

June and July 2023 NEWSLETTER



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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.

THE GREAT SEUSSCHARIST HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY





Mark Your Calendars

- FRI, JUN. 2SENIOR EXPRESS FOOD BOXES DELIVERED
- SAT, JUN. 3 UIC FAMILY PICNIC
- SUN, JUN. 4 CONFIRMATION AND PENTECOST SUNDAY WEAR RED!! SOCIAL MINISTRY MEETING

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL AT CELC

- MON, JUN. 5 GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
- WED, JUN. 7 THEOLOGY ON TAP
- SAT, JUN. 10 BABY STEPS DIAPER PANTRY
- TUE, JUN. 13 OAKS SENIOR CENTER CML DAY CAMP MEETING
- FRI, JUN. 16 SYNOD ASSEMBLY
- SAT, JUN. 17 SYNOD ASSEMBLY PRIDEFEST BOOTH
- TUE, JUN. 20 COUNCIL MEETING
- WED, JUN. 21 THEOLOGY ON TAP
- SUN, JUL. 2 SOCIAL MINISTRY MEETING
- TUE, JUL. 4 HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA! OFFICE CLOSED
- WED, JUL. 5 THEOLOGY ON TAP

- FRI, JUL. 7 SENIOR EXPRESS FOOD BOXES DELIVERED
- SAT, JUL. 8 BABY STEPS DIAPER PANTRY
- MON, JUL. 10 WEEK OF CAMP MOUNT LUTHER DAY CAMP
- TUE, JUL. 11 OAKS SENIOR CENTER
- SAT, JUL. 15 UIC FIRE AND ICE GET TOGETHER
- TUE, JUL. 18 COUNCIL MEETING
- WED, JUL. 19 THEOLOGY ON TAP
- SUN, JUL. 23 CHRISTMAS IN JULY WORSHIP
- MON, JUL. 24 AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- SUN, JUL. 30 VICAR KATY'S INTERNSHIP CELEBRATION

AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE MONDAY, JULY 24



Worship Volunteers, please give the office any dates in <u>August</u> 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 avail-

able to serve that day. Any articles, events, photos and/or thank you notes you'd like to have printed in the <u>August</u> <u>Newsletter</u> need to be in the office <u>by Monday, July 24</u>.



Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

Genesis 12:1-7

Dear United In Christ,

There was always a sort of bittersweet atmosphere surrounding the end of every school year. On the one hand, it was always a great sense of relief that came with the knowledge that the weeks ahead would finally be opened up without the strain of extra obligation; the promised freedom that came with the summer months was a welcomed respite after the hustle and bustle of the year. On the other hand, it was always difficult to give up the sense of routine and normalcy that the school year held. Having to wrap things up with favorite teachers and professors, having to say goodbye to classmates and roommates, they made the departure of the year a difficult one. The turning pages of the end of each school year were no easy task!

Even now, this transition into the start of summer may just bring with it **all the feels**. Many of our families will re-discover the catalyst of summer as our students spend this in-between time preparing to move from one grade to the next. Many of us will be preparing for the weighty transitions of students moving away to college in the weeks ahead while others will be asking themselves what post-graduation life will have in store. Many may even take the newfound pace of the summer to do their own professional discernment – to see if there may be additional transitions waiting on the horizon.

During a season that is fraught with inherent transition and change, it may be tempting to look backwards for the better days. It's easy to find the summertime awash with a nostalgia for the days gone by. This may be a time when we look back with longing for a time we once knew, a simpler time, a time we wish we could recover. We look at the transitions marked on the calendar and wish that time could instead roll the days backwards instead of pushing ardently ahead to that which we know is coming. We cling to the patterns and familiarity we know in the face of unyielding change ahead.

Part of me wonders if this was how Abram first handled the delivery of God's promises to him. As he hears God's instruction to go out from the land he knew into the land God has promised with God's blessing, does Abram cling to that which he has held dear for so long? Is there a moment where he wants nothing more than to stay in *his* country with *his* kindred in the safe familiarity of *his* father's house? Even with the very promises of God leading him onward into a future filled with a numerous generation, is Abram able to enter whole-heartedly or does he long for the simpler days now behind him?

Yet, regardless of his orientation toward the course ahead, Abram *is* called by God into this new venture and he is blessed

for the journey. "I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing," God declares. As God calls Abram into this new venture, leading him into paths as yet unseen, God's promise is one of steadfast presence. As Abram journeys, he will *not* be left to his own. There may be no going back, but the God who accompanied Abram's kin is the same God who will be with him throughout the journey ahead, offering nothing less than continued blessing in that future.

And see, United In Christ, this is the same promise that God continues to offer generations upon generations later. We who are the future into which Abram faithfully stepped are still accompanied by this same God of blessing. Whatever transitions may lie ahead – personally, professionally, congregationally – whatever familiarity we are reluctant to release, whatever unknown future waits for us, we journey knowing that we are not abandoned. We journey knowing that God accompanies God's beloved wherever their next steps may take them. We journey in confidence, trusting in the God who goes with us in whatever lies ahead.

Yours, united in Christ,

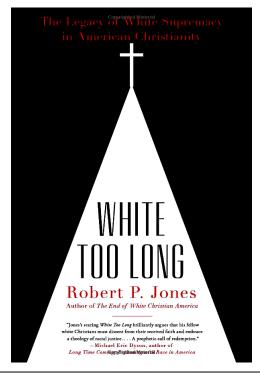
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PASTOR'S SUMMER READING

Looking for new ways to keep sharp this summer? Join me in my (self-assigned) summer reading project! Over the next few months I will be reading *White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity* by Robert P. Jones. After so many conversations in our Bible studies and during Pub Theology, I'm hoping to learn more about the history of the American church and how, even after all these years, the truism that the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr named still holds true: that 11:00am still serves as the most segregated hour in America.

I'm not sure what learning is to be found, but I invite you to join me in the journey! We won't have a formal gathering night to go with this book, but if you do join in, I'd love to check-in and chat over a cup of coffee throughout the summer! If you're interested in joining, you can find the book at <u>Barnes and Noble</u> and <u>Amazon</u> with ease! ~ Pr. Justin



YOUTH AND FAMILY



CML Summer Camp is open to all kids in the community from K-5. You can register by clicking <u>HERE.</u>

PLANNING MEETING

We have another planning meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, June 13th 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!



Camp Mount Luther 2023 Summer Booklet can be found here.

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

ESCAPE ROOM

Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to an afternoon of fun on **Thursday, June 8th.** We will eat at Sweet Frog then walk to Fantasy Escape Room. Please bring \$25 for the escape room plus money for Sweet Frog.



Drop off at 2pm at Sweet Frog and pickup at 4pm outside All Star Bagels.

Signup sheet is on the bulletin board, or you can contact the office to signup.

RICH HUFF FUND 2023 Scholarship Winners!



The Rich Huff Fund was established in 2013 in memory of Rich Huff, a beloved member of the congregation who died as a result of complications following a house fire. Rich had played Santa Claus for years at the Lycoming Mall and other venues and had a great love of children. The fund helps children in need in our area, and these scholarships are intended to recognize the efforts of students who demonstrate the spirit of helping children.

This year, the Rich Huff Fund Committee awarded four, \$500 scholarships



(left to right)

Katrina Bennage is from Mifflinburg School District. Katrina plans to attend Gettysburg College in the fall, majoring in Biochemistry.

Seth Yoder is from Milton School District. Seth plans to attend Houghton University in the fall, majoring in Environmental Science.

Nicholas Mahoney is from the Lewisburg School District. Nicholas plans to attend University of Notre Dame, majoring in Environmental Science.

Emma Danowsky is one of our very own. Emma has been a member of UIC since 2010. Emma plans to attend Johnson College, majoring in Veterinary Nursing.





June 10 and July 8, 2023 at 10-11:30am

1 bag (40 diapers) per child. Newborn to size 6

Baby Steps Diaper Pantry is held on the second Saturday each month from 10-11:30 a.m. in United In Christ's fellowship hall. The pantry is open to caregivers of babies from the communities around Milton, Lewisburg, Mifflinburg, and Watsontown.

CELEBRATE VICAR KATY





After worship on Sunday, July 30th we'll celebrate Vicar Katy as she completes her internship!





Can you believe it's been almost one whole year?!















JOIN US ON SUNDAY, JUNE 4

On Pentecost Sunday, UIC's second year confirmation students will be affirming their baptisms. Join us for worship as we celebrate this faith milestone in our young people's lives!



Dylan Cromwell Emma Danowsky Olivia Hauck Gabbie Heckman



UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

<u>Prayer Requests</u>: Larry Fawcett, Priscilla Cromwell, Christi Sherbert-Stevenson, Robert Becker, Rodney Neilson, Bob Keifer, 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 <u>office@unitedinchristlutheran.net</u>. We will email your prayer request to UIC's prayer chain and

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.*

	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
Social Hour	E-K	L-R	S - Z	A - D
Bread/Wine	M. Shearer		S. Noll	C. Troxell
Altar Guild	C. Zimmerman		D. Byerly	C. Troxell
Digital Host	S. Bingaman	TBD	M. Shearer	M. Shearer
Front Door	B. Swartz	H. Allegar	K. Baker	D. Byerly
Greeter	T. Swartz	C. Zimmerman	R. Baker	J. Byerly
Side Door Greeter	G. Weiser	D. Gottlieb	S. Brown	Karen Baker
Lector	M. Shearer	C. Zimmerman	B. Swartz	E. Haussmann
	M. Shearer	B. Troxell	D. Baker	R. Kling
Ushers	B. Swartz	C. Troxell	Karen Baker	BJ Koch
Ushers	T. Swartz	C. Zimmerman	S. Brown	T. McPherrin
	K. Arndt	K. Baker	K. Criswell	S. McPherrin
Communion	C. Troxell		S. Weiser	M. Haussmann
Asst.	C. Zimmerman		R. Sprenkle	D. Baker
Guest Relations	G. Weiser	M. Rabuck	B. Troxell	K. Baker
Offering	C. Shreck	C. Zimmerman	H. Allegar	K. Baker
Counter	M.L. Keifer	M. Rabuck	P. Hauck	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.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
Social Hour	E-K	L-R	S - Z	A - Z Cmas Cookies	A - D
Bread/Wine		S. Weiser	C. Zimmerman	K. Sprenkle	J. Rowe
Altar Guild		T. Cromwell	K. Guffey	S. Keifer	M.L. Keifer
Digital Host	T. Cromwell	K. Guffey	M. Shearer	S. Bingaman	T. Cromwell
Front Door	K. Guffey	M. Ketchem	R. Kling	T. McPherrin	B. Swartz
Greeter	M.L. Keifer	R. Whitesel	L. Rabuck	A. Stark	T. Swartz
Side Door Greeter	G. Weiser	K. Noll	T. Cromwell	C. Zimmerman	H. Allegar
Lector	H. Allegar	M. Haussmann	D. Gottlieb	R. Sprenkle	J. Rowe
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Mark and Emily Haussmann 6/3/00 Ben and Kim Criswell 6/7/03 BJ and Kristie Koch 6/12/10 *Jeff and Julie Rowe 6/14/03* Steve and Michelle Shearer 6/21/97 Matt and Wendy Wirth 6/21/86 Ken and Ruby Baker 6/24/89 Scott and Colleen Danowsky 6/26/11 Ken and Sonja Noll 6/30/63 Bob and Carol Troxell 7/08/89 Justin and Kelsey Lingenfelter 7/11/15 Bob and Trudy Swartz 7/20/85 Kyle and Johanna Swanger 7/23/16 George and Sharon Weiser 7/27/63

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

appy Birthday

Mike Mertz 6/2 Randy Sprenkle 6/8 John Sheaffer 6/11 Amanda Rabuck 6/13 Allen Loss 6/17 Scott Danowsky 6/17 Cheryl Stiber 6/18 Tara Condit 6/18 Lisa Rabuck 6/18 Celia Warren 6/20 Emma Danowsky 6/20 Bertie Danowsky 6/22 Felicia Swartz 6/22 Kathy Arndt 6/23 Michelle Shearer 6/23 Charlie Sprenkle 7/1 Penny Golder 7/1 Pastor Justin 7/2 Marilyn Gresh 7/3 Chris Lee 7/4

George Weiser 7/4 Wendy Wirth 7/4 Kristie Koch 7/5 Landon Warren-Lee 7/5 Ken Noll 7/7 Sharon Weiser 7/7 Ellen McCormick 7/9 Julia Sanders 7/10 Jeff Rowe 7/10 Mae Haussmann 7/13 Mark Haussmann 7/14 Diane Gottlieb 7/17 Brandon Baker 7/21 Kay Hilkert 7/22 Florence Van Dyke 7/24 Beckett Swanger 7/25 Grant Rowe 7/26 Connie Shreck 7/28 Kelsey Swanger 7/29 Scott A. Danowsky 7/29



DON'T LET YOUR OFFERINGS

Ahhh, summer! A time to relax and grab much-needed R & R. Vacations and weekend getaways may keep you away from church, but our congregation is still bustling with activity. The bills never take a summer holiday.

It's enormously helpful to the congregation's balance sheet if your gifts, tithes and offerings continue to come in regularly, even if you are away. Here are some ideas for staying current:

Pay in advance: Plan ahead by offering more in the weeks in advance of your time away from church.

Make it up: When you return, give a little more in the weeks that follow.

Use your envelopes: Here's a tip that's good not only for summer, but year-round: If you use giving envelopes and checks, simply prepare them weeks in advance and bring them to church when convenient.

Use banking bill pay: Most online banking services will write and send checks for you. Just plug in the church address, the amount of the gift and how often you want it sent. Viola! You're done!

Enroll in electronic giving: Use the congregation's online giving portal to regularize your gift, tithe or offering.

Give monthly or quarterly: Sometimes it's hard to anticipate how many Sundays you'll be away from church. Planning your gift, tithe or offering for monthly or quarterly can keep you current.

Of course, these methods are beneficial not only for the summer months, but also for the whole year through. Those who embrace giving as a spiritual discipline often find that their lives

of faith are enriched and their sense of joy and fulfillment is deepened. Choosing a regular-giving strategy can help you to discover the joys of generosity.

--Rob Blezard

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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!



One of the best times to make Christmas cookies is in July when it's not so busy. Please bring a plate of your favorite Christmas cookies to share during social hour.



Buffalo Valley Conference of the Upper Susquehanna Synod ELCA

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www.facebook.com/bvcuss/



SENIOR EXPRESS FOOD BOXES

Food boxes will be delivered on Friday, June 2nd and Friday, July 7th

Volunteers, please make plans to deliver your boxes.







CELEBRATE PRIDE WITH UNITED IN CHRIST!

Lewisburg PrideFest is on Saturday June 17th and UIC will have a booth to celebrate alongside our LGBTQIA+ siblings. This will be our first Pride event and we would love for any and all volunteers to help out! If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please contact the office.

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.

163 food items were delivered in May!

Place these items in the basket located in the welcome area in the Narthex.

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!



Tuesday, June 13

- 10:00 am Doors Open
- 10:30 am Free Bingo with prizes
- 11:30 pm Fire Prevention Presentation
- 12:00 pm Free Lunch

FIRE PREVENTION



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



Tuesday, July 11

10:00 am - Doors Open

- 10:30 am Free Bingo with prizes
- 11:30 pm Red Throated Hummingbird Presentation by Dick Hess

12:00 pm - Free Lunch

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





** UIC's Bowling Night on Friday, May 12th. **

Don't worry, if you missed our latest UIC Fellowship Event you can come to the UIC Family Picnic or our Fire & Ice!





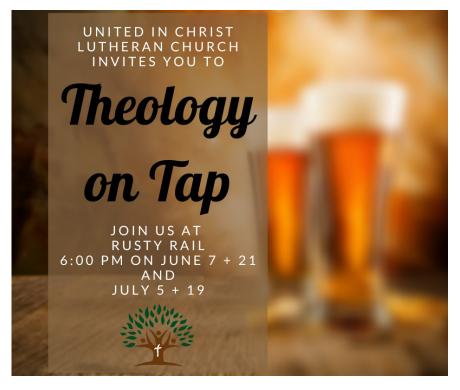
Join us for ice cream, a camp fire, and s'mores!

Bring a chair!



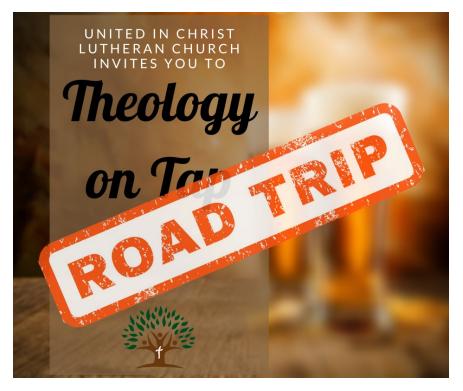
Invite your family! Please RSVP by adding your name, and how many people are coming, to the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall or contact the office to RSVP.

We will have a Corn-Hole Tournament. The winners will receive a gift card from Dunkin Donuts! If you would like to participate, please add your name to the signup sheet in the fellowship hall. You will also be able to signup the day of the picnic.



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

Join us for Theology on Tap! This summer we will be meeting at Rusty Rail on Wednesdays June 7th, June 21st, July 5th, and July 19th. 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.



This summer Theology on Tap will be going on some road trips! In addition to our regular Wednesday nights, there will be a few Fridays where we will be exploring some different venues. We will continue our regular format so come with questions and don't forget to bring the essentials as we hit the road! Be on the lookout for dates and locations. Email Pastor Justin or Vicar Katy if you plan to attend or have any questions about the specifics.



As we begin this new year and you begin your process of budgeting for 2023, please consider how you might be able to contribution 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 over halfway to our goal of \$70,000!

\$20,197.90 Donations

\$20,197.90 Matching Funds

\$40,395.80 Total Capital Campaign

IMPORTANT LINKS

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www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/worship

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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