



November 2025 NEWSLETTER

Give **THANKS**
to the **LORD** for
HIS **GOOD** He
LOVE endures
FOREVER

Psalm 107:1

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
	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
	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

- SUN, NOV. 2** ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
FAITH LAB @ CELC
- TUE, NOV. 4** ELECTION DAY
FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVED
WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MTG.
- THU, NOV. 6** SUPPLYING GETTING AHEAD MEAL
- FRI, NOV. 7** FOOD BANK DELIVERY
- SAT, NOV. 8** BABY STEPS DIAPER PANTRY
- SUN, NOV. 9** OUTREACH COMMITTEE MTG.
- TUE, NOV. 11** OAKS SENIOR CENTER
- WED, NOV. 12** THEOLOGY ON TAP
- SUN, NOV. 16** GOD'S GLOBAL TABLE: COMMUNION
FAITH LAB @ UIC
- TUE, NOV. 18** ORANGEVILLE MANOR MEAL AND BINGO
- SUN, NOV. 23** CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- THU, NOV. 27** THANKSGIVING DAY
OFFICE CLOSED
- SUN, NOV. 30** ADVENT 1
ASSEMBLING BLESSING BAGS
- FRI, DEC. 5** CMAS CAROLING IN LEWISBURG
- SAT, DEC. 6** CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOP

FROM THE PASTOR



On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Isaiah 25:6-9

Dear United In Christ,

Take a minute to close your eyes and go to your memory of the *best* meals you've ever shared. What did they smell like? What did they taste like? What did they feel like? Who was at the table? What did they sound like?

For me, it will always be my Mom-Mom's holiday meals. The smell of turkey and rolls and potatoes and so.much.butter. wafting through the air. The taste of sugar in the corn and corn on the stuffing. The feel of a sweltering room where sweaters were kept on as a point of holiday pride. Tables linked together with folding chairs and piano benches enough to make room for *anyone* who happened to be there. The clatter of dishes and the chatter of loved ones passing platters and compliments to the chef. This is where I go every time I read this passage from Isaiah because it's hard for me to imagine a richer feast than this. It's hard to summon to mind any better place than this where the shrouds of trouble are swallowed up forever. It's hard to think of

a space more intimate where any tears shed are wiped away for a new course of gladness and rejoicing to take root.

So where is it for you? Where does that mountaintop meal live for you? As we move towards Thanksgiving at the end of this month, maybe that meal is just on the horizon and your anticipation is building! Such moments – such meals – are worth cherishing for all that they have to offer. Yet, even as those meals and those memories are bound to particular points and particular places with particular people and particular plates, the reminder offered here by the prophet is that at the table of this mountaintop meal, God enjoins *all* God's people together. This feast of salvation is set for all nations, swallowing up the shroud of death forever.

It's a great reminder as we begin this month with All Saints Sunday. This word from the prophet reminds us that in this feast that God's sets, we find our place with all of the saints who have preceded us in the faith. The ones who have now passed from our own tables share with us in the richness of this feast. The ones who will be here long after we are gone will have their own anticipatory place set for them in the company of this mountain. The table that God sets spans the generations to enjoin us each in the intimacy of God's care. Such hope is why **I hope you will join us for worship on Sunday, November 2nd** as we give thanks to God and commend to God's care those who shared our tables but have now passed while also celebrating the new lives begun with the new faces pulling up seats beside us. This All Saints service is a beautiful glimpse of the mountaintop to come.

At the same time, this call from the prophet not only draws us in to celebration, but it spurs us to action, reminding us of who shares a place at this feast even here and now. As God sets the abundance over this table, there is a reminder that our tables are linked one to another, even in the furthest corners of this world. Your kitchen and mine meet end to end, but they are also enjoined with those that have been levelled in Ukraine and in Gaza. My Mom-Mom's holiday meal is shared with your very best, but they are set beside those under fire in ration lines or

anticipating their SNAP provision. Our best dishes are connected to those scavenged out of trash bins or ladled out of soup kitchens. Realizing such a shared table, then, we are called to share more abundantly of the feast God has in store. We are called to ensure that all have a place at this table and have enough to meet their fill.

See, God's mountaintop meal draws us together right now. Where abundance meets need, where rich food meets mighty hunger, and where well-aged wine meets parched lips. This table God sets before us is one shared with people of all nations – across the globe and in our backyards. The reminder Isaiah provides, therefore, affords us the opportunity to start living in a glimpse of that mountaintop on this side of the kingdom. It provides us the chance to start acting as if we are all already sitting at the same table of God's grace and abundance where no one will hunger any longer. This reminder of our shared place at such an expansive table is also why **I hope you will join us at "God's Global Table" during worship on Sunday, November 16th** as we celebrate the width of God's table. As we are met at the table by Christ on this day, I invite you to bring some of your own bread from home to fill the table, even as we recognize its shared nature across geography and cultures with breads from around the world.

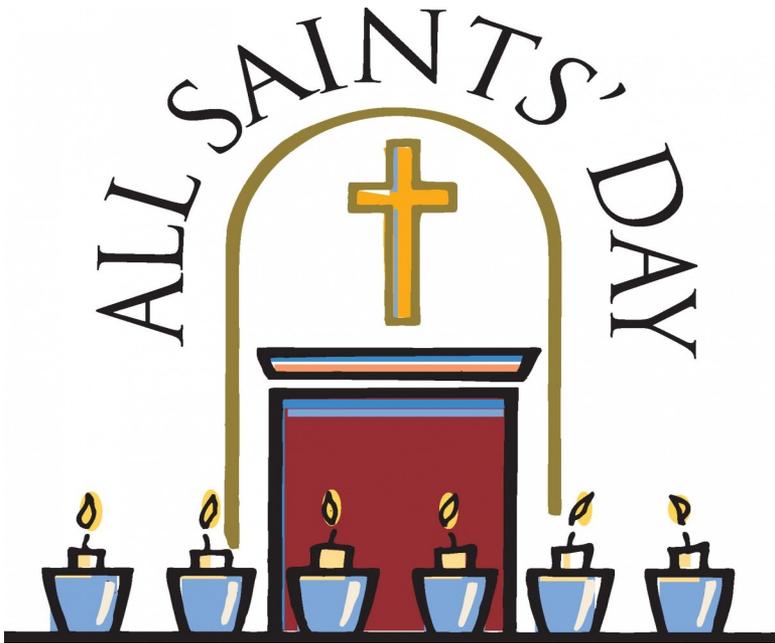
In the meantime, I'm so grateful that I get to share this table with you. May you each find your place at the richness of this feast. May you see the spaces beside you filled by loved ones both present and past. May you see the places set for those we have yet to meet. May you taste and see the goodness of the Lord uniting you to God's beloved across time and space. May you dig in with rejoicing and gladness!

Yours, united in Christ at his table,

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



Join us for worship on **Sunday, November 16th** as we celebrate the gift of God's table that unites us to our neighbors around the world! As part of this service, we will have breads from around the world to choose from during communion to help us recognize God's presence among the vast array of cultures that surround us! We invite you to bake or bring your own favorite bread from home to place on the table during worship and then share them together during a special fellowship hour following the service! See you there!



November 2, 2025

On ALL SAINTS SUNDAY we remember those who have died in the last year and those who have been born or baptized.

Family members and friends will be invited to light candles in memory of loved ones.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Any articles, events, photos, or thank you notes you'd like to have in the December Newsletter need to be in to the office by Sunday, November 23rd.

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



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

UNITED IN CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO

Theology on Tap

JOIN US AT RUSTY RAIL
6:00 PM ON
NOVEMBER 12



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

Join us for Theology on Tap! We will be meeting at Rusty Rail on November 12th. 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 Pastor Katy.

Rusty Rail Brewing
5 North 8th Street, Mifflinburg



YOU'RE INVITED!

CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, December 6 | 3:00PM
United In Christ Lutheran Church
1875 Churches Road, Lewisburg, PA



Sponsored by:



Crafts! Cocoa! Cookies! Carols!



We are looking for people to host a Christmas craft at this year's Christmas Craft Workshop. Please add your name to the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall if you would like to host a craft.



The church office will be closed beginning Thursday, November 27th, and will reopen on Tuesday, December 2nd.



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.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	Nov. 2	Nov. 9	Nov. 16	Nov. 23	Nov. 30
Worship Leader	Justin	Katy	Justin	Justin	Justin
Social Hour	S - Z	A - D	God's Global Table	E - K	L - R
Bread/Wine	M. Catherman	R. Baker	Everyone	D. Byerly	K. Criswell
Altar Guild	ML Keifer	B. Guffey	T. Cromwell	K. Guffey	S. Keifer
Digital Host	M. Shearer	D. Murphy	B. Guffey	T. Cromwell	K. Guffey
Front Door Greeter	C. Robuck D. Robuck	B. Swartz T. Swartz	Catherman Family	D. Byerly J. Byerly	K. Baker S. Brown
Side Door Greeter	R. Stitzel	B. Keifer	G. Weiser	K. Guffey	ML Keifer
Lector	V. Tyrell	B. Catherman	D. Murphy	B. Guffey	J. Rutt
Ushers	K. Criswell T. Cromwell R. Kling S. McPherrin	T. McPherrin J. Mertz L. Rabuck M. Rabuck	M. Shearer B. Swartz T. Swartz K. Arndt	D. Baker K. Baker S. Brown K. Criswell	B. Guffey R. Kling S. McPherrin T. McPherrin
Communion Asst.	S. Weiser B. Catherman	D. Baker T. Cromwell	ML Keifer R. Kling	D. Murphy T. McPherrin	C. Robuck M. Shearer
Guest Relations	G. Weiser	T. McPherrin	M. Mertz	K. Noll	M. Rabuck
Offering Counter	M. Shearer R. Baker	L. Rabuck J. Rutt	K. Guffey R. Stitzel	P. Hauck T. Stitzel	M. Rabuck B. 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.

UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

PRAYER REQUESTS: Emma, Dan McDavitt, Rick Diamond, Bert Keefer, Sam Rice Jr., Pam Packer, Penny Golder, Connie Shreck, Vicki Bowersox, family and friends of Rick Guffey, Bertie Danowsky, Patrick Moseley, Gigi Pray, Ted McPherrin, Bob Troxell, Eugene Bain, Annette Baker, Mark Rabuck, Shirley Russell, Bob Keifer.

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.

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, be sure you tell her if you would like phone calls or emails.

SENIOR EXPRESS FOOD BOXES

Food boxes will be delivered to UIC by the Central Pa Food Bank on Friday, November 7th.

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





OAKS

SENIOR CENTER

Tuesday, November 11

10:00 am Doors Open

10:30 am Free Bingo with Prizes

11:30 am Red Cross presentation
on preparing a GO BAG

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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1875 Churches Road, Lewisburg ~ 570-568-2254

**BUFFALO VALLEY
FAITH LAB**

Scan to sign up!

1st and 3rd Sundays of the Month
4:30pm-6:30pm
September-May
Grades K-6
Free family dinner!

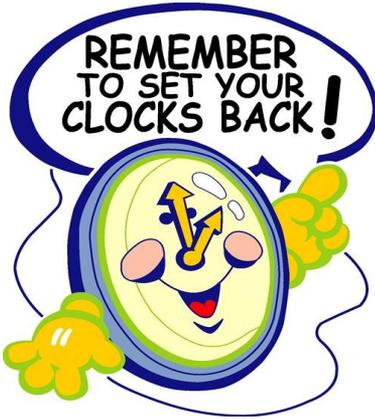
1st Sunday @ Christ's Lutheran
100 S. 3rd Street
Lewisburg, PA 17837

3rd Sunday @ United In Christ
1875 Churches Rd.
Lewisburg, PA 17837

Join us for our family-focused faith formation experience. We will be gather every first and third Sunday of the month; first Sundays will be at Christ's Lutheran in Lewisburg and third Sundays here at UIC! The experience has something for all kids from K-6 as well as adult formation to accompany the lessons the kids are learning! Plus, each gathering ends with a free meal!

Don't have kids in the age group but still want to help the program?

We need people to host the meal portion of one of the monthly gatherings here at UIC! We'd love to have your help along the way! Please see the signup sheet in the fellowship hall.



Before you go to bed on Saturday, November 1st, turn your clocks back 1 hour or you'll be early for church!!

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ORANGEVILLE MANOR DRIVE FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

Collecting items from
November 2 - November 16

Razors	Shampoo/Conditioner
Shaving Cream	Spray Deodorant
Coffee	Body Wash
(Folger's or Maxwell House)	Wash Cloths
Powdered Coffee Creamer	Snack Items

PLACE ITEMS IN BOX IN NARTHEX



UIC will be taking all donations to Orangeville on Tuesday November 18th. We will also be playing Bingo and providing lunch for the residents. If you would like to come along please sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

On Saturday, October 18th UIC, CELC, and MLC hosted a Trunk-or-Treat. We hosted over 525!! We passed out treats to 257 children this year. They enjoyed picture opportunities, hot dogs, popcorn, cookies, ice pops and water under the pavilion. This year's trunk or treat winner was Puppy Love by Cindy Trapini from MLC .

CONGREGATION MEETING

We are currently 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 or Pastor Justin.



On **Sunday, November 23rd** we will **hold our annual congregational meeting**. At the meeting we will vote on the 2026 spending plan proposal and elect council members. The meeting will take place immediately following worship service. All members are encouraged to attend.

The 2026 spending plan proposal can be found in the fellowship hall on the bulletin board.



Baby Steps DIAPER PANTRY

UPCOMING DIAPER PANTRY

November 8, 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 Watsonstown.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Cost is \$35.

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



Milton Lutheran Church's Empty Bowl Dinner

An all you can eat dinner with a variety of soups, breads, and desserts.

Saturday, November 15, 2025

from 4:00 pm- 6:00 pm

1125 Mahoning Street, Milton, PA 17847

Phone: 570-742-4601

Proceeds benefitting the Milton Panther Packs Program

Guest Speaker: Susan Bastian @5:30pm

Raffle Baskets Available

Minimum Donation: \$10.00



Milton Lutheran Church will be hosting an Empty Bowl Dinner (all you can eat soup, breads, and desserts) to help raise money for the Milton Panther Packs program. The event will take place on Saturday, November 15th from 4:00-6:00 at Milton Lutheran Church, with guest speaker, Susan Bastian, at 5:30 discussing food insecurity in our neighborhood. Tickets are \$10 each and raffle baskets will be available.

PRAYER CHAIN

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.

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VOTE

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Visit www.vote411.org to register to vote or check your registration. You can also find out what will be on your ballot.

SOCIAL HOUR AFTER WORSHIP



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 during Social Hour.

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.



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.

UIC COMMITTEES

FELLOWSHIP: Al Stark(c), Kathy Arndt, Kathy Guffey

FINANCE: Kathy Arndt(c), Karen Baker, Jared Rutt

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

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

OUTREACH: Michelle Shearer(c), Heather Allegar, Kathy Arndt, Ruby Baker, Sherry Bingaman, Kathy Guffey, Al Stark

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

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

SENIOR EXPRESS: Sherry Bingaman(c), Ruby Baker, Ted and Shirley McPherrin, Rowe Family, Michelle Shearer, Bob and Trudy Swartz, Warren Shipe

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





CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Dedicate a poinsettia by submitting an order form, along with payment, **no later than Sunday, November 23rd.**

COST IS \$7.00

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

Please print clearly and write what you want listed in the bulletin.

Given By: _____

Number of Poinsettias I'd like to purchase: _____

List below the names of those your poinsettias will be purchased in memory or honor of.

IN MEMORY OF:

IN HONOR OF:

Will you be taking your poinsettia home after worship on the 28th?

_____ NO _____ YES

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