



November 2023 NEWSLETTER

Give **THANKS**
to the

LORD *for*
He

His **IS GOOD**

LOVE
endures

FOREVER

Psalm 107:1

UNITED IN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

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UIC COUNCIL MEMBERS	Kathy Guffey.....President	2 nd term, ends 12/2024
	Lisa Rabuck.....Vice President	2 nd term, ends 12/2024
	Emma Danowsky....Co V.P.	2 nd term, ends 12/2023
	Kim Criswell.....Secretary	2 nd term, ends 12/2025
	Ken Baker.....Treasurer	2 nd term, ends 12/2023
	Kathy Arndt	1 st term, ends 12/2024
	Justin Cooley	1 st term, ends 12/2025
	Michelle Shearer	1 st 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

- WED, NOV. 1** FINANCE TEAM MEETING
- FRI, NOV. 3** SENIOR EXPRESS FOOD BOX DELIVERY
RICH HUFF RAFFLE AND SILENT AUCTION
- SAT, NOV. 4** RICH HUFF RAFFLE AND SILENT AUCTION
- SUN, NOV. 5** ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
OUTREACH TEAM MEETING
YOUTH GROUP
- WED, NOV. 8** THEOLOGY ON TAP
- FRI, NOV. 10** KIDS NIGHT
- SAT, NOV. 11** BABY STEPS DIAPER PANTRY
- SUN, NOV. 12** FELLOWSHIP TEAM MEETING
- MON, NOV. 13** NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- TUE, NOV. 14** OAKS SENIOR CENTER
- SUN, NOV. 19** CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
YOUTH GROUP
- MON, NOV. 20** HARVEST COMMUNITY MEAL
- TUE, NOV. 21** COUNCIL MEETING
- WED, NOV. 22** THEOLOGY ON TAP
- THU, NOV. 23** THANKSGIVING DAY
OFFICE CLOSED
- SUN, NOV. 26** ADVENT 1
ASSEMBLING BLESSING BAGS
- MON, NOV. 27** GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
- SAT, DEC. 2** CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOP

FROM THE PASTOR



See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

1 John 3:1-3

Dear United In Christ,

It feels like a sort of audacious title to ascribe to us, doesn't it? *Children of God*? It feels pretty bold to claim ourselves as children of the Divine. To consider that the fullness of God's goodness – to say that God's majesty – is somehow a part of who *we* are? To claim that the one who reared the cosmos is also *our* paternal lineage? I mean, how does that even work? Who in their right mind would be so bold as to claim such a holy and sacred bloodline?

Because look around: it doesn't often feel like we do such a great job of treating one another as children of God, does it? Like, listen: I know the ways in which, by the things I have done and the things I have left undone, I have harmed those around me. I know the ways in which I have fallen short of the goodness God calls us to. To claim that I – with all of my errors and miscalculated ways – get to call myself a child of God can at times feel hypocritical. At the very least, it feels like I'm getting a little too big for my britches! But it's not just me, is it? Pick up any news source right now and you're sure to find all sorts of new and creative ways in which we manage to harm one

another. Escalating violence among nations, hyper-partisan divisiveness here at home, the dehumanization of those who don't act, think, love, speak, look, or identify the same as "us." Is this really the best that those claiming to be the "children of God" can do? Is the best that we can do *for* those named as "children of God" around us?

Looking around, it may start to feel like we are anything but this title. It certainly feels like it's not one we've earned for ourselves in any laudatory fashion! But I suppose this is precisely why it's probably a good reason that this definition *isn't* left up to us. The ascription of being named as children of God, it's not a title we've created for ourselves; it's the one that's been gifted by the very God who claims us – the God who claims *you*. In this month when we give thanks for all of the saints who have gone before us in the faith, we remember the faithfulness of God who makes this definition clear. We remember that just as God claimed each before us in the waters of baptism, so too does continue to claim us as part of God's ever growing kin-dom.

We remember that it *is* a rather bold endeavor that we should be called children of God; *and* (thanks be to God) that *is* what we are.

Yours, in Christ



Pastor Justin will be away beginning on Wednesday, November 8. He will return on Sunday, November 19th. If you have a pastoral emergency please contact Vicar Katy.

NOVEMBER 4

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



NOVEMBER 5



On ALL SAINTS SUNDAY we remember all of those who are no longer in our midst. Family members and friends are invited to light candles in honor of loved ones who were born or baptized in the past year. Also, in memory of loved ones who have passed into eternal life.

NOVEMBER 23

The church office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23.



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 **submit this form to the office by Tuesday, October 31st** of those who have been born, were baptized or died since Nov. 1, 2022, so their names can 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.

Additional sheets are on the bulletin board 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.

UNITED IN CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO

Theology on Tap

JOIN US AT
RUSTY RAIL
6:00 PM ON NOV. 8TH
AND NOV. 22ND



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

Join us for Theology on Tap at Rusty Rail Brewing on Wednesdays, November 8th and November 22nd! 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. 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, November 27th at 6:30pm at UIC, 1875 Churches Road, 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!

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, November 5 at UIC

1875 Churches Road, Lewisburg

Sunday, November 19 at MLC

1125 Mahoning Street, Milton

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.



Fellowship



S'MORES, A MOVIE, & GAMES



FRIDAY
November 10



UNITED IN CHRIST
1875 Churches Road, Lewisburg

Starting at 6pm we will have an indoor (fake) campfire with s'mores, a movie, and some games. Wear comfy clothes, or even jammies. Get ready for some fun with friends around the campfire!



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SOCIAL HOUR

The Fellowship Team will also be joining in on Social Hour on Sunday, November 19th with some additional food for everyone after our Congregational Meeting! If you would like to help out please talk to Al Stark.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Nov. 26
Social Hour	L - R	S - Z	A - D	E - K
Bread/Wine	J. Rowe	D. Byerly	K. Guffey	K. Criswell
Altar Guild	S. Keifer	D. Byerly	C. Zimmerman	T. Cromwell
Digital Host	T. Cromwell	K. Guffey	M. Shearer	T. Cromwell
Front Door Greeter	D. Byerly	T. Cromwell	M. Ketchem	M.L. Keifer
	J. Byerly	K. Guffey	R. Whitesel	T. McPherrin
Side Door Greeter	K. Noll	D. Gottlieb	L. Rabuck	G. Weiser
Lector	P. Hauck	S. Keifer	T. McPherrin	M. Shearer
Ushers	C. Troxell	S. Brown	T. McPherrin	C. Zimmerman
	K. Arndt	K. Criswell	J. Mertz	M. Shearer
	K. Baker	T. Cromwell	L. Rabuck	A. Stark
	D. Baker	S. McPherrin	M. Rabuck	S. Swartz
Communion Asst.	M. Shearer	D. Baker	C. Zimmerman	T. McPherrin
	R. Sprenkle	M. L. Keifer	S. Weiser	A. Stark
Guest Relations	K. Noll	M. Rabuck	B. Troxell	G. Weiser
Offering Counter	M. L. Keifer	C. Shreck	Ken Baker	C. Zimmerman
	P. Hauck	L. Rabuck	M. Shearer	K. Guffey

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, please try to trade with someone on the schedule and then notify the office of the change. If you are unable to trade with someone, please call Terri Cromwell at the church, 570-568-2254, and she will find a replacement for you.



HAPPY *Anniversary*

Terry and Cindy Snyder 11/2/15

Mark and Lisa Rabuck 11/8/75

Bob and Sue Keifer 11/25/61

Mike and Jane Mertz 11/28/81

John and Shirley Russell 11/30/56



Happy Birthday

James Arndt 11/1

Owen Arndt 11/4

Kathy Guffey 11/4

Alecia Engle 11/9

Trudy Swartz 11/9

Donna Corazza 11/13

Mary Baker 11/15

Mike Baker 11/19

Elizabeth Divers 11/22

Woody Warren 11/28

Danielle Murphy 11/30

John Russell 11/30



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



**Martha
Ketchem**

Martha Ketchem

December 14 1934 - October 14, 2023



Martha L. Ketchem, 87, of Lewisburg, passed away early Saturday morning Oct. 14, 2023, at RiverWoods.

She is survived by 2 sons, Steven (Michele) Ketchem and Michael (Richard) Ketchem, 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

A private burial was held in the Mazeppa Cemetery.

UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

PRAYER REQUESTS: Glen Weaver, Scott A. Danowsky, family and friends of Sean Laudenslager, family and friends of Martha Ketchem, Jason Russell, Annette, Weaver, Joel, Peg Swinehart, Russ Wynn, Rosemary Fernsler, Ryan Hunter, Mark Rabuck, Shirley Russell, Bob Keifer, 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. We'll email your request to UIC's prayer chain and keep them on the prayer list for 4 weeks, unless told otherwise.

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 close
to our goal of \$70,000!*

\$29,505.96 Donations

\$29,505.96 Matching Funds

\$59,011.92 Total Capital Campaign

Rich Huff Fund's Annual Fundraiser

OPERATION SANTA CLAUS



HELPING AREA CHILDREN IN NEED

Proceeds from 'Operation Santa Claus' will go to Baby Steps Diaper Pantry and the needs of area children.

NOV
3

5pm-7pm

NOV
4

9am-2pm

Raffle/Silent Auction

Food stand will be open on Friday and Saturday



Auction begins at 5pm on Friday and ends at 2pm on Saturday.

Winners do not need to be present.

If you win, you will receive a phone call on Monday to claim your winnings.

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Baby Steps DIAPER PANTRY

UPCOMING DIAPER PANTRY

November 11, 2023 at 10-11:30am

1 bag (40 diapers) per child.

Newborn to size 6

CONGREGATION MEETING

We are 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.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



**ATTENTION
WORSHIP
VOLUNTEERS**

Worship Volunteers, please give the office any dates in December which you will not be available to serve during worship. After you are scheduled it will be your responsibility to trade with someone else on the schedule if you are not available to serve that day. Any articles, events, photos and/or thank you notes you'd like to have printed in the December Newsletter need to be in the office **by Monday, November 13.**

Outreach



UIC will be preparing, packaging and handing out meals again in November. We need volunteers from 2pm-5pm to help with the community meal which is held at St. Andrew's church in Milton. Please either add your name to the signup sheet in the fellowship hall, contact the office, or anyone on Outreach if you are available to help!



YOU'RE INVITED!

CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, December 2 | 3:00PM
 United In Christ Lutheran Church
 1875 Churches Road, Lewisburg, PA

Sponsored by:





Crafts! Cocoa! Cookies! Carols!




Mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 2nd from 3:00pm-5:00pm at United In Christ** for our free community Christmas Craft Workshop!

This annual workshop is an opportunity for families to gather to make homemade Christmas decorations for around the house! This year we will be hosting our craft workshop with the communities of both Milton Lutheran Church and Christ's Lutheran.

Crafters Needed!

If you've got the perfect idea saved on your Pinterest board and would like to help lead a craft station at this year's workshop, please let someone on the Outreach Team know!

TRUNK OR TREAT



***This year we had 280 kids!
Thank you to everyone that helped by
donating candy or by decorating a trunk!!***

See more photos on the church's website.





OAKS

SENIOR CENTER

Tuesday, November 14

10:00 am - Doors Open

10:30 am - Free Bingo with prizes

11:30 pm - Presentation by
Trooper Jacobs on Scams

12:00 pm - Free Lunch

**Buying a gift card to
pay someone? Stop!
It's a scam.**

Gift cards are for gifts,
not payments.



**HANG UP ON
Gift Card
Scams**



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SENIOR EXPRESS FOOD BOXES

*Do you have 1 - 1 1/2 hours a month free
and can you lift a 30lb box of food?*

If so, we need your help! We are down to 4 delivery teams and are hoping to get 2-3 more for the 30 households we deliver to. You set your own delivery times, whether it's daytime or evenings, during the week or on a weekend! There are even volunteers who will call the seniors for you to confirm they will be home and you have a 3 week window to do your deliveries! You can pick to do them all at 1 time or do them 1 per day. It's completely up to you!! Please let Sherry Bingaman or Terri Cromwell know if you would like to be a part of this ministry, even if it's for a short time while some of the other volunteers are healing from surgeries!

Please consider helping this wonderful ministry!

THANK YOU

Thank you for allowing our center to share in your tenth anniversary of giving to the community. We really enjoy our time together.

~ Nancy and the Lewisburg Senior Center Friends

Thank you so much for being part of our Adopt-A-Staff Member program this year! UIC, I really appreciated your encouragement throughout this summer! As well as the gifts! May God bless you all!

~ Natalie Harvey



UIC TEAMS

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

FELLOWSHIP: Al Stark, Sherry Bingaman, Kathy Guffey

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

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

PROPERTY: Ken Criswell, Elwood Brown

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

SENIOR EXPRESS: Sherry Bingaman, Ruby Baker, Terri Cromwell, Kathy Guffey, Rosemary Kling, Ted and Shirley McPherrin, Dale and Cheryl Robuck, Michelle Shearer

WORSHIP & MUSIC: Pastor Justin, Vicar Katy, Sherry Bingaman, Terri Cromwell, Marilyn Gresh, Sue Keifer, Rosemary Kling, Connie Shreck, Sharon Weiser

Fellowship and Property could use more members.

Reach out to anyone on a team to learn more.

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

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