherrin L. Rabuck L. Caris	Scouts
Guest Rel.	K. Noll	M. Rabuck	B. Troxell	G. Weiser
Offering Counter	J. Sheaffer W. Wirth	M. Shearer M. Rabuck	T. Snyder K. Guffey	C. Zimmerman J. Sheaffer
Bread/Wine	S. Noll	J. Sheaffer	M. Shearer	T. Snyder P. Swinehart
Social Hour	A - D	E - K	L - R	S - Z

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

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## HAPPY *Anniversary*

*Ted and Shirley McPherrin 1/3/76*

*Jim and Kathy Arndt 1/18/92*



## Happy Birthday

*Teena Zimmerman 1/4*

*Julie Hauck 1/4*

*Carol Troxell 1/5*

*Alli Arndt 1/11*

*Brandon Wirth 1/13*

*Linda Danowsky 1/15*

*Shanna Martz 1/16*

*Josh Martz 1/21*

*Laylanya Olds 1/24*

*Sandra Brown 1/25*

*Willard Hauck 1/25*

*Mahala Kemper 1/27*



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

IN MEMORIAM

Malvern C. Keifer Jr.  
George E. Rice Sr.  
Lisane Snyder  
Ruth Stump



Malvern C. "Mac" Keifer Jr., 77, of Sylvan Court, Milton, passed away 12:02 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018, at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville. He was born July 2, 1941, in Lewisburg, a son of the late Malvern C. Sr. and Martha J. (Diggan) Keifer. On Feb. 26, 2015, he married the former May Lou Neilson on the beach in Maui.

Mac was a 1959 graduate of Milton High School and had served honorably in the Navy. He retired from Federal Bureau of Prisons Oxford. He had worked at Lewisburg Penitentiary as a "discipline hearing officer".

Mac was a member of United In Christ Lutheran Church where he had assisted in some pastor duties in the past and had helped with the church cooking events. He was also a member of the Milton American Legion Post 71, Milton VFW Post 1665, F&AM 256 Milton Lodge and Milton Moose 171.

Mac enjoyed dancing, gardening, cooking, walking, biking, wine making, canning, and playing Pinochle.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, John David and Kim Keifer of Stevens; two daughters and one son-in-law, Cathy Diane Carpenter of Milton, and Susan Dawn and Paul Young of Berwick; one brother and sister-in-law, Robert A. Sr. and Suzanna Keifer of Milton; one sister and brother-in-law, Kay G. and Bernie Gaschk of The Villages, Fla.; and six grandchildren.

In keeping with his wishes, there were no services.



George E. Rice Sr., 87, of Montandon, passed away Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018, at his home.

George was born July 1, 1931, a son of the late John C. and Anna Rhoda (Yocum) Rice. He was married to the former Thrisie Thompson and together they celebrated 49 years of marriage until her death in 2002.

George served in the Air Force. While serving he was a member of the Polar Bear Club in Thule, Greenland and the Knights of the Blue Nose for crossing the Arctic Circle. He worked as a farmer, in coal mines, and retired from American Home Foods in 1993. He was a member of United In Christ Lutheran Church, NRA, American Legion Post 841, VFW Post 1665, Moose #171. George enjoyed hunting, fishing, bowling, and small engine repair.

He is survived by six children and their spouses, Deborah K. and Rob Smith of Lewisburg, George E. Jr. and Robin Rice of Montandon, Anna Gima of Montandon, Dewey and Pat Rice of Sunbury, Terry and Steve Balliet of Watsontown, and Clara L. Rice of Milton; 13 grandchildren; nine step grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; 11 step great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and two step great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by a great-grandson, Noah Doebler; four brothers, Elwood, Walter, Samuel and John; and five sisters, Ruth St. Clair, Mildred Baker, Clara Ranck, Dora Whery and Christina Ackley.

Friends and relatives were received from 10-11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 30, at United In Christ, followed by the funeral at 11, with the Rev. Justin G. Lingenfelter officiating. Burial with military honors followed in Church Hill Cemetery.



On the morning of Friday, December 14, 2018, Lisane M. Snyder, 62, of New Columbia passed away peacefully at home, with her devoted husband by her side. An animal lover and avid traveler, she was a beloved wife, mother, sister and friend to many.

Born in New York, NY on April 12, 1956, she was the daughter of Elizabeth A.

(Smelser) Willey of Yulan, NY and the late Anthony J. Agresta. She was married to Ed Snyder, with whom she celebrated 40 years of marriage.

Lisane graduated from Berkeley College in 1975 with a degree in secretarial studies. She worked her way up to become the secretary for United States District Judge Edmond L. Palmieri and in 1983 left the workforce to focus her time on her family.

She was a member of United in Christ Lutheran Church in Lewisburg where she was active in the church book club and Social Ministry Committee.

In addition to her husband and mother, she is survived by two sons and three adorable granddaughters; Charles Snyder and his wife Kirsten and daughters Anna and Claire of McKinney, TX and Alan Snyder and his wife Teresa and daughter Harper of Downers Grove, IL; a brother Anthony J. Agresta, Jr. of Cohoes, NY; and two sisters Suzanne Schreter of Kingston, NY and Betty Jane Hollister of Yulan, NY.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, December 30, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. at United In Christ Lutheran Church with the Rev. Justin G. Lingenfelter officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to United In Christ Lutheran Church, or to Mary's Place by the Sea, P.O. Box 86, Ocean Grove, NJ 07756.





B. Ruth (Fisher) Stump, 89, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018, at Buffalo Valley Assisted Living, Lewisburg. She was born on Aug. 4, 1929, and was the daughter of the late Ralph and Winifred (Huff) Fisher.

On March 18, 1950, Ruth married the late Wayne A. Stump Sr. and they celebrated 47 years of marriage together until his death on Feb. 22, 1997.

Ruth loved her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and always was the happiest enjoying the times spent with her family.

Ruth is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Wayne Jr. and Sharon of State College, George and Janice Stump of Lewisburg and Dale and Kathy of Lewisburg; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Ruth Forbes and her companion Richard Kitchen of Northumberland, Lana Rote of New Columbia and Christine and Charles Long Jr. of Milton; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; seven brothers and sisters, Nelson, Beatrice, Beryl, Robert, Carol, James "Henry" and Kay; and her sister-in-law, Peggy Clemens.

In addition to her parents and husband, Ruth was preceded in death by two sisters, Grace and Nancy along with all of Wayne Sr.'s siblings.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village and Evangelical Hospice for their outstanding care and compassion.

Services for Ruth were held privately and burial was at Highland Cemetery, New Columbia.

Memorial contributions may be made to United In Christ Lutheran Church, Buffalo Valley Assisted Living, 189 E. Tressler Blvd., Lewisburg or to Hospice of Evangelical, 235 Hospital Drive, Lewisburg.

# YOUTH AND FAMILY



A Thrivent Action Team was created to host UIC's first ever Christmas Workshop on Saturday, Dec. 1.



We had 8 different crafts; paper nativity set, music trees, pom-pom ornaments, angel ornaments, fabric ornaments, felt Christmas tree with moveable felt ornaments, Hershey kiss trees, snowman candlelight ornaments, and 1 activity; knock the snowmen down with snowballs (sock balls).





Marilyn Gresh, our organist, took requests and we sang a bunch of Christmas carols while we crafted, ate Christmas cookies and enjoyed some great fellowship time with each other!

Thank you to Jodie and Amy Danowsky, Kathy Guffey, Trudy Swartz, Michelle Shearer, and Jolynn Heckman for hosting a craft. The felt Christmas trees were sewn by Sharon Weiser and Shirley McPherrin and Mary Kay Harper cut out the felt ornaments which the youth decorated using glitter glue.

Thank you to everyone that supplied cookies for the Christmas Workshop. They were all delicious!





## Youth Worship Takeover Rehearsal

### **SCOUT SUNDAY**



Join us on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> as we worship with all of the Girl, Cub, and Boy Scouts that meet here every week. We will have a special blessing for the scouts and their leaders, and they will be serving as lectors, ushers and greeters that day.

# THANK YOU

Thank you all for your Labors of Love. Your friendship, the food, office work, and prayers mean more than can be expressed. Daddy loved all of you!

~ George Rice's family

Thank you for your order! We are excited to share this nativity set with your church. We hope that you and all who look upon this set feel the amazing love that our wonderful God has for each of His children. We are so grateful that he sent His son for us.

~ With Love, The Booths

Thank you for the many years of worship Mom enjoyed attending church at New Columbia and here when the two churches converged.

~ Families of Ruth Stump

On behalf of the Council of Churches I want to thank your congregation for their generous contribution to the Crop Walk. With your help the community raised over \$7,000 to help those in need, 25% of that will come back to be used locally for providing meals and food for people in our immediate area. It was wonderful to see your participants joining us in the walk. Thank you so much!

~ Janet Temple, Lewisburg Council of Churches Treasurer



# Baby Steps

## DIAPER PANTRY



Diapers, cookies, and so much more!



For Christmas the Rich Huff Fund purchased mittens and socks for all of the kids at the Baby Steps Diaper Pantry. As they stopped to pick up diapers they also got to pick out a book and enjoy some cookies and juice.



# Baby Steps

## DIAPER PANTRY

920 diaper were given out at  
December's diaper pantry.

### **NEXT DIAPER PANTRY**

January 12 ~ 10-11:30am  
1 bag (40 diapers) per child.

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