



# JULY 2019 NEWSLETTER

DO JUSTICE

*love kindness*

walk humbly

Micah 6:8



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## WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, 10am

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday, 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

- MON, JUL. 8**      **FAITH AND FUN DAY**
- WED, JUL. 10**    **OAKS SENIOR CENTER**  
Pictionary Teams
- SAT, JUL. 13**    **BABY STEPS DIAPER PANTRY**
- SUN, JUL. 14**    **GRADUATES SUNDAY**  
Celebrate our 2019 graduates
- MON, JUL. 15**    **MISSION TRIP TO NY**  
Returning on Friday, July 19
- SUN, JUL. 21**    **HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY**  
Dress in your Sunday Wackiest!
- MON, JUL. 22**    **FAITH AND FUN DAY**  
**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- SUN, JUL. 28**    **WORKDAY AT UIC**  
Come to worship in work clothes
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## INTERIOR DOORS

During the summer months, please remember to keep the sanctuary and narthex doors closed. When they are open during worship the cold air in the sanctuary is drawn downstairs and into the hallways. When the air condition is on in the fellowship hall please remember to keep those doors closed also.

- *Property Committee*

# FROM THE PASTOR



*Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.*

*“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”*

*He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*

- Micah 6:1-2, 6-8

Dear United In Christ,

I relished the freedom of those first days of summer vacation as a kid. They were days jam-packed with absolute nothingness and I couldn't have been more excited for them. No more homework, no more classes, even Mom and Dad gave at least a few days without any responsibilities to bask in the glory of doing nothing. Eventually, though, the nothingness always seemed to catch up. Inevitably, there would always seem to come a point when the nothingness became overwhelming and a new drive for doing something would kick in. After days of savoring the void of work and learning, eventually I just needed to do something.

As we walk as people of faith, particularly of this Lutheran flavor, it seems that this need to do something often haunts us. See, being freed in Jesus from trying to earn our own place in God's kingdom, being freed from the burden of being our own saviors, we might suddenly find that life feels a lot like those first days of summer vacation. For a while, it might be nice to simply sit and bask in what

such freedom does for us. It might be a relief to simply bask in the gift that has been offered without our own doing. But eventually, much as with the steady march of those summer days, eventually it may drive us up a wall. Eventually, we might find that we want, we need, to just do something.

Which is precisely why it is good to know that we are not left unequipped. See, having been met by the God who liberates us from our own selves, we are called by that same God to demonstrate such liberation for others. We hear such a call in the words of the prophet Micah who, in finding the places to respond to God's gift and presence, recognizing that the response is not simply about offering more visible and tactile things to God in sacrifice. It is about the far more difficult work of doing justice and loving kindness and walking humbly with God. In short, the work to which we are called, from the place of our own freedom, is to declare and demand such freedom for those who have never known it. Doing justice and loving kindness demands a humble walk with God that draws us to see and admit to the places where we have failed one another out of selfish pride or hate. It means greeting our neighbors, the very ones who may look, speak, act, love, or pray differently from us, as nothing less than God's beloved who deserve the same gifts of God's justice and freedom.

In this month, then, when we so poignantly celebrate the gifts of freedom that so many of us celebrate in this country, may we hear this call going before us. May we see the ways in which such freedom has not been experienced equitably among the neighbors who surround us. May we continue to the holy work of undoing the bonds of captivity until such gifts of freedom, like the sweet bliss of a fresh summer day, can be known by all. In our freedom may we do justice. May we love kindness. May we walk humbly with our God.

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 text "Yours, united in Christ,".

# GRADUATES CELEBRATION



Join us for worship on **July 14<sup>th</sup>** as we recognize our High School Graduates from United In Christ! This year we celebrate Amy Danowsky's, Dustin Kemper's, and Dalton Shearer's graduations!

***Congratulations Amy,  
Dustin, and Dalton!***

# MISSION TRIP TO BUFFALO

Please be sure to keep our 2019 Mission Team in your prayers as they head to Buffalo, NY from July 15th-20th. They will be taking the time to serve and meet neighbors in our more urban centers through feeding programs and by working with Habitat for Humanity on multiple days! In doing so, we hope to shine the light of the legacy left by Lisane Snyder, whose memorial funds have been donated by Lisane's husband, Ed, to sponsor this trip. Be sure to check in with the team on their return to hear how it went!



# HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY



Join us for worship on **July 21<sup>st</sup>** for our annual Holy Humor Sunday! This year, it's all about comedic timing (which is much better than saying it's late to the game). Be sure to come to worship dressed in your Sunday Wackiest! After all, it will be just in time for a very special return.

# 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 August** which **you will NOT be available** to serve during worship. After you are scheduled it will be your responsibility to trade with some-

one 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 August Newsletter need to be in the office **by Monday, July 22.**



# OAKS

## SENIOR CENTER

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Wednesday, July 10

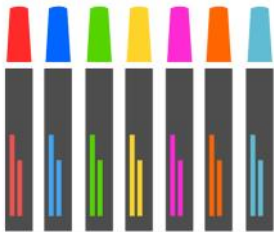
10:00 am - Social Hour

11:00 am - Free Bingo with Prizes

12:00 pm - Free Lunch

1:00 pm - Pictionary Teams

# PICTIONARY



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



# UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

**Our Members:** Willard Hauck, Peg Swinehart, Alice Snyder.

**Family and Friends:**  
Anthony DeLong, Derick Hunter, Eden, Dorie Minium, Mary Lou Russell, Joan Rearick, Dennis Rearick Jr, Russ Baker, Evelyn Peters.



**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](mailto:office@unitedinchristlutheran.net). We will email your prayer request to UIC's prayer chain. We'll print prayer requests for 4 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.

# JULY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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

	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
Altar Guild	C. Troxell	J. Mertz	S. Keifer	K. Guffey
Greeter	D. Baker Karen B. L. Danowsky	M. Ketchem R. Whitesel E. Brouse	Jen Sheaffer J. Sheaffer T. Swartz	J. Snyder T. Snyder N. Walter
Acolyte	G. Heckman	K. Swanger	E. Danowsky	C. Noll
Asst. Minister	S. Bingaman	A. Baker	M. Shearer	B. Swartz
Lector	A. Baker	S. Keifer	R. Baker	S. Bingaman
Comm. Asst.	S. Weiser W. Wirth	D. Shearer Ken B.	D. Baker R. Kling	K. Koch M. Murray
Usher	E. Brown S. Brown S. McPherrin L. Rabuck	K. Arndt O. Arndt L. Caris K. Criswell	B. Koch B. Swartz C. Troxell W. Wirth	Jen Sheaffer M. Shearer T. Swartz B. Troxell
Guest Rel.	Ken B.	F. Danowsky	T. McPherrin	M. Mertz
Offering Counter	T. Snyder J. Sheaffer	W. Wirth M. Shearer	M. Rabuck W. Wirth	K. Guffey T. Snyder
Bread/Wine	K. Guffey	S. Keifer	H. Marsh	S. McPherrin
Social Hour	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

Congratulations to BJ and Kristie Koch!  
They welcomed their new baby girl,  
Adelaide Elizabeth, on May 31. Addie  
was 8lbs 6oz and 21" long.



## HAPPY *Anniversary*

BOB AND CAROL TROXELL 7/8/89

JUSTIN AND KELSEY LINGENFELTER 7/11/15

BOB AND TRUDY SWARTZ 7/20/85

KYLE AND JOHANNA SWANGER 7/23/16

MERV AND DAWNE REEDY 7/27/93

GEORGE AND SHARON WEISER 7/27/63



## Happy Birthday

PENNY GOLDER 7/1

PASTOR JUSTIN 7/2

MARILYN GRESH 7/3

BRADLEY KEMPER 7/3

CHRIS LEE 7/4

GEORGE WEISER 7/4

WENDY WIRTH 7/4

KRISTIE KOCH 7/5

LONDON WARREN-LEE 7/5

KEN NOLL 7/7

SHARON WEISER 7/7

ELLEN MCCORMICK 7/9

JULIA SANDERS 7/10

JACKIE RUSSELL 7/15

KAY HILKERT 7/22

FRANK DANOWSKY 7/23

FLORENCE VAN DYKE 7/24

GARRETT BAKER 7/24

BECKETT SWANGER 7/25

CONNIE SHRECK 7/28

KELSEY SWANGER 7/29

SCOTT A. DANOWSKY 7/29



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

# SONS BANQUET



On Friday, June 14, all of the sons of our Lord were celebrated. We had around 15 sons attended the Sons Banquet.



Thank you ladies, and Gabbie, we helping setup, serve, and clean up! We served salad, lasagna, garlic bread, ice tea, and ice cream. Kathy Guffey and Lisa Rabuck made the lasagna.



Officer Eric Leaman and his K-9, Officer Charlie, attended. Office Leaman spoke about what Charlie does and gave a demonstration. Officer Leaman hid a small amount of marijuana and Office Charlie found it in no time.

Gabby Heckman read a Father's Day poem and gave the blessing.

More pictures have been placed on the church's website. Click on "[Church News](#)" to view them.



# RICH HUFF FUND

The Rich Huff Committee has been supplying our diaper pantry with Jet diapers, which are purchased through Amazon.

Jane Mertz was picking up a donation for the Rich Huff Auction when she got into a conversation about the diaper pantry with the owner of Penn Cheese Co. in Winfield. The owner of Penn Cheese, who is from the middle east, has a passion for helping supply diapers to those in need because he remembers what it was like growing up in a poor community. With his connections, the Rich Huff Committee were able to buy 3 pallets of diapers and 1 pal-



let of wipes, for a total of 31,704 diapers and 1,632 packages of wipes. Terri Cromwell has calculated that the Rich Huff Fund saved \$2,077 on the diapers alone! Thank you to

everyone that came out to help unload the diapers and wipes!



# Social Ministry



## **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 provided bag lunches for this program Mon., June 24 through Thu., June 27. The Rich Huff Fund has generously purchased the food for the lunches and Ruby Baker delivered the lunches each day.

Thank you to those that stayed after worship and helped put the lunches together!

# YOUTH AND FAMILY

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## WHO IS *my neighbor?*

We are excited to continue our 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:

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**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!



Photos from  
our first  
Faith and Fun Day.



Go to our  
website and  
click on  
["Church News"](#)  
to see  
more pictures.

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Come to worship dressed in work clothes!

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## SUNDAY, JULY 14

Last day for the Paint Penny Challenge! Whichever paint has the most money will be the paint that we use on the fellowship hall walls!



## SUNDAY, JULY 28

Come to worship dressed to work! After worship we will be weeding the flower beds and putting mulch down. We'll also be prepping the fellowship hall to be painted. We need to paint before the new flooring gets put down.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

Wear those work clothes to worship again. Today we will be painting the walls in the fellowship hall. You have until July 14th to vote on the paint colors.

## MONDAY, AUGUST 5

Tentative date for flooring installation.



# SOCIAL HOUR



Social Hour is a time for us to stay connected with each other while enjoying a light snack. If your last name begins with one of the letters listed for that Sunday's Social Hour, please bring a snack to share and help to clean up afterwards.

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## 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

Canned Spaghetti Sauce

Sweet Cereal

Noodles

Instant Mashed Potatoes

Canned Tuna

Brownie Mix

Canned Chicken

Sugar (small bag)

Chef Boyardee

Flour (small bag)

# THANK YOU

We would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$891 to Love In the Name of Christ. We would not be able to do what we do if not for those who see the value in reaching our neighbors in need. Thank you again and may God give us the grace to continue to spread His love and light to our world. It was great to be with you all on Pentecost Sunday. A great day to share in celebration.

God bless you,

Joe Aurand

Executive Director, Love INC.

Thank you so much for choosing me to receive the Rich Huff Scholarship! Everything you do means so much to me and I'm honored to be a recipient of the award. I plan to continue my volunteer work with children and couldn't be more excited!

Thank you so much,

Alexa Hackenburg

I would like to thank Pastor Justin for his visits at the hospital. I'd like to thank folks that sent me cards and letters, and above all, prayers. Prayers were very much appreciated. It's very nice to belong to a church family that cares.

Sincerely,

Willard Hauck

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