





# FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

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patient **kind** DOES NOT ENVY  
NOT PROUD DOES NOT BOAST  
**not rude**  
not self-seeking   
NOT EASILY ANGERED  
KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS  
**always protects**  
 love always trusts  
ALWAYS HOPES   
ALWAYS PERSEVERES  
I Corinthians 13 **never fails**  
**Love is..**

DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL

rejoices with the truth

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## WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, 10am

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday, 9am to 2pm

### UIC COUNCIL MEMBERS

<b>Cami Zimmerman - President</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> term, ends 12/2021</b>
<b>Charlie Dinsmore - V. President</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> term, ends 12/2021</b>
<b>Ken Baker - Treasurer</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> term, ends 12/2020</b>
<b>Lisa Rabuck - Secretary</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> term, ends 12/2021</b>
<b>Ken Criswell</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> term, ends 12/2019</b>
<b>Bob Swartz</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> term, ends 12/2019</b>
<b>Kathy Guffey</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> term, ends 12/2021</b>
<b>Rick 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

- SAT, FEB. 9**      **BABY STEPS DIAPER PANTRY**
- WED, FEB. 13**    **OAK SENIOR CENTER**  
**SOUP & STUDY BEGINS**
- MON, FEB. 18**    **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- WED, FEB. 20**    **COUNCIL MEETING**
- SUN, FEB. 24**    **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**
- WED, MAR. 6**     **ASH WEDNESDAY**
- SAT, MAR. 16**    **SCOUT SPAGHETTI SUPPER**
- SAT, MAR. 23**    **YOUTH TURKEY WAFFLE DINNER**

A congregational meeting  
will be held February 24,  
after worship to hear  
2018 Committee Reports,  
and the audit report.



# FROM THE PASTOR



*So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.*

1 John 4:16-20

Dear United In Christ,

The fact that scripture holds within it a myriad of images, descriptions, and titles to help us understand the God whom we profess has always been a real gift, I've thought. It means that there are for us a multitude of ways in which God makes God's self known, which means we have so many descriptions to turn to in the various days and seasons of our lives. In scripture, we come to know the God who is Almighty, the Merciful, the Great Shepherd, the Light, the Word, and the Rock of salvation, refuge, and strength. Such a multitude of ascriptions really is quite remarkable, and I find that, on different days, I need to hear different truths behind each.

Standing apart from all of these titles and ascriptions, though, I've always found myself drawn to this beautifully succinct statement of faith made here in 1 John. In just a few short words, the author manages to capture a totality of

God's self that would seem otherwise impossible to imagine: God is love. It really is as simple as that. In such a plain statement, the author reflects our grounding and our calling in this world. Because the God who is love chose first to love us, we are given the privilege of going out to reflect that same love to the sisters and brothers who surround us. In a series of compounding love reflections, then, we each are given glimpses of the God whom we cannot see.

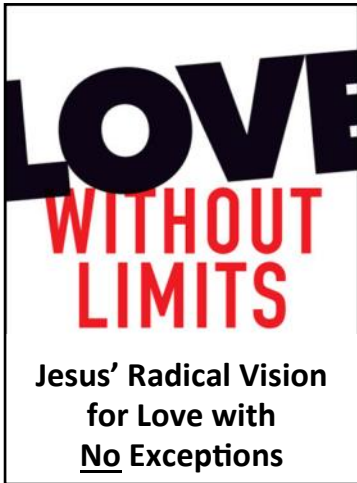
There's a holiness in such divine love offered to and reflected among God's people you see. In this month containing a whole day dedicated to love, it's good for us to remember the scope of the God who is love abiding with us. In a time and culture where the realm of love is reserved only for those we deem worthy to instead make way for suspicion and derision of the other, it seems we could perhaps use an extra dose of this love that casts out fear. That's why I'm really excited that this month we are beginning a new book study, reading *Love Without Limits*, that will carry us through and serve as our Lenten study for the year (more details later in the newsletter). I hope that you will take this opportunity to join us and claim this radical heritage God gives, calling us to a love grounded in God's self!

In the meantime, keep on loving, United In Christ. Dare to reflect the light of God's abiding love into even the darkest of spaces where such love seems least deserved or expected. Find in these reflections the God who is such love moving among God's people.

Yours, united in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Justin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a small flourish at the beginning.

# WEDNESDAYS SOUP & STUDY



Since Valentine's Day is this month, it's probably time we started talking about **love**.

We are excited to announce the launch of a new book study this month!

Starting on **Wed., February 13 at 6:00pm**, we will gather each week for **Soup & Study** as we work our way through lifelong-Lutheran Jacqueline

Bussie's new book, **Love Without Limits**.

Taking a chapter each week, we will hear about the ways in which God's boundary-defying love challenges us to love even those who might seem least deserving of such love.

As we carry this book through our Lenten journey, we will also come to recognize the ways in which we have fallen short of such a lofty goal, even as we march towards the perfect love shown to greet us in our Easter hope.

Look for the signup sheets in the fellowship hall.

**Copies of the book are \$15 each  
(see Pastor Justin to order)**

There will also be a few copies made available for circulation in the church library!

*We hope you will join us for this study!*

From the publisher:

“Every day, millions of people lament the loss of civility, respect, and hope, and they wonder if it's possible to cultivate a love big enough to overthrow hate and heal our hurts. With courage, authenticity, and relevance, Jacqueline A. Bussie proclaims, “Yes! It's possible!” and urges readers to widen love's wingspan and to love as God loves--without limits or exceptions.

In *Love Without Limits*, Bussie imparts practical solutions for people of faith who yearn to love across division and difference in these troubled times.

Through poignant personal memoir, engaging theological reflection, inspiring true stories of boundary-busting friendships, creative readings of scripture, and surprising shout-outs to some of love's unsung heroes, Bussie challenges readers to answer God's call to practice a love so deep, it subverts the social order; so radical, it scandalizes the powerful; so vast, it excludes no one.”

**“ Love is not a rug or chair on which other people can stand or sit; it is a chandelier. A chandelier casts equal light on everyone in the room, including yourself.”**

— JACQUELINE A. BUSSIE

**Love Without Limits**

# ELCA Good Gifts



During Advent we put a Good Gifts tree up for the congregation to purchase items. The congregation purchased a total of \$730 worth of items.

- 7 - Pig \$30 each = \$210
- 3 - Goat \$50 each = \$150
- 4 - School Supplies \$10 each = \$40
- 2 - Rooster \$15 each = \$30
- 1 - Feed Refugee Family \$25 each = \$25
- 1 - Latrine \$150 each = \$150
- 5 - Chicks \$10 each = \$50
- 1 - Bees \$20 each = \$20
- 1 - Walter Filer \$30 each = \$30
- Cash donation = \$25

A huge THANK YOU to each of you  
for blessing those less fortunate!



# UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

**Our Members:** Kathleen Noll, family and friends of George Rice, family and friends of Ruth Stump, family and friends of Mac Keifer, family and friends of Lisane Snyder, Mel Baker, family and friends of Nelson Minium, Ken Noll, Sonja Noll, Irene Stark, Alice Snyder.



**Family and Friends:** Mya Cromwell, family and friends of Ed Harper, Walt Heddings, Linda Geyer, Danielle Wondoloski, Henry Aulenbach, Gaye Stahl, Dorie Minium, Dennis Rearick Jr.

**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.

# FEBRUARY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

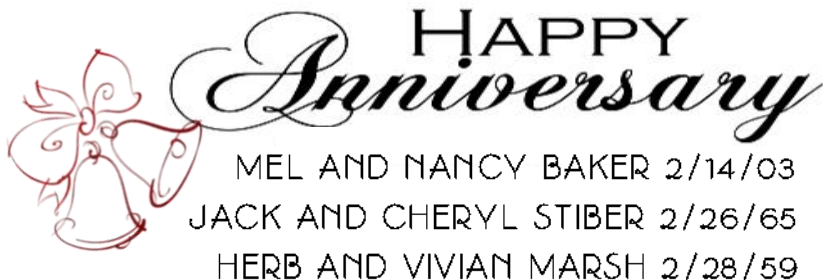
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	Feb. 3	Feb. 10	Feb. 17	Feb. 24
Altar Guild	K. Guffey	S. Keifer	J. Mertz	C. Troxell
Greeter	E. Brown	K. Noll	L. Danowsky	R. Baker
	S. Brown	S. Noll	K. Guffey	B. Keifer
	R. Kling	E. Brouse	L. Rabuck	S. Keifer
Acolyte	E. Danowsky	C. Noll	L. Warren-Lee	K. Swanger
Asst. Minister	C. Zimmerman	T. McPherrin	M. Shearer	B. Swartz
Lector	B. Swartz	C. Zimmerman	A. Baker	Ken Baker
Comm. Asst.	M. Shearer	M. Murray	D. Shearer	C. Zimmerman
	W. Wirth	S. Danowsky	D. Baker	M. Baker
Usher	Karen B.	B. Koch	K. Koch	E. Brouse
	D. Baker	S. McPherrin	E. Brown	J. Mertz
	K. Criswell	J. Sheaffer	S. Brown	W. Wirth
	L. Rabuck	C. Troxell	M. Rabuck	T. Swartz
Guest Rel.	Ken Baker	F. Danowsky	M. Mertz	T. McPherrin
Offering Counter	M. Shearer	C. Zimmerman	T. Snyder	K. Guffey
	W. Wirth	M. Rabuck	J. Sheaffer	M. Shearer
Bread/Wine	C. Troxell	S. Weiser	W. Wirth	C. Zimmerman
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 Birthday

LARISSA SHEARER 2/3

DALTON SHEARER 2/4

DELROY CARIS 2/5

JEFFREY SNYDER 2/6

MAIYA HAUCK 2/10

ELEANOR BROUSE 2/14

ANNETTE BAKER 2/19

ELWOOD BROWN 2/19

GWEN MURPHY 2/19

MARY LOU KEIFER 2/21



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



Nelson  
Minium



Nelson R. Minium, 94, of 281 Ironstone Drive, Northumberland, passed away Saturday morning, Jan. 12, 2019, at Heather Court, Nottingham Village, Northumberland.

A native of Montour County, he was born July 14, 1924, in Danville, a son of the late Wilmer and Margaret (Hawkey) Minium. At a young age he was adopted by Merrill and Ethel Minium. He was preceded in death by his wife of more than 30 years, the former Esther M. Swanger on July 2, 2018.

Nelson attended Milton schools and served with the Navy in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

He was employed as a truck driver for various car carrier companies for more than 37 years. He was a member of United In Christ Lutheran Church, Lewisburg. Nelson enjoyed bowling, fishing and gardening.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Dean and Carrie Minium of Milton; three daughters and sons-in-law, Laurel and Tim Hertz of Milton, Melody and Larry Erb of Lewisburg, and Celia and Woodrow Warren of Lewisburg; 15 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Celia Stamm of Lewisburg and Sharon Miller of Williamsport; one brother, Fred Minium of Harrisburg; two sisters-in-law, Dora Minium of Montoursville and Dottie Minium of Harrisburg; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one great-grandson, Blake Kovilaritch; one great-granddaughter, Lily Kathryn Warren; one sister Pauline Hauck; and three brothers, Robert Criswell, Carl Minium, and Merrill Minium.

Friends and relatives were received from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15, at United In Christ Lutheran Church, followed by the funeral at 2:30, with his pastor, the Rev. Justin Lingenfelter officiating. Burial with military honors will follow in the Church Hill Cemetery.

The family will provide flowers and asks that donations in Nelson's memory be made to United In Christ Lutheran Church, 1875 Churches Road, Lewisburg, PA 17837.



# Baby Steps DIAPER PANTRY

1,320 diaper were given out at  
January's diaper pantry.

## **NEXT DIAPER PANTRY**

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

## **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.**



**Older  
Adults  
Kickin' it up  
SENIOR CENTER**

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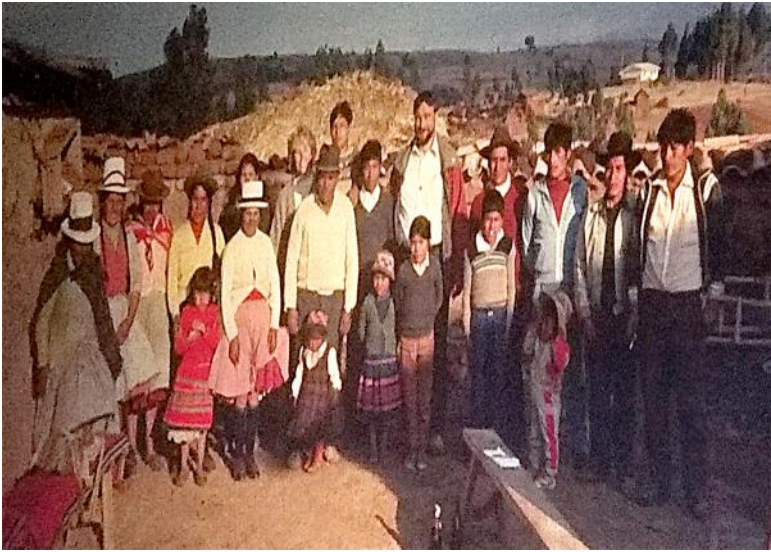
OAK Senior Center keeps growing. Wednesday, January 9, we had a total of 47 people at OAKs, which includes 2 newbies!



Donna Kling gave a presentation on Peru. In 1964 Jerry and Donna joined the Peace Corps and spent 2 years in Peru. Jerry introduced new vegetables seeds and taught the natives how to grow them properly so they could sell them at market. Donna taught cooking and weaving.









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**SENIOR CENTER**



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**Wednesday, Feb. 13 ~ 10am-2pm**

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**10:00 am - Social Hour**

**11:00 am - Free Bingo with Prizes**

**12:00 pm - Free Lunch**

**1:00 pm - Goals by Jim Persing**

**GOAL SETTING**



How to get started  
taking action and  
achieving your **GOALS!**



**OAK SENIOR CENTER IS OPEN  
TO THE PUBLIC. ALL ARE  
WELCOME TO JOIN US!**



# COMMUNITY AID BIN



We've partnered with CommunityAid, which is a local, faith based non-profit organization that operates thrift stores, the closest being in Selinsgrove.

CommunityAid gives back to the community by giving their partners \$.04 per pound of clothing/shoes collected from their bins.

***Since April 2018, UIC has been given over \$280 for items dropped in the bin!***

***All money made from the bin is used to run our free monthly OAK Senior Center at UIC!***

Please continue to support us by dropping off any lightly used clothing or shoes.

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## STAY IN THE LOOP



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



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.

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## IMPORTANT LINKS



For easy access, bookmark these pages on your computer or add the page to your tablet or smartphone's home screen.

**UIC's website:** [www.unitedinchristlutheran.net](http://www.unitedinchristlutheran.net)

**Newsletters:** Read current and past newsletters.  
[www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/newsletter](http://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](http://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](http://www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/sermons)

# THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone in the Church family for your support and prayers. Lisane and I were uplifted by your outpouring of love these last months. Also, a special thank you to everyone who joined us for Lisane's memorial and for the kitchen committee for graciously contributing their time! The food and desserts were delicious!

~ Ed Snyder and family

Dear Friends at UIC,

On behalf of our Kiwanis Club, we would like to thank you for your donations of shoes. We are so grateful for your support. The collected footwear will be sent to developing countries where small businesses will profit from the sales of the shoes collected. Proceeds from those sales are used to feed, clothe, and house their families. By donating to our shoe drive, our Kiwanis Club raises funds to help the children in our area. It is a win-win for everyone.

We will continue to collect your gently worn, used, or new shoes, boots, slippers, etc. until the beginning of March. You may put your donations in the shoe-collection box in the social room.

Bless you all.

Jane, Shirley, Ted, Ruby & Ken

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