

# United In Christ Lutheran Church



*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

September 10, 2023

*The Rev. Justin G. Lingenfelter*

# ***Welcome to our church!***

*We hope the service is meaningful, and uplifting,  
and that you will experience God's presence here.  
May God bless you during worship today.*

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## **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS**

*Please see a greeter.*

## **ELEVATOR**

*Please see a greeter.*

## **REST ROOMS**

*Downstairs across from the church office.*

## **DIAPER CHANGING TABLE**

*In fellowship hall family restroom.*

*Visit us at [www.unitedinchristlutheran.net](http://www.unitedinchristlutheran.net)*

## **UNITED IN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF**

**The Rev. Justin G. Lingenfelter: Pastor**

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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.*

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed by God, the one who forms us, + Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

**Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God,

**You have revealed the ways of justice,  
yet we fail to follow you.**

**We are overwhelmed  
by the world's violence and suffering.**

**We are afraid to risk what we have  
for the sake of others.**

**For the harm we have caused,  
known and unknown, forgive us.**

**For the unjust demands we place on others  
and your creation, forgive us.**

**For the ways we turn away  
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**

**Lead us back to you and set us on the right path;  
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,

God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.

God's compassion is beyond compare.

In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.

In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

**Amen.**

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!



**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE




☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



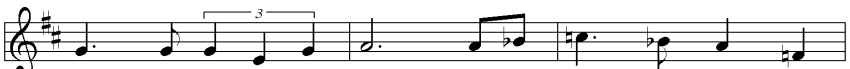
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

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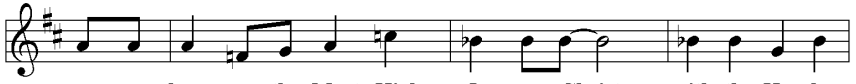
☩ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



I For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



☩ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING

## ROMANS 13:8-14

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL READING

## MATTHEW 18:15-20

This is the Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

## SERMON





*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**APOSTLE'S CREED**

Let us confess our faith using the Apostle's Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried;  
 he descended to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*Prayers continue with each petition ending:*

Merciful God,  
**Receive our prayer.**

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The minister and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord. Please share the peace at whatever level of physical contact with which you are comfortable.*

***Please fill out an Attendance Card,  
and place the card in an offering plate.***

## OFFERING

You are invited to place your offering in one of the plates as they are passed or to make use of our online offering plate through [tithe.ly](http://tithe.ly) by scanning the QR code to the right. You may also place your offering at [www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/giving](http://www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/giving) by clicking on the green “Give Now” button.



## OFFERTORY HYMN



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior

**Amen.**

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us saying:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

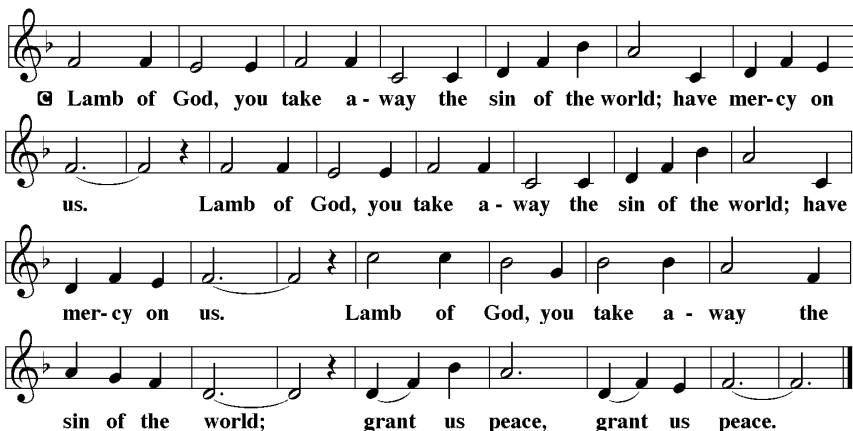
**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat, and live.

**Thanks be to God.**



☒ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

*Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, and all people are invited to his table. Those who do not wish to receive communion are invited to receive a blessing.*

The body of Christ, given for you.

*The communicant may say: **Amen***

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say: **Amen***

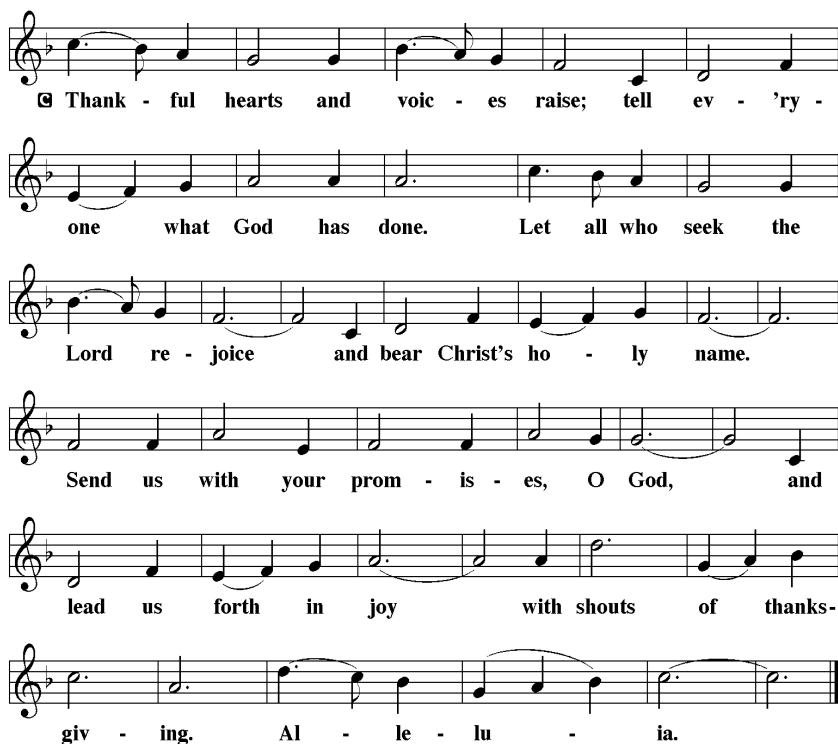
*Music will accompany the distribution of communion.*

## TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



☞ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -  
one what God has done. Let all who seek the  
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and  
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied.

In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen.**

# BENEDICTION

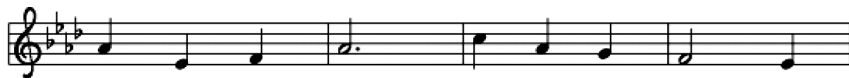
The God of glory, + Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

ELW 731

### *Earth and All Stars!*



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!  
2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!  
3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!  
4 Class-rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!  
5 Knowl-edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
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Sing to the Lord a new song!



Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!  
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!  
Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!  
Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!  
Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!

*Refrain*



God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!





## DISMISSAL



Go in peace. God is at work in you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE



*After worship please join us in the  
fellowship hall for social hour.*



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# What's Happening at UIC

- Sun, Sept. 10      Worship, 10:00am  
Social Hour, 11:00am  
Faith and Fun: 11:00am  
Fellowship Team Meeting, 11:00am
- Mon, Sept. 11      Community Harvest Meal, 2:00pm-6:00pm  
Walking Group, 6:00pm  
Boy Scouts, 7:00pm
- Tue, Sept. 12      OAKS Senior Center, 10:00am-1:00pm  
Faith and Civic Life Study, 6:30pm  
Cub Scout Committee Mtg., 6:30pm  
Boy Scout Patrol Leaders Mtg., 7:00pm
- Wed, Sept. 13      Soup Prep and Pizza, 5:30pm  
Theology on Tap, 6:00pm
- Thu, Sept. 14      Women's Bible Study at CELC, 9:30am  
Cooking Soup, 12:00pm  
Soup Pickup, 4:00pm - 6:00pm  
Women's Bible Study at CELC, 6:00pm  
Walking Group, 6:00pm
- Fri, Sept. 15      Cooking Soup, 12:00pm  
Faith and Fun Family Night, 6:00pm
- Sat, Sept. 16      Booth at Milton Harvest Festival
- Sun, Sept. 17      Worship, 10:00am  
Social Hour, 11:00am  
Faith and Fun: 11:00am  
Youth Group, 1:00pm

# UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

**Please pray for:** 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, Annette Baker, 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).



HAPPY  
*Anniversary*

*Woody and Celia Warren 9/11/71*



Happy Birthday

*Scarlette Cooley 9/11*  
*Peyton LeBarron 9/12*  
*Susan Dinsmore 9/13*



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

# FELLOWSHIP TEAM MEETING


**TODAY @ 11:30am**

What does Fellowship mean?

It means church community.

Fellowship is God's primary means of supporting his believers.


Together  
in  
Christ




**CIVIC LIFE  
&  
FAITH**

A study on faith, government, politics,  
and scripture in the 21st century.

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United In Christ Lutheran Church



Begins on

**Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall.**

# FAITH AND FUN RESUMES



**Beginning today**, we will gather as Faith and Fun with Friends. This is open to all children in 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

Youth Room which is downstairs. The students can take a detour through the Fellowship Hall to grab a snack to bring with them, if their parent approves.

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

**ATTENTION  
WORSHIP  
VOLUNTEERS**

Worship Volunteers, please give the office any dates in October 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 October Newsletter need to be in the office by Monday, September 18.

# FUNDRAISER HAM AND BEAN SOUP

**\$7 PER QUART**

**Order deadline:  
Sunday, September 10**



**SOUP PICKUP AT UIC  
September 14th, 4pm-6pm**



**100% of proceeds will go to  
Middle Susquehanna Riverkeeper Association**

## How can you help?

**We need ingredients and manpower!**

Please make sure your donations are to the church  
by Monday, September 11.

Please see the bulletin board in the fellowship hall  
for all the signup sheets!

A graphic for a community meal. The background is a dark wood surface. On the right, there's a red and white checkered napkin with two wooden spoons and a white plate with green herbs and a tomato slice. The text 'Community Harvest Meal' is written in a white, cursive font, surrounded by small white petals. A yellow rounded rectangle contains the date and volunteer information. A small tree icon is at the bottom center.

# Community Harvest Meal

## **MONDAY SEPT. 11**

Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve the community meal.

See signup sheet in fellowship hall or call office.

This is a weekly community meal served at St. Andrew's Church at 102 Lower Market Street, Milton. The meal is takeout only.

UIC and CELC are serving together! Volunteers are needed to help cook and package meals. Please see the signup sheet or contact Terri in the office.

**We are still in need of a few helpers!**



# OAKS

SENIOR CENTER

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Tuesday, September 12

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10:00 am - Doors Open

10:30 am - Free Bingo with prizes

11:30 pm - Special Balloon Show!

12:00 pm - Free Lunch

**HAPPY**  
**10<sup>TH</sup>**  
*birthday*  
**OAKS Senior Center**



UNITED IN CHRIST  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
INVITES YOU TO

# *Theology on Tap*

JOIN US AT  
RUSTY RAIL  
6:00 PM ON SEPT. 13TH  
AND SEPT. 27TH



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

Join us for Theology on Tap! This August we will be meeting at Rusty Rail on Wednesdays August 2nd, 16th, and 30th. 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.

## Rusty Rail Brewing

5 North 8th Street, Mifflinburg

# UNITED IN CHRIST WALKING GROUP

## MILTON STATE PARK

Mondays and  
Thursdays at 6pm  
*Meet near restrooms*



*Looking to get your daily step goal  
with some good company?*

Join some UIC folks at Milton State Park by the public restrooms for our new walking group! They plan to meet every Monday and Thursday evening. Be on the lookout for Sherry Bingaman, Kathy Guffey, or Donna Grant Byerly if you join! If they cancel for any reason they will post in the church's [Facebook Group](#).

## MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION



Social Ministry collects non-perishable food items each month. 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.

# WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	Sept. 10	Sept. 17	Sept. 24
Social Hour	L - R	S - Z	A - D
Bread/Wine	K. Criswell	S. McPherrin	J. Mertz
Altar Guild	T. Cromwell	C. Zimmerman	C. Troxell
Digital Host	T. Cromwell	M. Shearer	T. Cromwell
Front Door Greeter	M. Ketchem R. Whitesel	T. Cromwell A. Stark	D. Byerly J. Byerly
Side Door Greeter	D. Gottlieb	G. Weiser	K. Noll
Lector	P. Hauck	S. Keifer	A. Stark
Ushers	R. Kling S. McPherrin J. Mertz L. Rabuck	K. Arndt B. Koch B. Swartz T. Swartz	D. Baker K. Baker M. Shearer A. Stark
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Guest Relations	T. McPherrin	M. Mertz	K. Noll
Offering Counter	P. Hauck M. Rabuck	M.L. Keifer C. Shreck	L. Rabuck 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.



## **Lutheran Church**

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**WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**  
Sundays at 10am

**THE REV. JUSTIN G. LINGENFELTER**

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