



May 2023 NEWSLETTER

" I came so that
you may have

life —  and live it

more
abundantly. "

John 10:10



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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, MAY 5** SENIOR EXPRESS FOOD BOX DELIVERY
- SUN, MAY 7** SOCIAL MINISTRY SUNDAY
YOUTH GROUP
- TUE, MAY 9** OAKS SENIOR CENTER
DAY CAMP MEETING
- WED, MAY 10** THEOLOGY ON TAP
- FRI, MAY 12** UIC BOWLING NIGHT
- SAT, MAY 13** BABY STEPS DIAPER PANTRY
- SUN, MAY 14** MOTHER'S DAY
GERANIUM ORDER DEADLINE
- TUE, MAY 16** PA ELECTIONS
COUNCIL MEETING
- SUN, MAY 21** THE GREAT SEUSSCHARIST, HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY
YOUTH GROUP
- MON, MAY 22** NEWSLETTER DEADLINE (JUNE & JULY)
FINANCE TEAM MEETING
- WED, MAY 24** THEOLOGY ON TAP
- MON, MAY 29** MEMORIAL DAY
OFFICE CLOSED
- SAT, JUN. 3** UIC FAMILY PICNIC
- SUN, JUN. 4** PENTECOST SUNDAY
CONFIRMATION STUDENTS SUNDAY
- MON, JUN. 5** GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

FROM THE PASTOR



Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Dear United In Christ,

There was this commercial a few years back that featured a bunch of CGI hamsters rapping Black Sheep's "The Choice is Yours" in order to sell the 2010 Kia Soul.* I have no idea whatsoever if the commercial helped drive sales for the vehicle itself, but I'll be darned if I don't get that track stuck in my head on *at least* a weekly basis. In the commercial, the refrain of "you can go with this or you can go with that" repeatedly shows how the Kia Soul (this) is better than driving, say, an actual toaster or cardboard box (that). In my head, the song starts playing *ad nauseum* and the refrain just spirals any time I have to make some type of binary decision, choosing between "this" or "that."

So when I read the words of the prophet Jeremiah here, it's no surprise that Black Sheep starts playing on queue. Even now, I've got anthropomorphized hamsters driving neon green vehicles

around my mind because blessed or cursed; you can go with *this* or you can go with *that* (“the choice is yours!”). On face value, it seems like a choice that I wouldn’t need a group of animated rapping hamsters to help me make. Obviously, I’d want to fall into the group that gets labeled as “blessed are those.” It seems far more desirable to be planted like a tree by water than like a shrub in the desert – the fate reserved for those who fall under the fate of “cursed are those.”

But when push comes to shove, it seems so much easier to go with *that* -- trusting in mere mortals and making mere flesh the strength – than to go with *this* – trusting in the Lord. When push comes to shove, I know well the temptation to take matters into my own hands, rather than wait for the well-wrought righteousness that comes from God. Maybe you know the same temptation; the one that lures us into thinking we know what’s best and that all other courses are inferior to our own. It’s the temptation that makes us think we can go it alone, that we can isolate ourselves and be the means of our own salvation.

Yet when I indulge – in those moments when I try to create my own path for myself – I all-too-quickly discovered that such a grounding, like a shrub in the desert, provides no relief; before long I’m parched again, having to once more figure out whether to go with *this* or go with *that*. If only I’d gone with *this* – the placement of trust in the Lord – from the get-go; then I might not be so fearful in the heat or anxious when the next drought of life comes.

So, you *can* go with *this* or you can go with *that*. But next time, I think I’ll go with *this* -- God’s nourishing waters of trust-- “for this is where it’s at.”

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".

* If you’re convinced that this advertisement must surely only live in my head as a fever dream, see for yourself: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o4GBJhzfqcU>

**The Hat
Comes Back.**



05.21.23

THE GREAT SEUSSCHARIST HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

*I know what you're thinking: "Oh not this again.
Would someone run off and steal Pastor's pen?"
Well phooey on you-ey, we're here and it's time;
We're WELL overdue for a service in rhyme!*

*So, unless you're well known as a stick in the mud,
you'll want to come join in this whimsical flood!
It's a day full of fun packed with joy and with glee;
you'll want to be here for this mad jubilee!*

*So get out your schedule and pencil it in:
on May 21st all the fun will begin!
We'll be rhyming our service, the whole thing from the start!
We'll come be reminded that our worship's an art!*

*But while we're all at it, why don't we do more?
Let's make the day fun from the roof to the floor!
Let the joy found in Christ fill up the whole room!
So, come to this service in your favorite costume!*

*The stranger the better, as far as we care
(I can't wait to see what Bob does with his hair!)
We have to show off just a bit for the Vicar
and get HER to rhyme now that's the real kicker!*

*So grab the whole family! Invite all your friends!
Our 10 o'clock service, you'll want to attend!
For May 21st ain't a day to be missed:
You'll want to be here for The Great Seusscharist!*



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On May 21st, come dress in whatever whacky outfit you want!

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

The custom, which began with the Greeks,
finds its roots in the musings of early church theologians who
claimed that God played a practical joke on the devil
by raising Jesus from the dead.

This is a Sunday like no other!

YOUTH AND FAMILY

The poster features a central graphic of a mountain range with evergreen trees in the foreground. At the top center is the 'CAMP MOUNT LUTHER' logo, which includes a stylized cross and a tree. To the left is the 'MILTON Lutheran Church' logo, and to the right is the 'United In Christ Lutheran Church' logo. The main text reads 'SUMMER DAY CAMP' in large, bold letters. Below this, it specifies 'JULY 10-14 • 9AM-3PM' and 'FOR STUDENTS COMPLETING GRADES K-5'. A yellow banner at the bottom of the graphic says 'REGISTER TODAY!'. At the very bottom of the poster, the website 'WWW.MYVBS.ORG/MILTONLUTHERANCHURCHES' is listed.

Summer Day Camp
JULY 10-14 • 9AM-3PM
FOR STUDENTS COMPLETING
GRADES K-5
REGISTER TODAY!
WWW.MYVBS.ORG/MILTONLUTHERANCHURCHES

It's hard to believe, but we're starting to get the ball rolling on our plans for Summer Day Camp again this year! We have an initial planning meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, May 9th at 6:30pm here at UIC**. Our neighbors from MLC will be coming up for that meeting as well!

We are also going to be looking to recruit some new volunteers for this year in the hopes that many hands will make lighter work for everyone! If you have folks who you think would be a great addition to the planning, feel free to invite them to join us!

YOUTH GROUP



Youth Group will meet at Milton Lutheran Church (100 Mahoning St., Milton) at 1pm on the following dates.

Sunday, May 7th and 21st

Youth Group is open to all students in grades 7-12 and typically runs for about 1 1/2 hours.

If you are, or have, a youth member interested in being part of Youth Group, please reach out to Pastor Justin or Vicar Katy and they'll get you connected!



Baby Steps
DIAPER PANTRY

UPCOMING DIAPER PANTRY

May 13, 2023 at 10-11:30am

1 bag (40 diapers) per child.

Newborn to size 6

2023 COMMUNITY EGG HUNT

Thank you everyone who donated candy and came out to help fill the eggs.



Filling eggs on Good Friday for the egg hunt.

Sherry Bingaman applied for a Thrivent Action Team and her application was accepted! UIC received a \$250 gift card which was used to purchase prizes for the egg hunt.



Thank you Michelle Shearer for chairing the community egg hunt. She does a wonderful job every year!!

This year's turnout was amazing! So many families from the community came out for our egg hunt.



FAITH AND FUN



This is open to all children Pre-K through 6th grade. Younger students can join us, if accompanied by a parent. We will meet immediately after worship in the Sunday School room. 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.

We meet in the Sunday School Room.

CAMP MOUNT LUTHER SUMMER CAMP



If you have a UIC youth that is interested in attending Camp Mount Luther this summer please see Pastor Justin or Vicar Katy. Information about camp can be found on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Members pay \$150 for the first week, per child, then UIC pays the rest. If you have any question please don't hesitate to ask! Don't let the cost keep your child from going as we also have the Rich Huff Fund.

Camp Mount Luther 2023 Summer Booklet can be found here.

<https://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/2023-Booklet.pdf>

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 and United In Christ will meet at Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church (100 S. 3rd Street, Lewisburg) on Monday, June 5th at 6:30pm. This will be the last gathering with our current book, *Beyond the Broken Heart*. Be on the lookout for what will come next for this group together!

Want to know more? Touch base with Vicar Katy or Pr. Justin about how to get connected!



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.

UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

Prayer Requests:

Sandi Ritter, Robert Becker, family and friends of Alice Snyder, Rodney Neilson, family and friends of Nancy Danowsky, Bob Keifer, family and friends of Joanne Stahl, Tiffany, Gaye Stahl, Dale Strassner, Scott Clewell, Marie Tanner, Martha Ketchem, Annette Baker, Rusty, Shirley Russell, Russ Wynn, Viv Marsh, Peg Swinehart.



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 and
keep them on the prayer list for 8 weeks.

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 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
Social Hour	E - K	L - R	S - Z	A - D
Bread/Wine	K. Guffey	S. Keifer	S. McPherrin	J. Mertz
Altar Guild	S. Keifer	T. Cromwell	K. Guffey	M.L. Keifer
Digital Host	K. Lingenfelter	K. Guffey	S. Bingaman	M. Shearer
Front Door Greeter	D. Byerly	M. Ketchem	L. Rabuck	K. Guffey
	J. Byerly	R. Whitesel	A. Stark	R. Kling
Side Door Greeter	S. Brown	M.L. Keifer	T. Cromwell	K. Noll
Lector	R. Sprenkle	S. Bingaman	T. McPherrin	S. Keifer
Ushers	K. Arndt	S. Brown	K. Guffey	J. Mertz
	D. Baker	K. Criswell	B.J. Koch	L. Rabuck
	Karen Baker	T. Cromwell	S. McPherrin	M. Rabuck
	K. Baker	R. Kling	T. McPherrin	A. Stark
Communion Asst.	S. Bingaman	R. Kling	D. Baker	A. Stark
	M.L. Keifer	M. Shearer	R. Sprenkle	B. Swartz
Guest Relations	B. Troxell	M. Mertz	M. Rabuck	K. Noll
Offering Counter	C. Zimmerman	K. Guffey	H. Allegar	L. Rabuck
	P. Hauck	K. Baker	M. Rabuck	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 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

Jodie Danowsky 5/14

Colleen Danowsky 5/15

Ken Noll 5/15

Mark Rabuck 5/15

DeLayne Baker 5/22

Becky Carl 5/23

Nancy Walter 5/23

Carolyn Baker 5/26

Judy Rishel 5/27

Emmalene Koch 5/28

Emily Haussmann 5/29

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.

Alice Ann Snyder

May 11, 1935 - March 23, 2023



Alice Ann Snyder, 87, of West Milton, passed away Thursday, March 23, 2023, at her home.

Born in Lewisburg on May 11, 1935, she was the daughter of the late Leroy William and Dorothy Lena (Hauck) Swanger. She was married to Floyd E Snyder and together they celebrated 49 years of marriage until his death in 2002.

Alice was a 1953 graduate of Milton High School and worked for Fox Knapp for over 35 years. She enjoyed sewing, doing hair, crocheting, and knitting. She especially enjoyed making blankets and quilts for her family. She was a member of United in Christ Lutheran Church, Lewisburg.

She is survived by four children, Terry L. Snyder and his wife Cindy of New Columbia, Kathy A. Loss and her husband Allen of West Milton, Karen E. Hauck of West Milton, and Jeffrey A. Snyder and his wife Tina of New Columbia; five grandchildren, Clinton L. Snyder, Jeffrey A. Snyder Jr., Cole A. Snyder, and Shawn Snyder; a great-granddaughter, Emelia Sue Snyder; and a sister, Joan L. Rearick of Milton.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Steven E. Snyder; a granddaughter, Carly Sue Snyder; two brothers, Barry Swanger and Larry Swanger; and two sisters, Mary Lou Russell and Dora Mae Minimum.

Friends and relatives were received from 10 to 11 a.m. Tues-

day, March 28, at the United In Christ Lutheran Church, 1875 Churches Road, Lewisburg, followed by funeral services at 11 a.m. with Rev. Justin Lingenfelter officiating.

Burial followed in Church Hill Cemetery, Lewisburg. Arrangements were under the care of the Shaw Funeral Home, 400 N. Front St., Milton. Condolences may be shared at www.shawfuneralhomeinc.com.



ALTAR FLOWERS

The Church is in need of sponsorships for 2023 Altar Flowers.

Cost is \$35.

Flower Chart is in the Fellowship Hall.

Flowers can be donated in memory of or in honor of family or friends. Please write on the chart what you would like printed in the bulletin. You may take your flowers home after worship.



Social Ministry



Next Social Ministry Meeting

We will have a meeting on Sunday,
May 7 at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Everyone is invited to join us!

SENIOR EXPRESS FOOD BOXES

*Food boxes will be delivered on **Friday, May 5***

*Volunteers, please make plans to deliver your
boxes the week of May 8th.*





+DISCIPLESHIP **IN A** *What Does God Require of Us?* **+DEMOCRACY**

Lutheran Day of Advocacy • April 27, 2023

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION



Social Ministry collects non-perishable food items each week. Your donations get delivered to the **Our Little Free Pantry** in West Milton, by the gas station across from the on ramp to 15.

Place these items in the baskets located in the Narthex.

84 food items were delivered in April!



POSTCARD MINISTRY

Miss seeing someone at church?

*Want to let a member know
you are thinking about them?*

On the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall you'll find blank *Thinking of You* postcards. Please place your filled out postcard in the pocket labeled "please mail" and the office will put postage on it and mail it out for you!



OAKS

SENIOR CENTER

Tuesday, May 9

10:00 am - Doors Open

10:30 am - Free Bingo with prizes

11:30 pm - DIG Furniture Bank Presentation

12:00 pm - Free Lunch



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

UNITED IN CHRIST FAMILY PICNIC

UIC will be supplying bbq chicken and paper products.

Please bring a covered dish to share.

Please RSVP by May 29 with the
number of people you are bringing.

Saturday, June 3 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!



Game Night on Friday, March 24th was a success.

We had around 40 people!



Don't worry, if you missed it you can come out to Bowling Night!

UNITED IN CHRIST

Bowling Night

6:00 PM
FRIDAY MAY 12TH
IMPERIAL LANES
679 S FRONT ST
MILTON, PA

SIGN UP IN THE CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL!

A red poster for a bowling event. On the right side, there is a large graphic of a white bowling pin with blue stripes and a blue bowling ball with three blue dots. The text is white and blue, set against the red background.



THE OFFICE WILL
BE CLOSED
ON MONDAY, MAY 29.

**JUNE/JULY
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
MONDAY, MAY 22**

**ATTENTION
WORSHIP
VOLUNTEERS**

Worship Volunteers, please give the office any dates in **June and July** 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/July Newsletter** need to be in the office **by Monday, May 22.**

UNITED IN CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO

Theology on Tap

JOIN US AT
RUSTY RAIL
6:00 PM ON MAY 10TH
AND MAY 24TH



Do you have some burning questions
about the Bible, faith, or God?

Join us for Theology on Tap! This May we will be meeting at Rusty Rail on Wednesdays May 10th and 24th. Bring your questions to put in the stein, grab your drink of choice, and be ready to dive into them together as a group—we might not settle on an answer, but we can at least try! We will meet at 6:00 pm to grab food, drinks, and socialize a bit before starting discussion once we are settled. Email Pastor Justin or Vicar Katy if you plan to attend or have any questions about the specifics.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Double your impact and help us build up the future of United In Christ!

All contributions designated for UIC's "Capital Projects" will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$35,000!

[DONATE NOW](#)



As we begin this new year and you begin your process of budgeting for 2023, please consider how you might be able to contribute to United In Christ's Capital Expense Fund as we prepare for the upcoming roof, window, and steeple projects on the horizon. As a reminder, your contributions to these projects will have double the impact thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor who is matching all funds designated for UIC's "Capital Expense Fund" dollar-for-dollar up to \$35,000 for the duration of the project campaign! Thank you for your continued financial partnership!

*We are almost halfway
to our goal of \$70,000!*

\$16,276.84 Donations

\$16,276.84 Matching Funds

\$32,553.68 Total Capital Campaign

UNITED IN CHRIST FINANCE TEAM

JOIN TODAY!



United In Christ's brand new Finance Team will be meeting for the first time on **Monday, May 22nd at 6:30pm**. This first meeting is intended to show folks the basic financial procedures and practices at work here at UIC while also taking a look at up-to-date numbers. You don't have to have a mathematician's mind to join in (Pr. Just still counts on his toes and they're letting him attend)! If you have a passion for understanding how UIC and how to best steward the resources of this community, talk to Pr. Justin or Vicar Katy about joining in the process!

THANK YOU

Thank you all for everything you did to make Alice Snyder's services so special. She loved her church and that love was brought around full circle and we are so appreciative of you all.

Love, Alice's family

Thank you for the card, messages, plant, and salad from Panera on Administrative Assistants Day. It is a true blessing to be here and I treasure all of you!!!!

Love, Terri Cromwell



Buffalo Valley Conference of the Upper Susquehanna Synod ELCA

Join the Facebook page for Buffalo Valley Conference of the Upper Susquehanna Synod ELCA to keep informed about upcoming events within our 16 Lutheran churches.

www.facebook.com/bvcuss/

PENTECOST GERANIUMS

Flowers are a beautiful gift to our Lord and a wonderful expression of our love for God and all he has given us!

Dedicate flowers by submitting an order form, along with payment, **no later than Sunday, May 14th**.

Geraniums _____ x \$4.50 = \$ _____

The following will be printed in the bulletin. Please write legibly.

NAME: *(from)* _____

IN MEMORY OF:

IN HONOR OF:

Pentecost Sunday is June 4.

You may take your flowers home after worship.



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