




May
2022

NEWSLETTER

" I came so that
you may have
life —  —
and live it
more
abundantly. "

John 10:10



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UIC COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Kim Criswell	1 st term, ends 12/2022
Theresa Furman	1 st term, ends 12-2024
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

SUN, MAY 1

**CONFIRMATION
YOUTH GROUP**

Meet at Milton Lutheran Church

TUE, MAY 3

SOCIAL MINISTRY MEETING

4pm at Tastecraft in Milton

WED, MAY 4

BOOK STUDY BEGINS

FRI, MAY 6

FOOD BANK DELIVERY

Deliver boxes the following week

SUN, MAY 8

MOTHER'S DAY

TUE, MAY 10

OAKS SENIOR CENTER

SAT, MAY 14

DIAPER PANTRY

TUE, MAY 17

ELECTION DAY - GO VOTE!

Fellowship hall will be occupied all day

SAT, MAY 21

CML CABIN CLEANUP

MON, MAY 23

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

MON, MAY 30

**MEMORIAL DAY
OFFICE CLOSED**

SAT, JUN. 4

CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC

FROM THE PASTOR



So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Acts 1:6-11

Dear United In Christ,

What are you up to with your new life? How has the resurrection been revealing itself in your midst and through your days?

They're good questions to keep in front of us in the weeks ahead. We'll be spending this whole month of May in our Easter season, after all. Our worship throughout these weeks will continue to celebrate and give thanks to God for the signs of resurrection taking root around us. We will continue to echo our cries of celebration that “Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**” We will gather weekly to greet signs of this resurrected Christ appearing among his disciples, of this Jesus carving new avenues for this new creation for God's people. We

will give thanks for the new possibilities Christ brings, even as we are met fully by their signs at the font and at the table together. In the weeks ahead, we will have all manner of celebration for this life coming to greet us!

So, what are you going to do with it? How is the world going to know that you have been met by such abundance? How will your community know? How will your family know? I ask because there's a real temptation to simply take on this newness of life and then carry on as if nothing has changed. It's like Peter and the beloved disciple racing toward the empty tomb, seeing its testimony to resurrection, then simply going home again (John 20:3-10). Or maybe it's more like the disciples, having received their commission at the end of Luke's Gospel, standing around with their heads towards the sky following Jesus' ascension from this story in Acts. We might witness this good news of risen life – we might even celebrate it – but has it genuinely taken root and changed us or are we simply standing around with our heads towards the sky expectantly waiting for Jesus to do something cool again?

Maybe the holy messengers' question to the disciples, then, is one worth considering even now: people of God, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? The question itself is reminiscent of the messengers' orienting question to the first witnesses of resurrection, the women gathered at the empty tomb: "why do you look for the living among the dead?" (Luke 24:5). Now, it seems, is not the time for idle gawking! As Jesus told the disciples just a few verses prior, now is the time to go and bear witness, to take this good news of God's life to all the ends of the earth! This new life can't only be conveyed simply by staring towards the heavens in awe; it must also be lived into the world!

See, that's where we come in, United In Christ! Even now, we are being called to bear witness and testify to this new life taking root around us. Now is not the time for staring up to the skies (rest assured, Jesus' arrival won't be missed). Instead, now is the

time to *keep living resurrection* for those around us. In this Easter season, now more than ever is the time for us to become living good news for the world. We can be ambassadors of resurrection as we share our tables in community meals. We can package the possibilities of new life with every box of food and pack of diapers delivered. We testify to the widening circles of God's love when we commit to the work of welcome and hospitality while studying the difficult topics of race and sexuality. We can share in the movements of God's Spirit as we gather in community to play bingo or to share our stories over a cup of coffee and a cupcake. We can commit to this good news by *committing ourselves to the same things that the risen Christ did*. There's no need to wait! *We don't have to live with our heads watching the skies*. We can live this good news right here and right now!

So, what are we waiting for? Why do you stand looking up toward heaven? May we be drawn back to earth to see the world in its fullness and bear the new life of this season in the name of this risen Christ!

Yours, united in Christ,



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.

SOCIAL HOUR RESUMES

4 WEEK ROTATION
LAST NAMES BEGINNING WITH:

A - D L - R

E - K S - Z



Social Hour is a time for us to stay connected with each other, while enjoying a light snack.

Please look on the Worship Volunteer Schedule, which can be found in the middle of the newsletter, in the back of a printed bulletin, and on the church's calendar on our website, if your last name begins with one of the letters listed for that Sunday's Social Hour please bring a snack to share and help out in the kitchen during social hour.

Having a 4 week rotation means everyone will get to enjoy social hour and the same people won't be stuck in the kitchen every Sunday, missing out on some much needed fellowship time!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

MONDAY, MAY 23



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

REFLECTIONS OF *DIALOGUES ON RACE*

The following reflection was written by UIC member Theresa Furman as she reflected on her experience with our latest Dialogues on Race study series.

Two years have passed since you welcomed my husband and me into your family. Although we felt welcomed, we chose to join this church because we saw the love that you had for each other. We are a family. Not only do we enjoy the friendships we have made, we also welcome the opportunities for service. Such a small congregation makes a big impact on the community.

One of the opportunities we have enjoyed the past two years are the book studies. The latest book, “Dialogues on Race”, presented many facets of racism and prejudices for discussions. I was surprised to learn that Christianity was used to justify and perpetuate slavery and the treatment of people of color as subhuman. I was surprised to learn that slavery did not end with the civil war. Although I see the horrors of the families of people such as Trayvon Martin and George Floyd, I was surprised to learn how little ground we have gained in making them equal in this country. The fact that Native Americans were not allowed to practice their spirituality in this country until 1978 was shocking!! Equally shocking was that many of these Native Americans were sent to “residential boarding schools” to purge them of their Native American identity. The first and largest of these government funded schools was located in our backyard; Carlisle, Pennsylvania! The plight of women in American history was not as shocking to me. The lack of rights and equality for women is at least touched upon in history classes. I do not recall; however, how intrinsically connected women’s rights were to those of the people of color. We covered many more concepts than I listed here.

Everyone learned a great deal about racism and more importantly about themselves. And I still have much to learn. The importance of learning the history of our past is to learn not to repeat the same mistakes and to create a better future for the generations to come. We have certainly made some progress since the civil war, but we still have a long road ahead. My husband and I often disagree on the viewpoints or solutions because we have experienced different stations and backgrounds. Just as my husband and I come from different places, marginalized communities also come from different places and cultures. We have the choice to listen and learn or walk away. Those marginalized communities do not have the same choice. The beauty of God's grace is that, although we may disagree, we can listen and learn from each other. We are respectful. We are learning to listen.

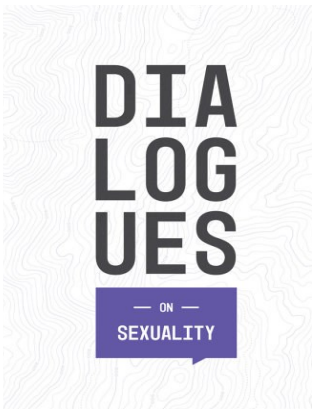
If you think Pastor Justin is amazing with the Sunday services, you will find him an extraordinary leader with the book series. He will be leading us on our next adventure into the prejudices and misconceptions of the LGBTQIA+ community with the next book, "Dialogues on Sexuality". Please join us Wednesday evenings beginning in May for fun, fellowship and spiritual growth. The series is free including the book. Every voice is heard without judgement and every viewpoint is valued.....and you don't want to miss Bob Swartz's rabbit holes! Since we felt so welcomed, we feel compelled to do the work necessary to ensure that everyone who may walk through the church doors feels as welcomed.

God Bless!

Theresa Furman

Want to learn more about how we at UIC can use our gifts of welcome and hospitality? Read on to learn how to be a part of our next Dialogues study series!

NEW DIALOGUES STUDY SERIES



In this *Dialogues on Sexuality* series, we will gather each week to reflect on a chapter provided by various authors with a corresponding video for discussion.

Join us for our next *Dialogues* study series beginning on Wednesday, May 4th at 6:30pm!

This series will also help us at UIC as we work to develop a Welcome Statement for the congregation by giving us the opportunity to tackle topics including sex and marriage, gender identity, and inclusive faith communities. Given the nature of this study and the work it means for UIC, participation in these *Dialogues* series is highly encouraged for our members.

Recognizing its importance, UIC's Congregational Council has also agreed to make the accompanying books for this study **free** to all participants! Sign up to be a part of this study using the sheet in the Fellowship Hall!



WELCOME AREA

Visit our Welcome Area in the Narthex for copies of the monthly Lutheran Magazine, additional copies of the newsletter, including large print copies, and a variety of daily devotionals, Our Daily Bread, Christ In Our Home, and The Word in Season.

~ PLEASE HELP YOURSELF ~

UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

Prayer Requests:

Ken Baker, Bonnie Katherman and her family, Zack Born, Shirley Russell, Kim Payne, Rosemary Fernsler, Family and friends of Karen Shaffer, Kay Martin, Jeff Charles, Ryan Hunter, Dr. Elwood Reiner, Ron Guffey, Dave Wall, Roger Neilson, Russ Wynn, Viv Marsh, Gladys Fawcett, Peyton Weiser, Alice Snyder, Marie Tanner, Grace Yost, Peg Swinehart, 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'll email your prayer request to UIC's prayer chain and keep them on the prayer list for 8 weeks, unless told otherwise.

PRAYER CHAIN

Scripture instructs us to lift one another up in prayer.

If you would like to be part of the prayer chain,
please let Terri Cromwell know.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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

	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
Social Hour	E - K	L - R	S - Z	A - D
Bread/Wine	S. McPherrin	S. Keifer	J. Mertz	S. Noll
Altar Guild	C. Troxell D. Byerly	C. Zimmerman D. Byerly	T. Cromwell D. Byerly	K. Guffey D. Byerly
Digital Host	K. Guffey	K. Lingenfelter	T. Cromwell	M. Shearer
Greeter Front Door	T. McPherrin Jen Sheaffer	B. Swartz T. Swartz	L. Rabuck M. Rabuck	C. Zimmerman Karen Baker
Greeter Side Door	K. Noll	T. Cromwell	S. Brown	G. Weiser
Lector	S. Bingaman	T. Furman	P. Hauck	S. Kefier
Ushers	D. Baker Karen Baker R. Kling BJ Koch	K. Guffey S. Keifer B. Swartz T. Swartz	S. McPherrin T. McPherrin J. Mertz M. Shearer	S. Brown T. Cromwell C. Troxell B. Troxell
Comm. Asst.	S. Weiser C. Zimmerman D. Baker	S. Bingaman ML Keifer R. Kling	T. McPherrin Jen Sheaffer M. Shearer	B. Swartz C. Troxell S. Weiser
Guest Rel.	K. Noll	B. Troxell	M. Rabuck	G. Weiser
Offering Counter	C. Zimmerman P. Hauck	M. Shearer C. Shreck	Ken Baker M. Rabuck	ML Keifer L. 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

Elwood and Sandra Brown 5/1/04

Dave and Karen Baker 5/2/81

Josh and Shanna Martz 5/24/03



Happy Birthday

Shirley McPherrin 5/2

Jeff Byerly 5/3

Joshua Martz Jr. 5/5

Mya Cromwell 5/6

Amber Erb 5/8

Alice Snyder 5/11

Jodie Danowsky 5/14

Colleen Danowsky 5/15

Ken Noll 5/15

Mark Rabuck 5/15



Becky Carl 5/23

Nancy Walter 5/23

Carolyn Baker 5/26

Judy Rishel 5/27

Emmalene Koch 5/28

BJ Koch 5/29

Kodakyan Olds 5/30

Charlie Dinsmore 5/31

Adelaide Koch 5/31



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

The office
will be
closed on
Monday,
May 30.



In-person Worship Attendance	
Mar. 27	58
Apr. 3	76
Maundy Thursday	28
Good Friday	26
Easter Sunday	106
Scout Sunday	92

Social Ministry

We prepared and delivered 15 meals to Ronald McDonald House in Danville on Tuesday, April 12.

Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall for the next Sharing Our Tables community meal, which is on Sunday, May 15. We need your help! Please contact the office if you would like to help but can't make it in to sign-up!



SHARING OUR TABLES FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

A ministry partnership of Milton and West Milton congregations.

1125 Mahoning Street, Milton PA



Sunday, May 15
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Join us for a meal of meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, country green beans, fruit Cup, and dessert!

Take-out is available.

Partners in Ministry: Milton Lutheran Church, Saint Paul's United Church of Christ, United In Christ Lutheran Church, and St. Paul's AME Church.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 3 from 4pm-6pm at Tastecraft in Milton. Anyone is welcome to come! At this meeting we will be planning games and activities for the UIC Family Picnic, which will be on Saturday, June 4.

If you can't make it to the meeting, but would like to help, please email Terri at office@unitedinchristlutheran.net.

UNITED IN CHRIST FAMILY PICNIC

We have combined the Sons and Daughters Banquet in to one new event, United In Christ Family Picnic!

Signup sheets will be going up in the fellowship hall on Sunday, May 8.

Saturday, June 4 at 1pm
West Milton Park

A schedule of events and activities for kids and adults will be posted closer to the date.

Invite your relatives for a fun afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship!

You will need to RSVP by May 29 with the number of people you are bringing!



EASTER AT UNITED IN CHRIST!

*A huge shout-out and thank you to Sharon Weiser,
Sue Keifer, and Carol Troxell for decorating the sanctuary for Easter.*

You ladies do great work!



*This year we had
11 lilies and
46 tulips!*

*Thank you to
each of you who
purchased flowers!*





Thank you to everyone that came out for Easter Breakfast!



In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation!



YOUTH AND FAMILY

Another successful Community Egg Hunt!



Thank you Michelle Shearer for all you do!





SCOUT SUNDAY

APRIL 24, 2022



UIC's Boy Scout Troop 600 tithed \$300 from their annual spaghetti dinner to the church. Andy Rohrer presented the check to Pastor Justin at the beginning for worship on Scout Sunday.

CAMP CLEANUP!

Practice stewardship through service
at the Annual Spring Work Day on
Saturday, May 21 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

We need your help getting Camp Mount Luther's grounds and facilities ready for summer. There will be plenty to do and everyone in the family can help! Please bring supplies to do cleaning, mulching, raking, and light construction projects such as step ladders, buckets, rakes, etc.

A light lunch will be served.
RSVP with Pastor Justin by May 15
to join the carpool from UIC!



SUMMER DAY CAMP!

Save the dates and spread the word for UIC's joint summer day camp with Milton Lutheran Church!

Together, we will be welcoming two counselors from Camp Mount Luther to help facilitate a week of faith and fun for students up through 5th grade in our congregations and in our communities beyond! Day camp will run July 11th-15th from 9am-3pm with lunch provided each day. Interested in helping out? We are still looking for volunteers to help lead crafts (designs provided), special events, and cook up meals throughout the week! We are also looking for floating volunteers to help the days run smoothly! Brush up your child clearances and contact Pr. Justin to lend a hand!

The poster features a scenic background of mountains and evergreen trees. At the top center is the Camp Mount Luther logo, which includes a green tree, a red sailboat, and a yellow sun. To the left is the Milton Lutheran Church logo, showing a cross above a green plant. To the right is the United In Christ Lutheran Church logo, depicting a tree with people figures. The main text reads 'SUMMER • DAY CAMP.' in large, bold, black letters. Below this, it says 'JULY 11-15 • 9AM-3PM' in orange, followed by 'FOR STUDENTS COMPLETING GRADES K-5' in white. A yellow underline is placed above the text 'SAVE THE DATES!' in orange. At the bottom, it says 'FOLLOW MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH AND UNITED IN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR MORE!' in white.



OAKS

SENIOR CENTER

Tuesday, May 10

10:00 am - Doors Open

10:30 am - Free Bingo with prizes

11:30 pm - Presentation on ECHO
Housing by Union-Snyder
Agency On Aging

12:00 pm - Free Lunch

Your elderly loved one can no longer
safely live on their own.

So, what can you do?

There is an option available called
“Elder Cottage Housing Opportunity” or “ECHO”.

**OAKS IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!**

THANK YOU

Senior Express,

I would like to thank all of you who are working hard to make our Senior Express Food delivery a success. I am sure the seniors in our community greatly appreciate your service.

I'd like to offer a special thank you to Dawn and Landon Warren who sponsored flowers as an Easter gift to all our clients last month. A wonderful way to show the love of our risen Lord!

Sherry



Baby Steps
DIAPER PANTRY

UPCOMING DIAPER PANTRY

May 14, 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.

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