



April  
2024  
NEWSLETTER

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FOR YOUR

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HAS COME

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# UNITED IN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

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

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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**

### UIC COUNCIL MEMBERS

<b>Michelle Shearer.....</b>	<b>President</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> term, ends 12/2024
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<b>Justin Cooley</b>		1 <sup>st</sup> term, ends 12/2025
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<b>Kristie Koch</b>		1 <sup>st</sup> term, ends 12/2026
<b>Randy Sprenkle</b>		1 <sup>st</sup> term, ends 12/2026

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

- MON, APR. 1 OFFICE CLOSED**
- TUE, APR. 2 WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE MTG.**
- FRI, APR. 5 SENIOR EXPRESS FOOD BOX DELIVERY**
- SUN, APR. 7 OUTREACH COMMITTEE MTG.  
YOUTH GROUP**
- TUE, APR. 9 OAKS SENIOR CENTER**
- WED, APR. 10 THEOLOGY ON TAP**
- SAT, APR. 13 BABY STEPS DIAPER PANTRY**
- SUN, APR. 14 FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MTG.**
- TUE, APR. 16 COUNCIL MEETING**
- SUN, APR. 21 YOUTH GROUP**
- MON, APR. 22 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- TUE, APR. 23 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS  
FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVED**
- WED, APR. 24 THEOLOGY ON TAP**
- SAT, APR. 27 KATY MORAN'S ORDINATION**
- MON, APR. 29 GRIEF SUPPORT**
- THU, MAY 9 LUTHERAN DAY IN THE CAPITAL**

# FROM THE PASTOR



*We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.*

1 John 1:1-4

Dear United In Christ,

**“We are an Easter people living in a Good Friday world.”** That’s what one of my preaching professors used to remind us on a regular basis throughout seminary: “we are an Easter people living in a Good Friday world.” It was a reminder that in our walks of faith, both individually and together in community, we step directly into a constant state of unresolved tension. On the one hand, we live in a world where it seems that death-dealing news seems to lurk around every corner. We see the shadow of Good Friday’s cross across countless headlines and social media posts. We feel the resounding thud of the sealing tomb in the moments that cause our stomachs to drop out in our personal lives: the doctors’ calls, the billing statements, the message from the other end of a strained relationship. The Good Friday world is one that we know well with all of its accompanying distress and heartache.

On the other hand, we are a people called to proclaim something different. We are a people called to proclaim

something downright *rebellious* in the face of Good Friday's death dealing ways in the world. In the words of the writer of 1 John, we are a people called to declare what we have heard and seen and looked at and touched from the very beginning. We are a people called to proclaim a word of life – a life made manifest in the death and resurrection of Jesus himself. We are a people called to make such a proclamation of *new* life in the face of death so that joy may be made all the more complete for God's people in this world! We are people formed by this new life that has burst through the seal of the tomb to greet *you* with the full measure of God's life!

As we enter into the joy of this Easter season this month, this may just be our deeper consideration ahead. Where have you seen signs of such Easter life? Where have *you* seen and heard and looked and touched God's life being borne into your world? Where can you bear that same life into the communities around you? Where can you insist on God's dignity and life where the shadows of Good Friday only want a bleaker portrait? Where can you actively counter the narratives of fear and lament to instead embody the hope to which we are called? Where can we show signs of resurrection breaking forth into our narratives of loss and fear?

It's no simple task, but we need Easter people. We *are* Easter people, UIC. May we embody and declare what we have known first: Good Friday does not get the last word. Easter is here and God's life is *abundantly* at hand. Go and share it loud!

Yours, united in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Justin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "Pastor Justin".

# Blessings Abound!

**Katy Moran has been called as Pastor of Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lewisburg, PA!**

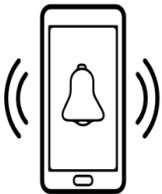
We rejoice with Katy and the members of Christ's Evangelical as she begins her ministry with them. Katy's ordination will take place at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 27. A time for the service will be announced in the coming days. Everyone is invited to this festival worship service!



There is a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall for anyone who wants to carpool down to Herndon, VA.

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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.

UNITED IN CHRIST  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
INVITES YOU TO

# *Theology on Tap*

JOIN US AT  
RUSTY RAIL  
6:00 PM ON FEB. 7TH



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

Join us for Theology on Tap! This April we will be meeting at Rusty Rail on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 27<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! We will meet at 6:00 pm to grab food, drinks, and socialize a bit before starting discussion once we are settled. You can let us know you're coming through the sign-up sheets, or you can email Pastor Justin or Vicar Katy.

## 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 for our monthly grief support group on **Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Milton Lutheran Church.**

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.

Sunday, April 7  
Sunday, April 21



## ALTAR FLOWERS

The Church is in need of sponsorships for 2024 Altar Flowers.

Cost is \$35.

Flower Chart is in the Fellowship Hall.

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





# Fellowship



*Photos from Kids Night on Thursday, March 14*

*(You can more photos on the church's website)*

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING  
SUNDAY, APRIL 14**

**Everyone is invited to join  
the committee.**

**PLEASE COME OUT!**

## **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 in the kitchen.



# WELCOME AREA IN THE NARTHEX



In the Welcome Area in the Narthex you will find a variety of daily devotionals, UIC's monthly newsletter, quiet bags for children during worship, and the basket for food donations which get taken to the food pantry in West Milton.

**~ PLEASE HELP YOURSELF ~**

# WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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

# UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Sheri Kush, Desiree Starks, Spencer Bowens, Kerin and Ken, McKenzie Baker, Ken Criswell, Megan Darzanoff, Ken Baker, Annette Baker, Rosemary Fernsler, Ryan Hunter, Patrick Mosley, Mark Rabuck, Shirley Russell, Bob Keifer, 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).



*Mike and Annette Baker 4/28/84*

*Scott and Jodie Danowsky 4/29/95*



# Happy Birthday

*Ben Criswell 4/1*

*Kathy Loss 4/3*

*Rosemary Kling 4/5*

*Cindy Snyder 4/5*

*Jack Stiber 4/5*

*Bob Swartz 4/6*

*Sarah Sprenkle 4/7*

*Breanna Martz 4/15*

*Cole Snyder 4/17*

*Kyle Swanger 4/17*

*Ken Criswell 4/19*

*Kristin Sprenkle 4/26*

*McKenzie Baker 4/28*

*Marianne Murray 4/28*



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

# Outreach



*UIC packing Milton Panther Packs on Wednesday, March 6.*

## MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION



The 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.

During cold month, please do not donate items in glass containers since the pantry is open to the elements outside.

Place these items in the baskets located in the Narthex.



# OAKS

## SENIOR CENTER

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Tuesday, April 9

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10:00 am - Doors Open

10:30 am - Free Bingo with prizes

11:30 pm - Parkinson's Program @  
the Miller Center

12:00 pm - Free Lunch



**United In Christ Lutheran Church**

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# **RICH HUFF FUND**

## **SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS HELPING CHILDREN IN NEED**

The Rich Huff Fund of United In Christ Lutheran Church, Lewisburg, announces the annual Rich Huff Memorial Scholarship application period is now open for high school seniors pursuing careers that will help children in need. Two, \$500 scholarships will be awarded from the Rich Huff Fund this spring.

Established in 2013, the Rich Huff Fund was started in memory of Rich Huff, a beloved member of United in Christ Lutheran Church who died from complications following a house fire. Rich played Santa Claus for years at the Lycoming Mall and other venues and had a great love of children. The Rich Huff Memorial Scholarships are intended to recognize the efforts of students who demonstrate the spirit of helping children. In addition to the annual scholarships, the fund helps other children in need throughout the year in our area.

To qualify for these scholarships, students must be current high school seniors residing in the Lewisburg, Meadowbrook, Mifflinburg, Milton, or Warrior Run school districts. Students must have at least a 2.5 GPA and be accepted to a college, university, or trade school. Students must be planning to enroll in a qualifying field of study that works with kids. Qualifying fields of study include education, pediatrics, social work, child psychology, occupational therapy, speech therapy, respiratory therapy, library science, speech/language pathology, juvenile criminal science, youth recreation or related fields.

Applications are available in the guidance offices of the above-named schools or can be picked up during regular business hours at United in Christ Lutheran Church, 1875 Churches Road, Lewisburg, PA 17837. Applicants will need to complete the entire application including an essay describing how they have helped children in need. Applicants will also need to show verification of their GPA with a copy of their school transcript.





# Baby Steps DIAPER PANTRY

## UPCOMING DIAPER PANTRY

April 13, 2024 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.

## SENIOR EXPRESS FOOD BOXES

Food boxes will be delivered to UIC on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Delivery teams, please make plans to deliver your food boxes.





# Lutheran Day in the Capitol

MAY 9, 2024

LAMPa's 45th Anniversary  
Advocacy + Celebration

***Do you care about creating a Commonwealth where  
all are safe and valued - just as God created them?***

Join us on Thursday, May 9, for a day of learning, inspiration, advocacy, and celebration! It's our 45th anniversary and we're excited to share our gratitude for the past and hope for the future with you! We're also marking ELCA World Hunger's 50th anniversary in a celebration of all the ways Lutherans show up to feed and care for our neighbors in Pennsylvania and around the world!

If you would like to attend, please add your name to the signup sheet and Terri in the office will get you registered.

### *COST*

*Early bird rate (before April 11) is \$50.*

*Rate after April 12th is \$55.*

Checks can be made out to United In Christ Lutheran Church and either placed in the offering plate or mailed to UIC. You can also pay via our online giving, which you can access through the church's website.

You can either drive yourself or carpool with everyone. We will stop on the way home to have dinner.



# KIDS MARKET

Supporting the Lewisburg Co-operative Preschool



Come and find bargains on new or gently used children's clothing & pre-loved toys while supporting the preschool!

Date	Time	Location
April 17	9am – 3pm	Christ's Lutheran Church 100 S Third St. Lewisburg (in the Lower Church Hall)
April 18	4pm – 7pm	
April 19	9am – 1pm	
April 20	9am – noon	

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

**ATTENTION  
WORSHIP  
VOLUNTEERS**

Worship Volunteers, please give the office any dates in May 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 in the May Newsletter need to be in the office **by Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**.



# Pasta Dinner

and Silent Auction

Support the CELC Youth Trip to the ELCA  
Youth Gathering in NOLA


**Sunday, April 28, 2024**  
**11:45 am – 2:00 pm**

Serving Starts at Noon Auction closes @1:30 pm.

**MENU:** Tossed Salad, Homemade Bread,  
Ziti, Assorted Desserts & Beverages

Service with a smile included at no extra charge!

**TICKETS:** Suggested Donation – 2 & under FREE  
\$5.00 children (3-10) \$10.00 adult (over 10)



Pasta Dinner will be at CELC, 100 South 3rd Street in Lewisburg



*Ushers on March 3rd.*

*At UIC we encourage everyone, even our youngest,  
to serve during worship!*

# UIC COMMITTEES

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

**FELLOWSHIP:** Al Stark, Sherry Bingaman, Kathy Guffey

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

**HOME COMMUNION:** Pastor Justin, Vicar Katy, Annette Baker, Kathy Guffey, Michelle Shearer, Bob and Trudy Swartz.

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

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

**PROPERTY:** Ken Criswell, Elwood Brown

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

**SENIOR EXPRESS:** Sherry Bingaman, Terri Cromwell, Kathy Guffey, Rosemary Kling, Rowe Family, Michelle Shearer

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



# THANK YOU

Thank you so much for your very generous donation of 4,699.79 ounces of food items to the Panther Packs Ministry at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church. We are very appreciative of your continued support! This is the eighth year that Panther Packs Ministry has prepared nutritious weekend meals for students at the Milton Elementary Schools. Approximately 250 students continue to be served by this ministry because of the kindness of folks like you. Thank you again for your donation. God's work, done God's way, will never lack God's supply.

Sincerely,

Mary Richie, Treasurer

Thank you so much for supporting me while in college! My spring semester at Bloomsburg University is going well so far. I am excited to graduate in May and start my application process for medical schools. I appreciate you sending me the gift card, snack box, and encouraging words and cards.

~ Larissa Shearer



# IMPORTANT LINKS



For easy access, bookmark these pages on your computer or add the page to your tablet or smartphone's home screen.

**UIC's website:** [www.unitedinchristlutheran.net](http://www.unitedinchristlutheran.net)

**Sermons and Bulletins:** Print the Sunday bulletin so you can follow along. You can also view past sermons. [www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/worship](http://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](http://www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/calendar)

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**Facebook Group:** [www.facebook.com/groups/UICLC/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/UICLC/)

**2024 News:** Check out additional photos from UIC events. [www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/2024news](http://www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/2024news)

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