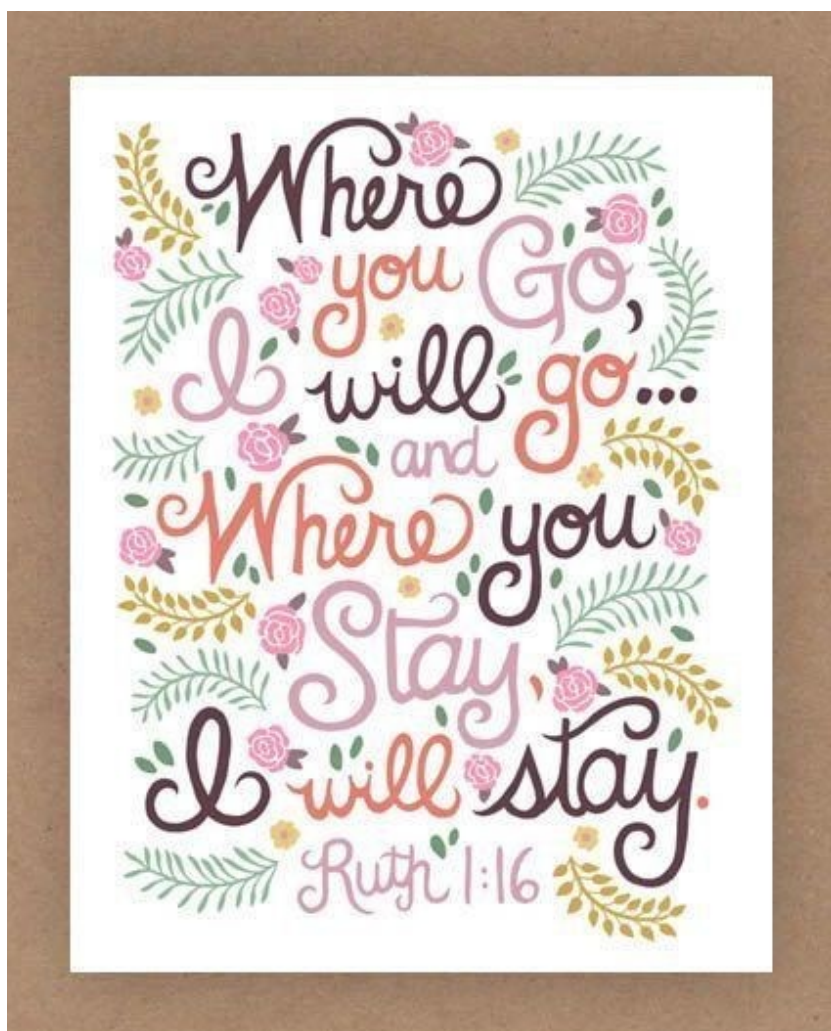




May 2025 NEWSLETTER



UNITED IN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

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www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/worship/

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

Michelle Shearer.....	President	2 nd term, ends 12/2027
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Kathy Arndt.....	Treasurer	2 nd term, ends 12/2027
Ruby Baker.....	Secretary	1 st term, ends 12/2027
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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 2	DELIVERY FROM FOOD BANK
SUN, MAY 4	3 CHURCH TRIVIA NIGHT AT MLC OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING ORGANVILLE MANOR DRIVE BEGINS
TUE, MAY 6	OAKS SENIOR CENTER WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETING
SAT, MAY 10	BABY STEPS DIAPER PANTRY
SUN. MAY 11	MOTHER'S DAY PENTECOST GERANIUMS: ORDER DEADLINE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING FAITH LAB @ UIC
TUE, MAY 13	LUTHERAN DAY IN THE CAPITOL OFFICE CLOSED
WED, MAY. 14	THEOLOGY ON TAP
MON. MAY 19	JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
TUE, MAY 20	ELECTION DAY FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVED COUNCIL MEETING
SUN, MAY 25	ORGANVILLE MANOR DRIVE ENDS
MON, MAY 26	MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED
WED, MAY 28	THEOLOGY ON TAP

FROM THE PASTOR



Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: For your sake I will send to Babylon and break down all the bars, and the shouting of the Chaldeans will be turned to lamentation. I am the LORD, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King. Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Isaiah 43:14-21

Dear United In Christ,

As I write this, the trees on our street have been blooming for about a week now. I didn't notice it last year after we moved into our new house, but this year I've really taken count of the wide array of color that splashes across our street from the various flowering trees in our neighbors' yards. The bright whites, the yellow-greens, and the various shades of pink have been a truly delightful sight of new life that has welcomed us every time we have returned home this Spring! Admittedly, I don't know a single one of these from any other, I just know that they all cause me to sneeze just the same! Regardless, their spontaneously display of splendor has been captivating!

These springtime sights seem to preaching the reality of God's new life moving into the world in this Easter season. "I am about to do a new thing," God says through the prophet Isaiah, "now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" It's hard to miss the dazzling arboreal displays, after all! We take delight in these signs of God's continued care of creation blooming forth around us! We cherish these sights as showing to us God's continued presence and beauty springing forth into this world!

But I fear that we oftentimes find ourselves *only* looking for God's spontaneous sights. We ask God to show us a sign of God's care that defies our explanation. We pray for God's intervention of life in a world that seems set on its destructive and death-dealing ways. We long for God to do a new thing and then we sit back with our binoculars simply trying to see it happen. But maybe not every new thing – maybe not every movement of new life – is so *spontaneous*.

As I write this, I am right now sitting on the back porch watching our neighbor across the yard delicately spraying something around his flower beds. He's got about four of these landscaping displays across the yard and they are kept in gorgeous shape. He keeps them meticulously maintained, making sure they are on a proper watering schedule, making sure they are pruned to an appropriate degree, and apparently defending their well-being with whatever it is he has in that spray can he's using right now.

See, I sometimes wonder if we spend so much time looking for God to simply manifest new life in our midst that we lose track of the ways in which God might be calling *us* to help spring it forth. Perhaps God is using *us* to do the new thing that God envisions, if only we can perceive it! It might just be that God is calling us to bear new life for the sake of this straining world by stepping where God parts the chaos for the clarion call of dry ground; by offering drink in the parched places of the earth; by

breaking down the bars of oppression and captivity; *by forgetting the former things and embracing the new thing to which God is calling us.*

Perhaps this new life that God issues doesn't only spring forth in spontaneity like the trees giving me spring fever, but also needs diligent, humble, and careful cultivation like my neighbor's landscaping. Perhaps we are being called to tend to God's new thing of life in and for this world. Perhaps the way that God is making is one to which we are being drawn into service in order to establish and maintain with the fullness of our attention. Maybe we become stewards of the new thing that God is doing in this world!

This month we have an awesome opportunity to be a part of that process in real time. On May 13th, we will be gathering with Lutherans from across the state for the annual Lutheran Day in the Capitol sponsored by Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMPa). The theme verse for this year's gathering is Isaiah 43:19 ("Behold, I am doing a new thing!"). It seems vastly appropriate as the diligent and careful work we will set ourselves to that day will be in advocating for the continued care of our neighbors and God's creation. In a world where it becomes routine to lose sight of those whose needs go silently unnoticed and where our demands for more regularly leave entire landscapes to waste, it is good to be called into God's new thing.

As stewards of our corners of God's kingdom, it seems fitting that we should set ourselves to such diligent caretaking by advocating for such needs with our local representatives. If you have not been able to attend a Lutheran Day in the Capitol in the past, I hope you will take this year's opportunity to join us! Since I have had the privilege to serve on LAMPa's Policy Council for the past two years I have been inspired by the continued cultivation of care that this ministry has set itself towards and trust that you may be too! Read on for more details on how to join!

In the meantime, may this month and this season continue to draw us into the new things God is doing. May we be inspired by the new life seeming to burst forth around us in this Easter season. May we also commit ourselves to the careful diligence of cultivating such new life in the places of our own care. In so doing, may we see a fuller glimpse of God's continued care for this world in and through you!

Yours, united in Christ,

~ Pastor Justin

**TRIVIA
NIGHT**

PRIZES | FUN GAME | DINNER

**4
MAY**

Start at 5:00pm
1125 Mahoning St. Milton, PA
17847

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Lutheran Church

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Lutheran Church

Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Lewisburg, Pa

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the care package and Valentine's Day cards I received from the congregation. It was such a wonderful surprise and I'm so appreciative and grateful for the support the church shows its college students.

Thank you again so much,
Grant Rowe

To all the member of UIC, A big Thank You for your prayers and words of encouragement while Bob was in the hospital. Thank you to Pastor Justin for his visits and thank you to the workers in the kitchen for saving two OAKS meals for us.

We wish a blessed Easter to you all,
Bob and Carol Troxell

Dear Meals from the Heart Volunteers,

In honor of Volunteers Appreciation Week, we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude for the incredible impact you've made through your service to the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House of Danville. Your dedication to providing warm, nourishing meals is a gift that goes far beyond food-it's an offering of comfort, kindness, and love during what can be an incredibly difficult time for so many.

Each meal you prepare, serve, and share bring families not just the sustenance they need but also the reassurance that they are not alone. The care and effort you put into your volunteer work creates a sense of normalcy and hope for families facing overwhelming challenges.

Your selflessness helps us build a community where families can focus on what truly matters-the health and well-being of their children-while

we take care of the rest. Whether you're planning a menu, preparing meals, or organizing a meal group, your contribution is invaluable.

Thank you for the time, your compassion, and your unwavering commitment to the Ronald McDonald House mission. We are truly grateful for your hard work and the difference you make every day. This week, we celebrate YOU-our meal volunteers who bring not just food, but warmth and a sense of community to the families we serve.

With heartfelt appreciation,

The Ronald McDonald House of Danville

Thank you to all who donated candy, stuffed plastic eggs with candy and toys, and brought kids out to our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We were able to fill over 1,100 eggs with the donations. There were almost 100 kids at the event. In addition, with the help of Michelle Shearer's Thrivent Action Team Grant, we were able to have 30 nice prizes to give away.

~ Outreach Committee

A promotional poster for the Buffalo Valley Faith Lab. The title "BUFFALO VALLEY FAITH LAB" is prominently displayed in bold, dark blue letters. Below the title, there is a large white cross with radiating lines, surrounded by colorful gears and a bar chart. A QR code is located in the upper right corner. The text "Second Sunday of the Month 4:00pm-6:00pm" and "Free family dinner!" is written in a bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom, it says "You're invited to the launch of a new monthly family faith formation program!" and lists the sponsors: United In Christ Lutheran Church, Milton Lutheran Church, and United In Christ Lutheran Church.

**BUFFALO VALLEY
FAITH LAB**



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

Free family dinner!

Sponsored by:

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

Next FAITH LAB will be on Sunday, May 11th at United In Christ.



OAKS

SENIOR CENTER

Tuesday, May 6th

10:00 am Doors Open

10:30 am Free Bingo with Prizes

11:30 am Name That Tune!

12:00 pm Free Lunch



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

United In Christ Lutheran Church

1875 Churches Road, Lewisburg ~ 570-568-2254

UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

PRAYER REQUESTS: Family of Louella Swanger, Tina Snyder, Samantha Caris, Cheryl Koons, Chad Cromwell, Ted McPherrin, Scott Beaver, Bob Troxell, Eugene Bain, Annette Baker, Carol Troxell, 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 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.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25
Worship Leader	Justin	Katy	Justin	Michelle
Social Hour	A - D	E - K	L - R	S - Z
Bread/Wine	S. Keifer	J. Mertz	M. Shearer	K. Sprenkle
Altar Guild	S. Keifer	ML Keifer	M. Catherman	B. Guffey
Digital Host	M. Shearer	B. Guffey	D. Murphy	T. Cromwell
Front Door Greeter	D. Byerly	D. Gottlieb	ML Keifer	M. Ketchem
	J. Byerly	G. Glathar	K. Guffey	R. Whitesel
Side Door Greeter	G. Weiser	R. Kling	K. Noll	L. Rabuck
Lector	B. Catherman	D. Davies	B. Guffey	D. Murphy
Ushers	A. Stark	D. Baker	T. Cromwell	L. Rabuck
	K. Olds	K. Baker	R. Kling	B. Swartz
	L. Olds	S. Brown	J. Mertz	T. Swartz
	L. Rabuck	M. Rabuck	M. Shearer	K. Criswell
Communion Asst.	T. Cromwell	M. Shearer	C. Robuck	ML Keifer
	R. Kling	R. Sprenkle	B. Swartz	A. Stark
Guest Relations	G. Weiser	M. Mertz	K. Noll	M. Rabuck
Offering Counter	B. Guffey	M. Rabuck	K. Guffey	L. Rabuck
	M. Shearer	C. Shreck	P. Hauck	C. Shreck

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*

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

Michelle Davies 5/12

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.

YOUTH AND FAMILY

CAMP MOUNT LUTHER SUMMER CAMP



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.



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!](https://www.myvbs.org/miltonlutheranchurches)

UNITED IN CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO

Theology on Tap

JOIN US AT RUSTY RAIL
6:00 PM ON
MAY 14TH AND 28TH



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE MONDAY, MAY 19TH

Any articles, events, photos, or thank you notes you'd like to have in the June Newsletter need to be in to the office by Monday, May 19th.

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



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



ORANGEVILLE MANOR DRIVE FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

Collecting items from
May 4 - May 25

Razors
Shaving Cream
Coffee
(Folger's or Maxwell House)
Powdered Coffee Creamer

Shampoo/Conditioner
Spray Deodorant
Body Wash
Wash Cloths
Snack Items



PLACE ITEMS IN BOX IN NARTHEX



Baby Steps DIAPER PANTRY

UPCOMING DIAPER PANTRY

May 10, 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.



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.lutheranadvocacypa.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

SAVE THE DATE



JOIN US AT

Knobels

Sunday, June 22nd @ 1pm, Pavilion C

Burgers & Dogs Provided!
Bring a side dish to share!

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.

SENIOR EXPRESS FOOD BOXES

Food boxes will be delivered to UIC by the Central Pa Food Bank on Friday, May 2nd.

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



ALTAR FLOWERS

Cost is \$35.

Flower Chart is in the Fellowship Hall. You may take your flowers home after worship.



The following dates are open to sponsor flowers for worship.
Contact Terri in the office or signup on the flower chart to sponsor flowers.

May: 4, 11, 18

June: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

July: 6, 20, 27

August: 3, 31

September: 14, 21, 28

October: 5, 19, 26

November: 2, 16, 30

December: 7, 14, 28

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:
www.facebook.com/unitedinchristlutheran

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

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



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 11th.**

Geraniums _____ x \$4.99 = \$ _____

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

NAME: *(from)* _____

IN MEMORY OF:

IN HONOR OF:

Pentecost Sunday is June 8th.

You may take your flowers home after worship.



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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

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