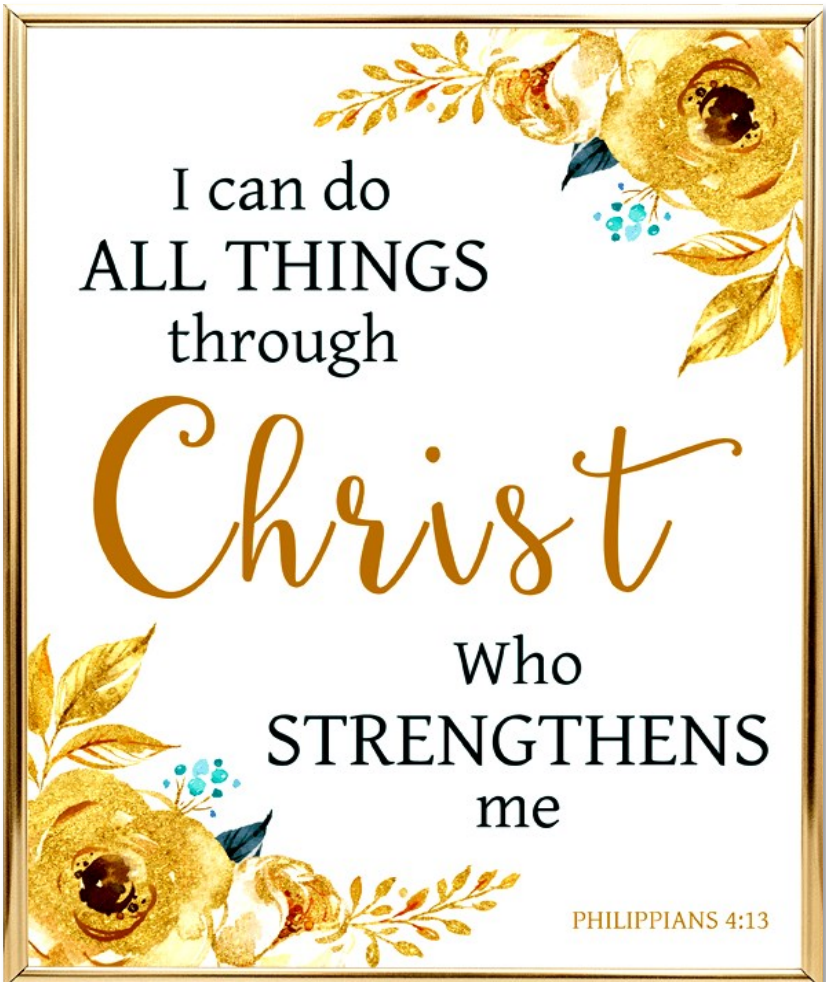




# October 2023 NEWSLETTER

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# UNITED IN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

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## WORSHIP: SUNDAYS AT 10:00 A.M.

[www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/worship/](http://www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/worship/)

**Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00am - 2:00pm**

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	<b>Justin Cooley</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> term, ends 12/2025
	<b>Michelle Shearer</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> 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, OCT. 1** HARVEST HOME SUNDAY  
OUTREACH TEAM MEETING  
YOUTH GROUP MURDER MYSTERY
- WED, OCT. 4** FINANCE TEAM MEETING
- THU, OCT. 5** WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINS
- FRI, OCT. 6** SENIOR EXPRESS FOOD BOX DELIVERY
- SUN, OCT. 8** FELLOWSHIP TEAM MEETING  
CORN MAZE & HAY RIDE AT ARD'S
- TUE, OCT. 10** OAKS SENIOR CENTER
- WED, OCT. 11** THEOLOGY ON TAP
- SAT, OCT. 14** BABY STEPS DIAPER PANTRY
- SUN, OCT. 15** PET BLESSING  
YOUTH GROUP
- WED, OCT. 17** COUNCIL MEETING
- SAT, OCT. 21** TRUNK-OR-TREAT
- SUN, OCT. 22** HAYRIDE IN MAZEPPA
- WED, OCT. 25** THEOLOGY ON TAP
- THU, OCT. 26** SUPPLYING MEAL FOR GETTING AHEAD
- SUN, OCT. 29** REFORMATION SUNDAY
- MON, OCT. 30** GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
- FRI, NOV. 3** RICH HUFF RAFFLE AND SILENT AUCTION
- SAT, NOV. 4** RICH HUFF RAFFLE AND SILENT AUCTION
- SUN, NOV. 5** ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

# FROM THE PASTOR



*When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."*

Matthew 22:34-40

Dear United In Christ,

All of them? Really?

Is Jesus really so sure about that? That seems like a pretty big gamble if you ask me! To say as he does here in Matthew's Gospel that all 613 instructions of the Hebrew Scriptures, to say that the entire plurality of voices lifted up from the prophets to the powers of their time, to say that this great body of testimony to faithful living as God's people hangs on the dual instruction to love God and love neighbor feels rather audacious, doesn't it? In some ways it feels like an oversimplification; can everything in this course of faithful living *really* be boiled down to loving God and loving our neighbors? More direly perhaps, though, is the question of what this looks like in the first place! With a clear-cut set of laws, it is at least easy to discern a course of action between right and wrong! But with as broad a principle as *love* at the helm, it seems as if there would be a pretty wide interpretive range of what such loving action would look like!

But then again, maybe that is part of the point. Maybe the gift that Jesus is offering is actually a liberating one, both for our neighbors *and* for our sake. His offering of greatest instruction is

one that seems to call us to step away from trying to micromanage into righteousness the actions of those around us – as well as our own – and to instead embrace a simpler course of love for God’s sake. With such love as our guidepost, we are freed from worrying about causing infractions along stringent lines of decency and order. Instead we are called to courageously reach back into the world and build up the lives of the neighbors in our midst, trusting that offering such loving action will just as equally proclaim a love of the God present in each of those neighbors we meet.

And maybe, 2000 years later, maybe this simplified instruction is still the course correction we need. In a time and place where there are plenty of Christian voices telling our neighbors how they need to act and how they need to live and how they need to vote and how they need to love and how they need to earn their value and how they need to present themselves and how they need to *exist*, maybe Jesus is offering a course correction for us once more. If all the law and prophets, all the guiding principles really hang on this love of God and love of neighbor, then we are freed from agonizing over all of the particular details of discipline to instead focus on this greater course of love!

I mean, this is certainly how the Reformers understood this new course! They understood that this liberating law of love was what underscored their principles of being justified by God’s grace through the gift of faith. From their perspective, it wasn’t well-grounded obedience or proper maintenance of behavior that made anyone stand before God in righteousness. Instead, it was simply God’s loving act of grace received in faith that situated God’s people in the bonds of God’s love. Martin Luther himself got particularly feisty around this insistence. Looking at the church gathering around him that was squabbling over the details of proper behavior and order he wrote: “[if] participants in the council were to deal with the chief concerns in the spiritual and secular estates that are opposed to God, then their

hands would be so full that they would forget all about the child's games and fool's play of long robes, great tonsures, broad cinctures, bishop's and cardinal's hats, crosiers, and similar clowning around." In other words, if we'd already had the things of importance figured out, then maybe we'd have time to debate the other details!

In this month where we continue to commemorate the work of the Reformation, perhaps this is our opportunity to similarly iron out our own priorities as a church. Maybe this our chance to continue being reformed – to let go of the binding minutiae and instead embody the greater law of love to which we are called! There's plenty and more opportunities to be a part of love's reforming process in the month ahead. Whether its distributing diapers, meeting our community with a safe and fun Trunk or Treat, praying God's blessing over our beloved animal companions, offering food as part of Harvest Home Sunday, meeting our seniors with meals and food boxes, or (read on to see even more!), there are so many ways to participate in God's loving action this month at UIC! In this course may you find yourself drawn more closely by the God who binds us in love – the God found in the neighbors who we meet in the course of this greatest commandment.

I hope you will come, see, and be re-formed!

Yours, united in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Justin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a small flourish at the beginning.

<sup>1</sup> Luther's Preface to *The Smalcald Articles*.

# Reformation Sunday



**Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Don't forget to wear red!**



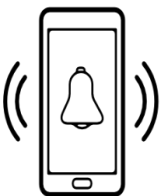
Women's Bible Study will begin on October 5th at CELC, 100 South 3rd St., Lewisburg. We will meet on Thursdays at 9:30am and 6:00pm. You may choose which one to attend.

This fall we will study the book WHEN YOU PRAY, a 7-week bible study. You can purchase your own workbook at [lifeway.com](http://lifeway.com), although some women do not use a workbook and choose to only listen to the DVDs.

***If you would like to attend, please add your name to the signup sheet in the fellowship hall.***

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## LET US KNOW



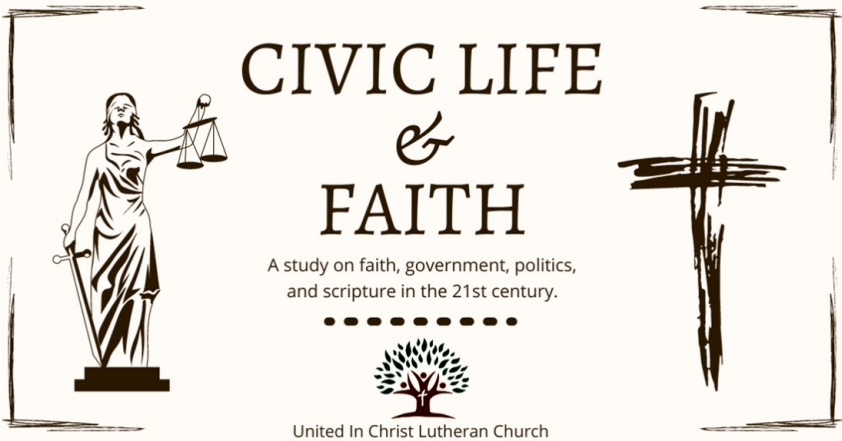
Please let us know when you are in the hospital or have an upcoming surgery. Call the church office at 570-568-2254 to let us know. Please do not assume that if you tell someone in church that the office or pastor will find out.

Because of confidentiality issues, it's best if you contact Pastor Justin or the church office directly.



# CIVIC LIFE AND FAITH STUDY

Join us as we continue this six-week study series on the role of faith within our civic lives in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Guided by the ELCA's draft social statement on the topic, each week we will gather to hear a Lutheran perspective on the intersection of the traditions of our faith with the role of politics and governance around us. Together, we will dive deep to engage in conversation around these often-difficult topics that surround us! Join us on **Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall through October 17<sup>th</sup>!**



From the authors:

The curriculum invites participants to delve into the nature of politics, the meaning of the Scriptures, the purpose of government, the responsibility of congregations and church-related organizations, First Amendment issues, the relationship of faith - based living and civic life, connections between worship life and serving neighbor in society, the nature of citizenship, and other relevant topics. These are weighty and difficult discussions for people of faith!

***If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to  
Pastor Justin or Vicar Katy! Come and see!***



# Fellowship

JOIN US AT:

**ARD'S FARM**

**CORN MAZE!**

**Sunday, October 8th**  
**Meet @ 12:30pm**

**\$14/ person**  
(payable through UIC)

**Signup by**  
**Thursday, 10/4**

**NEXT MEETING  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH**

**WE NEED PEOPLE  
ON THE TEAM!!**

**PLEASE COME OUT!!**

# UNITED IN CHRIST WALKING GROUP

**MILTON  
STATE PARK**

Mondays and  
Thursdays at 6pm  
*Meet near restrooms*



## Hayride in Mazeppa on Sunday, October 22

Details coming soon!



# Annual Pet Blessing

**ALL PETS WELCOME!**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH  
1:00P.M.

JOIN US ON THE 3RD  
STREET SIDE OF THE  
BUILDING!

CHRIST'S EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
100 S. 3RD STREET  
LEWISBURG, PA 17837

DONATIONS OF PET FOOD  
AND SUPPLIES ARE BEING  
COLLECTED FOR THE  
DANVILLE SPCA!



Join us on **Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm** for our **Blessing of the Animals at Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church (100 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Lewisburg)**! Together with Pr. Gary Schaeffer and the communities of faith at Christ's Lutheran and the Milton Lutheran Church, we will gather to give thanks for the blessing of all God's creatures. Traditionally falling close to the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, this time will be an opportunity to give thanks for the creatures and critters in our own lives!

All are invited to join us for a short service of thanksgiving with a blessing for all of the faithful friends who gather with us! If Fido or Fluffy can't make it, feel free to bring a collar, food bowl, or picture as we give thanks for the blessings they are in our lives!

**We will be collecting pet food/litter/supplies that will be donated to the Danville SPCA as we seek to reciprocate the blessing that these critters provide in our lives!**

***Come and see!***



# CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

presents

an evening at

## Shade Mountain Winery & Vineyard

October 27, 2023 • 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**SPACE IS LIMITED**

**Make your reservation today!**

**contact: 570-922-1587 or**

**[cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org)**

**All proceeds benefit Camp Mount Luther**

On Friday, October 27, CML will have their annual Evening at Shade Mountain Winery. This is a fundraising opportunity to share fellowship, entertainment, and locally produced wine, all to benefit Camp Mount Luther. There will be a limit of 50 people for this year's event, which will run from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Jason P. Yoder, a local acoustic musician. Menu to include heavy appetizers, desserts, and a complementary glass of wine. Make reservations at 570-922-1587 or [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org). Cost is a donation. If you choose to purchase any bottles of wine that evening, camp receives a portion of the proceeds.

# YOUTH GROUP



Youth Group is open to all students in grades 7-12 and typically runs for about two hours! Youth Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

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!

Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:30pm

Murder Mystery at MLC

1125 Mahoning St., Milton

Sunday, October 15 at 1:00pm

Pet Blessing at CELC

100 South 3rd St., Lewisburg

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## SOCIAL HOUR



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



# UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Dottie McNett, Jaxon Baker, Joann Vanata, family and friends of Max Engle, Family and friends of Joslyn Flickinger, Peg Swinehart, Patrick Moseley, Russ Weiser, Eric and Audrey Ekstrom, Denise Clark, Betsy Thomas, June Campbell, Ken Kearney, Earl Butch Tyson, Russ Wynn, Rosemary Fernsler, Ryan Hunter, Mark Rabuck, Shirley Russell, Bob Keifer, Martha Ketchem, Marie Tanner, Viv Marsh.



## 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).

We'll email your request to UIC's prayer chain and keep them on the prayer list for 6 weeks, unless told otherwise.

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



ATTENTION  
WORSHIP  
VOLUNTEERS

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

# WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 22	Oct. 29
Social Hour	E - K	L - R	S - Z	A - D	E - K
Bread/Wine	C. Zimmerman	S. Noll	K. Sprengle	M. Shearer	C. Troxell
Altar Guild	D. Byerly	T. Cromwell	K. Guffey	S. Keifer	C. Troxell
Digital Host	S. Bingaman	T. Cromwell	K. Guffey	M. Shearer	S. Bingaman
Front Door Greeter	K. Baker S. Brown	K. Guffey R. Kling	M. Ketchem R. Whitesel	L. Rabuck A. Stark	B. Swartz T. Swartz
Side Door Greeter	T. Cromwell	D. Byerly	C. Zimmerman	Ken Baker	T. McPherrin
Lector	B. Swartz	E. Haussmann	C. Zimmerman	D. Gottlieb	Jeff Rowe
Ushers	K. Arndt D. Baker K. Baker C. Zimmerman	S. Brown K. Criswell K. Guffey Ken Baker	T. Cromwell R. Kling S. McPherrin T. McPherrin	J. Mertz L. Rabuck M. Rabuck A. Stark	M. Shearer B. Swartz T. Swartz B. Troxell
Communion Asst.	R. Kling T. McPherrin	D. Baker S. Bingaman	T. Cromwell M. Shearer	B. Swartz C. Troxell	A. Stark M. Haussamnn
Guest Relations	M. Rabuck	B. Troxell	M. Mertz	Ken Baker	T. McPherrin
Offering Counter	P. Hauck C. Zimmerman	L. Rabuck Ken Baker	M. Shearer C. Shreck	K. Guffey M. Rabuck	C. Shreck Ken Baker

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*

*John and Jen Sheaffer 10/6/01*

*Chris Lee and Dawn Warren 10/10/11*

*Randy and Kristin Sprengle 10/14/00*

*Jeff and Tina Snyder 10/15/94*

*Tom and Marilyn Gresh 10/18/69*

*Rick and Kathy Guffey 10/25/86*



# Happy Birthday

*Linda Caris 10/1*

*Lizzie Sprengle 10/22*

*Shirley Russell 10/10*

*Dylan Cromwell 10/23*

*Vivian Marsh 10/17*

*Jaxon Baker 10/24*

*Ruby Baker 10/20*

*Mel Baker 10/25*

*Kelsey Lingenfelter 10/20*



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

UNITED IN CHRIST  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
INVITES YOU TO

# Theology on Tap

JOIN US AT  
RUSTY RAIL  
6:00 PM ON OCT. 11TH  
AND OCT. 25TH



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

Join us for Theology on Tap at Rusty Rail Brewing on Wednesdays, October 11<sup>th</sup> and October 25<sup>th</sup>! 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!

This is also a great opportunity to bring any follow-up questions from our Civic Life & Faith Study Series to the table! We will meet at 6:00 pm to grab food, drinks, and socialize a bit before starting discussion once we are settled. This Fall, we look forward to our neighbors from Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church joining us! Email Pastor Justin or Vicar Katy if you plan to attend or have any questions about the specifics.

## Rusty Rail Brewing

5 North 8th Street, Mifflinburg

In partnership with:



# GRIEF SUPPORT

A grief support group for those on  
the journey together.

You are welcomed here.

Joined together, the communities of Milton Lutheran Church, Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church, and United In Christ will meet on **Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at CELC, 100 South 3rd. Street, Lewisburg.**

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. Contact Pastor Justin if you have any questions or would like to be a part!

# CULTIVATING our life's harvest

*Jesus said, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." --John 10:10*

Fall harvest provides a wonderful analogy for how, as stewards of our lives, we are responsible for making the most of our time on earth.

Farmers plant, water, fertilize and harvest, but they do not actually *create* the life that produces crops. Life comes only from God. Farmers only *manage and optimize* the properties and processes of life that God engineered into their plants.

Smart farmers know what soil is best, what fertilizer, and how much water to give each particular plant. By nurturing their plants with care and attention, farmers generate the best and most productive harvests.

So it is with us! God created and engineered us to thrive! Our task is to manage and optimize our lives so that we can experience the abundant life that Jesus talks about in John 10:10. We have the rich soil of family, friends and church community relationships. We have the water of God's Word, love, forgiveness, salvation and grace. We have the fertilizer of wholesome, nourishing food.

How can we cultivate our lives? We can:

- Water our faith through prayer, worship, scripture, generosity, love and service.
- Tend the soil of relationships by loving our families, neighbors and church community.

- Optimize our physical health by eating right, exercising and getting enough sleep.
- Nourish our intelligence and wisdom through education, reading, exploring and continually learning.

Farmers reap plentiful harvests by caring for plants in ways that God ordained would provide the best growth. By caring for ourselves in ways that God designed for us, we can enjoy that life abundant that Jesus promises.

--*Rob Blezard*

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## 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 19 we will hold our annual congregational meeting.** At the meeting we will vote on the 2024 spending plan proposal and elect council members. The meeting will take place immediately following worship service. All members are encouraged to attend. At the beginning of November, copies of the 2024 spending plan proposal will be in the fellowship hall on the bulletin board.

# Outreach



Another successful year!! Thank you to everyone that helped by donating ingredients, prepping, cooking and packaging soup, and also for helping at our booth at the Milton Harvest Festival! It is a lot of work but the time spent chatting with each of you was priceless!!!







Another meal prepared, packaged, and served at Milton's Harvest Community Meal on September 11<sup>th</sup>!



OAKS Senior Center turned 10 on September 12!!



*You can see more photos from all these wonder events by clicking on "Church News" on the church's website.*



Trunk-or-Treat is a safe place for children to experience trick-or-treating. It's also a great place for us adults to participate in Halloween. Fun for all ages!!

## **People needed to decorate their trunks!**

Your trunk can be simple or over the top. You can choose to wear a costume or not to. Vicar Katy has done LOTS of trunk-or-treats. If you need any ideas she would love to share some with you!

If you will be decorating a trunk, please add your name to the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

## **Halloween candy donations.**

If you would like to donate candy, please put it in the box labeled "Halloween Candy" in the Narthex.





# OAKS

## SENIOR CENTER

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# Tuesday, October 10

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**10:00 am - Doors Open**

**10:30 am - Free Bingo with prizes**

**11:30 pm - Speaker from the  
Alzheimer's Association**

**12:00 pm - Free Lunch**



**5.8** Americans  
are living  
with  
**MILLION** Alzheimer's

BY 2050, this  
number is  
projected to  
rise to nearly **14**  
**MILLION**

ALZHEIMER'S  
DISEASE IS THE

**6<sup>TH</sup>** leading cause of death  
in the United States



**1 IN 3**

seniors dies with  
Alzheimer's or  
another dementia

It kills more than  
breast cancer and  
prostate cancer

**COMBINED**



We will be collecting food for the Milton Panther Packs. Milton Panther Packs provides backpacks of food every weekend, when school meals are not available, for 347 children in the Milton School District. Items cannot be in glass and should be non-perishable foods that a child could open or prepare on their own. Food can be placed in the collection bin in the Narthex.

# SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

**Oatmeal cups or packets**

**Individual cereal boxes**

**Ramen noodles**

**Soup, stew, chili  
(pop top lid)**

**Canned chicken or  
tuna (pop top lid)**

**Mac and cheese cups**

**Granola bar**

**Peanut butter crackers**

**Applesauce cups**

**Fruit snacks**

**Fruit roll-ups**

**Canned pasta  
(pop top lid)**

**Fruit cups**

**Pudding cups**

**Pop tarts**

**Breakfast bars**

# ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 5, 2023

*On ALL SAINTS SUNDAY we remember those who have died in the last year and those who have been born or baptized.*

*Please notify the church office of those who have been born, were baptized or died since Nov. 1, 2022, their names will be listed in the bulletin on All Saints Sunday.*

*Family members and friends will be invited to light candles in honor of UIC Members who have been born or baptized this year, and in memory of our Members who have passed into eternal life.*

***If you need additional sheets, there are more forms on the Sign-Up Table in the fellowship hall.***

## ***IN MEMORY (those who have died in the past year)***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of death: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/email: \_\_\_\_\_

***Yes, I WILL be present at the service to light a candle.***

***No, I WILL NOT be present to light a candle.***

## ***IN HONOR (those born or baptized in the past year)***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth/baptism *(circle one)* \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/email: \_\_\_\_\_

***Yes, I WILL be present at the service to light a candle.***

***No, I WILL NOT be present to light a candle.***



**Rich Huff,  
Operation Santa Claus  
Fundraiser**



**Basket Raffles/Silent Auction**

Friday, November 3rd 5:00 PM-7:00 PM

Saturday November 4th 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

Food will be available both days!

Rich Huff, a Lewisburg High School graduate, and a member of United in Christ portrayed Santa Claus each year at the Lycoming Mall. After dying from complications from a house fire in Watsontown several years ago, people from our church wanted to honor him by keeping his spirit alive through this fund. This fund has helped children from the Warrior Run, Milton, Lewisburg, and Mifflinburg communities. We help when there is an immediate need that might be overlooked.

We have since expanded our outreach! We now provide a diaper pantry to those towns and their surrounding communities. Baby Steps Diaper Pantry opened in October of 2016 and each month we hand out approximately 1,000 diapers to needy families. The pantry is open the second Saturday of each month. We have since given out over 96,000 diapers.

We continue to purchase needed items for children in our area and each year we give 2-3 high school senior graduation awards.

Here's how you can help with this important outreach: In the Fellowship Hall, we will be setting up a **Christmas tree** filled with paper tags. On the back of each Santa is the theme of a basket and examples of items that could go with the theme. Please take one or more tree tags and make up a basket with items that match the theme, or you can just bring in some items and we will whip up a basket for you. Baskets will need to be turned in 2 weeks prior to the event (October 20th). Sign your name on the paper that lists the names of the baskets.

Donations of any new items for the fund can be given. Also, if you have any unused local gift cards that you no longer want, we can use those, too.

Mark your calendars now! Save November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> for The Rich Huff, Operation Santa Claus Silent Auction/Raffle Event!!



**UPCOMING DIAPER PANTRY**

October 14, 2023 at 10-11:30am

1 bag (40 diapers) per child.

Newborn to size 6

# 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 over 2/3 of our way to our goal of \$70,000!

\$26,356.96 Donations

\$26,356.96 Matching Funds

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\$52,713.92 Total Capital Campaign

# UIC TEAMS

**FAITH & FUN:** Sherry Bingaman, Michelle Shearer, Al Stark

**FELLOWSHIP:** Al Stark, Sherry Bingaman

**FINANCE:** Kathy Arndt, Karen Baker, Donna Corazza, Jared Rutt

**HOME COMMUNION:** Pastor Justin, Vicar Katy, Kathy Guffey, Michelle Shearer

**LIBRARY:** Shirley McPherrin, Jane Mertz

**OAKS:** Kathy Arndt, Ruby Baker, Sherry Bingaman, Terri Cromwell, Shirley and Ted McPherrin, Jane Mertz, Lisa Rabuck

**OUTREACH:** Kathy Arndt, Ruby Baker, Sherry Bingaman, Donna Byerly, Donna Corazza, Terri Cromwell, Kathy Guffey, Michelle Shearer, Al Stark

**PROPERTY:** Elwood Brown, Ken Criswell

**RICH HUFF:** Kim Criswell, Kathy Guffey, Shirley McPherrin, Jane Mertz, Michelle Shearer, Sharon Weiser

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Fellowship (new team) and Property  
teams could use more members!

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