




May 2024 NEWSLETTER



I can do
ALL THINGS
through

Christ

Who
STRENGTHENS
me



PHILIPPIANS 4:13

UNITED IN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Justin G. Lingenfelter: UIC Pastor

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WORSHIP: SUNDAYS AT 10:00 A.M.

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

UIC COUNCIL MEMBERS	Michelle Shearer.....President	1 st term, ends 12/2024
	Kathy Guffey.....Vice President	2 nd term, ends 12/2024
	Lisa Rabuck.....Secretary	2 nd term, ends 12/2024
	Kathy Arndt.....Treasurer	1 st term, ends 12/2024
	Justin Cooley	1 st term, ends 12/2025
	Ken Criswell	1 st term, ends 12/2026
	Kim Criswell	2 nd term, ends 12/2025
	Kristie Koch	1 st term, ends 12/2026
	Randy Sprenkle	1 st 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

- FRI, MAY 3** SENIOR EXPRESS FOOD BOX DELIVERY
- SAT, MAY 4** 3 CHURCH TRIVIA NIGHT
- SUN, MAY 5** OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING
YOUTH GROUP
- TUE, MAY 7** WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE MTG
- WED, MAY 8** THEOLOGY ON TAP
- THU, MAY 9** LUTHERAN DAY IN THE CAPITAL
- SAT, MAY 11** BABY STEPS DIAPER PANTRY
YOUTH FUNDRAISER: BEIGNETS
- SUN, MAY 12** MOTHER'S DAY
FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MTG.
- TUE, MAY 14** OAKS SENIOR CENTER
- SUN, MAY 19** PENTECOST SUNDAY
BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION
YOUTH GROUP
- MON, MAY 20** NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
- TUE, MAY 21** COUNCIL MEETING
- WED, MAY 22** THEOLOGY ON TAP
- MON, MAY 27** MEMORIAL DAY
OFFICE CLOSED
- SUN, JUN. 1** LEWISBURG PRIDE FESTIVAL
- SUN, JUN. 9** STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL @ CELC
- SUN, JUN. 23** 3 CHURCH PICNIC @ KNOEBELS
- SUN, JUL. 28** CROSSCUTTERS GAME

FROM THE PASTOR



Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4: 4-9

Dear United in Christ,

If you're anything like me, you find that new beginnings are both exciting and incredibly nerve-wracking! There is a deep sense of joy for all the things to come and an anxiety of the unknown. This is a passage of scripture I find myself repeatedly turning to, especially in times of change and newness. I remember one the first times I meaningfully engaged with these verses. It was my first summer as a counselor and I was working with my second cabin of middle school students. My campers were not connecting, some were desperately missing home, they were snippy with me and with each other and I felt by Tuesday morning that the week was a complete disaster! All I wanted to do was crawl under the table and hide—it felt impossible to

rejoice in the midst of how stressed I was. At lunch, I had a note on my seat that held these verses and a message of encouragement and a reminder to pause for prayer from Pastor Mary, one of the program directors. I took her note to heart and found my own attitude changed! My nerves didn't go away but the opportunities to rejoice were too many to ignore! And I am glad to say that I was wrong, the week ended up being a wonderful experience for the campers and their counselor.

“God’s peace, which transcends all understanding” will be with you. Prayer offers us a chance to slow down, reflect, and take a moment to connect with God. Knowing that Paul’s reminder to “rejoice in the Lord always” is not meant to fake joy in the face of difficulties but to trust that God is the one that is in control and carrying us—Paul certainly was not faking joy when he was writing these words from prison. Rejoice, taking comfort in God’s all-encompassing peace and taking heart in the knowledge that Christ is near, even in times of great disappointment, unexpected experiences, and new and exciting ventures.

UIC, there is much for us to rejoice! You have offered so much love and support, embodying God’s peace, and I am beyond grateful. I am so excited for the road ahead as the Spirit guides so we can share whatever is true and lovely and praiseworthy with the whole of God’s people. Rejoice in the Lord always! Rejoice!

Yours,
Pastor Katy



PENTECOST SUNDAY ~ MAY 19

On Pentecost Sunday we will also be baptizing Kyle and Johanna Swanger's new baby, Walker, and confirming their other son, Kamden.

**DON'T FORGET TO WEAR
RED TO CHURCH!**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

**ATTENTION
WORSHIP
VOLUNTEERS**

Worship Volunteers, please give the office any dates in June 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 June Newsletter need to be in the office **by Monday, May 20th**.

UNITED IN CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO

Theology on Tap

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



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 May 8th and 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. 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, May 20nd at 6:30pm at UIC.**

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, May 5
Sunday, May 19



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

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING
SUNDAY, MAY 12

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.



PENTECOST GERANIUMS

Flowers are a beautiful gift to our Lord and a wonderful expression of our love for God and all he has given us!

Dedicate flowers by submitting an order form, along with payment, **no later than Sunday, May 5th**.

Geraniums _____ x \$4.50 = \$ _____

The following will be printed in the bulletin. Please write legibly.

NAME: *(from)* _____

IN MEMORY OF:

IN HONOR OF:

Pentecost Sunday is May 19th.

You may take your flowers home after worship.



WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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

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: *Molly Bingaman, Donna Corazza, family and friends of Janet Pursel, family and friends of Bob Furman, Linda Mertz, Carol Troxell, Eleanor Baker, Doris Frederick, Gail Watkins, Diane Gottlieb, Terri Cromwell, Ken Baker, Annette Baker, Rosemary Fernsler, Ryan Hunter, Patrick Mosley, Mark Rabuck, Shirley Russell, Bob Keifer, Viv Marsh.*



HAPPY *Anniversary*

Elwood and Sandra Brown 5/1/04

Dave and Karen Baker 5/2/81

Josh and Shanna Martz 5/24/03



Happy Birthday

Shirley McPherrin 5/2

Jeff Byerly 5/3

Joshua Martz Jr. 5/5

Mya Cromwell 5/6

Amber Erb 5/8

Jodie Danowsky 5/14

Colleen Danowsky 5/15

Ken Noll 5/15

Mark Rabuck 5/15

DeLayne Baker 5/22

Becky Carl 5/23

Nancy Walter 5/23

Carolyn Baker 5/26

Judy Rishel 5/27

Emmalene Koch 5/28

Emily Haussmann 5/29

BJ Koch 5/29

Kodakyan Olds 5/30

Charlie Dinsmore 5/31

Adelaide Koch 5/31



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

Outreach



MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

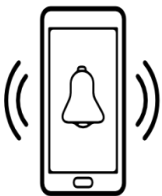


The Social Ministry collects non-perishable food items each month. Your donations get delivered to the Our Little Free Pantry in West Milton by the gas station across from the on ramp to 15.

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.

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.



OAKS

SENIOR CENTER

Tuesday, May 14

10:00 am - Doors Open

10:30 am - Free Bingo with prizes

11:30 pm - Activity

12:00 pm - Free Lunch



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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 sign-up sheet and Terri in the office will get you registered.

Cost 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.



Baby Steps DIAPER PANTRY

UPCOMING DIAPER PANTRY

May 11, 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, May 3rd.
Delivery teams, please make plans to deliver your food boxes.



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



IMPORTANT LINKS



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UIC's website: 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

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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