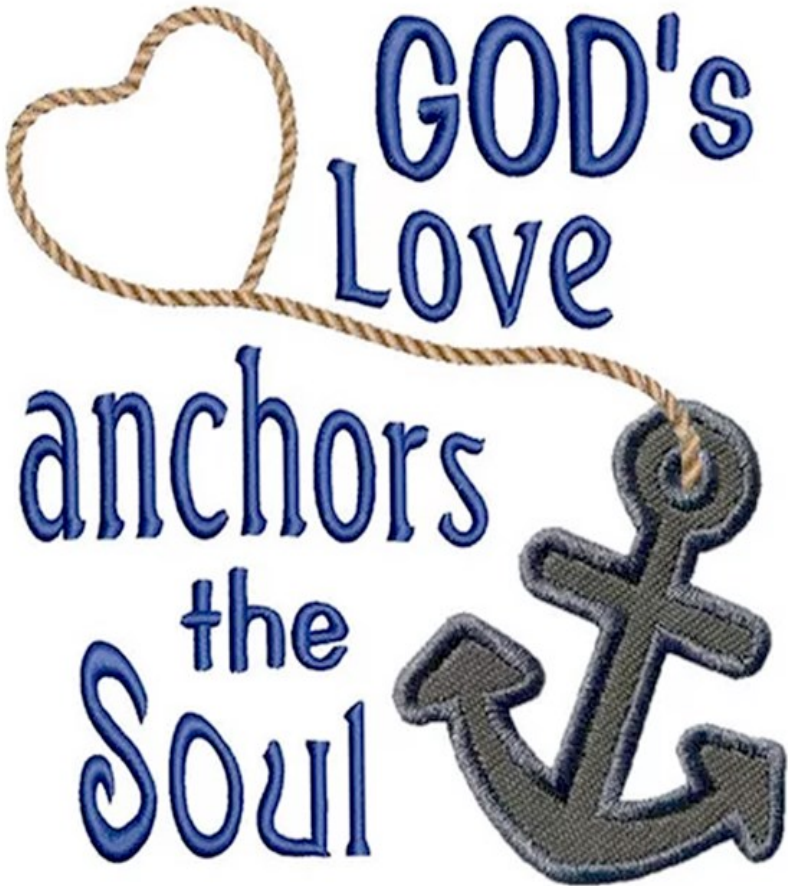




# August 2021 NEWSLETTER

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## UNITED IN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

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### UIC COUNCIL MEMBERS

<b>Lisa Rabuck - President</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> term, ends 12/2021</b>
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<b>Kathy Guffey - Vice President</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> term, ends 12/2021</b>
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<b>Cami Zimmerman - Secretary</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> term, ends 12/2021</b>
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<b>Charlie Dinsmore</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> term, ends 12/2021</b>
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<b>Jen Sheaffer</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> term, ends 12/2022</b>
<b>Kim Criswell</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> term, ends 12/2022</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

- WED, AUG. 10    OAKS MEAL DISTRIBUTION**
- SAT, AUG. 14    BABY STEPS DIAPER PANTRY**
- SUN, AUG. 15    BLESSING OF BACKPACKS**
- WED, AUG. 17    COUNCIL MEETING**
- MON, AUG. 23    NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- SUN, AUG. 29    OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE**
- MON, SEPT. 6    LABOR DAY: OFFICE CLOSED**
- SUN, SEPT. 12    SOUP ORDERING DEADLINE**
- TUE, SEPT. 14    OAKS RESUMES**
- THU, SEPT. 16    HAM AND BEAN SOUP PREP**
- FRI, SEPT. 17    HAM AND BEAN SOUP COOK**
- SAT, SEPT. 18    MILTON HARVEST FESTIVAL**

# FROM THE PASTOR



*Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.*

1 Corinthians 13:4-13

Dear United In Christ,

Alright, raise your hand if you heard this text at the last wedding you attended.

I bet there are a *lot* of hands up right now. In reading these words, some of you may have even been reflecting on this piece of scripture's place of prominence in your own wedding ceremony! It's a beautiful text that deserves a place of prominence, but I wonder if we really take in *all* of what's said here.

As Paul writes to the Corinthians about his myriad of childish ways, he's really reflecting on the scope of a love that he's only ever caught glimpses of. Throughout these verses (that really are probably most often quoted during wedding ceremonies), Paul exhorts the role of love and the foundation that it can provide, especially to communities brewing with potential conflict. That, after all, is the situation of the Corinthian community. They are a community rife with disagreements and power plays trying to secure their own positions with one another. In many ways, they've fallen victim to



their own agendas, thinking that it's more important for them to be right than it is for them to be a community that is whole. It turns out, they need a dose of love.

But here's the thing, this is no childish love. As a kid, I used to think that love was what you called it when you "like-liked" someone. It's what spurred you to risk passing notes of infatuation in class (or slyly sending off a text) when the teacher wasn't looking. Love was the designation you gave when you liked someone else enough that you wanted to spend more time with *them* than with anyone else. It's why I think that this text shows up in all those wedding ceremonies! Turns out, though, that this is only seemingly dimly as through a mirror.

The love that Paul is exhorting – the type of love that has the power to shape and form a whole community – now that's different stuff. That's the type of unconditioned love that's willing to set aside personal interest to prioritize the "other" in our midst. It's the unconditional love that's willing to sacrifice self-advancement in order to ensure that the lowly are taken care of. It's the unconditional love that endures all things because it requires the full investment of each participant in the well-being of everyone else at the table. It's the type of love that's not just about "like-liking" the person you choose to spend more time with, but it's the love that's about *being known* fully for who you are.

And honestly, it's a love that's only ever been perfected in the one who has *known you*. While all else has been dim reflections of this perfected love, in the risen Christ, you have been met by the fully-formed love of God and claimed *without condition* in God's life. We might not even fully know it yet, but we can rest in the promises that we have already been fully known in that love. And *that's* a love worthy of being the foundation to build upon. Let's get building!

Yours, united in Christ,

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

# UPDATED COVID-19 RESPONSE



On Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, the Congregational Council of United In Christ gathered for its monthly meeting during which it adopted a new set of guidelines and procedures for the building in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Most of those changes have to deal with adjustments being made to worship as we resume many of our tradi-

tional practices and adopt new ones together over the next few weeks. The most pertinent update to our policy is in regards to masking at the building.

*At this time, individuals who have not yet been vaccinated are expected to wear their masks inside the building as we continue to seek to care for one another and be good stewards of each other's health. Nevertheless, we will still invite all individuals gathered for worship to don masks during congregational singing to help reduce any potential overall spread.*

As always, ***our procedures and guidelines remain subject to change.*** Given the continued dynamic nature of the pandemic, our policies may yet need to be updated in the future should our local situations change.

## A PASTORAL PLEA

If you have not yet received your COVID-19 vaccine, please do so at your first available opportunity. In the face of more contagious strains of the virus and recognizing that unvaccinated individuals are now carrying the *vast* weight of the pandemic's toll, I would ask that if you are able and eligible to receive the vaccine, you do so as soon as possible. Having seen the horrors the virus can wreak upon individuals and families, I would implore you to

seek out vaccination not only for your own health and safety, but for that of those around you as well. As we gather as a community once again, we do so with those in our midst who are still *ineligible* to receive the vaccines, namely our youngest students. The best resource we have at our disposal to keep those who *cannot* get vaccinated safe is to get vaccinated ourselves and reduce the overall risk posed for them in our gathering.



At the same time, if you have friends or family who have not yet received the vaccine, I would ask that you please encourage them to also schedule an appointment as soon as possible. To this point, the Congregational Council has been basing a lot of its decisions off of local data, including positivity rates and vaccination rates. The greater our local communities become vaccinated, the more confident we can be in our approaches and procedures ahead!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about the vaccines, please do not hesitate to reach out. As I wrote in our last newsletter, I genuinely believe that getting vaccinated is our most faithful response as Christians in the wake of the pandemic. Getting your vaccine is the greatest gift at our disposal right now to heed Jesus' call to love our neighbor and fulfill what he calls the greatest of commandments!

~ Pr. Justin

# YOUTH AND FAMILY

## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Join us as we celebrate the beginning of another school year!

Sunday, August 15  
10 a.m.

Students may bring their backpacks  
with them to church to receive a  
blessing for the new school year.



Outdoor Worship on Reformation Sunday, May 23.

On July 11, we celebrated  
2 of our members  
that graduated this year.

**Congratulations to you both!**

Larissa Shearer, Milton  
Owen Arndt, Lewisburg



# Help Us Support Area Students in Need!



**UIC is collecting the following school supplies for children in the Milton School District.**

- ◆ NOTEBOOKS
- ◆ BINDERS
- ◆ MARKERS
- ◆ BACKPACKS
- ◆ GLUE STICKS
- ◆ CRAYONS
- ◆ RULERS
- ◆ PENCILS
- ◆ PENCIL BOXES
- ◆ ERASERS



**Items can be placed in the collection box in the Narthex.  
(downstairs entrance to the sanctuary)**

We'll be dedicating these items on  
**Blessing of the Backpacks  
Sunday Aug. 15th**

# *Glen Thompson Van Dyke*

*March 18, 1945 - July 6, 2021*



Glen Thompson Van Dyke, 76, of Mifflinburg, entered into rest at 3:25 a.m. Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at Evangelical Community Hospital, Lewisburg.

He was born March 18, 1945, in Philadelphia, a son of the late Paul C. and June T. (Thompson) Van Dyke. Glen and Florence are members of Chalfont UMC, Chalfont. It was here he met and married his loving wife, Florence. They celebrated their 26th anniversary

on June 24, 2021.

Glen was a graduate of Radnor High School in Radnor. He obtained his bachelor's degree from Eastern University, in St. Davids, and completed one-year additional studies at Cheyney State University in Cheyney.

Glen started out as a church organist/choir director at numerous churches in the Philadelphia area. He was then employed at the Souderton Mennonite Homes where he retired in 2007 as a maintenance supervisor. After retirement, he devoted more time to his passion of serving as church music director around the Mifflinburg area. Since moving to Mifflinburg in 2007, he has served at Christ United Lutheran Church, Millmont, United In Christ Lutheran Church in Lewisburg, Trinity Lutheran Church in Hughesville, and Dreisbach United Church of Christ, Lewisburg. In addition to church work, he sang and was an accompanist in the Philadelphia Boys Choir and Men's Chorale.

Over the years in the area, he enjoyed being an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Mifflinburg, singing in the Susquehanna Valley Chorale, delivering Meals on Wheels and being a former member of the American Guild of Organists and the Central PA Chamber of Commerce. He also enjoyed woodworking.

He is survived by two sons, Kevin W. (Margaret) Van Dyke, and Mark G. (Kimberly) Van Dyke; two grandsons; two step-grandchildren; three brothers and their spouses, twin brother, Dr. Don C. (Hongjun) Van Dyke of Iowa City, Iowa, and Dr. Gary P. (Maurine) Van Dyke of Churchtown, and Jan P. (April) VanDyke of Bloomington, Ind.; one niece, his godchild; three nephews; and numerous cousins.

Family and friends had a time of visitation from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, July 15, at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 404 Market St., Mifflinburg, where a memorial service followed at 11, with Rev. John Yost officiating. Livestreaming of the service was available on [www.facebook.com/FELCMifflinburg](http://www.facebook.com/FELCMifflinburg).

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, PO BOX 248, Ocean Grove, NJ, 07756, [www.oceangrove.org](http://www.oceangrove.org), or to the Philadelphia Boys Choir, 1336 Spring Garden St., Philadelphia, PA 19123, [www.phillyboyschoir.org](http://www.phillyboyschoir.org).

Arrangements are by Roupp Funeral Home, Inc., 8594 Old Turnpike Road, Mifflinburg.

If you would like to send a card, Florence's address is:  
417 Buggy Lane, Mifflinburg PA 17844

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## 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.**



# AUGUST WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	Aug. 1	Aug. 8	Aug. 15	Aug. 22	Aug. 29
Altar Guild		C. Zimmerman	K. Guffey	S. Keifer	
Greeter	D. Baker	K. Guffey	R. Kling	M. Ketchem	
	Karen Baker	ML Keifer	B. Swartz	R. Whitesel	
	S. Brown	T. McPherrin	T. Swartz	L. Rabuck	
Acolyte					
Lector	A. Baker	R. Baker	P. Hauck	T. Furman	S. Bingaman
Comm. Asst.		Jen Sheaffer	S. Bingaman	D. Baker	S. Danowsky
		B. Swartz	S. Weiser	M. Baker	D. Shearer
		C. Troxell	C. Zimmerman	R. Kling	M. Shearer
Guest Rel.	G. Weiser	K. Baker	T. McPherrin	M. Mertz	
Offering Counter	M. Shearer	T. Cromwell	K. Baker	L. Rabuck	
	C. Shreck	M. Rabuck	P. Hauck	ML. Keifer	
Bread/Wine		J. Danowsky	K. Criswell	T. Furman	K. Guffey

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.



# Happy Birthday

*Amy Danowsky 8/2*

*Steve Shearer 8/13*

*Peg Swinehart 8/3*

*Bob Troxell 8/19*

*Jen Sheaffer 8/4*

*Marie Tanner 8/19*

*Leanne Larson 8/10*

*Terry Snyder 8/21*

*Ava Hauck-Dabney 8/12*

*Sonja Noll 8/23*

*Herb Marsh 8/12*

*Justin Cooley 8/24*

*Dave Baker 8/13*

*Sharon Byerly-Larson 8/28*



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

## PRAYER LIST

Tim Trant, family and friends of Courtney Price, Viv Marsh, family and friends of Glen Van Dyke, Peg Swinehart, Delroy Caris, Sonja Noll, Walt Bingaman, Mason Peluso, Martha Ketchem, Mary Baker, Bob Keifer.

### **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.



Glen Thompson  
Van Dyke

For those of you new to UIC, Glen was our previous organist.

# Social Ministry

***Thank you to everyone who has been involved in getting our Senior Express ministry off the ground!***

In July we delivered 14 boxes of food to seniors living in our community. This is a partnership with the Central PA Food Bank. The food is provided by federal funds (the Pennsylvania Senior Food Box Program) and private funds (ElderShare). What makes us different is that we deliver to the homes of seniors, eliminating the need for them to travel to a food bank. We are the first in our area to do deliveries!

***Contact Sherry Bingaman or Terri Cromwell if you would like to sign up or have any questions!***



*(L) Terri and Chad Cromwell, Lisa Rabuck, and Sherry Bingaman at our 1st delivery of food boxes. (R) Theresa Furman picking up boxes to be delivered.*



*Kristie and the girls delivering food boxes to residents at Heritage House in Lewisburg.*

# Updated Income Guidelines for July 2021

# Eldershare PROGRAM

## Free Healthy Food for Seniors 60 Years of Age and Older

Eldershare is a program funded by The Central Pennsylvania Food Bank. Eligible Seniors will get one box of food delivered to their home monthly. United In Christ Lutheran Church has partnered with The Central Pennsylvania Food Bank to deliver those boxes of food to seniors in our area.

### Total Household Income Guidelines Effective July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

Household Size	Maximum Yearly Allowable Gross Income	Maximum Monthly Allowable Gross Income
1	\$19,320	\$1,610
2	\$26,130	\$2,178
3	\$32,940	\$2,745
4	\$39,750	\$3,313
5	\$46,560	\$3,880
6	\$53,370	\$4,448
7	\$60,180	\$5,015
8	\$66,990	\$5,583
Each Add'l	\$6,810	\$567

### What's in the box?

- Cereal and Juice
- Two cans of vegetables
- One can/package of fruit
- One box (32 fl. oz.) of shelf-stable low-fat milk
- Canned meat or fish
- Pasta or rice
- Peanut Butter (every other month)

*Depending on our available inventory, additional items may be added at any time.*



Contact us today to learn more or to sign up:

**United In Christ Lutheran Church**

Phone: 570-568-2254 Email: [office@unitedinchristlutheran.net](mailto:office@unitedinchristlutheran.net)



# CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

## ADOPT-A-STAFF PERSON

Camp Mount Lutheran's Adopt-A-Staff Person program is a great way for us to support the counselors who work at CML. The goal of this program is to make CML staff feel loved and appreciated for the work they do and to show them the same love and care they show campers.

**This year we are excited to support**

This summer, we ask that you:

- Pray for Lucas daily
- Send notes and cards of encouragement
- Send an occasional care package



**Lucas King**  
**355 Mt. Luther Lane**  
**Mifflinburg, PA 17844**

**You can send items**  
**until August 6, 2021**

# HAM & BEAN SOUP

**Donations are needed** to make ham and bean soup.  
**Signup sheets are on bulletin board in the fellowship hall.**

We'll have a food booth at the Milton Harvest Festival  
on Saturday, September 18.

**Ordering deadline is September 12.**

Order forms at on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.  
Quarts are \$5.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

*Please signup on the sheets so we know  
how many helpers we have.*

**Thursday, September 16 at 5:30pm** - We need prep people to clean and cut up ingredients, clean up the kitchen and get everything ready for cooking the soup on Friday.

**Friday, September 17 from noon to 5pm** - We need volunteers to cook, package the soup, and clean up the kitchen.

**Saturday, September 18** - Volunteers are needed for the following:

- Setup booth at Milton's Harvest Festival
- Sell soup throughout the day
- Tear down booth, 4pm. After a long day we could sure use extra hands to tear everything down!

**Please come out,  
even if for only one hour!**





# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

You don't want to miss our  
last worship outside!

## Outdoor Worship Service



Bring a chair.

**Services begins at 10am.**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 29**

**KELLY TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER**

(1925 Fort Titzell Rd, Lewisburg)

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



**Worship Volunteers**, please give the office **any dates in September** 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 September Newsletter need to be in the office **by Monday, August 23.**

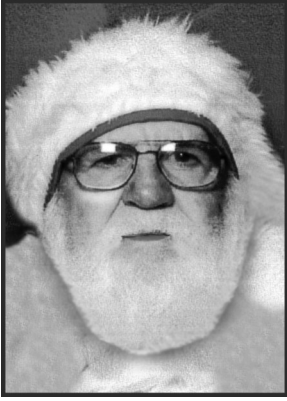
## CHURCH HILL CEMETERY

*Do you have a loved one buried  
in the cemetery behind the church?*

*Will you or your family be buried there?*

If you answered "yes" to either of those questions you have a vested interest in what happens to the cemetery. The Board of Directors are in need of a few people to add to their Board. Please contact Ken Baker.

# RICH HUFF FUND



The Rich Huff Fund awarded four students with \$500 scholarships from the Rich Huff Scholarship Fund. The fund was established in 2013 in memory of Rich Huff, a beloved member of the congregation who died as a result of complications following a house fire. Rich had played Santa Claus for years at the Lycoming Mall and other venues and had a great love of children. The fund helps children in need in our area, and these scholarships are intended to recognize the efforts of students who demonstrate the spirit of helping children.



*Congratulations to Larissa Shearer, Milton School District; Katarina Steck, Meadowbrook Christian School; Cameron Trapani, Warrior Run School District; Alexis Staggert, Warrior Run School District.*



## Baby Steps

### DIAPER PANTRY

**UPCOMING DIAPER PANTRY**

August 14, 2021 10-11:30am

1 bag (40 diapers) per child. Newborn to size 6





# CHURCH COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS

Here's what's happening within our district.

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## DANDELION TRAIL RUN AT CML

Camp Mount Luther will be holding a 5k and 10k trail run race at the camp on **Saturday, September 4, 2021**. The run was named in memory of the Rev. Glenn Heasley, whose favorite "flower" was the dandelion.

This is an entry-level trail race on Mount Luther grounds with proceeds going to the camp. The start time for the race is 9am. Runners decide on race day if they want to do a 5k or 10K (a double loop of the 5K) run.

**You must be Pre-registered by August 8 by 6pm  
to receive the free duffel bag.**

Registration is \$35 and must be received by September 1. Register here, <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Mifflinburg/DandelionRun5k10kTrailRace>.

## SINDR MISSION TRIP

Susquehanna Interfaith Network for Disaster Response (SINDR) is planning a mission trip from October 24-30, 2021, to assist homeowners recovering from flooding in New Bern, North Carolina. All levels of skill are needed!

SINDR is sponsored by the Upper Susquehanna Synod (ELCA) and the Presbytery of Northumberland (PCUSA), but welcomes anyone who wants to come and help. For more info visit, <https://www.uss-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/poster-Larger-Print.pdf>.

# THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone from the church who sent flowers, cards, and food after Frank Sr. passed. I also want to thank everyone who donated to the church in his memory. All of your prayers and kindness have been so appreciated by me and the entire family. Thank you all so much.

God bless,

Bertie, Frank Jr., and Scott Danowsky

To Huff Committee,

Thank you for the scholarship money you awarded me. I really appreciate it and it will certainly help!

Katie Steck

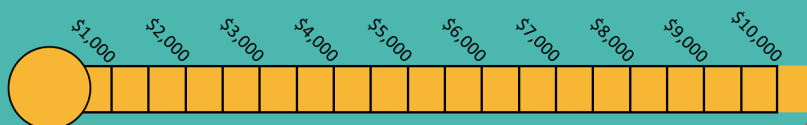
Dear Friends at the United In Christ Lutheran Church,

We are deeply grateful for your support of our work in the community. Your gift will help provide the means that are needed for us to continue to meet the needs in the months ahead. Your partnership in giving helps us to continue to find ways to share the Love of Christ through new and refreshing avenues. We thank God for you! We appreciate your donation as we serve people in Snyder, Union, and upper Northumberland Counties.

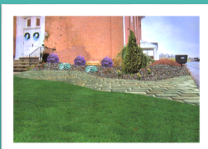
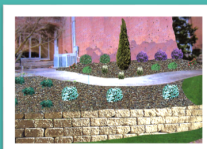
Lisa Doyle

Executive Director, Golden Rule LOVE INC (In the Name of Christ)

# LANDSCAPING CAMPAIGN



\$10,661.44  
Raised as of 7/25/21



- Stone retaining wall will replace the rotting railroad ties
- Pavers to replace macadam pathway
- New plants around front of church

Thank you to each of you that helped us reach our goal. We are so grateful for you!!

United In Christ Lutheran Church

To everyone that came out to our Spring Clean-Up, It was hot, but you still came out. Thank you so much for all the love, sweat, and hard work you put in to get the church ready to be reopened!

United In Christ Lutheran Church



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