






# February 2020 NEWSLETTER

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>Lisa Rabuck - President</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> term, ends 12/2021</b>
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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

**SUN, FEB. 2**

**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY**

**SAT, FEB. 8**

**BABY STEPS DIAPER PANTRY**

**SUN, FEB. 9**

**BUFFALO VALLEY**

**CONFERENCE GATHERING**

**WED, FEB. 12**

**OAKS SENIOR CENTER**

**SUN, FEB. 16**

**HOAGIE ORDERING DEADLINE**

**MON, FEB. 17**

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

**TUE, FEB. 18**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**SUN, FEB. 23**

**FAITH AND FUN SUNDAY**

**COUNGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**TUE, FEB. 25**

**SHROVE THUESDAY**

**PANCAKE DINNER**

**MOVIE NIGHT**

**WED, FEB. 26**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**THU, FEB. 27**

**HOAGIE PICKUP**

**WED, MAR. 4**

**BOOK STUDY BEGINS**

**SAT, MAR. 7**

**YOUTH TURKEY WAFFLE DINNER**

**SAT, MAR. 21**

**SCOUT SPAGHETTI DINNER**

# FROM THE PASTOR



*My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

James 2:1-8

Dear United In Christ,

I'll admit it: I thought *Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood* was incredibly boring when I was a kid.

I can remember the days when my brother and sister and I would gather around the television and pass by Mr. Rogers and his neighborhood in favor of landing on the next stupid cartoon airing on Nickelodeon. Revisiting the legacy of Fred Rogers now as an adult, particularly with all of the current cultural excitement surrounding his body of work, I find that I have no real sense of nostalgia for his cultural touchstones, but I am undoubtedly growing to appreciate the profound legacy he has left behind. It seems that now, more than ever, his guiding principles (and the deeply authentic faith that supported them) serve not only as a rudder for neighborly etiquette, but also as a beautiful rebuttal to the interpersonal discord we seem to have accepted as normal.

Take, for instance, the legacy he left in challenging the discord of his own time. One of the recurring examples of Mr. Rogers' powerful witness that I've seen pop up repeatedly of late is his boundary breaking episode from May of 1969. In the show that day, Mr. Rogers invited his friend, Officer Clemmons, to come and join him for a summer respite by soaking his feet with him in the backyard kiddie pool he'd set up to beat the heat. While the description of the act seems genuinely soft and touching enough to fit a children's program, the witness it provided spoke volumes to all who saw the scene. Airing in a cultural climate where racist practices of segregation, despite being made illegal, were still being enacted, this simple act of inviting a person of color to soak in the same waters as himself, a white man, demonstrated a radical response to Mr. Rogers' own daily question of "won't you be my neighbor?"

Despite an ethos that would otherwise have encouraged people like Mr. Rogers to see Officer Clemmons as anything *but* a neighbor he should care about, Mr. Rogers insisted on seeing the inherent human and holy dignity present in his neighbor. Reflecting years later in an interview with a family friend, it seems clear that what guided Mr. Rogers to embrace such human dignity and love his neighbor was nothing short of a faith-filled conviction he held close to his heart. "Evil would like nothing more than to have us feel awful about who we are," he said. "And that would be back [in our minds], and we'd look through those eyes at our neighbor, and see only what's awful – in fact, *look* for what's awful in our neighbor. . . But Jesus would want us to feel as good as possible about God's creation within us . . . and [in our minds], we would look through those eyes to see what's wonderful about our neighbor. I often think about that."

And you know, UIC, maybe we ought to often think about that as well because I think Mr. Rogers got it just right. Jesus *would* want us to feel good about God's creation within us, but then use that goodness to see the wonderful things about our neighbors, no matter who they are. After all, the same conviction that struck Mr. Rogers is the conviction that captured the heart of James when he wrote that those following in the life Jesus offered are indeed to show no par-

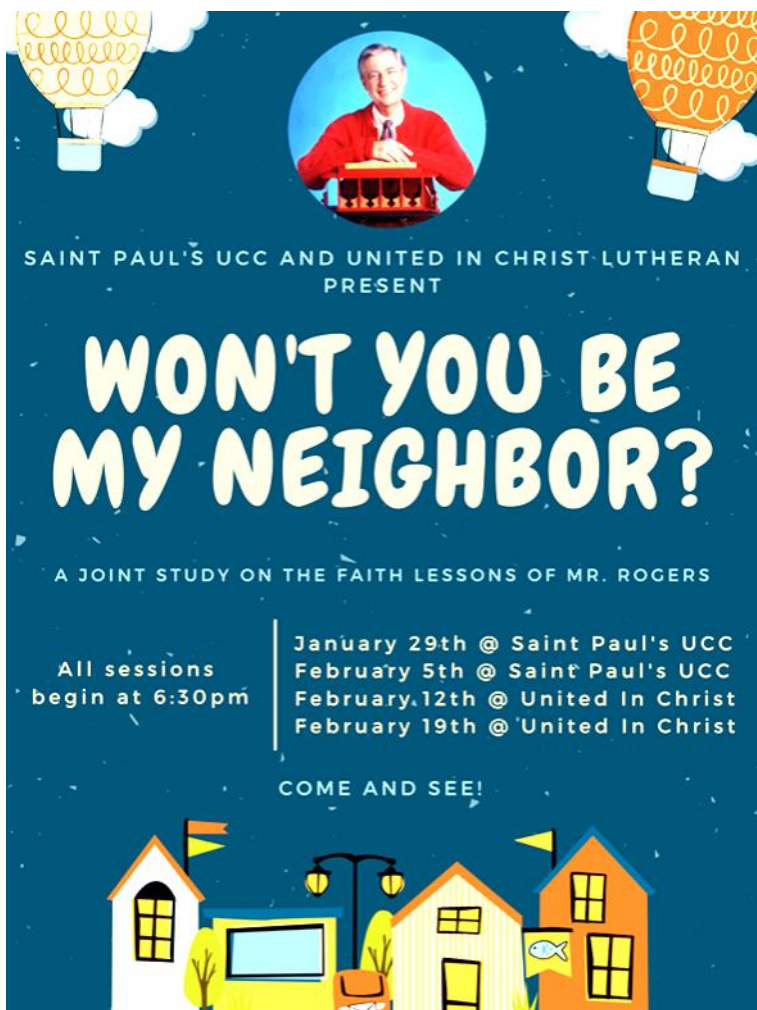
tiality on the basis of any difference or distinction. Instead, as he writes, we do well if we fulfill the royal law of scripture: to love our neighbors as ourselves.”

In the next few weeks here at UIC, we will be taking seriously both Mr. Rogers lasting question of neighborliness and James’ challenge to fulfill the royal law of loving those neighbors. Together with our neighbors at Saint Paul’s UCC, we will be spending four weeks of study immersed in the faith lessons Mr. Rogers has to instill into our own time and place. This will be a wonderful opportunity for us to gather with our geographic neighbors to go back out and encounter new neighbors day after day with the love God has for them. Soon after, we will be starting a new book study using The Rev. Lenny Duncan’s *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to Whitest Denomination in the US* to continue in the legacy that Mr. Rogers displayed all those years ago with Officer Clemmons and ask how we can become better neighbors for those whom we often see on the basis of our differences in skin color, rather than on the God-given dignity offered to each of us.

So, United In Christ, can we do it? Can we have the courage to step out, walking past the distinctions that have tried to divide us to instead embrace a vulnerability that seeks genuine relationship with those different from us? Can we have the courage to see with the good of creation as Mr. Rogers did? Can we live the royal law towards which James calls us back? It’s difficult work, and we won’t always get it right, which is why I’m grateful we can be in this together. Together, we can echo Mr. Rogers’ question to those whom we would otherwise pass by to ask: won’t you be my neighbor?

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 typed name.



## SHROVE TUESDAY

Join us on **Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** here at UIC as we gather with our neighbors from Saint Paul's UCC after the conclusion of our joint Mr. Rogers study! We will gather to share in a Shrove Tuesday pancake breakfast and to watch the new movie, *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*, starring Tom Hanks as Mr. Fred Rogers! We hope you can join us for this time of community and fun as we prepare to move into our Lenten journey together! Come and see!

# STEWARD YOUR LIFE: CULTIVATE A HEART OF LOVE

*Jesus taught, “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven.” –Matthew 5:43-44*

Red hearts, flowers and chocolates remind us that February is the uncontested month of love.

It’s excellent (and easy) to love those close to us, but Jesus tells us to go wider, deeper, riskier – to love even our enemies. In so doing, Jesus says, we become children of God.

This challenges us to embrace love as the key discipline and develop a heart so full of love that it flows to even our enemies. Isn’t that how we’re supposed to live as disciples? It’s just good stewardship of our lives.

For this “month of love,” practice loving your enemies.





The effort is especially timely in our season of discord, when our loudest voices encourage us – through name-calling, denigrating, lying, smearing – to hate those with whom we disagree. Even calling them “enemies” is too much (they’re really neighbors!).

Loving our “enemies” doesn’t mean we agree with them or tolerate bad behavior. It means respecting, listening, discussing, refraining from anger and revenge. Here are some ideas for loving our enemies:

- Jesus gives us the first step: Pray! For them and for you!
- Stop seeing them as enemies. They’re our neighbors whom God loves.
- Resist hate, the very thing our culture encourages.
- Treat everyone as you would want to be treated.
- Lastly, keep praying.



By embracing love as a spiritual discipline, we cultivate a heart of love that opens our lives to the transformation Jesus dearly desires for us -- to be children of God. Now that’s good stewardship.

--*Rob Blezard*

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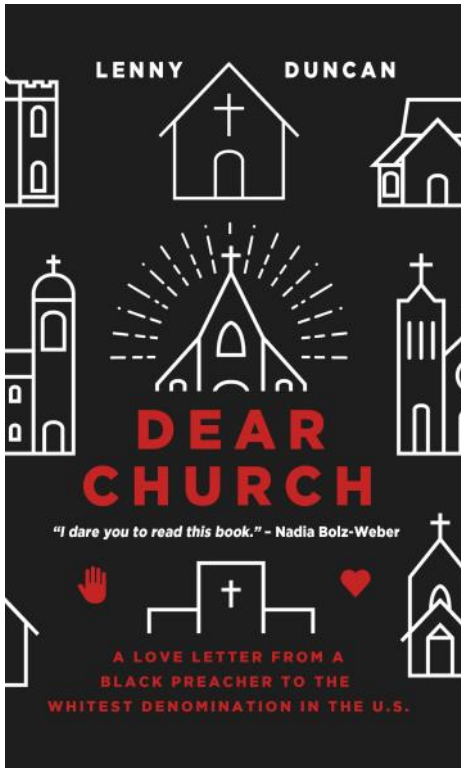
# “DEAR CHURCH” BOOK STUDY

As we once again make our way into the coming Lenten season, a time of repentance and deep reflection, we will be starting a new book study here at UIC. Using The Rev. Lenny Duncan’s book, *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US*, we will encounter moving conversations around the role and tension of race within our own denomination that is 96% white. This challenging study will call us to encounter and seek repentance for the ways in which we participate in the systemic sin of racism, even when we don’t realize our own roles. There may be times when we are faced with our own discomfort and hesitation, but together, even in the midst of our own sense of conviction, we will hear voices of truth-telling to seek new paths of good news and reconciliation with our neighbors of color, even within the Church.

We hope you can join us for this meaningful and world-shaping study. This study provides a critically important voice for us as we seek to be the Church today and live into the diverse world God has gifted to us. We will gather weekly starting on **Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** and continuing throughout the season of Lent. Copies of the book are \$15 each, but assistance is available if the purchase would prevent participation. Please see the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall to add your name to the list! If you have any questions, please see Pr. Justin.

*All are welcome and we hope you will join us  
for this important work!*

***Come and see!***



**From the publisher:** Lenny Duncan is the unlikely of pastors. Formerly incarcerated, he is now a black preacher in the whitest denomination in the United States: the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Shifting demographics and shrinking congregations make all the headlines, but Duncan sees something else at work—drawing a direct line between the church's lack of diversity and the church's lack of vitality. The problems the ELCA faces are theological, not sociological. But so are the answers.

Part manifesto, part confession, and all love letter, *Dear Church* offers a bold new vision for the future of Duncan's denomination and the broader mainline Christian community of faith. *Dear Church* rejects the narrative of church decline and calls everyone—leaders and laity alike—to the front lines of the church's renewal through racial equality and justice.

It is time for the church to rise up, dust itself off, and take on forces of this world that act against God: whiteness, misogyny, nationalism, homophobia, and economic injustice. Duncan gives a blueprint for the way forward and urges us to follow in the revolutionary path of Jesus.



# Baby Steps DIAPER PANTRY

## **NEXT DIAPER PANTRY**

February 8 ~ 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.



The Girl Scouts held a diaper drive at the Campus Theatre as one of their service projects, PJs and a Movie.

# ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP



All are welcome to join us for worship this Ash Wednesday, February 26 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.

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## THRIVENT FINANCIAL FREE \$250!

Do you have a policy with Thrivent Financial? Do you have an idea for ministry, but need some capital to get started? It turns out that those two questions are related! If you are a member with Thrivent Financial, you have annual access to what is called a “Thrivent Action Team.” These “Teams” are opportunities to engage in ministries with the financial aid of a \$250 Visa card from Thrivent! They also come with the most comfortable t-shirts on the planet! In the past, members at UIC have used Thrivent cards to help purchase supplies for Ham and Bean Soup sales, buy craft supplies for Christmas workshops, and more! We would *love* to try new opportunities through the partnership with Thrivent by using as many of these “Action Teams” as possible! If you are a Thrivent member or have an idea you’d like to try, please let Pr. Justin know and he’ll be happy to walk you through the process of application! We hope to do some creative and faithful experimenting to reach out to the neighbors around us!



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# FEBRUARY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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

	Feb. 2	Feb. 9	Feb. 16	Feb. 23	Ash Wed. Feb. 26
Altar Guild	K. Guffey	S. Keifer	J. Mertz	C. Troxell	C. Zimmerman
Greeter	Jen Sheaffer	E. Brown	M. Ketchem	J. Snyder	D. Baker
	J. Sheaffer	S. Brown	R. Whitesel	T. Snyder	Karen B
	L. Rabuck	R. Kling	L. Danowsky	N. Walter	P. Swinehart
Acolyte	K. Swanger	L. Warren-Lee	E. Danowsky	D. Sheaffer	G. Heckman
Asst. Minister	B. Swartz	C. Zimmerman	A. Baker	S. Bingaman	T. McPherrin
Lector	P. Hauck	A. Baker	R. Baker	M. Hauck	S. Bingaman
Comm. Asst.	D. Baker	T. McPherrin	M. Baker	S. Bingaman	S. Weiser
	A. Baker	Ken B.	S. Danowsky	R. Kling	B. Swartz
Usher	K. Arndt	D. Baker	Jen Sheaffer	E. Brown	T. Swartz
	Ken B.	Karen B.	B. Troxell	S. Brown	L. Caris
	L. Shearer	K. Criswell	C. Troxell	B. Koch	J. Mertz
	D. Shearer	W. Wirth	K. Koch	K. Guffey	S. McPherrin
Guest Rel.	B. Troxell	G. Weiser	Ken B.	F. Danowsky	NONE
Offering Counter	W. Wirth	M. Rabuck	M. Shearer	J. Sheaffer	W. Wirth
	P. Hauck	C. Zimmerman	C. Shreck	K. Guffey	P. Hauck
Bread/Wine	K. Guffey	S. Keifer	V. Marsh	S. McPherrin	J. Mertz
Social Hour	S - Z	A - D	E - K	L - R	NONE

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.

# UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

**Our Members:** Frank Danowsky, family and friends of Joan Ketchem.

**Family and Friends:** Nancy Danowsky, Keith Keister, Greg Seibert.

**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 6 weeks.



## 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.



# OAKS

SENIOR CENTER

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Wednesday, Feb. 12

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10:00 am - Social Hour

11:00 am - Free Bingo with prizes

12:00 pm - Free Lunch

1:00 pm -

Watching  
episodes of

**GILLIGAN'S  
ISLAND**





# MEMBER UPDATES

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## HAPPY *Anniversary*

MEL AND NANCY BAKER 2/14/03

JACK AND CHERYL STIBER 2/26/65

HERB AND VIVIAN MARSH 2/28/59



## Happy Birthday

LARISSA SHEARER 2/3

DALTON SHEARER 2/4

DELROY CARIS 2/5

JEFFREY SNYDER 2/6

RICK WHITESEL 2/8

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

JOHN HECKMAN 2/25



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



Joan  
Ketchem

# Joan Ellen Ketchem

November 24, 1936 - January 5, 2020



Joan Ellen "Joanie" "Lightning" "Mom-In-Law" "Gram" "Gram-Meister" Ketchem, 83, of Ketchem Lane, Lewisburg, passed away on Jan. 5, 2020, at the Geisinger Medical Center, Danville.

She was born Nov. 24, 1936, in Cleveland, Ohio, a daughter of the late Lawrence and Ann (Gehrke) Hallock. On Sept. 3, 1955, she married Robert P.

Ketchem who preceded her in death on July 17, 2006.

Joan's parents moved to Milton to join Hector Boiardi also known as Chef Boy-ar-dee. She was a 1954 graduate of Milton High School and attended Wyoming Seminary.

Joan worked as the cafeteria manager at Lewisburg High School and stayed in touch with her co-workers after retirement. She had a wide circle of friends from her early years that met to play cards through 2019.

She was a member of United In Christ Lutheran Church, rural Lewisburg, and a member of the Red Hat Society.

Joan was involved with traveling the horse show circuit with her family. All that were blessed by her true friendship quickly noticed her sense of humor and kindness. In the last year she enjoyed attending the PWR Moves Class for Parkinson's and the Rock Steady Parkinson's Boxing Class run by Cindy Murphy at The Miller Center in Lewisburg.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah A. and William Kerstetter of Lewisburg, and Kim M. and Jeffrey Ficks of New Columbia; two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert P. Jr. and Brenda Ketchem, and Keith L. and Sheila Ketchem all of Lewisburg; eight grandchildren, Joshua and Erynn Ficks, Amanda, Brittany, Allysia, Lauren, and Kellie Ketchem, and River Hendricks; three great-grandchildren, Taylynn, Kade, and Maeve; and a sister-in-law, Martha Ketchem of Lewisburg.

Friends and family were received from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 10, at United In Christ Lutheran Church, 1875 Churches Road, Lewisburg, followed by the funeral at 11, with the Rev. Justin Lingenfelter officiating. Burial followed in Mazeppa Union Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to help people with Parkinson's interested in the exercise programs by sending a check to YMCA at the Miller Center, 120 Hardwood Drive, Lewisburg, PA 17837, Attn: Cindy Murphy, please put "Parkinson's program - scholarship" in the memo of check, or to her church, United In Christ Lutheran Church.

The family offers a special thank you to her special caregivers who put her needs before their own and her dear friends who made trips to visit when greatly needed. You will all be fondly remembered.

The family is being assisted by the Shaw Funeral Home, 400 N. Front St., Milton and condolences may be shared at [www.shawfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.shawfuneralhomeinc.com).

# YOUTH AND FAMILY

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## Youth Hoagie Sale!

**HOAGIE CHOICES**  
Turkey, Ham, Italian

**Cost: \$5 each**



**ORDERS AND MONEY ARE DUE**  
**Sunday, February 16**

Order sheets are on the Announcements Bulletin  
Board in the Fellowship Hall.

**HOAGIE PICKUP**  
**Thursday, February 27 at 6pm**

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## FAITH AND FUN WORSHIP

Join us on **Sunday, February 23rd at 10:00am** for our next “Faith and Fun Worship” service! This service is designed to invite our students who traditionally come forward during the children’s sermon to have a more hands-on role throughout the service.

We will still have all of the pieces we come to expect during worship (confession, forgiveness, hymns, communion, etc.), but we will package them in new ways to help reinforce these pieces in tactile ways for our students. This month’s dazzling display of Transfiguration will be sure to grab all of our attention! We hope to see you there!



***Come and see!***

# Social Ministry

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## **VALENTINE GIFTS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS & MILITARY PERSONNEL**

We want our members who are away from home to know we are thinking and praying for them during their spring semester and in serving our country.

We have 3 members in college, Alli Arndt, Amy Danowsky, and Dalton Shearer, and 1 member in the military, Brandon Wirth.

There are two ways you can help us bless them. You can give them small-denomination gift cards from Dunkin' Donuts, Starbucks, Sunoco, and Sheetz or you can give a monetary gift which will be used to buy gift cards for them. Whichever way you choose to give, you can put it in the offering plate on any Sunday morning up until Sunday, February 9. If you give a monetary gift, please make sure you write "Valentine Gift" on your envelope.

*(Parents—please be sure to give us your son or daughter's mailing address at college so we can send their card to them! You can put it in Terri Cromwell's mailbox.)*



# LET'S TACKLE HUNGBER

**FEB. 2ND IS SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY**



We'll be collecting food for Panther Packs, which feeds hungry children in the Milton School District. Panther Packs provides backpacks of food over the weekends, when school meals are not available. Every week there are over 250 children that take home food backpacks.

We'll also be collecting monetary donations, which will be used to buy food when we sponsor a meal at Christ Lutheran, Milton, Free Community Meal. All checks should be made out to United In Christ, with "Souper Bowl Sunday" written on the memo line.



This year we will again pit the right side and left side of the church against each other.

**Let's see which side will win by giving the most in food and monetary donations.**

**SAN  
FRANCISCO  
49ERS**



**VS**



**KANSAS  
CITY  
CHIEFS**

## **WEAR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM'S COLORS**

Items brought in on Sunday, February 2 can be placed upstairs on whichever side you are rooting for.

Items cannot be in glass and should be non-perishable foods that a child could open or prepare on their own.

Individual sized items like...

**Ramen Noodles**

**Canned Pasta** (pop top lids)

**Soup, Stew, Chili** (pop top lids)

**Canned Chicken**

**Canned Tuna**

**Vacuum Packs of Tuna**

**Fruit Cups**

**Individual Cereal Boxes**

**Pudding Cups**

**Mac and Cheese Cups**

**Granola/Breakfast Bars**

**Oatmeal Packets**

**Pop Tarts**

**Single Serving**

**Microwavable Meals**

**Peanut Butter Crackers**

**Micro Chef-Boy-R-Dee**



# Upper Susquehanna Synod

God's work. Our hands.

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## **Fri-Sat., Feb. 7-8 - Youth Retreat, GROW IN THE SNOW**

All youth in 6-12th grade and their youth leaders are invited to attend. The theme of this year's retreat is "I Believe, I Do Believe," dealing with the creeds. Experience your Creator, play winter games and find refreshment in the peace of camp in winter. The retreat is from Friday night to Saturday afternoon, but there is an option for youth and leaders to come just for the day on Saturday. Cost is \$62 (whole program) or \$40 (Saturday only). Please register by January 31, 2020. Each registered group should provide one adult (21 or over) for every seven youth and at least one adult for each gender represented. Cabin assignments will be made based on available adults and number of youth attending. Contact Chad Hershberger at [chad@campmountluther.org](mailto:chad@campmountluther.org) with questions. Registration forms can be found in the Fellowship Hall at UIC.

## **Sat., Feb. 8 - Youth and Young Adult Ministry - 9am-2:30pm**

This will coincide with the GROW in the Snow Youth retreat. Lunch is included and you are invited to stay for closing worship with the Youth Retreat. There is no cost to attend this event. We will be exploring ways to engage youth and young adults to become leaders in our churches and present Growing Young, a strategy from the Fuller Youth Institute to involve youth and young adults within all areas of our congregations and ministries. We are also looking forward to having you share your ideas and how we can collaborate and support each other in this common mission of accompanying youth and young adults in their faith journeys. (For information on Growing Young go to [www.fulleryouthinstitute.org](http://www.fulleryouthinstitute.org).) Register online at <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/1059905>. Deadline for registration is January 31, 2020.





# CHURCH COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS

Here's what's happening within our district.

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**Saturday, Feb. 1 - Community Meal - 11am-12:30pm**

**1<sup>st</sup> Evangelical Lutheran Church - 404 Market Street, Mifflinburg**

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month

**Thursday, Feb. 27 - Community Meal - 4:30-6pm**

St. John's Delaware Run - 6590 Musser Lane, Watsontown

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month

**Saturday, Feb. 1 - Scout Spaghetti Dinner - 4:30-7pm**

Christ's United Lutheran "4 Bells" - 13765 Old Turnpike Rd, Millmont

Meal includes salad, spaghetti and meatballs, dessert, & drinks.

Take-outs are available. Adults \$10, Children 12 and under \$5.

**Sunday, Feb. 2 - Pancake Breakfast - 8:30-10am**

Zion Lutheran Church - 39 Paradise Street, Turbotville

Pancake breakfast sponsored by Zion's Boy Scout troop. All-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, OJ, and coffee.

Adults \$7, Children 5-12 \$5, Children 4 and under free.

**Tuesday, Feb. 4 - Annual Men's Oyster Supper - 6:30pm**

Zion Lutheran Church - 39 Paradise Street, Turbotville

86th Annual Men's Oyster Supper, \$17. Reservations not required, but it would be helpful if you would contact the church the week prior if you plan to attend (570-649-5195).

**Friday, Feb. 14 - Soup Fundraiser**

Zion Lutheran Church - 39 Paradise Street, Turbotville

Soup orders due... Chicken Corn Soup and Pasta Fagioli. Pick up on Feb. 17. Contact the church to order (570-649-5195).

**Thursday, Feb. 27 - Soup Fundraiser**

Zion Lutheran Church - 39 Paradise Street, Turbotville

Soup orders due... Italian Wedding Soup and Loaded Potato Soup. Pick up on Mar. 2. Contact the church to order (570-649-5195).

# BUFFALO VALLEY CONFERENCE GATHERING

All are invited to attend this gathering of members from Lutheran churches across the Buffalo Valley Conference for a time of planning as we continue to discern new ways of being Church together. Join us on **Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, (39 Paradise Street, Turbotville)**. This month, will be welcoming Camp Mount Luther Director, Chad Hershberger, to develop plans for a potential conference-wide day of service at CML this spring. This is a great way to keep up to date on conference happenings and to share ideas for future activities. All are invited to attend! Come and see!

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



**Worship Volunteers**, please give the office **any dates in March** 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 March Newsletter need to be in the office **by Monday, February 17.**

# THANK YOU

On behalf of the Mazeppa Manna, I wish to thank your congregation for the generous donation of food articles. Your donations are so much appreciated and shared with the 60+ families who we serve on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. God continues to bless the Manna with your donations. Through you, God has shown His goodness.

In Christian love,  
Elizabeth Hackenberg  
Mazeppa Manna



Join us on  
Sunday, February 23  
to hear 2019  
Committee Reports,  
and the audit report.



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