



October 2021 NEWSLETTER



Let the fields and their crops burst out with joy!
Let the trees of the forest sing for joy.

Psalm 96:12

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Kim Criswell	1st term, ends 12/2022

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, OCT. 3** **FAITH AND FUN BEGINS
CONFIRMATION
YOUTH GROUP
PET BLESSING**
- SAT, OCT. 9** **DIAPER PANTRY
FRANK DANOWSKY MEMORIAL**
- SUN, OCT 10** **DR. SEUSSCHARIST SUNDAY
CROP WALK**
- TUE, OCT 12** **OAKS SENIOR CENTER**
- SAT, OCT. 16** **CLOTHING DRIVE**
- SUN, OCT 17** **HARVEST HOME
YOUTH GROUP**
- WED, OCT. 19** **COUNCIL MEETING**
- SUN, OCT. 31** **REFORMATION SUNDAY**
- SUN, NOV. 7** **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**
- SUN, NOV. 21** **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

FROM THE PASTOR



Furthermore, it is taught that we cannot obtain forgiveness of sin and righteousness before God through our merit, work, or satisfactions, but that we receive forgiveness of sin and become righteous before God out of grace for Christ's sake through faith when we believe that Christ has suffered for us and that for his sake our sin is forgiven and righteousness and eternal life are given to us. For God will regard and reckon this faith as righteousness in his sight, as St. Paul says in Romans 3 and 4.

Article IV. Concerning Justification, Augsburg Confession (German Text)

Dear United In Christ,

It's about that time of year again! It's time for us to break out the red paraments and the red vestments and the red shirts and the red shoes for worship! Heck, I bet we'd even roll out a red carpet if we had one! This month we once again celebrate Reformation Sunday, a tradition so near and dear to our Lutheran hearts, and all we can see is red! So, what's the deal in the first place? Why all of this hullabaloo? Why do we make such a big deal out of this one day? Was the message of the Reformation really so noteworthy that we should continue to mark its anniversary



some 500 years later? I mean, was one rambunctious monk with an overzealous hammer and a few hot takes about indulgences and his church really worth all of this pomp and circumstance?

Well, look for yourself! Read what it is that Martin Luther and the Reformers¹ say is at stake. Here, in the fourth article of the Augsburg Confession, the document found at the heart of the Reformation movement, we find the crux of the matter. After laying out their confessional understandings of God, sin, and Jesus Christ in the first three articles, here they lend this place of prominence to the turning point of the Reformation: “*we cannot obtain forgiveness of sin and righteousness before God through our merit, work, or satisfactions,*” but instead it is by God’s grace through faith that we receive the forgiveness and stand in righteousness! In a church that was constantly putting qualifiers and requirements on the positions of forgiveness for God’s people, the Reformers clearly stake their claim! Here, this article on justification gets to the heart of the matter: the gifts of forgiveness and righteousness are nothing we work for ourselves! They are the very gifts of God given through faith in the person of Christ Jesus!

God’s gifts freely given, not earned!

Now *this* is good news! This is cause for celebration! The heart of the Reformation, *grounded in the very heart of Scripture*, is the conviction of God’s gifts freely given, not earned! It was a reclaimed message that changed everything for the church of the Reformers’ age and it’s a message that *continues* to be revolutionary. In a world that tries to tell us that we are worth

¹“Martin Luther and the Reformers” would have made for a great 80’s Christian Funk band name.

only the sum of what we can earn or make or produce, the message that God lavishes God's gifts of forgiveness and righteousness without merit is one of liberation! It frees us from the perpetual cycle of worrying if we'll ever truly measure up to God's worthiness!

And now, 500 years later, it's the message of good news that we can share with our own community! Now, we get to keep the process of reformation going! Now we heed the call to share this word of freedom with the world and live into its possibilities! Having been reformed, may we now get back out there to keep reforming the world around us until all come to know the joy found in the freedom and gifts of God!

Happy Reformation!

Yours, united in Christ,

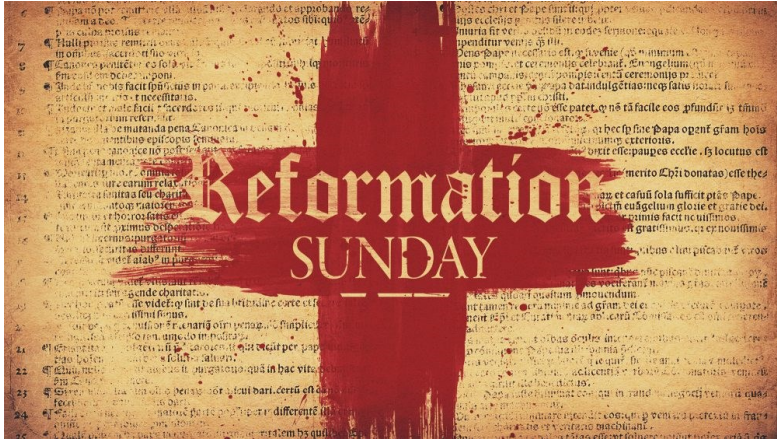


PASTOR AWAY



Pastor Justin will be on vacation beginning Wednesday, October 20 and returning on Wednesday, November 3.

If you need pastoral care while he is away, please call the office during office hours, 570-568-2254. Terri will let the supply pastor know of the need.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

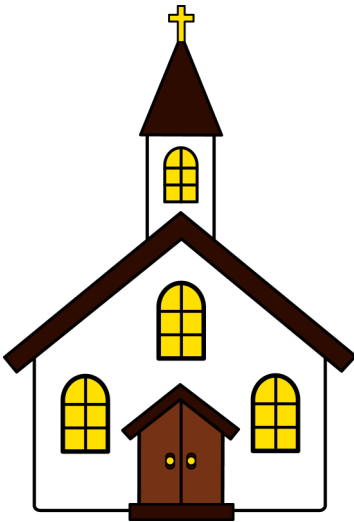
Don't forget to wear red!

CONGREGATION MEETING

We are currently accepting nominations for council members. If you would like to nominate someone, or yourself, you may

do so by either contacting a current member of council, or Pastor Justin.

On **Sunday, November 21** we will hold our annual congregational meeting. At the meeting we will vote on the proposed 2022 budget and elect council members. The meeting will take place immediately following worship service. All members are encouraged to attend. Copies of the proposed 2022 budget will be in the fellowship hall in a few weeks.



Social Ministry



NEARLY
\$1,800 THANK
RAISED FOR GLOBAL YOU!
DISASTER RELIEF!

The results are in! With the help of the many volunteers, the many eaters and freezers, and the generosity of this community, we raise \$1,776.69 in ham and bean soup sales! All of this will be donated to Lutheran Disaster Response to support their continued efforts around the world!

A great deal of gratitude goes out to everyone who supported this annual event, including the many volunteers throughout the weekend, and especially to Mark and Lisa Rabuck for their leadership and coordination!

Thank you!



HARVEST HOME

SUNDAY

This year we will be collecting food for the Milton Panther Packs. Milton Panther Packs provides backpacks of food every weekend, when school meals are not available, for 347 children in the Milton School District. Items cannot be in glass and should be non-perishable foods that a child could open or prepare on their own. Food can be placed in the collection bin in the Narthex.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

Please bring food items to the church by Friday, October 15.

Individual size food items with easy-open containers.

Oatmeal cups or packets	Mac and cheese cups	Canned pasta (pop top lid)
Individual cereal boxes	Granola bar	Fruit cups
Ramen noodles	Peanut butter crackers	Pudding cups
Soup, stew, chili (pop top lid)	Applesauce cups	Pop tarts
Canned chicken or tuna (pop top lid)	Fruit snacks	Breakfast bars
	Fruit roll-ups	

HUNGER WALK



The Lewisburg Ministerium decided to do something different this year with their annual walk. Instead of going through Church World Service and doing a Crop Walk where the funds are sent to CWS, they decided to just do something local.

This year we will be doing a *Lewisburg Community Walk to End Food Insecurity*. Every dollar raised will be given to an organization in our community that is helping end food insecurity in our area. Through Food Banks, Shelters, and Community Educational Opportunities, we have a wide diversity of things to support.

Sunday, October 10

United In Christ is putting together a team to walk. You can pick between the 1 mile walk or the 5k walk. If you are interested in joining the team please contact Michelle Shearer at church.

A special collect will be taken up during worship. If you would like to give please write "hunger walk" on your envelope.

We will meet at St. Paul's UMC, located at 42 South 4th Street in Lewisburg, at 1:30pm. The walk begins at 2pm.

UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

Prayer Requests:

Darv Krouse, Lana Rote, Mary Baker, Delroy Caris, Sandy Ritter, Bob Furman, Don Katherman, Gladys Fawcett, Peyton Weiser, Glen Embeck, Marie Tanner, Keith Shirk, James Zook, Tammy Stamm, Betsy Thomas, Grace Yost, Tim Trant, Viv Marsh, Peg Swinehart, Sonja Noll, Martha Ketchem, 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. We will email or call your prayer request to UIC's prayer chain. We'll print prayer requests for 8 weeks.

PRAYER CHAIN

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

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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

	Oct. 3	Oct. 10	Oct. 17	Oct. 24	Oct. 31
Bread/Wine	J. Sheaffer	M. Shearer	T. Snyder	C. Zimmerman	C. Troxell
Altar Guild	C. Zimmerman	C. Troxell	S. Keifer	C. Zimmerman	C. Troxell
Digital Host	S. Bingaman	T. Cromwell	K. Lingenfelter	O. Hauck	M. Shearer
Greeter	L. Rabuck	N. Walter	M. Ketchem	Ken Baker	B. Swartz
	Jen Sheaffer	D. Baker	R. Whitesel	R. Baker	T. Swartz
	J. Sheaffer	Karen Baker	E. Brouse	R. Kling	S. Brown
Acolyte					
Lector	A. Baker	R. Baker	S. Bingaman	P. Hauck	T. McPherrin
Comm. Asst.	D. Baker	A. Baker	S. Danowsky	Ken Baker	S. Bingaman
	M. Baker	M.L. Keifer	T. McPherrin	S. Weiser	Jen Sheaffer
	R. Kling	D. Shearer	M. Shearer	C. Zimmerman	C. Troxell
Guest Rel.	Ken Baker	T. McPherrin	M. Mertz	K. Noll	M, Rabuck
Offering Counter	M. Shearer	T. Cromwell	C. Zimmerman	M.L. Keifer	Ken Baker
	C. Shreck	J. Sheaffer	M. Rabuck	L. Rabuck	P. Hauck

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 *Anniversary*

John and Jen Sheaffer 10/6/01

Chris Lee and Dawn Warren 10/10/11

Jeff and Tina Snyder 10/15/94

Tom and Marilyn Gresh 10/18/69

Rick and Kathy Guffey 10/25/86



Happy Birthday

Linda Caris 10/1

Shirley Russell 10/10

Vivian Marsh 10/17

Ruby Baker 10/20

Kelsey Lingenfelter 10/20

Dylan Cromwell 10/23

Mel Baker 10/25



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

Frank Danowsky Memorial



Bertie, Frank Jr., and Scott Danowsky would like to invited everyone to the memorial service for Frank Danowsky at United In Christ on Saturday, October 9 at 4pm.

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.



OAKS

SENIOR CENTER

Tuesday, Oct. 12 ~ 10am-12pm

10:30 am - Free Bingo with Prizes

12:00 pm - Take Home Bagged Lunch

UIC asks that all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, wear masks while in the building.



CommunityAid
NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

CLOTHING DRIVE

October 16, 12pm-4pm

UIC will hold a clothing/shoes drive twice a year, one in spring and one in fall. All proceeds will go to OAKS Senior Center here at UIC. Please make sure your items are bagged and bring them to the church on Saturday, October 16 from 12pm-4pm.

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- Men, women, and children clothing
- Men, women, and children shoes
- Accessories including belts, scarves, jewelry, ties
- Baggage including backpacks, purses, wallets

YOUTH AND FAMILY



Brandon and McKenzie Baker's two youngest children, Delayne and Jaxon, were baptized by Pastor Justin on Sunday, September 19.



Children's Sermon on Sunday, September 19.



Pet Blessing

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD
6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

MILTON STATE PARK
205 PA-642, MILTON, PA

Together in partnership, United In Christ Lutheran Church and the Milton Lutheran Parish invite you and Fido to join us anytime between 6-7 P.M. Look for our tent when you arrive. Donations of pet food and supplies are being accepted for the Danville SPCA!



All things of creation are children of the Father and thus brothers of man. God wants us to help animals if they need help. Every creature in distress has the same right to be protected.

St. Francis of Assisi

Join us on **Sunday October 3rd from 6:00pm-7:00pm** for our **Blessing of the Animals on the island at Milton State Park**. Together with Pr. Gary Schaeffer and the community of faith at the Milton Lutheran Parish, we'll gather to give thanks for the blessing of all God's creatures. Traditionally falling close to the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, this time will be an opportunity to give thanks for the creatures and critters in our own lives! All are invited to stop by the park any time in that hour window with their four-legged friends to receive a pet blessing! If Fido or Snowball can't make it, feel free to bring a collar, food bowl, or picture as we give thanks for the blessings they are in our lives! In addition, we will be collecting pet food/litter/supplies that will be donated to the Danville SPCA as we seek to reciprocate the blessing that these critters provide in our lives! Come and see!

FAITH AND FUN WITH FRIENDS!

Beginning on Sunday, October 3rd, Faith and Fun will add a new format with a post-worship gathering of students from pre-k through middle school! This one stop shop will be a chance to engage in a craft, game, song, or other activity tied to the lessons heard in worship each week! Each session will last approximately 20 minutes, so families can still leave with plenty of time to make it to Sunday brunch! Be sure to stop by for this fun shape of faith formation!

In addition, while Sherry Bingaman is spearheading the lessons each week, we are still looking for a number of adult volunteers to help out by being an extra helper in the room. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Pr. Justin or Sherry and we will get your name added to the list. *If you have not previously volunteered with children at UIC, we will need to get a copy of your clearances to have on file here at the church.* Touch base with Pr. Justin if you need help figuring out how to receive that necessary paperwork!



Sunday October 10th!



It's been quite a while since the hat last emerged;
you may have been worried the whole thing was purged!
But fret not your hearts, for oh what delight!
The stripes are returning – a wonderful sight!

We're planning a day full of joy and with glee!
You'll want to be there for this mad jubilee!
We'll be rhyming our service, the whole thing from the start!
We'll come be reminded that worship's an art!

But while we're all at it, why don't we do more?
Let's make the day fun from the roof to the floor!
Let the joy found it Christ fill up the whole room!
So come to this service in your favorite costume!

Now get out your datebooks and take up your pens;
Then tell your whole family! Invite all your friends!
For October the 10th is a day not to miss:
You'll want to be here for The Great Seusscharist!

You don't want to miss worship on the 10th!!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25



Worship Volunteers, please give the office **any dates in November** 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 November Newsletter need to be in the office **by Monday, October 25.**



Baby Steps

DIAPER PANTRY

UPCOMING DIAPER PANTRY

October 9, 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.

CML FALL FRISBEE FUNDAY

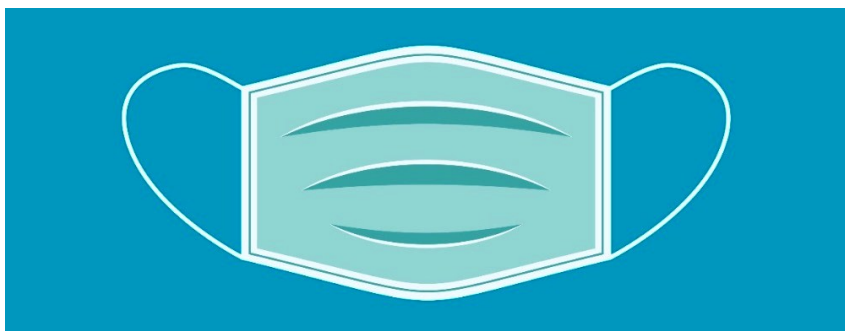
On October 4, we will be hosting Fall Frisbee Funday at Camp Mount Luther. At 3:00 p.m., the director will be at the A-Center for anyone who would like to play a round of Frisbee Golf. No need to sign-up, just show up to play.

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>.

UPDATED MASKING POLICY AT UIC



At its last monthly meeting, the United In Christ Congregational Council voted to adopt masking guidelines based on CDC guidance that counties experiencing substantial or high transmission of COVID-19 return to universal mask wearing while indoors. As Union County has moved from moderate to substantial transmission in the past week, we at UIC will once again move to the expectation that all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, wear masks while in the building. Thank you for your continued commitment to these best practices for safety!

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 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.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 7, 2021

On ALL SAINTS SUNDAY we remember those who have died in the last year and those who have been born or baptized.

*Please **submit this form to the office by Wednesday, October 27** of those who have been born, were baptized or died since Nov. 1, 2020, so their names can be listed in the bulletin on All Saints Sunday.*

Family members and friends will be invited to light candles in honor of UIC Members who have been born or baptized this year, and in memory of our Members who have passed into eternal life.

Additional sheets are on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

IN MEMORY (those who have died in the past year)

Name: _____

Date of death: _____

Your name: _____

Phone/email: _____

Yes, I WILL be present at the service to light a candle.

No, I WILL NOT be present to light a candle.

IN HONOR (those born or baptized in the past year)

Name: _____

Date of birth/baptism (circle one) _____

Your name: _____

Phone/email: _____

Yes, I WILL be present at the service to light a candle.

No, I WILL NOT be present to light a candle.

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

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