



MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER



LENT

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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	2nd term, ends 12/2021
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Lisa Rabuck - Secretary	1st term, ends 12/2021
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Bob Swartz	2nd term, ends 12/2019
Kathy Guffey	1st term, ends 12/2021
Rick Whitesel	1st term, ends 12/2021
Emma Danowsky	1st term, ends 12/2021
Syann Steward	1st term, ends 12/2021

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

WED, MAR. 6	ASH WEDNESDAY
FRI, MAR. 8	ALL CHURCH BOWLING YOUTH LOCK-IN
SAT, MAR. 9	BABY STEPS DIAPER PANTRY
SUN, MAR. 10	LENT 1
WED, MAR. 13	OAKS
SAT, MAR. 16	SCOUT SPAGHETTI SUPPER
WED, MAR. 20	COUNCIL MEETING
SAT, MAR. 23	YOUTH TURKEY WAFFLE DINNER
MON, MAR. 25	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
SUN, APR. 13	PALM SUNDAY
FRI, APR. 19	GOOD FRIDAY
SAT, APR. 20	EASTER EGG HUNT
SUN, APR. 21	RESURRECTION SUNDAY

FROM THE PASTOR



Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread."

Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.' " Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' "

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

Jesus answered him, "It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' " When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Luke 4:1-13

Dear United In Christ,

The wilderness can be a trying place. It can test your mettle. It can make you take a close look at just who you are and what you are made of. I can remember taking part in an event during my days with the Boy Scouts where we were

each sent out into the woods one weekend and told to put together our own shelters for the night. It was definitely a challenge figuring out which type of setup would work best, especially considering the limited resources we were given to make it happen. In the end, I think I basically made due with clearing out a small section of the ground in the middle of the woods and delicately draping the small tarp I had over me. By the time it started cooling into the night, I had resigned myself to a few hours of uncomfortable and grossly damp hours of sleep while trying hard NOT to think of how many bugs I would inadvertently consume in the process. Then the coyotes stirred.

Admittedly, I never saw them, but their baying cries calling out to one another were more than enough to make their imposing presence known. Hearing their chorus of voices farther out into the woods was enough for me to commit to spending the entire rest of the night staying as still as humanly possible. I knew that there were other Scouts in their own makeshift plots within a few hundred yards of me (I could occasionally hear them too), but I gotta tell you, I have never felt more alone in my life than on that night.

Our Journey through Lent.

This month marks the beginning of our journey into the season of Lent. Here, we are driven out into the wilderness around us and made to reckon with our own selves. In this season at hand, we are met with the questions that, in our responses, will show us just what we are about. It's a season that calls for deep and honest introspection. It challenges us, each seemingly on our own, to see what

we're made of. It can be intimidating or even terrifying. It can feel like there are dangers prowling around us. It feels like we are being tested. And in the midst of the endeavor, we might feel absolutely alone.

He is by your side.

It's that very fact, then, that I think makes Luke's gospel so powerful. See, in the wilderness it may feel like we have nowhere to turn. Worse yet, the severity of our circumstance might break us down to compromise on who we are. When we are made to feel isolated and alone, it becomes far easier to embrace that which we would otherwise stay away from. Yet, here in Luke's gospel, we are reminded that even in the borderlands of the wilderness, we have a Christ who walks with us. In paving his way through his own wilderness journey, in resisting the allure of even the devil himself in the midst of it, Jesus makes clear that in even the most far off places he walks with us. In those moments when we feel most alone and tried and tested, Jesus boldly declares his presence with us. Even here in what might feel like the limits of anyone's reach, Jesus accompanies us on our way.

So, United In Christ, welcome to the wilderness. You are not alone.

Yours, united in Christ,

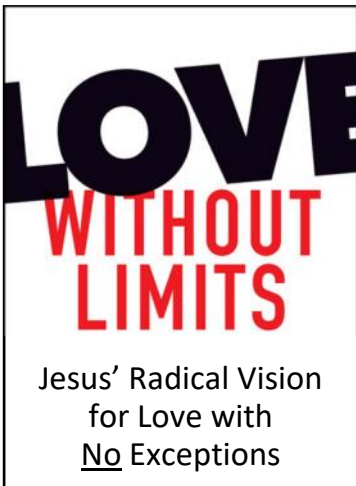
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Justin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP



All are welcome to join us for worship this Ash Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00pm here at United In Christ. Our service will include Holy Communion as well as the imposition of ashes. We hope you will join us as we begin the forty days of our Lenten journey together.

SOUP AND STUDY



We continue this month with our Wednesday evening Soup and Study, making our way through Jacqueline Bussie's *Love Without Limits*.

Taking a chapter each week, we will continue to 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.

If you would still like to join us for the study, please don't hesitate to reach out to Pr. Justin!

Come and see!

YOUTH AND FAMILY



Following our church-wide night of bowling, our Youth will be holding a lock-in here at the church!

Students in grades 7-12 are welcome to join us for the night as we play games, spend some time in study, and have some fun!

We will meet at 6:15pm at the church on Friday, March 8th and will be done by 10:00am on Saturday, March 9th.

Students are asked to bring a snack to share for the night and something for breakfast in the morning.

We hope to see you there!

BOY SCOUT TROOP 600
SPAGHETTI DINNER

March 16 ~ 4pm-7pm



\$8 Adults

\$5 Children 6-12yrs.

Children under 6 Free

Take-outs are available!

TURKEY AND WAFFLE DINNER



We'll be serving mashed potatoes and waffles with turkey and gravy, corn, applesauce, drinks and an assortment of cakes and pies for dessert.

Saturday, March 23, 4-6:30 p.m.

\$8 Adults

\$4 Children 12-6

Children under 6 Free



Help send UIC Youth to CML and to the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering.

Take-outs are available!



SOCIAL MINISTRY



Thank you to each of you that helped make Souper Bowl Sunday a success! You donated over 450 food items which will be used for Panther Packs. You gave \$108

which will be used to buy food for Community Meals.

Thank you so much for your generosity and giving!



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.

If you are able, please purchase any of the following items and place in the wicker baskets in the Narthex.

Peanut Butter

Sugar (small bag)

Sweet Cereal

Flour (small bag)

Instant Mashed Potatoes

Canned Spaghetti Sauce

Brownie Mix

Noodles

UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

Our Members: family and friends of Nelson Minium, Ken Noll, Sonja Noll, Irene Stark, Delroy Caris, Tina Snyder, Alice Snyder, Celia Warren



Family and Friends:

Mya Cromwell, Danielle Wondoloski, Henry Aulenbach, Gaye Stahl, Brook Larson, Richard Caldwell, Dorie Minium, Dennis Rearick Jr., Florence Snyder, Joan Rearick, Charlie Fegley, Brook Larson, Patrick Payne.

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.

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

MARCH WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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

	Mar. 3	Mar. 10	Mar. 17	Mar. 24	Mar. 31
Altar Guild	K. Guffey	S. Keifer	J. Mertz	C. Troxell	C. Zimmerman
Greeter	T. McPherrin	Ken B.	J. Snyder	Jen Sheaffer	D. Baker
	B. Swartz	R. Baker	T. Snyder	J. Sheaffer	Karen B.
	T. Swartz	P. Swinehart	N. Walter	E. Brouse	G. Weiser
Acolyte	D. Sheaffer	K. Swanger	L. Warren-Lee	E. Danowsky	C. Noll
Asst. Minister	C. Zimmerman	A. Baker	T. McPherrin	M. Shearer	B. Swartz
Lector	R. Baker	M. Hauck	Jen Sheaffer	S. Keifer	M. Shearer
Comm. Asst.	R. Kling	M. Baker	C. Troxell	A. Baker	D. Shearer
	K. Koch	T. Snyder	S. Weiser	S. Danowsky	W. Wirth
Usher	D. Baker	K. Arndt	S. McPherrin	R. Kling	L. Caris
	Karen B.	O. Arndt	D. Shearer	L. Rabuck	L. Shearer
	K. Criswell	J. Mertz	E. Brown	B. Koch	S. Keifer
	B. Troxell	E. Brouse	S. Brown	K. Guffey	T. Swartz
Guest Rel.	K. Noll	M. Rabuck	B. Troxell	G. Weiser	Ken B.
Offering Counter	C. Zimmerman	T. Snyder	K. Guffey	W. Wirth	M. Rabuck
	J. Sheaffer	M. Shearer	C. Zimmerman	T. Snyder	K. Guffey
Bread/Wine	S. Keifer	R. Baker	K. Criswell	K. Guffey	V. Marsh
Social Hour	A - D	E - K	L - R	S - Z	A - D

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

FRANK AND BERTIE DANOWSKY 3/12/67

ALLEN AND KATHY LOSS 3/16/01



Happy Birthday

ROB TROXELL 3/1

GRACE VOST 3/15

KRISTA WIRTH 3/2

GLEN VAN DYKE 3/18

GERALD BAKER 3/8

ALLYSSA STARK 3/26

IRENE STARK 3/9

CHAD CROMWELL 3/29

WADE COOLEY 3/9

DONNA KLING 3/30

MICHAEL KETCHEM 3/15



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



Change of
Address

Mel and Mary Baker
10546 River Road
New Columbia, PA 17856

Irene Stark
2421 Old Turnpike Rd.
Lewisburg, PA 17837

UIC BOWLING NIGHT



Join us on Friday, March 8th for a night of bowling at Imperial Lanes in Milton! All are welcome to come along for this night of fun! For those who would like to carpool, we will meet at the church at 6:30pm to start bowling from 7pm-9pm! Approximate cost is \$9/person, but will be updated with a final head-count. A signup sheet for the night is in the fellowship hall! See Pr. Justin for more details.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



ATTENTION
WORSHIP
VOLUNTEERS

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

Any articles, events, photos and/or thank you notes you'd like to have printed in the April Newsletter need to be in the office **by Monday, March 25.**



Baby Steps DIAPER PANTRY

1,640 diaper were given out at
February's diaper pantry.

NEXT DIAPER PANTRY

March 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
or call 570-568-2254.**

HOLISTIC STEWARDSHIP FOR LENT

For centuries Lutherans have observed Lent with passionate devotion and prayerful attention to spiritual disciplines. These faith practices strengthen our souls and open our hearts to the resurrected Christ at Easter.

This year, try developing a sense of holistic stewardship for your life. Stewardship, of course, looks at how we use not just our financial abundance but all the blessings that God has given us – our health, our family and friends, our faith, our time, our intelligence, and so on.



Just as holistic medicine takes a “big picture” view of physical health as a dynamic interconnection of our body’s systems, holistic stewardship helps us see and appreciate all our gifts in relationship to one another.

For instance, how does your stewardship of time interact with your stewardship of your relationships or health? How might more-thoughtful stewardship of your time improve your relationships or your health? How might better stewardship of time, relationships and health improve your financial abundance?

When you examine your stewardship of these and all your gifts in dynamic interconnection with one another, you can find more meaning and purpose as a disciple of Jesus.

To get there, for the days of Lent focus on just five major categories of the blessings God has given you easily remembered by the shorthand word FAITH.

Family and friends – nurturing relationships.

Abundance -- finance and material possessions.

Intelligence – your mind and special talents.

Time -- living fully 24/7.

Health – physical and emotional wellness.

Spend 15 minutes every day to prayerfully ponder and meditate on these FAITH blessings. A prayer journal or notebook may help you process and connect.

- Take stock of your blessings in each category, thanking God for them.
- Reflect on how they interrelate to give you joy and purpose and meaning.
- Ask God to help you use these gifts more wisely and fully for God’s purposes.
- Imagine God blessing and enriching your life as you learn to steward these gifts in a way that they will support and enhance one another.

This Lent, let holistic stewardship help you envision your gifts and life more fully in God’s reality, the reality called the Reign of God. It’s the Reign that Jesus preached and proclaimed, and that he brought to fulfillment with the victory over death that we celebrate at Easter.

--Rob Blezard

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Upper Susquehanna Synod

God's work. Our hands.

SYNOD ESSAY CONTEST

The Upper Susquehanna Synod Council is having an essay contest for high school students. Applicants must live in Columbia, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, or Union County. The deadline is March 15.



Visit, www.daysofremembrance.org/essay-contest.

First place, \$500

Second place, \$250

Multiple honorable-mentions, \$100

MISSION TRIP

The Upper Susquehanna Synod is participating in a mission trip with Susquehanna Interfaith Disaster Response Network. A Disaster Response Work Trip to North Carolina will take place on May 19-25, 2019.

A planning meeting for anyone interested in attending will take place at First Presbyterian Church, Milton, on Monday, March 18 at 7pm.



Blessed are we who can laugh at ourselves
for we shall never cease to be amused.



Oh Harold! Maybe last Sunday was a fluke and this new
church isn't always so "touchy feely".



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



Wednesday, Mar. 13 ~ 10am-2pm

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.

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.

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

Newsletters: 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

THANK YOU

Thank you for your support of the Panther Packs ministry here at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church. Panther Packs now deliver meals to all of the Milton School District Elementary Schools. We provide approximately 304 nutritious weekend meals each week (breakfast, lunch, dinner & snack for Saturday and Sunday). It has been a blessing to have you join us for this valuable ministry. God's work, done God's way, will never lack God's supply.

~ Mary Richie

We want to thank Pastor Justin for his visits while we were in the hospital. And to everyone for their cards, calls, and prayers. God bless.

~ Ken and Sonja Noll



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