



August  
2022  
NEWSLETTER

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be **STRONG** &  
**COURAGEOUS**  
do not be *afraid*  
**or** **TROUBLED**  
The *Lord* **YOUR GOD**  
is with you  
**WHEREVER** *you go*  
*Joshua 1:9*

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### ***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

<b>TUE, AUG 9</b>	<b>OAKS SENIOR CENTER</b>
<b>SAT, AUG 13</b>	<b>BABY STEPS DIAPER PANTRY</b>
<b>SUN, AUG 14</b>	<b>BACKPACK SUNDAY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING</b>
<b>TUE, AUG 16</b>	<b>COUNCIL MEETING</b>
<b>SUN, AUG 21</b>	<b>GRADUATES SUNDAY</b>
<b>WED, AUG 24</b>	<b>DEADLINE FOR COMMUNITY MEAL DONATIONS</b>
<b>MON, AUG 22</b>	<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>
<b>SAT, AUG 27</b>	<b>SHARING OUR TABLES COMMUNITY MEAL</b>
<b>MON, AUG 29</b>	<b>1ST GRIEF SUPPORT MEETING</b>
<b>MON, SEPT 5</b>	<b>LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED</b>
<b>THU, SEPT 15</b>	<b>HAM AND BEAN SOUP PREP</b>
<b>FRI, SEPT 16</b>	<b>HAM AND BEAN SOUP</b>
<b>SAT, SEPT 17</b>	<b>MILTON HARVEST FESTIVAL HAM AND BEAN SOUP</b>

# FROM THE PASTOR



*Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children’s children, may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Dear United In Christ,

L-I-N-G-E-N-F-E-L-T-E-R

Do you realize how long it took me to learn how to spell that? Twelve letters, four syllables, and an absolute beast to tame! As a kid, I can remember the countless courses of repetition it took to master my own last name. L-I-N-G-E-N-F-E-L-T-E-R. I can only imagine the

patience it must have taken my parents to get this skill across. I can still remember my grandmother actually incentivizing the process by giving me a quarter every time I spelled it correctly for her! It helped to do it in a rhythm with four sets of three letters each: L-I-N, G-E-N, F-E-L, T-E-R. In this sing-song rhythmic fashion, I learned I could quickly make bank as the quarters came rolling in! In fact, that's the rhythm I *still* use to spell it out over the phone, although the lucrative cash flow seems to have stopped at this point.

L-I-N-G-E-N-F-E-L-T-E-R. Despite the fact that it was a given part of who I was, the understanding and knowledge was something that had to be taught well to me. It took instruction and recitation (with, admittedly, just a little bit of incentivized bribery along the way). It was not something that happened overnight, but rather had to be taught with time and intentionality. Ask any teacher heading into this month and I bet they'll resonate. As lesson plans get set for the return to school, the fact that it takes all manner of skill and creativity and recitation to pass knowledge and understanding on to the next generations is on full display.

But hasn't it always been that way? Whether it's complicated spelling or intricate arithmetic or foundational sciences, our understandings have always been passed on with care and intentionality. The same has always been true for God's people as well! In fact, it's precisely what God has encouraged from the beginning. In this passage from Deuteronomy, we hear

God's lofty call to pass on the ordinances and commands – *the very love of God* — to our children and our children's children. The recognition is that this very substance of community, the love that binds God's people together, is something to be taught and recited near and far, at home and away, at your lying down and at your rising! This instruction of love for God and its partner command of love for neighbor become the rhythm of life that we seek to pass on in whatever creative and life-giving ways we can!

As our students prepare to head back to a year filled with learning at the ends of this month, this may just be our opportunity to ask how our own teaching is going. In what ways are we rightfully equipping those around us for a life steeped in God's love that leads us to a love of our neighbors? Are we passing on fully what has first been gifted to us? Are we bearing witness to the work of God's love in such a way that our very actions become the teaching from which others can learn that same love?

As we start this new program year, I trust that we will continue to discover new ways to tell this old, old story. I trust that we will have ample opportunity to joyfully pass on what was first handed to us. I'm *particularly* excited that this month we welcome the arrival of Vicar Katy to UIC to help us in this endeavor. I trust that she will bring with her new and unique ways of passing on this gift of faith to those of us who gather in this place. Hers will be a new voice, a new rhythm, a new teaching plan for the same recitation that we've been passing on and on.

In the meantime, may that recitation continue in you and through you. May you continue to bear witness to this love of God taking root among God's people. May it be spelled out for you plain as day. May it be as close as a sign on your hand, an emblem on your forehead, and a sign upon your doorstep.

Yours, united in Christ,

*~ Pastor Justin*

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## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> following worship** for a special congregational meeting! The purpose for this gathering is to tackle three items in Council's hands:

1. Vote on a roofing project of \$9000 to replace a section of the roof on the education wing that was led to leaking in the building.
2. Hear the Property Committee's report and proposal for a complete reworking of the education wing's roof.
3. Vote on the current Welcome Statement set forward and proposed by Council for UIC.

Be on the lookout for extra materials to help with this meeting and be sure to take a look at the current draft Welcome Statement in this month's newsletter to learn more!

# UIC WELCOME STATEMENT

After months of study, conversation, and work, UIC's Congregational Council has prepared a draft Welcome Statement to put forward for the congregation. This statement is the product of the time and energy spent in intentional discernment with multiple of our Wednesday night study series and has been worked on and approved by the Congregational Council over the past few months. At its heart, this statement is meant to reflect the values of welcome and inclusion that UIC has baked into its very essence and has lived out for so long. While the statement holds a broader scope than any one demographic, this statement would also designate UIC as the *first* "Reconciling in Christ" congregation in the Upper Susquehanna Synod, a designation that names the community as a safe and inclusive place for members of the LGBTQIA+ community.

Read the working draft of the statement below as we prepare to vote on it at our August 14<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meeting. If you have any feedback or questions about this statement, please feel free to reach out to any Council member, a participant in our Wednesday study group, or Pastor Justin!

## DRAFT UIC WELCOME STATEMENT

June 2022

United In Christ Lutheran Church strives to be a community of heartfelt hospitality. We who call UIC home have experienced firsthand the God-given gifts of welcome and participation in the life of this community.



We come from different places, with different backgrounds, and with different life experiences. Yet, we come knowing what it means to be many members of one body in Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12).

We believe that, among the members of Christ's body, such diversity is a gift (1 Corinthians 12:14-26). We believe that we are called to share accordingly in the hospitality we have experienced with the diversity of members God has placed among us. We strive to welcome all of God's beloved in their diversity of race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic bracket, political affiliation, education, nationality, marital status, physical ability, and mental ability. We seek to work alongside such diversity of members as co-laborers in the mission of God through this community.

We know that in the diversity of our backgrounds, there are profound differences among us. We welcome those differences, even as we move towards the vision of God's kingdom wherein true and genuine reconciliation takes place.

We invite you to come and see for yourself. We cannot promise that we will get this gift of hospitality right the first time, but as a community always being made new, we commit to the work of learning how to do better for the sake of our fellow members in this body we share.

<b>IN-PERSON WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>	
July 3 ~ 40	July 10 ~ 55
July 17 ~ 54	July 24 ~ 74

# VICAR KATY'S ARRIVAL

Thank you to everyone who made Vicar Katy feel right at home during her visit in June! We are looking forward to Vicar Katy's start at United In Christ this month! As we get ready to welcome her for the next year there are two ways you can help out ahead of time to set her up for success!



First, to help Vicar Katy get off to a good start, we will be collecting gift cards to Giant, Weis, and Walmart to help her stock her food pantry after moving! Feel free place your gift cards in the designated lockbox located at the back of the fellowship hall! Alternatively, you can contribute directly with [tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly), cash, or checks written to UIC in a marked envelope labelled as "Vicar Katy's Pantry." These funds will be used to purchase gift cards through the congregation. While we will keep the lockbox out for collection all month, all contributions received to date will be presented to Vicar Katy on Sunday, August 7th during worship.

Second, as Vicar Katy prepares for her move to Lewisburg, we invite you to leverage UIC's gift of hospitality and get to know her and help her learn about the area through you! In the weeks and months ahead, invite Vicar Katy to some of your favorite local spots. Invite her out to lunch or dinner or a cup of coffee. Invite her to some of your favorite spots, whether it's Knoebels, the hiking trails, a Bucknell game, or your favorite local brewery! Invite her to your homes as a way of connecting together. Get to know Vicar Katy as she gets to know you by showing her some of your favorite things; we trust you will be blessed by the process!

*We look forward to Vicar Katy joining us in mission and ministry!*

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE MONDAY, AUGUST 22



**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 22.**

## GET TO KNOW UIC: VICAR KATY



I grew up in Herndon, VA, a suburb of Washington D.C. and attended Herndon High School. In school I was active in both concert and marching band where I played the trumpet and sang in the choir. I graduated from Longwood University in Farmville, VA and earned a degree in Liberal Studies with a concentration in Special Education. I was in Alpha Phi Omega, a co-ed service fraternity, where we would lead and serve in vari-

ous service projects at levels ranging from local to national. I am currently over halfway through my coursework for my Master of Divinity at United Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg, PA.

I was an active member of my home congregation in Herndon, Holy Cross Lutheran Church. I regularly helped lead worship in various roles and I have helped with our vacation bible school for the past few summers. I also regularly attended Lutheridge, a Lutheran camp in Arden, North Carolina. My sisters and I were third generation campers and much of my faith formation took place here. I learned that worship and faith conversations are not limited to Sunday mornings, nor are they limited to traditional forms of worship. Throughout my time in college at Longwood University, I served as a camp counselor for four summers and later as an Area Director for two where I grew in faith, leadership, and confidence in myself.

I am particularly excited to begin this next year with United in Christ as your intern! I am looking forward to learning and growing with you over the course of our time together and cannot wait to see where God takes us on this journey!

Yours,

Vicar Katy Moran

# WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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

	Aug. 7	Aug. 14	Aug. 21	Aug. 28
Social Hour	L - R	S - Z	A - D	E - K
Bread/Wine	T. Furman	K. Guffey	S. Keifer	S. McPherrin
Altar Guild	M.L. Keifer	C. Troxell	D. Byerly	C. Zimmerman
Digital Host	T. Cromwell	K. Guffey	K. Lingenfelter	M. Shearer
Greeter Front Door	B. Swartz	J. Sheaffer	M. Rabuck	Karen Baker
	T. Swartz	Jen Sheaffer	L. Rabuck	T. McPherrin
Greeter Side Door	G. Weiser	K. Noll	S. Brown	K. Guffey
Lector	T. Furman	R. Baker	M. Shearer	B. Swartz
Ushers	K. Arndt	S. Brown	B. Furman	S. McPherrin
	D. Baker	Ken Criswell	T. Furman	T. McPherrin
	Karen Baker	T. Cromwell	K. Guffey	J. Mertz
	Ken Baker	R. Kling	BJ Koch	L. Rabuck
Comm. Asst.	T. McPherrin	Jen Sheaffer	D. Baker	R. Kling
	M. Shearer	C. Troxell	Ken Baker	C. Zimmerman
	B. Swartz	S. Weiser	S. Bingaman	T. Furman
Guest Rel.	M. Mertz	K. Noll	M. Rabuck	B. Troxell
Offering Counter	T. Cromwell	Ken Baker	M. Rabuck	B. Furman
	T. Furman	P. Hauck	K. Guffey	M. Shearer

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

Peg Swinehart 8/3

Jen Sheaffer 8/4

Ava Hauck-Dabney 8/12

Herb Marsh 8/12

Dave Baker 8/13



Steve Shearer 8/13

Bob Troxell 8/19

Marie Tanner 8/19

Terry Snyder 8/21

Sonja Noll 8/23

Justin Cooley 8/24



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

## UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

### Prayer Requests:

*Bud Hoover, Kim Pham, Walt Bingham, Mark Rabuck, Shirley Russell, Russ Wynn, Viv Marsh, Gladys Fawcett, 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](mailto:office@unitedinchristlutheran.net).

# YOUTH AND FAMILY

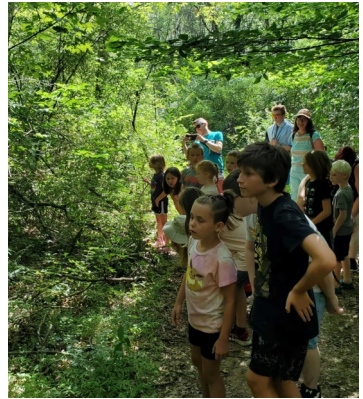
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Summer Day Camp was a success!

Thank you to everyone that helped make it happen!!!



We had 6 kids from UIC, ? Kids from MLC and ? Kids from the community!



On Thursday they spent the day at Camp Mount Luther.



# 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



**Please place backpacks and school supplies in the boxes in the fellowship hall.**

We will be dedicating these items on  
**Blessing of the Backpacks  
Sunday Aug. 14th**

# FAITH AND FUN RESUMES



Greetings parents! Beginning September 11<sup>th</sup>, we will once again gather as Faith and Fun with Friends. This is open to all children PreK through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Younger students can try to join us, if accompanied by a parent. We will meet immediately after worship in

the Sunday School room. The students can take a detour through the Fellowship Hall to grab a snack to bring with them, if their parent(s) approve.

Our time together is usually 20-30 minutes and consists of a story, some discussion, and then a craft or activity that reinforces the story. Parents are always welcome to join us (but aren't required- please enjoy some adult time if you'd like!)

If there are any adults (not necessarily parents) who would like to join us, or who would like to be a substitute (I would provide all plans and materials), please see me (Sherry Bingaman). We would need you to provide clearances (and we can help you obtain them).

I am looking forward to being with everyone again. It is definitely faith-filled fun!

*~ Sherry Bingaman*

# Christmas in July



# Social Ministry

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## SHARING OUR TABLES FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

A ministry partnership of Milton and West Milton congregations.

On Sunday, July 17 we served hamburger bbq sandwiches, baked beans, Italian chopped salad and brownies. We served 180 meals.

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*Next Meal: Saturday, August 27*

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Our next meal would have been the beginning of September, but because of the Milton Harvest Festival we are having it on Saturday, August 27. Weis Markets has donated 50 lbs of beef roasts so our menu will be pulled beef sandwiches, mac and cheese, coleslaw, and chocolate pudding. All of the food for the meal gets divided equally between us, MLC, and SPUCC.

Sign-up sheets for food donations and volunteers to help prep, cook, setup, serve, and clean-up are in the fellowship hall.



Join us on Sunday, August 28 as we host a Welcome Lunch for Vicar Katy directly after worship.

UIC will provide the main course and dessert. We ask that you bring a side dish to share.

Please RSVP by writing your name and how many are coming on the signup sheet in the fellowship hall. You can also RSVP by calling the office at 570-568-2254 or emailing [office@unitedinchristlutheran.net](mailto:office@unitedinchristlutheran.net).

***Come and get to know Vicar Katy!***



**Baby Steps**  
**DIAPER PANTRY**

**UPCOMING DIAPER PANTRY**

August 13, 2022 10-11:30am

1 bag (40 diapers) per child.

Newborn to size 6

# GETTING RID OF 'ALL THE CRAP'

*And Jesus said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." -Luke 12:13*

The father of small children was commiserating about how hard it is to keep the house clean with energetic, active, creative kids at home.

"What really gets to me about cleaning the house," he said, "is all the crap."

Crap. Not just the toys and stuffed animals that overflow from toy bins, under beds and closets. The adult stuff, too – the gadgets crowding the kitchen, the cleaning products jammed under the sink, the stuff crammed in the medicine cabinet, the junk all over the yard, and on and on.

The crap factor comes to mind in Jesus' parable of "the rich fool" in Luke 12:17-20. The fool has so much stuff, he wants bigger barns to hold it all. The parable should strike a chord with us in America, where accumulation is such a big problem that self-storage (our bigger barns) is booming business.

A man of few possessions, Jesus kept everything simple. He must have known how hard it is to focus on godly living when our lives are cluttered with stuff. Of course, Jesus' parable talks about possessions, but the

same principle applies to the mind and heart's clutter of ideas, loyalties and desires that distract us from God. How cluttered is your house? Your mind? Your soul?



This month, consider a house cleaning to get rid of unneeded, unnecessary stuff. And prayerfully consider what “clutter” may be in your mind, heart and soul as well. What needs to be tossed out, recycled or donated in order that your house and your spirit can focus on what’s truly important? That is, the things of God.

*--Rob Blezard*

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# GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Joined together, the communities of Milton Lutheran Church, Saint Paul's UCC, and United In Christ are starting a new monthly grief support group beginning on **Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**. The location for each monthly gathering will rotate between the congregations, but the first will take place at **United In Christ: 1875 Churches Road, Lewisburg, PA 17837**.

Each month we will focus on a chapter in Julie Yarbough's *Beyond the Broken Heart: A Journey Through Grief*. You can purchase a copy of the book directly through [Amazon](#) or [Barnes & Noble](#) or you can contact your church office about ordering a copy through the congregation.

If you find yourself struggling with grief after the loss of a loved one, a broken relationship, or the overall strain on your being, know that this group is for you. No matter where you are on the journey you are welcomed here.

In partnership with:

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Saint Paul's  
United Church of Christ

United In Christ  
Lutheran Church

**GRIEVE**  
**WITH THOSE IN GRIEF**

A grief support group for those on  
the journey together.

You are welcomed here.





# OAKS

## SENIOR CENTER

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## Tuesday, August 9

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10:00 am - Doors Open

10:30 am - Free Bingo with prizes

11:30 pm - Strong Body, Strong Mind

Taryn Wilk, Educator with Community Health and  
Wellness at Evangelical Community Hospital.

12:00 pm - Free Lunch



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



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# THANK YOU

Thank you for the Rich Huff scholarship money. This money will go towards my education to become a middle school math teacher.

Thank you for your generosity!

~ Mya Cromwell



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