



JUNE 2019 NEWSLETTER

You shall love the Lord your God with all your
heart, and with all your soul. . . .
You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Mark 12:30-31



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WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, 10am

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday, 9am to 2pm

UIC COUNCIL MEMBERS

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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

MON, JUN. 1

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Office closed on Fridays during June, July, and August.

SAT, JUN. 8

BABY STEPS DIAPER PANTRY

SUN, JUN. 9

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Wear RED!

WED, JUN. 12

OAKS SENIOR CENTER

Chair Volleyball.

FRI, JUN. 14

SONS BANQUET

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

SAT, JUN. 15

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

SUN, JUN. 16

FATHER'S DAY

MON, JUN. 17

FAITH AND FUN DAY

WED, JUN. 19

COUNCIL MEETING

SUN, JUN. 23

PASTOR OFF FOR 2 WEEKS

PACKING LUNCH BAGS

MON, JUN. 24

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

TUE, JUN. 25

PACKING LUNCH BAGS

FROM THE PASTOR



If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, “The seventh year, the year of remission, is near,” and therefore view your needy neighbor with hostility and give nothing; your neighbor might cry to the LORD against you, and you would incur guilt. Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, “Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land.”

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

Dear United In Christ,

Shirley lived catty-corner to the Lingenfelter family throughout our seven years in Ashland, PA and was arguably the best neighbor we’ve ever had. While my siblings and I were still in school, Shirley would routinely pick us up from the bus while Mom and Dad were working. Shirley would walk us home and always have a snack waiting for us to enjoy. We regularly had dinners with Shirley, and over time we grew to know Shirley’s extended family as she grew to know ours. Shirley even came

to celebrate when Kelsey and I got married (twelve years after moving out of Ashland, mind you)!

When I hear the imploring calls to care for our neighbors, like these found in Deuteronomy, it's easy for me to imagine helping out someone like Shirley. It's a no-brainer, really, to think that helping a neighbor like her is indeed a good thing. Maybe you've had your own Shirley over the years, someone who became an intuitive neighbor throughout your life. Yet, as our world continues to get a little smaller each and every day, as our interconnectedness as a global community draws increasingly tightening webs around us, we might feel that the ways in which we have typically defined our neighbors, the very neighbors we are called to look after, are being challenged. In effect, our neighbors may not seem like our Shirleys as frequently anymore.

As our relationships are no longer necessarily predicated on who lives closest to us, we might find that our neighbors have begun to change. The neighbors we have may no longer look like we do or talk like we do. They might not act like we do or worship like we do. We might even discover that our neighbors don't love who we think they should or vote how we think they should. In a lot of ways, it may feel like our neighbors are changing in ways we never thought possible before. We may, in fact, be learning that our neighbors are exactly the people we thought weren't anything like us.

Which I guess, really, is nothing new. After all, every time we find new ways of defining our neighbors, there comes a moment when those definitions are challenged. Two-thousand years ago, someone, knowing the importance of caring for their neighbor, asked Jesus this question: who is my neighbor?

In his response, Jesus tells the man a story about a good neighbor found in the most unlikely of places. His parable of the good Samaritan (Luke 10) showed the man that sometimes his neighbor will be the very person he would want to associate with least among all people. Sometimes, recognizing the truth of who counts as a neighbor may be uncomfortable. Samaritans were, after all, the rival enemies to the Jewish people. In their own narratives, they knew the Samaritans were wrong and that there would never be any way for them to get along with one another. Yet, Jesus offers a picture of just such a Samaritan as the neighbor for the man to recognize!

This summer, as part of our “Faith and Fun Days” with our students, we will be asking this very same question: Who is my neighbor? As we continue to heed God’s call to care for the neighbors in need among us, we will learn about who and where those neighbors are. It’s a question for all of us, though, really. As we continue to seek new and creative ways to show our neighbors the love that God has first shown us, it serves us well to know just who those neighbors are. The Spirit, who has most assuredly greeted you, may just as surprisingly and uncomfortably lead us to greet the Samaritan neighbors of our own time. Admittedly, this may not be an easy task, but rest assured that it is a holy one. After all, can you imagine what it would look like if we met our unexpected neighbors like the Shirleys in our lives?

Your neighbor, 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 text "Your neighbor, united in Christ,".

PASTOR JUSTIN OFF



Pastor Justin will be taking some time off beginning Sunday, June 23 and returning on Sunday, July 7.

If you need pastoral care while he is off, 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.

MISSION TRIP TO BUFFALO



This summer, United In Christ will be hosting a trip to Buffalo, NY to serve some of our more urban neighbors. This trip is sponsored in large part by the memorial gifts received for Lisane Snyder this past winter.

Wanting to put those gifts to life-giving purpose, Lisane's husband, Ed, has decided to use the funds as seed money for this short-term mission trip! The dates for this trip are July 15th-July 20th. The week will include working with Habitat for Humanity and working with a local group of congregations for their "Burrito Project" (a ministry to help offer meals for local individuals experiencing homelessness). If you are still interested in being a part of the trip, it's not too late to sign on! Please see Pastor Justin or Ed if you are interested in joining us!

CHURCH DIRECTORIES



The 2019 directories are here! If you have a church mailbox, you will find your copy in there. If you do not have a mailbox, you will find your copy in the fellowship hall. Your name will

be on the cover. If you can not find your copy please contact the office.

NEW SUMMER HOURS



During the months of June, July and August, the office will be closed on Fridays.

Church Office Hours

Mon. - Thurs., 9am-2pm

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.

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.

There are lots of open slots to order flowers in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special event. The flowers are yours to take home after worship! Altar flowers cost \$30

Flower Chart is located in the Fellowship Hall.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



Worship Volunteers, please give the office **any dates in July** 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 July Newsletter need to be in the office **by Monday, June 24.**

DEVELOP A HEART OF GENEROSITY

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35b

A friend who regularly volunteers to serve meals to the needy illustrates the truth of Jesus' teaching.

"It's so rewarding to help," she says, explaining that the time and hard work is worth it. "I think get more out of it than they do."

It feels good to give, but we are blessed with so much more when we give generously. The act of giving truly blesses us by shaping our personalities and developing our character. That's a truth affirmed by research. (Check out "The Science of Generosity" white paper from the University of California at Berkeley, or "The Science of Generosity Initiative" at Notre Dame University!)

Generous people tend to be the kind of good folk we want as friends and neighbors. We often think of generosity only in terms of financial giving, but generous people go way beyond that, embodying generosity with all they have and all they are. They are not merely generous, they are *generous-hearted*.

Anyone can develop a generous heart, or a *more* generous heart. Begin by deepening your relationship with God, seeking guidance and wisdom in daily prayer. Then simply begin to pour yourself out for the sake of others, giving generously as a spiritual exercise and discipline. Here are five action steps:

Give smiles. Smile at everyone you see. You may be surprised at how it changes your outlook.

Give nice words. Say something nice to everyone – family and friends, coworkers, parishioners, store clerks, folks in an elevator.

Give courtesy. Hold a door open for the person behind you; stop for pedestrians; let someone go ahead of you in line.

Give your time. Serve people *face-to-face*: tutor schoolchildren, serve meals, visit a shut-in, teach ESL, volunteer at a homeless shelter.

Give your resources: Slowly increase your giving to God's ministry. Make tithing a long-term goal.

Jesus said it is more blessed to give than receive. When we give our time, talents and possessions, God blesses us by developing in us a generous heart.

--Rob Blezard

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Pastor Blezard works as content editor for www.stewardshipoflife.org and serves as an assistant to the bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod and. He blogs at www.thestewardshipguy.com.

PENTECOST SUNDAY



**Pentecost is on
Sunday, June 9.**

Don't forget to wear RED!



OAKS

SENIOR CENTER

Wednesday, June 12

10:00 am - Social Hour

11:00 am - Free Bingo with Prizes

12:00 pm - Free Lunch

1:00 pm - Chair Volleyball



OAKS SENIOR CENTER IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!

UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

Our Members: Charlie Dinsmore, Joan Ketchem, Gerald Baker Jr., Mary Baker, Willard Hauck, Peg Swinehart, Kristie Koch.

Family and Friends: Melody Erb, Anthony DeLong.

**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 or call your prayer request to UIC's prayer chain. We'll print prayer requests for 8 weeks.

PRAYER CHAIN

Scripture instructs us to lift one another up in prayer. The prayer chain takes two forms: telephone or email. If you would like to be a part of the prayer chain, please let Terri Cromwell know. Make sure you tell her if you would like a phone call or an email.

JUNE WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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

	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
Altar Guild	C. Troxell	S. Keifer	K. Guffey		J. Mertz
Greeter	Ken B.	E. Brown	T. Swartz	K. Guffey	S. Keifer
	R. Baker	S. Brown	N. Walter	L. Rabuck	K. Noll
	B. Keifer	R. Kling	G. Weiser	P. Swinehart	S. Noll
Acolyte	G. Heckman	C. Noll	E. Danowsky	D. Sheaffer	L. Shearer
Asst. Minister	M. Shearer	A. Baker	B. Swartz		C. Zimmerman
Lector	Jen S.	M. Shearer	M. Hauck		B. Swartz
Comm. Asst.	B. Swartz	Kelsey S.	M. Murray		Jen S.
	C. Troxell	M. Baker	S. Danowsky		M. Shearer
Usher	K. Arndt	E. Brouse	B. Koch	A. Baker	B. Troxell
	O. Arndt	J. Mertz	S. McPherrin	R. Kling	C. Troxell
	D. Baker	S. Stewart	D. Shearer	T. Swartz	L. Rabuck
	Karen B.	W. Wirth	L. Shearer	L. Caris	K. Criswell
Guest Rel.	M. Mertz	K. Noll	M. Rabuck	B. Troxell	G. Weiser
Offering Counter	J. Sheaffer	M. Shearer	C. Zimmerman	T. Snyder	K. Guffey
	W. Wirth	M. Rabuck	J. Sheaffer	M. Shearer	C. Zimmerman
Bread/Wine	C. Zimmerman	S. Bingaman	R. Baker		K. Criswell
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*

DELROY AND LINDA CARIS 6/2/63

BEN AND KIM CRISWELL 6/7/03

DON AND SHARON BYERLY 6/11

BJ AND KRISTIE KOCH 6/12/10

STEVE AND MICHELLE SHEARER 6/21/97

MATT AND WENDY WIRTH 6/21/86

KEN AND RUBY BAKER 6/24/89

GLEN AND FLORENCE VAN DYKE 6/24/95

DANIELLE AND JEN MURPHY-BENSON 6/24/18

SCOTT AND COLLEEN DANOWSKY 6/26/11

KEN AND SONJA NOLL 6/30/63



Happy Birthday

MIKE MERTZ 6/2

CELIA WARREN 6/20

JOHN SHEAFFER 6/11

EMMA DANOWSKY 6/20

AMANDA RABUCK 6/13

BERTIE DANOWSKY 6/22

ALLEN LOSS 6/17

FELICIA SWARTZ 6/22

SCOTT DANOWSKY 6/17

KATHY ARNDT 6/23

CHERYL STIBER 6/18

MICHELLE SHEARER 6/23

LISA RABUCK 6/18



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

Congratulations



On Sunday, May 12th we celebrated the baptism of John Thomas Albert Heckman, born on February 25, 2019. We are glad to share the joy of what God is doing alongside John's parents, Jolynn and Brian Heckman, and his sister, Gabrielah!



We were thrilled to welcome Bishop BJ Collins who lead us in worship. Thank you, Bishop, for being with us and for all of your incredible work on behalf of the Upper Susquehanna Synod!

LUTHERAN DAY IN THE CAPITAL

On Monday, May 20, Pastor Justin and Ruby Baker traveled to Harrisburg where they spent the day alongside dozens of other Lutherans learning about the role of advocacy in the State Capitol and even meeting with the staff of our state senator to discuss maintaining the priorities of food assistance and food security for our communities in the upcoming PA Budget sessions.



COMMUNITY AID BIN



We've partnered with CommunityAid, which is a thrift store in Selinsgrove. Please help support us by dropping off any lightly used clothing or shoes.

Daughter's Banquet

On Friday, May 10, all of the daughters of our Lord were celebrated. We had about 65 attend the Daughters Banquet.

Mark Rabuck cooked and served us pork tenderloin, roasted potatoes, peas, coleslaw, and ice cream sundaes for dessert.



Thank you to the men of the congregations for serving dinner and cleaning up. Mark Rabuck, thank you so much for making dinner.



After dinner each table was given tissue paper, a roll of toilet paper, and scotch tape. Look at our beautiful creations!

Lisa Rabuck made all of us scented soaps in the shape of a heart. Thank you Lisa!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

SONS BANQUET

JUNE 14
6PM

All “sons” in the congregation are
invited to an evening of good food
and great fellowship!

Please signup in the fellowship
hall by Sunday, June 9.

RICH HUFF FUND

Another successful year. We couldn't have done it without each and every one of you!



RICH HUFF AUCTION

\$7,390.90 Income

\$160.04 Expenses

\$7,229.96 Profits

FOOD STAND

\$943.00 Income

\$38.46 Expenses

\$904.54 Profits



Twenty nine students submitted essays this year. The Rich Huff Committee awarded 5 students with \$500 scholarships. Congratulations to Dalton Shearer, Romeo Mong, Callista Dyer, Amy Danowsky, and Alexa Hackenburg!



Baby Steps DIAPER PANTRY

1,280 diaper were given out at May's diaper pantry.

NEXT DIAPER PANTRY

June 8 ~ 10-11:30am

1 bag (40 diapers) per child.

LUNCH AND LEARN PROGRAM



Every year Bucknell's Community Services Office provides a Lunch and Learn Program at the Meadowview and Essex Place Low Income Housing. While the "learning" is provided by Bucknell University, various Lewisburg area churches provide bag lunches. United In Christ has once again agreed to provide bag

lunches for this program Mon., June 24 through Thu., June 27.

The Rich Huff Fund has generously agreed to provide funds for the food purchase and UIC Social Committee is charged with supervising the bag lunch preparation and distribution.

On Sunday, June 23 and Tuesday, June 25 we will need volunteers to help prepare the lunches. Sunday, June 23 we will prepare the lunch bags following church. Tuesday we will meet at UIC at 6pm to put the bags together. While the actual number of lunches is to be determined (usually 20-30) it only will take about an hour. Thanks everyone for your willingness to participating in feeding our kids in need this summer!

YOUTH AND FAMILY



WHO IS *my neighbor?*

We are excited to announce our debut summer series of “Faith and Fun Days” here at UIC! Our “Faith and Fun Days” serve as opportunities of fun faith formation for students from K-6th grade. Each day our students will gather at the church for stories, songs, and crafts grounded in the free ELCA curriculum titled “Who Is My Neighbor?” After spending the morning together at the church, each day we will then take a field trip to a neighborhood playground in the Susquehanna Valley for some time of fun and games! Students are invited to bring a packed lunch and join us for any or all of the days scheduled throughout the summer! Our whole UIC family is also invited to join us for our last day (Saturday, August 17th) where we will spend the whole day out at Halfway Dam!

Mark your calendars now for these great opportunities!

Monday, June 17th: 10am-2pm

Monday, July 8th: 10am-2pm

Monday, July 22nd: 10am-2pm

Monday, August 12th: 10am-2pm

Saturday, August 17th: - 10am-2pm

Even if you don't have students looking to participate in a "Faith and Fun Day," there are still plenty of ways you can participate.

- Volunteer to help drive students to and from a playground on any given day.
- Volunteer as a helping hand for crafts and activities.
- Volunteer as an extra set of eyes while at the playground.
- Help sponsor some of the students' crafts and activities by purchasing supplies posted on the display in the fellowship hall.

Be sure to check out the display in the fellowship hall for more information on our "Faith and Fun Days!" If you or your student have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to touch base with either Pastor Justin or Sherry Bingaman! We hope to see you this summer!



Our youth and volunteers spent Sunday, May 19 up at Camp Mount Luther cleaning out UIC's sponsored cabin. Many hands made light work as we made the cabin clean and ready for this summer's campers!



Upper Susquehanna Synod

God's work. Our hands.

CELEBRATE LOM'S 100TH!



July 5 is the date of the 100th anniversary of Lutheran Outdoor Ministry. In 1919 on that day, the first Lutheran camp was held near Zeligensville, PA.

The Camp Mount Luther staff invites everyone to come to camp on Tuesday evening, July 2, 2019, to celebrate. As part of our annual Family Camp, we'll be having a campfire and worship service to commemorate the birthday. It all gets underway at 6:30 p.m. The program will be held outdoors, weather permitting, so bring a lawn chair. To help us plan, it would be helpful to have an RSVP to chad@campmountluther.org or call 570-922-1587.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION WITH YOUTH

This program, sponsored by United Lutheran Seminary, is open to youth in grades 9-12 (completed as of June 2019). The program on July 13-20, will focus on how Lutherans read the Bible and engage in response and dialog about our beliefs and how these beliefs meet the needs of our world. Leadership components will build on how to approach advocacy and practice through the Lutheran lens. Registration and more detailed information will be available soon.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION WITH ADULTS

This program, sponsored by United Lutheran Seminary, is open to all people interested in the topic matter. It is on July 14-20. Registrations are available for one day, part of the week, or the whole week. The theme for 2019 will center around Biblical Hermeneutics (interpretation of the Bible and texts) using historical and cultural knowledge, reading through the Lutheran lens. Registration and more detailed information will be available soon.

USSWO CONVENTION

The Upper Susquehanna Synodical Women's Organization Annual Convention will be held on Saturday, July 20, 2019, at the Evergreen Center at Camp Mount Luther, 355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg.

Women are asked to be present for this one-day convention as it brings an excellent opportunity for you to meet your sisters from neighboring churches and become informed about the workings of the Women of the ELCA. The theme for this year's convention is "Go Worth in Faith," based on 2 Corinthians 5:7. Pastor Jerri Carlin is the worship leader.

The ingathering offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Relief and an inkind offering will be items for Camp Mount Luther as suggested by the camp. Registration forms are available at www.usswo-elca.org/upper-susquehanna-synodical-womens-organization/

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family and Friends,

Once again, United In Christ Lutheran Church members came through at The Rich Huff/Operation Santa Claus event. The committee would like to thank all those who donated a raffle basket, a new or gently-used item, or food stand necessities. A special thank you goes out to Jack and Cheryl Stiber and Terry and Jeff Snyder for donating the pork and Italian sausage.

We truly appreciate that so many of you attended this fundraiser and asked friends and family members, too. Thank you for sharing the event on Facebook, which made it possible for even more people to be aware of it. We would also like to thank all those that helped set up the tables and especially for those that helped us tear down. This event could not be possible without your generosity. So many children will be helped with the funds raised.

I have showed you all things, how that so laboring you ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. ~ Acts 20:35

Sincerely,
The Rich Huff Committee

Thank you for hosting the Memorial Day Sunday service. We all, men, women, auxiliary, and Christian supporters of the American Legion Post 71 Milton appreciate your

efforts. After attending last weeks benefit auction, realize you do so much in support of those in need.

Thankfully and Sincerely, Dixie Powell
V.P. Milton American Legion

Thank you to Celia Warren, Jen Sheaffer, and Chris Lee who came to the aid of our guest, who was experiencing health issues, on Mother's Day during worship. Your call to assist the needy fulfills God's call to serve. We are blessed that you shared your medical training and knowledge to care for God's people in their time of need.

Cami Zimmerman, Council President

Dear Members of United In Christ Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your support of the Panther Packs ministry here at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church. Panther Packs provides over 300 nutritious weekend meals each week to students at the Milton School Districts Elementary Schools. Without help from churches and people from the community we would not be able to provide these much needed meals! Showing the Love of God, one meal at a time.

Sincerely, Mary Richie



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