



November
2021
NEWSLETTER

Give **THANKS**
to the

LORD *for*
He

His **IS GOOD**

LOVE
endures

FOREVER

Psalm 107:1

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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

TUE, NOV. 2	PENNSYLVANIA ELECTIONS
SUN, NOV. 7	ALL SAINTS SUNDAY CONFIRMATION YOUTH GROUP
TUE, NOV. 9	OAKS SENIOR CENTER
SAT, NOV. 13	DIAPER PANTRY
TUE, NOV. 16	COUNCIL MEETING
SUN, NOV. 21	PULPIT SWAP CONGREGATIONAL MEETING YOUTH GROUP ADVENT BONFIRE
MON, NOV. 22	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
THU, NOV. 25	THANKSGIVING: OFFICE CLOSED
FRI, NOV. 26	OFFICE CLOSED
SUN, NOV 28	ADVENT 1 CHURCH DECORATING
SUN, DEC. 19	CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOP
WED, DEC. 22	BLUE CHRISTMAS

FROM THE PASTOR



Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Revelation 21:1-6a

Dear United In Christ,

It never ceases to astound me just how much seems to get packed into the month of November every year. As we round the corner into these final months of the year, it always seems as if all eyes are following that Christmas creep's trajectory, but November comes in with a liturgical powerhouse, offering up all sorts of heavy-hitting imagery and meaning to our Sunday mornings.

This year is no different! We begin this month as we do every November with our All Saints' remembrance. Once again, this

year we will gather around the waters of the baptismal font to remember those beloved from our midst who have now been brought into the fullness of those promises in God's company. Perhaps we will do so with even greater solemnity in this year where we yet *continue* to navigate the course of the COVID-19 pandemic and its deadly effects, knowing first hand just how sore it leaves us to miss those no longer in our midst. Soon after this remembrance, we will gather for Christ the King Sunday, this annual reminder that the reign of Christ breaking into this world comes not with might, but with the ever-emptying love of God poured out for God's people. No sooner does this sink in than we quickly turn the whole church calendar over on the last Sunday of the month to begin our Advent season of waiting and preparation for that very arrival of God in our world!

The month is a veritable whirlwind of opportunity (which also happens to be reflected in all of UIC's activities in the coming weeks), but the promises it carries remain steadfast throughout. Whether it's found around the font of remembrance on All Saints', in the royal proclamation of Christ the King, or the weighty anticipation of Advent, here we are met by the promises of the God who accompanies God's people through all courses of life. Here, we are met by the God who takes up divine residence among God's people. Here, we are met by the God making all things new, the one who holds all things from beginning to end, and the one who comes in the intimacy of wiping away every tear from God's people.

So, come along this month. Come catch a glimpse of this God arriving here for you.

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 text "Yours, united in Christ,".

NOVEMBER 6

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed!



NOVEMBER 7

On ALL SAINTS SUNDAY we remember all of those who are no longer in our midst.



Family members and friends are invited to light candles in honor of loved ones who were born or baptized in the past year. Also, in memory of loved ones who have passed into eternal life.

NOVEMBER 25 & 26

The church office will be closed on Thanksgiving and the day after.



PULPIT SWAP

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21



In November, Pastor Gary Schaeffer, from Milton Lutheran Church in Milton, will come to United In Christ to lead worship and preach as he and Pastor Justin participate in a Pulpit Swap on November 21st.

Immediately after worship Pastor Justin will be returning to UIC for our Annual Congregational Meeting.

CHURCH COUNCIL ELECTIONS



Council Members are elected for a term of 3 years and no more than 2 consecutive terms. Youth Representative are elected for a term of 1 year and no more than 2 consecutive terms.

We are currently accepting nominations for council. There will be 2 vacant seats that need to be filled. If you would like to nominate someone or yourself, you may do so by either contacting a current member of council, Pastor Justin, or the church office before the next council meeting on Tuesday, November 16.

CONGREGATION MEETING



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 can be found on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

BUFFALO VALLEY CHURCHES

All ELCA churches within the Buffalo Valley Conference are invited to attend an Advent Bonfire at Zion in Turbotville.

This is a great time for us to gather as a community for some much needed fellowship time! Don't forget to bring a chair.

You are invited to join us for an

Advent Bonfire

November 21st at 5:00pm
Zion Lutheran Church
39 Paradise Street
Turbotville, PA 17772



All are invited to this time of community gathering and worship as we transition into this season of Advent! Bring along a dinner to cook over the campfire or throw on the grill!

Buffalo Valley Conference



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Social Ministry



UIC's Girl Scouts helped deliver the food collected for Milton Panther Packs on Harvest Home Sunday. Thank you to everyone that helped and donated food. Milton Panther Packs provides weekend meals for over 350 students every week!

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

Social Ministry had halted collecting non-perishable food items because of Covid. We are happy to announce food collection will be resuming and are pleased to say it will be helping those in our immediate area. Your donations will be taken to *Our Little Free Pantry* in West Milton. Unlike a food bank where your monthly income must meet a certain requirement, the pantry is open to everyone!

We decided to change where we take the food you donate because we feel nobody should ever go hungry, regardless of their income!

Our Little Free Pantry is supplied by people, groups, and churches in the area. Want to help? The next time you are grocery shopping grab an extra item, or two, and place it in the baskets in the Narthex. Since the weather is getting colder please do not donate anything in glass that may break when the temperatures drop below freezing. You can do this anything as we will continue to take items throughout the year.

OUR LITTLE FREE PANTRY

515 Broad St, West Milton



UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

Prayer Requests:

Family and friends of Lana Rote, Bob, Judy Rishel, Darv Krouse, Mary Baker, Delroy Caris, Sandy Ritter, Bob Furman, family and friends of 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.*

	Nov. 7	Nov. 14	Nov. 21	Nov. 28
Bread/Wine	S. Bingaman	S. Weiser	K. Guffey	R. Baker
Altar Guild	S. Keifer	K. Guffey	C. Troxell	C. Zimmerman
Digital Host	K. Guffey	O. Hauck	T. Cromwell	M. Shearer
Greeter	ML Keifer	G. Weiser	T. McPherrin	K. Baker
	R. Kling	D. Baker	S. Brown	M. Ketchem
	E. Brouse	Karen Baker	K. Guffey	R. Whitesel
Acolyte				
Lector	M. Shearer	B. Swartz	C. Zimmerman	A. Baker
Comm. Asst.	S. Bingaman	C. Troxell	B. Swartz	M. Baker
	S. Danowsky	A. Baker	S. Weiser	R. Kling
	D. Baker	ML Keifer	Jen Sheaffer	D. Shearer
Guest Rel.	B. Troxell	G. Weiser	T. McPherrin	K. Baker
Offering Counter	J. Sheaffer	ML Keifer	C. Zimmerman	M. Shearer
	K. Guffey	L. Rabuck	M. Rabuck	C. Shreck

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*

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
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
Woody Warren 11/28
Danielle Murphy 11/30
John Russell 11/30



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

YOUTH AND FAMILY



*Kenley Jo Swanger was baptized on Sunday, October 17.
Congratulations Kenley!*

CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOP



HELP NEEDED!

Mark your calendars for the evening of **Sunday, December 19th at 6:00pm** (time set tentatively) here at UIC for our free community Christmas Craft Workshop!

This annual workshop is an opportunity for families to gather to make homemade Christmas decorations for around the house! This year we will be hosting our craft workshop with the community of Milton Lutheran Church. If you've got the perfect idea saved on your Pinterest board and would like to help lead a craft station at this year's workshop, please let Pr. Justin know!

Those joining are also invited to whip up a batch of cookies for a "to-go" style cookie swap! We hope you can join us! Come and see!



OAKS

SENIOR CENTER

Tuesday, Nov. 9 ~ 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.

ADVENT DECORATING

Help us get the church ready for the season by joining us after worship on November 28 as we decorate the church.



LANDSCAPING PROJECT



The landscaping project began with Ken Criswell, Ken Noll, and Mark Rabuck removing the railroad ties, bushes and trees. Hillyard Landscaping installed retaining walls and a paver walkway.



Scott Danowsky has wired new electrical for the sign lights.



Before and After



Two things need to be done yet, landscaping and installing our new sign. Thank you to everyone that made this possible!!



Baby Steps DIAPER PANTRY

UPCOMING DIAPER PANTRY

November 13, 2021 10-11:30am

1 bag (40 diapers) per child.

Newborn to size 6

Diapers will be given to families in the surrounding communities of Lewisburg, Mifflinburg, Milton and Watsonstown.

CELEBRATES 5 YEARS!

Baby Steps Diaper Pantry opened its doors on October 8, 2016. Since then we have given out 76,480 diapers!!

1st Year 15,160 DIAPERS

2nd Year 15,160 DIAPERS

3rd Year 16,000 DIAPERS

4th Year 16,400 DIAPERS

5th Year 13,760 DIAPERS

TOTAL 76,480 DIAPERS

Blue Christmas Worship Service

The faith communities of United In Christ Lutheran Church, Saint Paul's United Church of Christ, and Milton Lutheran Church invite you to join us as we gather for worship on one of the longest nights of darkness of the year, **Wednesday December 22, at 7 p.m.**

While for many, Advent and Christmas are seasons of light, we also know that this season can be a season of physical and emotional distress. On this night, we will acknowledge at this time of year that we may be confronted with fear, sadness, loss and shattered hope, perhaps from the loss of a loved one, seasonal depression or simply a feeling you can't explain.

This is why, as communities of faith gather, we will honor "Blue Christmas" this year as a service of acknowledgement and a journey of faith to seek to understand how "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it," as is recorded in John 1:5. How can this light help us through what can become the hardest time of the year? Join us as we acknowledge, explore, worship and support one another as we fellowship together.



The service will be held at Milton Lutheran Church, 100 Mahoning Street in Milton (formerly Trinity Lutheran) led by Pastor Justin Lingenfelter, Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo, and Pastor Gary Schaeffer.

Please consider joining us as we are surrounded with warmth and welcome in a time to seek hope and healing. All are welcome.

THANK YOU

Thank you all so very, very much for your incredible generosity in Pastor's Appreciation month. Your cards and gifts were humbling and a wonderful reminder of what a joy it is to be here with you at UIC! We are grateful to be among such a generous community! Thank you!!

~ Kelsey & Pr. Justin

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22



Worship Volunteers, please give the office **any dates in December** 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 December Newsletter need to be in the office **by Monday, November 22.**

WELCOME TABLE

The Welcome Table is located in the Narthex, the front of the church at the sanctuary doors. Here you'll find the church's newsletter and devotionals, both also have large print, copies of the monthly magazine *Living Lutheran*, and Faith and Fun bags for kids to take home. Please help yourself to any of these items. You will also find baskets for donating non-perishable food items which will be taken to the *Our Little Free Pantry* in West Milton.





CHURCH COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS

Here's what's happening within our area.

EVENING AT SHADE MOUNTAIN

Friday, November 5 ~ 6pm-8pm

This is a fundraising opportunity to share fellowship, entertainment, and locally produced wine, all to benefit Camp Mount Luther. It's held at Shade Mountain Winery, 16140 Route 104, Middleburg, PA. There will be a limit of 50 people for this year's event, which will run from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, November 5, 2021. Entertainment will be provided by KJ Reimensnyder-Wager, a local folk musician. Menu to include heavy appetizers, desserts, and a complementary glass of wine. Reservations required. Call 570-922-1587 or email cml@campmountluther.org. Cost is a donation. Consider a donation equal or greater to the food and entertainment provided. If you choose to purchase any bottles of wine that evening, camp receives a portion of the proceeds.

WELCOME STATEMENT

The UIC Church Council has begun working on a new Welcome Statement for the congregation to help us articulate a clear vision of whom we seek to include in God's community here.

To help us out, we want to hear from YOU!

Answer the question below and tear on the dotted line to place it in the offering plate on Sunday to provide your answer to Council!

Thank you in advance for your responses!

Be on the lookout for more opportunities for feedback ahead!



Who do you think should feel welcomed here at United In Christ?

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

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