



April 2026 NEWSLETTER



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Ruby Baker.....	President	1 st term, ends 12/2027
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Kristie Koch.....		1 st term, ends 12/2026
Gwen Murphy.....		1 st term, ends 12/2028
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

THU, APR. 2	MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP
FRI, APR. 3	PREPPING PLASTIC EGGS FOR HUNT DELIVERY FROM FOOD BANK GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP
SAT, APR. 4	COMMUNITY EGG HUNT
SUN, APR. 5	EASTER SUNDAY SUNRISE SERVICE EASTER BREAKFAST
MON, APR. 6	OFFICE CLOSED
TUE, APR. 7	WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MTG.
SAT, APR. 11	BABY STEPS DIAPER PANTRY
SUN. APR. 12	OUTREACH COMMITTEE MTG.
TUE, APR. 14	OAKS SENIOR CENTER
WED, APR. 15	THEOLOGY ON TAP
SUN, APR. 19	FAITH LAB @ UIC
MON, APR. 20	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE LUTHERAN DAY IN THE CAPITOL
TUE, APR. 21	COUNCIL MEETING
TUE, APR. 28	PACKING FOOD BOXES AT THE FOOD BANK
WED, APR. 29	THEOLOGY ON TAP
FRI, MAY 1	DEADLINE FOR RICH HUFF SCHOLARSHIPS

FROM THE PASTOR



But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. . . You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.”

Acts 2:12, 22-24

Dear United In Christ,

Imagine Peter’s journey for a moment. One day you decide to leave behind the world you know to follow in the footsteps of an itinerant preacher who has captured your hopes about God’s kingdom. You watch as he engages in the miraculous – feeding thousands from meager portions, restoring the sick and the occupied, walking across the face of the waters. You are privileged to bear witness to the emphatic exclamation point on his holy stature by seeing him transfigured in dazzling array high on the mountain alongside the great figures your ancestors’ faith.

But then you follow as the powers that be work to put an end to your teacher’s work and ministry. You watch as one of your friends ultimately conspires in an unholy alliance of religious authorities and the occupying forces to have him turned over to governmental authorities and executed in humiliating fashion by

the state. In the midst of that turmoil – whether due to fear or embarrassment – you yourself end up denying your teacher in an attempt to create some distance from the increasingly violent situation. The entire saga is full of tumult and heartache. Your world – the world you traded your livelihood for – is turned on end and it seems your hopes are dashed to the ground as this teacher is crucified in gruesome public display.

Then lo and behold, just a few days after your his burial, your teacher is brought forth again from the dead! The empty tomb from which he emerges serves as the ultimate affirmation of what you had heard the voice from on high declare: that this was indeed God’s Son, the Beloved! After seeing all of the atrocity of the preceding days, here was the moment on which all hope was vindicated! God’s chosen had triumphed over the very powers of death and destruction in the world.

Surely these days must have reshaped the ways in which Peter understood *everything* about the world. Yet, in light of this new life where one might expect the risen Messiah to now go and finish the job and get revenge on those who had done him harm, here Peter continues to see the simple insistence of life take root among the people. Surely this must have led him to the clear and simple conclusion: *when humanity summons its worst, God shows up with God’s best*. Where the authorities wanted to silence what God was doing, the good news proved uncontainable. Where the crowds shouted out to crucify this Christ, he responded to simply say “forgive them.” Where Jesus was offered betrayal on the lips of Peter and at the kiss of Judas, he shows up with faithfulness. Where the soldiers mocked him for his identity, he used his reign to offer grace and a place in paradise with the one hanging beside him. Over and over in this journey, this Christ showed the beauty of God’s faithfulness in the face of the ugliness summoned against him.

And in the end, despite humanity bringing forth all of the worst it had to offer in its death-dealing ways, it was impossible for God to be held in death’s power.

It is this turn upon which Peter stakes his claim here in Acts. As he preaches to the gathered, he reminds them that despite all of the worst that they brought to the table, the risen Christ arose to offer God's best. Here is what Martin Luther would later call the happy exchange: that God takes our worst proclivities all the way to the cross and instead returns the redemptive life of God's kingdom in the risen Christ. In short, God takes our worst and returns to us God's best! It's good news of great joy that in turn causes so many to turn to the path of discipleship pioneered by the risen Jesus they had known!

As we move into this Easter season this month, ours is now a call to live into this same exchange. In those moments where we recognize our need to die to our worst intent and actions, we find our lives being made new in the risen Christ. The task set before us, then, is to live fully in the wake of resurrection life. In light of Jesus' rising from the dead, our challenge is to defy the death-dealing ways of the world. Bearing the name of the risen Christ, our task is to insist on new life where the claws of death are straining to hold on to power.

In this season ahead, I hope that you may find this exchange of new life taking root for you! I hope that you find it taking root *through* you for the sake of this world that God so loves. I hope that when you see the worst of our own inclinations, you may speak with the voice of the risen Christ insisting on the new life of God's grace and mercy in this world. I hope that in those places when you feel the weight of the world's death-dealing ways, you find shelter in the God who freed Christ from death, "because it was impossible for him to be held in its power." Go with this new life in your midst!

Yours, united in the risen 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.



CITIZENS WITH THE SAINTS

April 20, 2026

Kelly Latimore Icons



Lutheran Day in the Capitol

In a time of turbulence in our nation and around the world — with consequences that threaten our neighbors, our democracy and our common home — what does it mean to show up as church together for the sake of the world God loves? Join us on Monday, April 20, for a day of learning, community-building, inspiration, and advocacy. Gather with advocates from across the Commonwealth to be grounded in our faith and equipped to act together on issues that make a difference to the wellbeing of all. For decades, this has been known as Lutheran Day in the Capitol. This year we are leaning into a call to equip all disciples to act for justice and peace — building more welcoming communities and a more resilient Commonwealth.

To learn more and register please visit:

www.lutheranadvocacypa.org/about/citizens-with-the-saints/



Monday April 6th

UIC's office will be closed
the day after Easter.



We need donations of candy,
please no chocolate because they melt in the eggs.

Come on out and help us fill the eggs on
Friday, April 3 at 9:00am in the fellowship hall.



Please signup at church or let Terri in the office know you are attending so we know how many people will be there.



UNITED IN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Holy Week Worship

JOIN US AS WE JOURNEY THROUGH DEATH INTO LIFE

MAUNDY THURSDAY: 4/2 ~ 6:30PM

GOOD FRIDAY: 4/3 ~ 6:30PM

EASTER SUNRISE: 4/5 ~ 6:30AM

EASTER SUNDAY: 4/5 ~ 10:00AM

EVERY SUNDAY AT 10AM · 1875 CHURCHES ROAD, LEWISBURG

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.

THANK YOU

On behalf of Baby Steps Diaper Pantry, we sincerely thank all of our members who generously contributed during and after the Raise the Region event in March. Your support allows us to continue serving families in need, and we are currently working to restock our diaper supply.

We often run low on sizes 4, 5, and 6, so donations in those sizes are especially appreciated. Contributions of any kind are always welcome and make a meaningful difference in our community.

Thank you again for your continued kindness and support.

Sincerely,
Jane Mertz



ALTAR FLOWERS

Cost is \$35.

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





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



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

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	April 2	April 3	April 5
Worship Leader	Justin	Justin	Justin
Social Hour			
Bread/Wine	J. Mertz (wine only)		M. Shearer K. Sprenkle
Altar Guild	T. Cromwell		K. Guffey
Digital Host	T. Cromwell	K. Guffey	B. Guffey
Front Door Greeter	K. Guffey ML Keifer	B. Swartz T. Swartz	C. Robuck D. Robuck
Side Door Greeter	R. Kling	T. McPherrin	B. Keifer
Lector	B. Swartz		T. McPherrin
Ushers	K. Criswell D. Baker K. Baker T. Swartz		K. Arndt T. Cromwell T. McPherrin S. McPherrin
Communion Asst.	T. McPherrin C. Robuck		M. Shearer R. Sprenkle T. Cromwell (helper)
Guest Relations			B. Troxell
Offering Counter	R. Baker M. Shearer	J. Rutt K. Guffey	T. Stitzel 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.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	April 12	April 19	April 26
Worship Leader	Justin	Katy	Justin
Social Hour	S - Z	A - D	E - K
Bread/Wine	S. Weiser	R. Baker	M. Catherman
Altar Guild	ML Keifer	S. Keifer	M. Catherman
Digital Host	D. Murphy	T. Cromwell	M. Shearer
Front Door Greeter	K. Baker T. Swartz	Catherman Family	K. Guffey R. Kling
Side Door Greeter	G. Weiser	R. Baker	K. Noll
Lector	B. Guffey	D. Murphy	J. Rutt
Ushers	B. Guffey R. Kling J. Mertz M. Shearer	B. Swartz T. Swartz B. Troxell K. Arndt	D. Baker K. Baker K. Criswell J. Mertz
Communion Asst.	B. Swartz T. Cromwell	S. Weiser B. Catherman	D. Davies ML Keifer
Guest Relations	G. Weiser	T. McPherrin	M. Mertz
Offering Counter	P. Hauck J. Rutt	K. Guffey P. Hauck	M. Shearer C. Shreck

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UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

PRAYER REQUESTS: Everly Nace, Family and friends of Rebecca (Hauck) Guffey, Cheryl Stiber, Brandon Wirth, Judy Rishel, Mark Rabuck, Jayne, Patrick Moseley, Bob Troxell, Eugene Bain, Annette Baker, 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. Make sure you tell her if you would like a phone call or an email.

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.



Baby Steps DIAPER PANTRY

UPCOMING DIAPER PANTRY

April 11, 2026 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.

RICH HUFF FUND SCHOLARSHIPS

The Rich Huff Fund of United In Christ Lutheran Church will be awarding two, \$500 Rich Huff Memorial Scholarship in spring.

Students must be current high school seniors residing in the Lewisburg, Meadowbrook, Mifflinburg, Milton, or Warrior Run school districts. 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

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.

Deadline is May 1, 2026

**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 on Sunday, Sunday, April 19th at UIC. We will not be meeting on the 1st Sunday of April as that is Easter.

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?

Join us for our Adult roundtable while the kids are in their group!

Outreach



UIC will be heading up to Williamsport to pack food boxes. If you would like to help please add your name to the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall or let Terri in the office know.



OAKS SENIOR CENTER

Free
Lunch

Tuesday, April 14

10:00am - 1:00pm

OAKS Senior Center is free.
Everyone is welcome to join us!

Free
Bingo

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SENIOR EXPRESS FOOD BOXES

Food boxes will be delivered to UIC
by the Central Pa Food Bank on Friday, April 3rd.

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



UNITED IN CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO

Theology on Tap

JOIN US AT RUSTY RAIL
6:00 PM ON
APRIL 15 AND 29



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 April 15 and 29. 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



We took a break during Lent but now we're back!!

SUMMER DAY CAMP CRAFT SUPPLIES

I know its early- but those of you who know me, know I love to plan. So I am planning the crafts for our summer day camp in July. The past few years, we have hosted a day camp in conjunction with CELC and MLC. We are assisted in this by Camp Mt Luther summer staff and we use their summer curriculum. This year the theme is *"Wear God's Love"*. For one of the crafts, I am thinking about painting t-shirts with pictures/messages of God's love. Right now, all I need is cereal boxes. Yes- cereal boxes. If you eat cereal, please bring the empty box(es) in. They can be folded down I will cut the large panels and use them to place inside the t-shirts as we paint them, so the paint doesn't go all the way through. Please place them in Terri's office on the counter.

Either May or June, I will have the official craft supply list up for donations, but for now, cereal boxes is what I am looking for.

Thanks! Sherry

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE MONDAY, APRIL 20

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 20.

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

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 2026 Summer Booklet can be found here on their website.

www.campmountluther.org/summer-camp/

If you have any questions, please see Pastor Justin.

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.

Use our partner
number when you
donate to
CommunityAid!

#30192



Every donation using our
partner number supports
ministries at UIC!

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.

UIC COMMITTEES

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, Gwen Murphy, 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, Garrett Glathar, Ted and Shirley McPherrin, Rowe Family, Michelle Shearer, Bob and Trudy Swartz, Warren Shipe

WORSHIP & MUSIC: Pastor Justin(c), Terri Cromwell, Marilyn Gresh, Sue Keifer, Rosemary Kling, Connie Shreck, Sharon Weiser



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