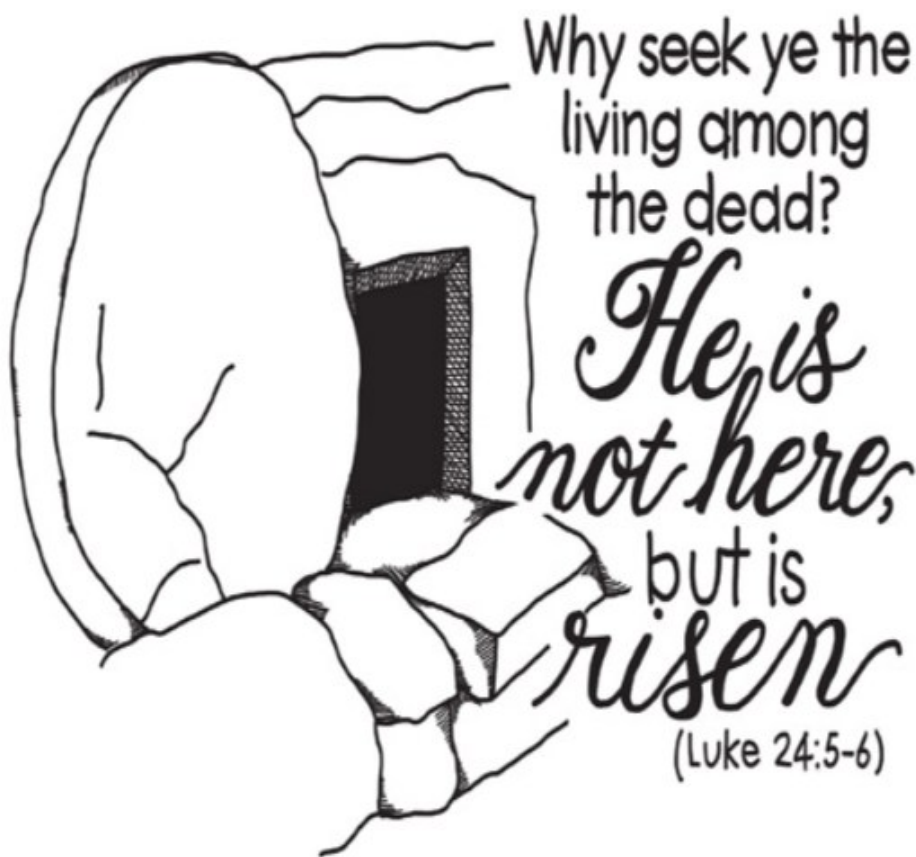




April 2025 NEWSLETTER



UNITED IN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Justin G. Lingenfelter: UIC Pastor

The Rev. Katy Moran: CELC Pastor

Terri Cromwell: Parish Administrator and OAKS Senior Center Director
Office: 570-568-2254
Email: office@unitedinchristlutheran.net

Marilyn Gresh: Music Director

WORSHIP: SUNDAYS AT 10:00 A.M.

www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/worship/

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Michelle Shearer.....	President	2 nd term, ends 12/2027
Beth Guffey.....	Vice President	1 st term, ends 12/2027
Kathy Arndt.....	Treasurer	2 nd term, ends 12/2027
Ruby Baker.....	Secretary	1 st term, ends 12/2027
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

TUE, APR. 1	WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE MTG. PSALM STUDY
WED, APR. 2	LENTEN DINNER AT UIC HOLDEN PRAYER SERVICE AT UIC
FRI, APR. 4	FOOD BANK DELIVERY OF FOOD BOXES
SUN, APR. 6	LENT 5 BUFFALO VALLEY CONFERENCE AT MLC
TUE, APR. 8	OAKS SENIOR CENTER PSALM STUDY
SAT, APR. 12	BABY STEPS DIAPER PANTRY UIC BOWLING NIGHT
SUN, APR. 13	PALM SUNDAY OUTREACH COMMITTEE MTG. FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MTG. FAITH LAB @ CELC YOUTH GROUP
MON, APR. 14	COMMUNITY HARVEST MEAL
THR. APR. 17	MAUNDY THURSDAY
FRI. APR. 18	GOOD FRIDAY STUFFING EGGS FOR COMMUNITY EGG HUNT
SAT. APR. 19	DECORATING SANCTUARY FOR EASTER COMMUNITY EGG HUNT
SUN. APR. 20	EASTER SUNDAY SUNRISE OUTDOOR WORSHIP EASTER BREAKFAST
MON. APR. 21	OFFICE CLOSED NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
WED, APR. 30	THEOLOGY ON TAP

FROM THE PASTOR



After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Matthew 28:1-10

Dear United In Christ,

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

I'm very much looking forward to welcoming the return of this Easter dialogue later this month! It's probably my favorite exchange that we offer one another throughout the year. But I'll admit, I'm a little tempted to fly in the face of lengthy church tradition and play with the phrase a little. I'm wondering if, maybe, the exchange has become just a bit *too* familiar for us and we need some new words to shake things up enough to hear this Easter proclamation with fresh ears. Here – let's try this one on for size:

Alleluia! Plot twist! **He is not here! Alleluia!**

Ok, admittedly it doesn't roll off the tongue quite so smoothly. However, maybe this little spirited plot twist is just what we need this Easter! Maybe the unexpected affirmation that Christ is *not* where

we expected to find him – or where we last left him – is exactly the embodied spirit we need for this season ahead! Because this, after all, *is* the good news of our Easter celebration and season! There has been a plot twist in the narrative of life and death! The dead do not lay dormant in the tomb; *he is not here!* New and resurrected life is up and about and on the move in the world of God’s good creation!

See, this hope is nestled into such a dramatic and unexpected scene in Matthew’s gospel. It’s the plot twist heralded by earthquake, rolling stones, and angelic appearance like lightning. After such displays, we’d expect to have the grand reveal with the fullness of Christ standing there in all his glory, but instead we are told simply with the women “he is not here!” They must go out and see where he is heading to find this new life on the move!

Maybe this Easter is our opportunity to do the same as well. In whatever ways it is that this new life is moving, I invite you to come and share in it within the wonder of community here through this place. Maybe you are already seeing such signs of new life at work in movement around you. If that’s the case, come and show us! Tell us about it! Let us celebrate that new life *together*. Or maybe you are standing at the tomb wishing to see such signs, but disappointed that “he is not here” and you’re left wondering where else to look. If that’s the case, come and look with us! Tell us about it! Let us share in carrying that weight and continue searching for that new life *together*.

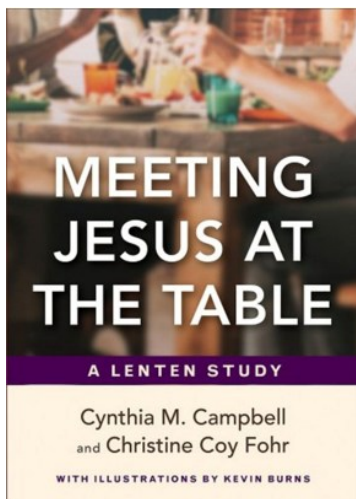
In such a shared journey, may we *together* more fully embody the movement of this risen Christ this Easter season. May we share with one another and help each other carry each other’s joys and concerns, celebrations and heartaches, surprises and disappointments. May we continue the movement that has first met us in the risen Christ bearing God’s life into the world for each of us.

Because Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

He is not here, so let’s get moving.

Yours, united in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Justin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned at the bottom left of the page, below the typed name "Yours, united in Christ,".



WHEN: Wednesdays evenings
March 12th through April 9th

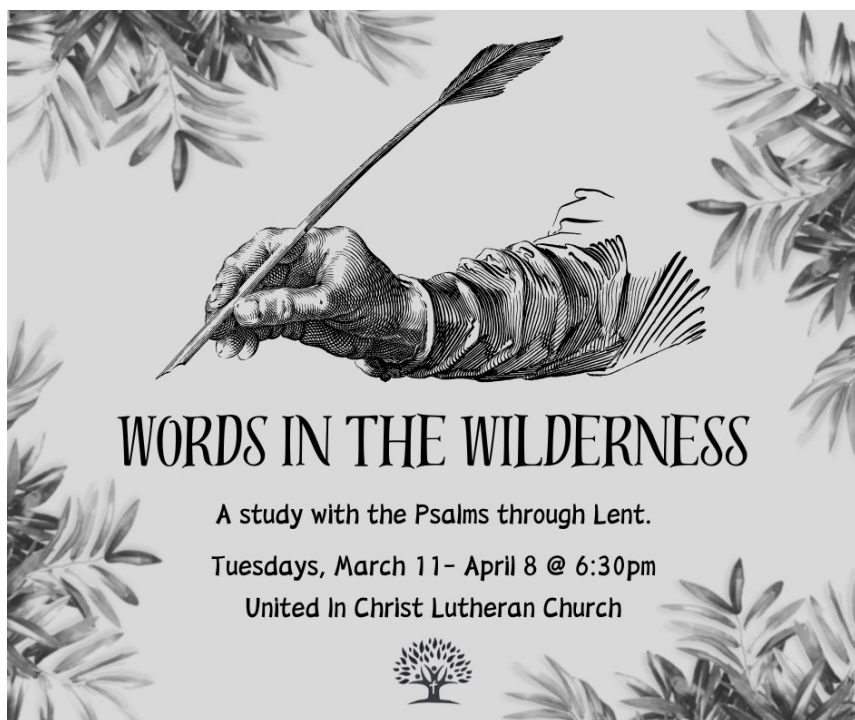
TIME: Lenten Suppers @ 6:00 pm
Holden Evening Prayer Services at 7:00 pm.

WHERE: Christ's Lutheran Church*
(100 S. 3rd ST., Lewisburg)

*On Wed. April 2nd, Lenten Supper & Holden Evening Prayer service will be held at United in Christ Church (1875 Churches Rd, Lewisburg)

All are welcome!

Christ's is bringing Lenten Supper and Holden Evening Prayer Services to UIC on Wednesday, April 2nd. Come and join us!



WORDS IN THE WILDERNESS

A study with the Psalms through Lent.

Tuesdays, March 11- April 8 @ 6:30pm

United In Christ Lutheran Church



THANK YOU

Dear United in Christ Lutheran Church,

I wanted to thank you all for the Sunshine Box, gift card, and cards I received for Valentine's Day. It was such a thoughtful surprise, and I love all of the items. The blanket, bath bombs, metal cup, candle, bath salts, eye mask, scented soap, and fuzzy socks are all so comforting and the gift card will definitely come in handy for groceries. I am very grateful for the kindness and support the church shows to its college students. Thank you again for everything you do. I hope you all had a wonderful Valentine's Day and that you know how much your thoughtfulness means to me!

Thank you again,
Emma Danowsky

Thank you so much for the self-care package and thoughtful cards! It truly made my day and reminded me how supportive and caring our church community is. I'm so grateful for your kindness and encouragement.

~ Mya Cromwell

Thank you so much for allowing SUMMIT EARLY LEARNING to share our programs with families who visit the BABY STEPS DIAPER PANTRY in Lewisburg. We are very grateful.

Sincerely,
Bette Scott, Community Relationship Manager



UNITED IN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Holy Week Worship

JOIN US AS WE JOURNEY THROUGH DEATH INTO LIFE

MAUNDY THURSDAY: 4/17 ~ 7:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY: 4/18 ~ 7:00PM

EASTER SUNRISE: 4/20 ~ 6:30AM

EASTER SUNDAY: 4/20 ~ 10:00AM

EVERY SUNDAY AT 10AM • 1875 CHURCHES ROAD, LEWISBURG

Easter Breakfast

*Sunday, April 20th
8:30am*



**Bring your family
and join us Easter morning
for a potluck breakfast.**

UNITED IN CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO

Theology on Tap

JOIN US AT RUSTY RAIL
6:00 PM ON APRIL 30TH



BUFFALO VALLEY FAITH LAB



You're invited to the launch of a
new monthly family faith
formation program!



Second Sunday of the Month
4:00pm-6:00pm

Free family dinner!

Sponsored by:



Next FAITH LAB will be on Sunday, April 13th at Christ's
Evangelical Lutheran Church, 100 South 3rd Street, Lewisburg.

MILTON PATHER PACKS

On SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY the congregation took up a collection of food items for Milton Panther Packs. On Wednesday, February 26th UIC helped pack up a months worth of Panther Packs. Thank you to everyone that came out to help. It only took about 45 minutes. Here are some photos from that night.





UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

PRAYER REQUESTS: Chad Cromwell, Ted McPherrin, Scott Beaver, Bob Troxell, Sonja Noll, Deb Watts, Eugene Bain, Jacob Brown, Courtney Elder, Sue Keifer, Cheryl Stiber, John Oliver, Paul Hilkert, Mary Baker, Annette Baker, Rachel Lynn, Carol Troxell, Rosemary Fernsler, Ryan Hunter, Patrick Mosley, Mark Rabuck, Shirley Russell, Bob Keifer.

Are you or a loved one in need of prayer?

Submit your prayer request by emailing it to office@unitedinchristlutheran.net, or calling 570-568-2254.

Scripture instructs us to lift one another up in prayer. The prayer chain takes two forms: telephone or email. If you would like to be a part of the prayer chain, please let Terri Cromwell know. Make sure you tell her if you would like a phone call or an email.

SOCIAL HOUR AFTER WORSHIP



Social Hour has started back up.
Social Hour is split up into 4 groups.

A-D	E-K
L-R	S-Z

We will rotate through each of these 4 groups on Sundays.

When your name falls in that Sunday's Social Hour please bring a snack to share and help in the kitchen *during* social hour.



HAPPY Anniversary

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

Tim Stitzel 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.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	April 6	April 13	April 17
Worship Leader	Pastor Justin	Pastor Katy	Pastor Justin
Social Hour	E - K	L - R	
Bread/Wine	M. Shearer	K. Sprenkle	M. Catherman
Altar Guild	S. Keifer M. Catherman	ML Keifer M. Catherman	T. Cromwell M. Catherman
Digital Host	B. Guffey	D. Murphy	T. Cromwell
Front Door Greeter	C. Robuck D. Robuck	M. Ketchem R. Whitesel	B. Swartz T. Swartz
Side Door Greeter	S. Brown	B. Catherman	K. Guffey
Lector	D. Gottlieb	M. Shearer	R. Sprenkle
Ushers	K. Criswell T. Cromwell R. Kling J. Mertz	L. Rabuck M. Rabuck B. Swartz T. Swartz	M. Shearer D. Baker K. Baker J. Mertz
Communion Asst.	D. Murphy D. Baker	ML Keifer R. Kling	M. Shearer B. Swartz
Guest Relations	M. Rabuck	M. Mertz	
Offering Counter	C. Shreck M. Rabuck	B. Guffey L. Rabuck	K. Guffey M. Shearer

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.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	April 18	April 20	April 27
Worship Leader	Pastor Justin	Pastor Justin	Pastor Scott
Social Hour			S - Z
Bread/Wine		R. Baker K. Criswell	K. Guffey
Altar Guild		T. Cromwell	B. Guffey
Digital Host	K. Guffey	M. Shearer	K. Guffey
Front Door Greeter	R. Baker T. Cromwell	R. Stitzel ML Keifer	M. Catherman K. Baker
Side Door Greeter	L. Rabuck	K. Noll	R. Kling
Lector		V. Tyrell	B. Swartz
Ushers		S. Brown T. Cromwell L. Rabuck M. Rabuck	K. Criswell R. Kling M. Shearer T. Swartz
Communion Asst.		C. Robuck R. Sprenkle T. Cromwell (helper)	B. Catherman D. Baker
Guest Relations		K. Noll	M. Rabuck
Offering Counter		C. Shreck M. Shearer	P. Hauck M. Rabuck

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YOUTH AND FAMILY



We are so excited to share that registration is officially live for our 2025 Summer Day Camp Program! Once again, we will be partnering with Camp Mount Luther and our neighbors at Milton Lutheran Church and Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church for a week of programming and fun as we dive into this year's theme to ask "*Who are You Jesus?*"

Registration is open to students completing grades K-5 by the start of summer. This year we will be gathering Milton Lutheran Church (1125 Mahoning Street, Milton) each day for programming, games, crafts, and lunch for all participants!

As in past years, we will be planning a special Thursday field trip to go visit Camp Mount Luther in Mifflinburg to get a taste

of the larger camp experience! Please feel free to contact the church office (office@unitedinchristlutheran.net) if you have any questions! Be sure to [register today!](#)



UIC Kids are invited to go to Camp! You pay the registration fee and UIC will pay the rest. Camp Mount Luther 2025 Summer Booklet can be found here. www.campmountluther.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/2025-Camp-Brochure.pdf

You can register for camp here, campmountluther.campbrainregistration.com.

If you have any questions, please see Pastor Justin or contact Terri in the office.

UIC Family Bowling Night

Saturday, April 12 @ 5pm-7pm

Imperial Lanes in Milton

\$10/person (pizza included)!

Friends Welcome!



Join us for 2 hours of bowling and pizza! There is a signup sheet in the fellowship hall. The cost is \$10 per person.



Baby Steps DIAPER PANTRY

UPCOMING DIAPER PANTRY

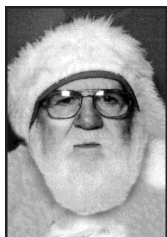
April 12, 2025 at 10-11:30am

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 of Milton, Lewisburg, Mifflinburg, and Watsontown.

RICH HUFF FUND SCHOLARSHIPS



The Rich Huff Fund of UIC will be giving out two, \$500 scholarships this year.

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.

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.

All applications must be postmarked by May 1, 2025.

Outreach



Thank you to all who donated food items for March's OAKs meal and the 35 meals donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Danville. The meals consisted of pork ribs (donated by National Beef), baked beans, cornbread, chocolate chip cookies, and ice cream cups. With a Thrivent Action Team Grant by Ruby Baker, the team purchased items on the Ronald McDonald Wish List such as individual snacks, reusable microwavable dishes, bottled water, and more.

The background of the poster is a dark wooden surface. In the top right corner, there is a red and white checkered tablecloth. On the tablecloth, two large wooden spoons are placed vertically. To the right of the spoons, a white plate with a gold rim is partially visible, containing some green leafy vegetables and a red tomato. The text "Community Harvest Meal" is written in a white, cursive font in the upper left area, surrounded by small white flower petals. A yellow rounded rectangle is positioned in the lower left area, containing the date and volunteer information. A small green tree icon is located at the bottom right of the yellow rectangle.

Community Harvest Meal

MONDAY APR. 14

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

1pm - 5pm

Community Harvest Meal is a free meal served every Monday at St. Andrew's Methodist Church, 102 Lower Market St., Milton. We need 6 - 8 people to help with meal prep and serve on Monday, April 14th from 1pm-5pm. Please see the signup sheet in the fellowship hall.

HAVE YOU SEEN?

**LOST
AND
FOUND**



Did you leave something at church? Check out the LOST AND FOUND bin on the shelf by the restroom in the fellowship hall.



Filling Eggs: Friday, April 18 @ 9am

We will be filling the eggs on Friday, April 18 at 9am in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to come help!



OAKS

SENIOR CENTER

Tuesday, April 8th

10:00 am Doors Open

10:30 am Free Bingo with Prizes

11:30 am CarFit, by Wellspan
Evangelical Hospital

12:00 pm Free Lunch



OAKS Senior Center is free and has no age requirements.
Everyone is welcome to join us!

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SENIOR EXPRESS FOOD BOXES

Food boxes will be delivered to UIC by the Central Pa Food Bank on Friday, April 4th.

Delivery teams, please make plans to deliver your food boxes the following week.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE MONDAY, APRIL 21ST

Any articles, events, photos, or thank you notes you'd like to have in the May Newsletter need to be in to the office by Monday, April 21.

Worship Volunteers, please give the office any dates in May which you will not be available.



Please email Terri in the office at office@unitedinchristlutheran.net or call her at 570-568-2254



BEHOLD, I AM DOING A

New Thing!

- Isaiah 43:19

Lutheran Day in the Capitol

Join Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMPa) on Tuesday, May 13, for a day of learning, inspiration, advocacy, and celebration!

We'll gather to learn about issues that matter and be grounded in worship before heading to the Capitol to advocate as church together. May 13 is a legislative session day.

A special youth track is available for any youth or groups to come and experience advocacy together!

Find out more and register
using the QR Code
or go to
www.lutheranadvocacy.org



Teams of 3 or more from a congregation planning to come together can use the promo code CONGREGATION25 for each person.
Students can register with a special rate!

Congregation Contact: Terri Cromwell
Contact Email: office@unitedinchristlutheran.net

UIC COMMITTEES

FELLOWSHIP: Al Stark, Kathy Arndt, Kathy Guffey, Jolynn Heckman

FINANCE: Kathy Arndt, Karen Baker, Jared Rutt

HOME COMMUNION: Annette Baker, Kathy Guffey, Michelle Shearer, Bob and Trudy Swartz.

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

OUTREACH: Michelle Shearer, Kathy Arndt, Ruby Baker, Donna Corazza, Kathy Guffey, Al Stark

PROPERTY: Ken Criswell, Dave Baker, Elwood Brown, Scott Danowsky, Mark Rabuck, Randy Sprenkle, Tim Stitzel

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

SENIOR EXPRESS: Sherry Bingaman, Garrett Glathar, Diane Gottlieb, Kathy Guffey, Rosemary Kling, Ted and Shirley McPherrin, Rowe Family, Michelle Shearer, Warren Shipe

WORSHIP & MUSIC: Terri Cromwell, Marilyn Gresh, Sue Keifer, Rosemary Kling, Connie Shreck, Sharon Weiser



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

Sermons and Bulletins: Print the Sunday bulletin so you can follow along at home. You can also view past sermons.

www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/worship

Church Calendar: Stay up-to-date on everything that's happening at UIC.

www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/calendar

Online Giving: www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/giving/

Newsletter Archive: Read current and past newsletters.

www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/newsletter

Facebook Page:

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Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/groups/UICLC/

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