



November 2019 NEWSLETTER

Give **THANKS**
to the **LORD** for
HIS **GOOD** He
LOVE endures
FOREVER

Psalm 107:1

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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
Charlie Dinsmore - V. President	2nd term, ends 12/2021
Ken Baker - Treasurer	1st term, ends 12/2020
Lisa Rabuck - Secretary	1st term, ends 12/2021
Ken Criswell	1st term, ends 12/2019
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

- SAT, NOV. 2** **TURN CLOCKS BACK BEFORE BED**
- SUN, NOV. 3** **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**
- TUE, NOV. 5** **PA ELECTIONS: FELLOWSHIP
HALL RESERVED**
- NOV. 5 - NOV. 7** **PASTOR JUSTIN AWAY**
- SAT, NOV. 9** **FAITH & FUN COMMUNION DAY
BABY STEPS DIAPER PANTRY**
- WED, NOV. 13** **OAKS SENIOR CENTER**
- SUN, NOV. 17** **200TH ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP**
- MON, NOV. 18** **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- WED, NOV. 20** **COUNCIL MEETING**
- SUN, NOV. 24** **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**
- THU, NOV. 28** **THANKSGIVING
OFFICE CLOSED**
- FRI, NOV. 29** **OFFICE CLOSED**

FROM THE PASTOR



I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. Ephesians 1:17-23

Dear United In Christ,

In a recent session of our weekly book study, we read a chapter out of Rachel Held Evans' *Inspired* about the "resistance stories" of the Bible. As we look to scripture, over and over again we find tales and stories of a people who strove against the seemingly omnipotent powers of the world. God's people, it seems, are often called to the holy work of resisting against that which would seek to rule over God's reign. In the chapter, Held Evans highlights the resistance works of the prophets throughout the ages, of Esther among the Persian Empire, and of the authors of Daniel and Revelation subverting the rule of Babylonians and Romans. Ultimately, though, Held Evans reminds us of one who's resistance came to fullest fruition: Jesus.

See, in resisting the powers of the world around him, in standing firm against the life-robbing systems of injustice and oppression that he saw holding God's people in captivity, Jesus opened a new way forward through his healing and teaching, a way of

hope and life. In the end, this same Jesus journeyed all the way to the cross, becoming an apparent victim to the systems of this world's violence. Yet, in an ultimate act of resistance, this Jesus subverted the power of that death-dealing instrument to carve a pattern of resurrected life into the history of God's people.

As we enter into this month, we do so by marking this resistance in worship on All Saints Sunday. On this day, we will once again gather to remember all of those who have both died from our midst this past year, but also those who were born into the promises we cling to. Gathered together in community, we will remember the pattern of resistance Jesus set in motion for God's people. In Paul's words to the Ephesians, we will remember the power being put to work in Christ Jesus in being raised from the dead and seated in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion.

And rest assured, this is the power put into place for you and for all of our dearly departed as well. In this midst of the resistance, this is the Christ who, in the waters of baptism, claims God's people with the assurance that no power, not even death itself, will separate them from God's love. This is the Christ who insists that the death dealing ways of the world will no longer define God's people. Instead we can set out in hope and confidence in a fullness of life to come that starts with sharing that fullness here and now.

I hope that in this month you may find the joy in the hope of this calling. I hope that you are able to find ways to share the good news of this life in abundance and show that good news for the sake of our neighbors here and now. I hope you find your place in the resistance.

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.

2020 COTTAGE VISITS



As we prepare for our annual Congregational Meeting on **November 24th** after worship, we invite you to join us for an opportunity to engage in conversations about the upcoming year. Over the next four weeks, we will be hosting a series of “Cottage Visits” to help us prepare for the year ahead. Each of these cottage visits will be hosted by a member of Church Council and will serve as an opportunity to have conversations about the 2020 Budget (this year, including a narrative budget for the first time), the congregation’s 2020 Vision Plan, opportunities taking place in community, as well as topics of stewarding the resources of our congregation. We hope that these gatherings will provide fruitful conversations as we continue to discern God’s call for us as United In Christ.

Our hope through all of this is to reach as many families of our worshipping community as possible. As such, we will be holding eight of these gatherings, most of which taking place in the homes of our council members. **Please check out the signup sheets on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall to reserve your place at a gathering that suits your schedule.** In order to keep the gatherings from being overwhelmed, each gathering is capped at seven families, so be sure to reserve your place soon!

There are wonderful things afoot here at UIC and your council is excited to share them with you! We look forward to sharing all of our joys and challenged with you at these gatherings! Don’t forget to check the schedule and sign up today!

PASTOR AWAY



Pastor Justin will be attending a conference from Tuesday, November 5 through Thursday, November 7.

If you need pastoral care while he is away, 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.

CONGREGATION MEETING



On Sunday, November 24, United In Christ's Annual Congregation Meeting will take place immediately following service. We will be electing Council members and approving the 2020 budget. Copies of next year's budget will be provided during this month's cottage visits, but extra copies will be made available in the fellowship hall. If you would like to nominate someone or yourself, you may do so by either con-



tacting Pastor Justin or a current member of council.



OAKS

SENIOR CENTER

Wednesday, Nov. 13

10:00 am - Social Hour

11:00 am - Free Bingo

12:00 pm - Free Lunch

1:00 pm - Women of Weikert

Women who have resided in the remote village of Weikert, Union County, since the days of the settlers.



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

CELEBRATING 200 YEARS

A log house of worship was built and ready for use in 1819. It was named St. Peter's Union Church. The building served two congregations, the Evangelical Lutheran Congregation and the German Reformed Congregation.

Join us on Sunday, November 17th as we celebrate 200 years of worshiping on the hill with a joint breakfast and worship service.





Baby Steps

DIAPER PANTRY

NEXT DIAPER PANTRY

November 9 ~ 10-11:30am

1 bag (40 diapers) per child.

Newborn to size 6

Baby Steps Diaper Pantry is for families-in-need living within the Milton, Warrior Run, Mifflinburg, and Lewisburg school districts.

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. You may take your flowers home with you after service.

Flower Chart is located in the office.

UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

Our Members: Sonja Noll, Alice Snyder, Gerald Baker Jr, Grace Yost, Joan Ketchem.

Family and Friends: Derick Hunter, family and friends of Charlie Fegley, Lila Collins, Courtney Price, Andy Renner, Henry Reed, Dorie Minium, Mary Lou Russell, Joan Rearick, Richard Collins, Craig Wheeland, Joe Walter, Mya Cromwell, Heather Clewell, family and friends of Linda Wenrich.



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 your prayer request to UIC's prayer chain. We'll print prayer requests for 6 weeks.

OCTOBER WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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

	11/3	11/10	11/17	11/24
Altar Guild	C. Zimmerman	K. Guffey	S. Keifer	K. Mertz
Greeter	D. Baker Karen B. L. Danowsky	J. Snyder T. Snyder N. Walter	B. Swartz T. Swartz P. Swinehart	Jen Sheaffer J. Sheaffer G. Weiser
Acolyte	G. Heckman	L. Warren-Lee	E. Danowsky	D. Sheaffer
Asst. Minister	S. Bingaman	A. Baker	T. McPherrin	M. Shearer
Lector	M. Shearer	B. Swartz	C. Zimmerman	S. Keifer
Comm. Asst.	Jen Sheaffer C. Troxell	M. Murray S. Danowsky	D. Baker K. Koch	A. Baker Ken B.
Usher	Ken B. E. Brown S. Brown L. Caris	K. Arndt O. Arndt K. Criswell S. Keifer	Karen B. R. Kling B. Koch J. Mertz	K. Koch S. McPherrin T. McPherrin L. Rabuck
Guest Rel.	F. Danowsky	T. McPherrin	M. Mertz	K. Noll
Offering Counter	M. Shearer K. Guffey	J. Sheaffer W. Wirth	C. Zimmerman C. Shreck	M. Rabuck P. Hauck
Bread/Wine	V. Marsh	K. Guffey	S. Keifer	S. McPherrin
Social Hour	L - R	S - Z	A - D	E - K

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*

TERRY AND CINDY SNYDER 11/2/15

MARK AND LISA RABUCK 11/8/75

WILLARD AND PAM HAUCK 11/13/71

BOB AND SUE KEIFER 11/25/61

MIKE AND JANE MERTZ 11/28/81

JOHN AND SHIRLEY RUSSELL 11/30/56



Happy Birthday

JAMES ARNDT 11/1

MERV REEDY 11/2

OWEN ARNDT 11/4

KATHY GUFFEY 11/4

ALECIA ENGLE 11/9

TRUDY SWARTZ 11/9

MARY BAKER 11/15

MIKE BAKER 11/19

ELIZABETH DIVERS 11/22

JOAN KETCHEM 11/24

WOODY WARREN 11/28

DANIELLE SCOTT 11/30

JOHN RUSSELL 11/30



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

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

The following memorial donations have been given in memory of a dedicated member whose generosity, faithfulness and love will live on through the ministry of this congregation well into the future.

Mel Baker Jr.

Mary Baker, Tamra Thomas.

Ginny Criswell

*Anonymous, Mary Lou Keifer, Burton Price, William Ahlberg,
Charles Dinsmore, William Lane, David Grenoble.*



**These memorial gifts
will enable the ministry
of this church to continue
in a strong and
vibrant way.**

LET US KNOW



Please let us know when you are in the hospital or have an upcoming surgery. Call the church office at 570-568-2254 or Pastor Justin at 610-973-4052 to let us know. Please do not assume that if you tell someone in church that the office or pastor will find out.

Because of confidentiality issues, it's best if you contact Pastor Justin or the church office directly.

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)

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.

YOUTH AND FAMILY



On Sunday, October 13, United In Christ participated in the Lewisburg Crop Walk. We raised \$353 to help fight hunger!



Each year Dave and Karen Baker make apple butter and bring it to church. They ask for a donation, which goes to the Youth of UIC. Thank you so much Dave and Karen! The Youth received \$34.



At the annual district recognition dinner on October 12, Andy Rohrer received Scout Master of the Year and Ed Barsis received Assistant Scout Master of the Year. Both of these gentlemen are from Boy Scout Troop 600, which meets at UIC.

Also recognized at the dinner was Carlennie Hoover for her work with the friends of scouting and also received the Whatever It Takes award. Great job!

Troop 600 is lucky to have such dedicated individuals working to provide a quality program for our scouts!



One hundred eighty-five people attended the hay ride hosted by St. John's Church of Pottsgrove, with sixty-five of them being scouts and congregation members from UIC.

COMMUNION DAY



Has your student grown increasingly curious about what we do around the Lord's Table?

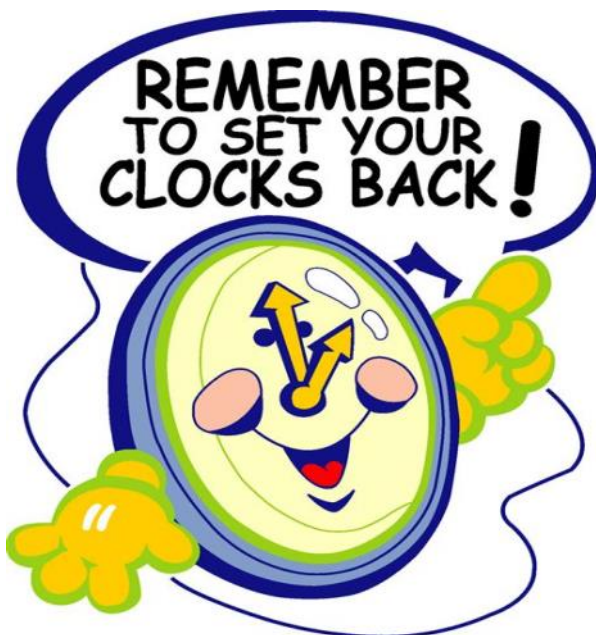
Do they want to know more about being included in sharing this sacrament with God's people?

On **Saturday, November 9th**, Pastor Justin will be hosting a Communion Day for students looking to learn more as they prepare for their own

First Communion and for students who would like a bit of a refresher. We will meet at the church at 10:00am and will spend the day getting a full snapshot of why and how we do what we do around the Eucharist. At the end of the day, we will gather in the spirit of service that Jesus exemplified with his friends to host a spaghetti supper for students' families and show them some of what we've learned. If you have a student who is interested in joining us for this day, please let Pastor Justin know!



On Friday, October 11th the whole congregation was invited to join in on UIC's Community Night Out at Ard's Farm pirate-themed corn maze. We had a blast!



Turn your clocks back before bed on Saturday, November 2.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 11/18

**ATTENTION
WORSHIP
VOLUNTEERS**

Worship Volunteers, please give the office **any dates in December** which **you will NOT be available** to serve during worship, this includes **Christmas Eve Service**. 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 December Newsletter need to be in the office **by Monday, November 18**.



CHURCH COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS

Here's what's happening within our district.

Saturday, Nov. 2 - Pot Pie Dinner - 4pm-7pm

Christ's United Lutheran Church - 13765 Old Turnpike Rd, Millmont
Ham, Chicken, and Beef Pot Pie will be available. Meals include applesauce, pickled cabbage, roll, beverage and cake. Dinners and quarts of Pot Pie are available for take-out. Cost: Adults \$9, Children 6-12yrs \$5, Children under 6 Free. Quarts of Pot Pie \$8.

Saturday, Nov. 2 - Community Meal - 11am-12:30pm

1st Evangelical Lutheran Church - 404 Market Street, Mifflinburg
Every 1st Saturday of the month

Saturday, Nov. 9 - Free Veterans Breakfast - 8am-11am

1st Evangelical Lutheran Church - 400 Main St, Watsonstown
Veterans and their guests are invited. Breakfast will consist of pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, fruit, and juice. Veterans may enter a free drawing for a chance to win a Patriotic Quilt!

Sunday, Nov. 10 - Cub Scout Spaghetti Supper - 4pm-7pm

Zion Lutheran Church - 39 Paradise Street, Turbotville
Meal includes spaghetti and meatballs, salad, garlic bread, ice cream, and beverages. Adults \$8, kids 4-12yrs \$4, kids 3 and under free. Take outs available.

Saturday, Nov. 16 - Roast Beef Dinner - 4pm-7pm

Zion Lutheran Church - 39 Paradise Street, Turbotville
Meal includes roast beef, mashed potatoes, vegetable, coleslaw, rolls, dessert, and beverages. Adults \$10, kids 4-12 \$6, kids 3 and under free.

Thursday, Nov. 28 - Free Thanksgiving Dinner - 11:30am-1:30pm
1st Evangelical Lutheran Church - 400 Main St, Watsontown
Reservations helpful, but not required. Phone the church office 570-538-5300, leave a message indicating how many will join us for food and fellowship. We will be serving turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, corn, applesauce, cranberry sauce, pie, and beverage. Take out dinners are available.



Upper Susquehanna Synod

God's work. Our hands.

Friday, Nov. 1 - Evening at Shade Mountain Winery - 6pm-8pm
Camp Mount Luther - 16140 Route 104, Middleburg

Come to Shade Mountain Winery to share fellowship, entertainment, and enjoy locally produced wine, all to benefit Camp Mount Luther. Entertainment will be provided by KJ Reimensnyder-Wagner, a local musician who sings folk music. The menu will include heavy appetizers, dessert, and one glass of wine per person. SPACE IS LIMITED. Please make your reservations with the camp office at 570-922-1587 or cml@campmountluther.org. If you choose to purchase any bottles of wine that evening, a portion of the proceeds will be given to Mount Luther. We ask all participants to make a donation to the camp that evening,

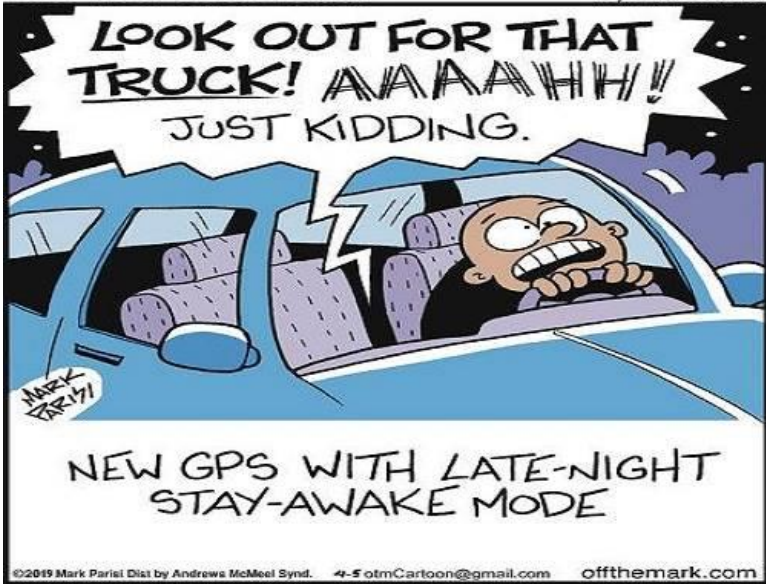
Wednesday, Nov. 6 - Mission Trip Planning - 7pm
Upper Susquehanna Synod - 500 Reitz Blvd, Lewisburg

More than two years ago Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico. Thousands of homes are still covered with nothing but a blue tarp. The Upper Susquehanna Synod and the Northumberland Presbytery are going to help on January 4-11, 2020. A planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 6, 2019, at 7pm at the Upper Susquehanna Synod Office.

A LITTLE **HUMOR** TO BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY.

off the mark.com

by Mark Parisi



Doctor: hi my name is Juan and I'll be delivering your baby today

Me: O.B. Juan you're our only hope lol

Wife: leave the father's name off the birth certificate



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