



November
2022
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

FRI, NOV. 4	SENIOR EXPRESS FOOD DELIVERY
SUN, NOV. 6	ALL SAINTS SUNDAY SOCIAL MINISTRY MEETING CONFIRMATION YOUTH GROUP
TUE, NOV. 8	ELECTION DAY
THU, NOV. 10	COUNCIL MEETING
SAT, NOV. 12	BABY STEPS DIAPER PANTRY
SUN, NOV. 13	FRIENDSGIVING SHARING OUR TABLES MEAL
MON, NOV. 14	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
TUE, NOV. 15	OAKS SENIOR CENTER PASTOR AND VICAR AWAY
WED, NOV. 16	PASTOR AND VICAR AWAY
THU, NOV. 17	SUPPLYING MEAL FOR GETTING AHEAD PROGRAM
SUN, NOV. 20	CONGREGATIONAL MEETING YOUTH GROUP
THU, NOV. 24	HAPPY THANKSGIVING Office is Closed
SAT, NOV. 26	CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOP
SUN, NOV. 27	ADVENT 1
MON, NOV. 28	GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

FROM THE PASTOR



On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Isaiah 25:6-9

Dear United In Christ,

As much as I wish I could say otherwise, I can't say that I've ever been up to the mountaintop.

It sounds like a remarkable place, though, doesn't it? This vista that Isaiah describes is one that certainly seems like it's worth longing after. A place set with the course of a rich feast? Yes, please! A peak pouring with well-aged wines? Don't mind if I do! It's a sacredly intimate vision that the prophet puts forward, this place where God in God's self will be the one to wipe away the tears of God's people. The suggestion of such a fullness of presence with God strikes us with a profound sense of hope for all that God could accomplish in such a place. But perhaps what strikes us as most desirable in this sacred scene is the redemptive unfolding of life emanating from God, the one who will destroy the shroud of the people and *swallow up death forever*.

I've never been to the mountaintop, but, man, I'd sure like to get there. I'd sure like to enjoy this feast, this host, this assembly sooner rather than later. I'd sure love to catch a personal glimpse of what all this hope and longing is for in the first place.

As we begin this month with our commemoration of All Saints Day (as we do every November), maybe you're also longing to be on that mountain already. Maybe you're carrying a pang of hurt that wants nothing more than to see that shroud of death swallowed up once and for all. Maybe you find yourself at the mountain's base longing for God to wipe away the tears you still carry for the loved ones now passed. If you're anything like me, maybe you wish there were some sort of holy funicular to take us up and down the mountain to share in the fullness of this hope, to fully in the promises of God's company with all the saints present and past.

But maybe that's part of what we *are* called to do. During this All Saints commemoration, maybe we are *meant* to take that mountaintop moment experienced by the saints before us and let it break into our world here below. Maybe our invitation is to join in *their* feast by sharing its abundance with the saints already among us *here*. Maybe here there is an invitation to join the company of all the saints *now*, trusting that God is drawing us into the company of *all* the saints in the fruition of God's unfolding mission for this world.

Maybe, United In Christ, maybe the mountain is already coming down and the feast is set before us. Maybe this All Saints we are being called to share the abundance of God's mountaintop with the world that surrounds us now. During this season of remembering and commemoration, we have the opportunity to walk in the steps of the saints to share God's goodness – that which the saints before us experience now in full – with a world longing for that mountain moment. May we cling to that call, just as we cling to the hope of the one whose day for which we wait. May we share the feast in the company of *all* God's saints among us.

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 text "Yours, united in Christ,".

NOVEMBER 5

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



NOVEMBER 6



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

The church office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 25.



In partnership with:



GRIEVE

WITH THOSE IN GRIEF

A grief support group for those on the journey together.

You are welcomed here.

Joined together, the communities of Milton Lutheran Church, Saint Paul's UCC, and United In Christ have started a new monthly grief support group for our communities. Our next gathering will take place on **Monday, November 28th at 6:30pm**. The location for each monthly gathering rotates between the congregations. **For November, we will meet at United In Christ (1875 Churches Road, Lewisburg).**



Baby Steps

DIAPER PANTRY

UPCOMING DIAPER PANTRY

November 12, 2022 10-11:30am

1 bag (40 diapers) per child.

Newborn to size 6

THANKSGIVING'S PATH TO CONTENTMENT

“Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.” –Hebrews 13:5

What would it take to make you happy? Really. In our culture, advertisements sell us on the idea that true happiness is always just one more purchase away. When we believe this, we put ourselves on the hamster wheel of want. No matter how hard we run, we will never get to happiness.

More often than happiness, the Bible speaks of contentment. The two concepts are often confused, but the distinction is important. Whereas happiness is a pleasurable sensation that rises and falls like the tide, contentment is a state of satisfaction that remains calm, like the surface of a pond.

God calls us to live contentedly, finding sufficiency in our lives, our relationships, and all we possess. We are enough. We have enough. When our essential needs are met, incessant wants do not infest our soul like itchy fleas.

How do we find contentment? Thankfulness provides a way. We give thanks for all we are and all we have, appreciating every blessing. Since this is the month of Thanksgiving, make a pledge to yourself this November

to find contentment through giving thanks. Make a “Gratitude List” of everything for which you are thankful. Review it daily, praying over each blessing, “I thank God for” Add to it as you think of new things.

May you finish November as someone who is not only thankful, but also content with all you are and all you have.

--Rob Blezard

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14



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 14.**



PASTOR AWAY

Pastor Justin and Vicar Katy will be away on November 15 and 16.

If you need pastoral care while they are away, please call the office at 570-568-2254.

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, Pastor Justin, or Vicar Katy.

On Sunday, November 20 we will hold our annual congregational meeting. At the meeting we will

vote on the proposed 2023 budget and elect council members. The meeting will take place immediately following worship service. All members are encouraged to attend.

Copies of the proposed 2023 budget are in the fellowship hall on the bulletin board.





FRIENDSGIVING

The Buffalo Valley Conference of ELCA churches have come together to enjoy a joint meal with congregations within our conference. We need a head count. Please RSVP by either calling or emailing the church office or adding your name to the signup sheet on the front bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

RSVP DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 6

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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

	Nov. 6	Nov. 13	Nov. 20	Nov. 27
Social Hour	S - Z	A - D	E - K	L - R
Bread/Wine	Ken Criswell	T. Furman	K. Guffey	S. Keifer
Altar Guild	S. Keifer	C. Troxell	D. Byerly	T. Cromwell
Digital Host	S. Bingaman	T. Cromwell	K. Guffey	K. Lingenfelter
Front Door Greeter	A. Stark	Karen B.	M. Ketchem	D. Byerly
	R. Baker	R. Kling	R. Whitesel	J. Byerly
Side Door Greeter	S. Brown	T. McPherrin	K. Noll	M. Keifer
Lector	B. Swartz	A. Stark	R. Baker	S. Bingaman
Ushers	D. Baker	K. Arndt	R. Kling	A. Stark
	Karen B.	B. Koch	S. McPherrin	B. Swartz
	Jen Sheaffer	S. Brown	J. Mertz	T. Swartz
	Ken Criswell	M. Shearer	L. Rabuck	T. Cromwell
Communion Asst.	M. Keifer	D. Baker	A. Stark	M. Shearer
	R. Kling	S. Bingaman	T. McPherrin	B. Swartz
Guest Relations	M. Mertz	T. McPherrin	K. Noll	B. Troxell
Offering Counter	J. Sheaffer	L. Rabuck	B. Furman	K. Guffey
	M. Keifer	P. Hauck	M. Shearer	T. Furman

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

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

Donna Corazza 11/13



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.

UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

Prayer Requests: *Liz Smith and Baby Grace, family and friends of Matt Rosamilia, family and friends of Michael McCollum, Mark Rabuck, Ryan Hunter, Rusty, Marilee, Jean Pfirman, Melissa Baumer-Spear, Dennis Rearick, Walt Bingaman, Shirley Russell, Russ Wynn, Viv Marsh, Gladys Fawcett, Alice Snyder, Marie Tanner, 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.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

September 25 ~ 60

October 2 ~ 84

October 9 ~ 64

October 16 ~ 52

October 23 ~ 40



NEW HOURS

The office will
now be
closed every
Friday.



OAKS

SENIOR CENTER

Tuesday, November 15

10:00 am - Doors Open

10:30 am - Free Bingo with prizes

11:30 pm - Geisinger 65 Forward

What is it?

Come find out!

12:00 pm - Free Lunch



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

YOUTH AND FAMILY



UIC partnered with Milton Lutheran Church and Saint Paul's UCC on Saturday, October 22 for a Trunk-or-Treat. We had 31 trunks and around 200 kids!! Here are a few photos of the day.





Social Ministry



YOU'RE INVITED!

CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26 | 3:00PM
Milton Lutheran Church
100 Mahoning Street, Milton, PA

Sponsored by:

United In Christ Lutheran Church
MILTON Lutheran Church
Saint Paul's

Crafts! Cocoa! Cookies! Carols!



Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 26th from 3:00pm-5:00pm at Milton Lutheran Church** 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 communities of both Milton Lutheran Church and Saint Paul's UCC. 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!

SENIOR EXPRESS FOOD BOXES

Food boxes will be delivered on Friday, November 4. Volunteers, please make plans to deliver your boxes shortly after they are delivered.

COMMUNITY MEAL

We have two meals coming up on Sunday, November 13 and a special holiday meal on Sunday, December 4.

We have been feeding anywhere from 200-250 people! We couldn't do it without your help! There is a signup sheet on the back bulletin board in the fellowship hall for food donations and volunteers. We especially need volunteers!!



SHARING OUR TABLES FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

A ministry partnership of Milton and West Milton congregations.

Saint Paul's at 1125 Mahoning Street, Milton



Sunday, November 13

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Join us for a meal of salad, baked ziti with meatballs, garlic bread, 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.

HARVEST HOME SUNDAY

On Sunday, October 2 the congregation brought in food items which were blessed and then delivered to Milton Panther Packs. Milton Panther Packs provides backpacks of food every weekend, when school meals are not available, for children in the Milton School District.

Thank you to everyone that donated food for this great cause!! Thank you Karen Baker and Trudy Swartz for decorating and setting up the food and thank you Kathy Arndt for delivering all this food!!



RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE



On Tuesday, October 11 Social Ministry partnered with OAKS Senior Center and packaged up 15 meals for the Ronald McDonald House in Danville.

Thank you Kathy Arndt for delivering the meals!

GETTING AHEAD PROGRAM

The mission of the Getting Ahead Program is to *Improve the Quality of Life for Low-Income Individuals, Families and their Communities*. It is a 19-week curriculum. Getting



Ahead partners with area groups to supply meals for these families on the night they meet each week. UIC is cooking and serving the meal on Thursday, November 17. We will meet at UIC that Thursday afternoon to cook the meal (time to be determined). We would love help and company while we cook. More details to come after our next Social Ministry meeting on Sunday, November 6.

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. The cost is \$35. You may take your flowers home with you after service.

Flower Chart is located in the Fellowship Hall.

WELCOME AREA



In the Welcome area in the Narthex you will find Christ In Our Home and The Word In Season devotionals, as well as Living Lutheran Magazine, and Our Daily Bread devotionals. You will also find additional copies of our monthly newsletter, also in large print. Please help your self to any of these!

THANK YOU

Dear Partners at United In Christ,

Thank you for your generous gifts of \$500! You have made a lasting impact in the ways Reconciling Works can continue to welcome LGBTQIA+ people in the Lutheran Church AND to those in the Lewisburg area through your public witness. It is a joy to engage in this holy ministry alongside your leadership and support.

Peace,
Ashlei Buhrow
Director of Program and Engagement



IMPORTANT LINK!



For easy access, bookmark this page on your computer or add the page to your tablet or smartphone's home screen.

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

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