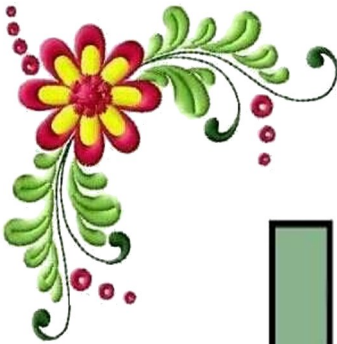




January
2022
NEWSLETTER



For the
JOY

of the Lord
is your strength

Nehemiah 8:10



UNITED IN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

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UIC COUNCIL MEMBERS

Lisa Rabuck	2 nd term, ends 12/2024
Emma Danowsky	2 nd term, ends 12/2024
Kathy Guffey	2 nd term, ends 12/2024
Ken Baker	2 nd term, ends 12/2023
Kathy Arndt	1 st term, ends 12/2024
Ken Criswell	2 nd term, ends 12/2022
Kim Criswell	1 st term, ends 12/2022
Theresa Furman	1 st term, ends 12-2024
Jen Sheaffer	1 st term, ends 12/2022
Michelle Shearer	1 st term, ends 12/2024

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

MON, JAN. 8	DIAPER PANTRY
SUN, JAN. 9	CONFIRMATION YOUTH GROUP
TUE, JAN. 11	OAKS
SUN, JAN. 16	GIVING STATEMENTS AVAILABLE YOUTH GROUP
TUE, JAN. 18	COUNCIL MEETING
MON, JAN. 24	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
SUN, JAN. 30	SCOUT SUNDAY
SUN, FEB. 6	COLLEGE VALENTINE'S DEADLINE
SUN, FEB. 13	SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY
SUN, FEB. 27	CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Join us on
Sunday, February 27
to hear 2021
Committee Reports,
and the audit report.



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

FROM THE PASTOR



Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: For your sake I will send to Babylon and break down all the bars, and the shouting of the Chaldeans will be turned to lamentation. I am the LORD, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King. Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Isaiah 43:14-21

Dear United In Christ,

So, what's new with you?

I don't know about you, but feels like I get asked this question all the time. Maybe it's been a plethora of opportunities as we've seen more people around the holidays, but I feel as if this question is so often on everybody's lips. It seems to be the conventional way of checking in with one another around this time of year, but I've got to confess that sometimes it doesn't feel like I have a good answer! I've found lately that my response more often than not has been: "oh, everything and nothing all the same time." Because some days it really does feel as if everything keeps on moving ahead, but nothing ever really changes.

Maybe you've felt this too. Maybe now with the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season in hindsight, maybe you're looking around thinking that a lot really has stayed the same. And now as we enter

into this new year together, maybe it feels like all that “same-ness” is actually here to stay. As we turn our calendars over to 2022, maybe you feel like we’re just putting the world on repeat. Maybe, after nearly two years now, it feels like we’re simply dealing with a case of “same pandemic, different day.”

In a lot of ways, this seemingly perpetual same-ness offers us even just a small glimpse of what it was that the Israelites were experiencing as these words from Isaiah met them. Having been carted away into exile with little to no hope of return, they must have known what it felt like to have their world shaken around them while simultaneously feeling like nothing would ever change. And yet, into their situation – into their same-ness – God moves to offer a new thing. To these chosen people, God offers the hope of accompaniment, the very same that was enough to bring them out of Egypt in the first place! Here, the people can cling to this word that the world *will* change and God will bring them through to a new life ahead.

Eventually, the people were brought out of exile and returned home – albeit after more years of being strangers in a strange land than many of them bargained for. The new thing that God declared for the people, this new way forward through the wilderness, it took root to provide a life that people struggle to imagine in the middle of their same-ness. And now, in this new year, that same word of hope come on that same word worth clinging to, *this new thing* is just as assuredly taking root. Still living in the wake of God’s arrival in the Christ child, we are reminded that God sets a new course wherein nothing will ever be the same! Here and now God’s promises come to greet God’s people – come to greet *you* – and provide for them in new and unexpected ways!



So, hold on, United In Christ, in this new year. May you find this new thing taking shape around you, even amid the sameness, to bring you to that which God has in store!

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 "Pastor Justin".

BUFFALO VALLEY LAY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Interested in learning more about worship leadership or liturgical practices? Want to hear how the good news calls us to engage with issues of poverty? Want to see how to drum up excitement in the church? Then join us for the Buffalo Valley Lay School of Theology! Register for workshops from pastors and leaders across the synod designed for church members to grow in faith and leadership! Check out the workshops at <https://bit.ly/BVLaySchool2022> and touch base with Pr. Justin with any questions!




BUFFALO VALLEY

Lay School of Theology

February 4 - February 27

Join us online!

<https://bit.ly/BVLaySchool2022>



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Social Ministry



Thank you to those that sponsored the 6 residents at Country Comfort this Christmas that have no family! It was very kind and generous of you to bless them this year.

All residents were given gift bags which contained shampoo, body wash, lotion, pack of tissues, hand sanitizer, word find book w/pencil and some Christmas candies.

United In Christ has 5 students away at college.

Alli Arndt, Owen Arndt, Amy Danowsky,
Larissa Shearer, and Dalton Shearer

For these college students UIC is now part of “back home”, a place that is only visited a few times a year and brings back memories of life that brought them to where they are now.

Help us make sure these students know they are being thought of and prayed for regularly.

More details to come soon!

Next month we have Souper Bowl Sunday on February 13.
More details to come in the February newsletter.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

MONDAY, JANUARY 24



Worship Volunteers, please give the office **any dates in February** 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 February Newsletter need to be in the office **by Monday, January 24.**

2021 GIVING STATEMENTS

All 2021 offerings had to be handed in to the office by Sunday, December 26. Anything given after December 26 will be entered as a 2022 offering.

Statements will be ready for pickup on Sunday, January 16. Any statement not picked up on Sunday, January 16 will then be mailed out.

If you have recently moved, please make sure the office has your new mailing address.

UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

Prayer Requests:

family and friends of Barry Hauck, family and friends of Gladys Hauck, Shirley Russell, Frank Danowsky Jr., family and friends of Barry Beck, Dale Robbins, Barbara Church, Jim Yost, Shirley Hauck, Russ Wynn, family and friends of Willard Hauck, family and friends of Darv Krouse, family and Friends of Irene Stark, Kim Payne, Bob, Judy Rishel, Mary Baker, Delroy Caris, Gladys Fawcett, Peyton Weiser, Marie Tanner, Grace Yost, Peg Swinehart, Bob Keifer, Martha Ketchem.

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.



WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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

	Jan. 2	Jan. 9	Jan. 16	Jan. 23	Scout Sunday Jan. 30
Bread/Wine	R. Baker	S. Bingaman	Ken Criswell	J. Danowsky	T. Furman K. Guffey
Altar Guild		T. Cromwell	K. Guffey	C. Zimmerman	S. Keifer C. Troxell
Digital Host	T. Cromwell	K. Guffey	K. Lingenfelter	M. Shearer	S. Bingaman
Greeter	R. Baker	S. Brown	Ken Baker	D. Baker	Scouts
	Karen Baker	R. Kling	M. Ketchem	K. Noll	
	M. L. Keifer	Jen Sheaffer	R. Whitesel	L. Rabuck	
Acolyte					Scouts
Lector	B. Swartz	C. Zimmerman	R. Baker	S. Bingaman	Scouts
Comm. Asst.		S. Keifer	M. Shearer	C. Zimmerman	Jen Sheaffer
		M. L. Keifer	C. Troxell	A. Baker	B. Swartz
		R. Kling	Ken Baker	S. Weiser	D. Baker
Guest Rel.	K. Noll	M. Rabuck	B. Troxell	G. Weiser	Ken Baker
Offering Counter	M. L. Keifer	C. Zimmerman	M. Shearer	K. Guffey	Ken Baker
	L. Rabuck	P. Hauck	C. Shreck	John Sheaffer	M. Rabuck

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*

Ted and Shirley McPherrin 1/3/76

Walt and Sherry Bingaman 1/7/89

Jim and Kathy Arndt 1/18/92



Happy Birthday

Teena Zimmerman 1/4

Julie Hauck 1/4

Carol Troxell 1/5

Alli Arndt 1/11

Brandon Wirth 1/13

Linda Danowsky 1/15

Shanna Martz 1/16

Josh Martz 1/21

Donna Byerly 1/23

Sherry Bingaman 1/23

Laylanya Olds 1/24

Sandra Brown 1/25



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

Willard N. Hauck

January 25, 1946 - November 22, 2021



Willard N. Hauck, 75, of Lewisburg, passed away Monday, Nov. 22, 2021, at Geisinger Medical Center.

A native of Union County, he was born in Lewisburg on Jan. 25, 1946, a son of the late Charles and Pauline (Minium) Hauck. He was married to the former Pamella Marquardt and his death breaks a marital union of 50 years.

He was a graduate of Lewisburg High School with the class of 1963. He was a farmer, maintenance worker at RiverWoods, a truck driver for LRJ, and a school bus driver providing service to three generations of local families. He was a life-long member of the United Church of Christ West Milton, where he had served as council member; was a member of Lewisburg Young Farmers where he had served as treasurer for many years; enjoyed camping, reading and word search puzzles.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two

daughters, Julie Hauck of Lewisburg, and Rebecca Hauck of New Zealand; a son, Timothy Hauck (Jennifer) of New Columbia; three granddaughters, Maiya Hauck-Dabney, Ava Hauck-Dabney and Olivia Hauck; three brothers, Dale (Nancy) Hauck, Roy (Cheryl) Hauck and Glenn (Pat) Hauck; two sisters, Shirley Anderson and Linda (William) Harris, and numerous nephews and nieces.

Friends and relatives will be received Friday evening from 6-8 at the John H Shaw III Funeral Home, Lewisburg, and at the United in Christ Lutheran Church on Churches Road, Saturday morning from 10-11 when the funeral will begin with the Rev Justin Lingenfelter officiating. Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

The family will provide flowers and asks that donations in Willard's name be made to the United in Christ Lutheran Church 1875 Churches Road Lewisburg.

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.

Frank Danowsky

*Mark and Lisa Rabuck, Judy Rishel, Steve and Andrea Kratzer,
Jacob and Donna Shreck.*

Irene Stark

*Amy, Devin, and Charlotte Stark, Virginia Treas, Dawn Moyer,
Order of the Eastern Star Lewisburg Chapter 394, Judy Rishel*

Willard Hauck

*Robert Pardoe Jr, Lewisburg Young Farmers,
Ron and Janet Zimmerman, Larry Howell, Roy and Cheryl
Hauck, Edward Hauck and Stefanie Valar, Timothy and Linda
Marquardt, Dennis and Anna Wolfe, Bus Family Friends,
Marquardt Family, Kasey and Emily Narcross, William and
Linda Harris, Ben and Leslie Chambers, Ben and Amy
Buchanan, Clair and Sharon Brown, Ken and Cynthia Reber.*



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



OAKS

SENIOR CENTER

Tuesday, Jan. 11 ~ 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.



Baby Steps

DIAPER PANTRY

UPCOMING DIAPER PANTRY

January 8, 2022 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.

YOUTH AND FAMILY

FAITH & FUN with Friends

Faith and Fun with Friends is UIC'S version of "Sunday School" for our PreK and early elementary children. We have been gathering every Sunday after worship. It's not been a large group, but we've been having fun exploring Advent and the Christmas story. The kids are excited and so enjoyable to be with and talk about our faith stories.

I really need some adult volunteers to be substitutes, though. I am with our kids almost every Sunday, but I do have a few Sundays coming up that I am not available. It's easy and its fun! Typically, we gather for 20-30 minutes immediately after worship. We read a story from the Spark Story Bible, have a short discussion, and then do a craft and activity. I would have everything planned and gathered for you. It's easy, low-key, and Fun! If you have any interest, please contact me.

~ Sherry Bingaman.

SCOUT SUNDAY



Join us on Sunday, January 30th as we worship with all of the Girl, Cub, and Boy Scouts that meet here every week. We will have a special blessing for the scouts and their leaders, and they will be serving as lectors, ushers and greeters that day.

JESUS
LOVES *me* THIS
I KNOW
for THE Bible
tells ME so.

IMPORTANT LINKS



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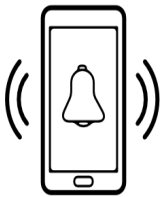
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Church Calendar: Stay up-to-date on everything that's happening at UIC and Sunday's Worship Volunteers are listed each week under each "worship" event.

www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/calendar

Sermons: Print the worship bulletin so you can follow along during digital worship or watch previous worship services. www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/sermons

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 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.

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.



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