



May 2026 NEWSLETTER



UNITED IN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

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www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/worship/

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ruby Baker.....	President	1 st term, ends 12/2027
Beth Guffey.....	Vice President	1 st term, ends 12/2027
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Ken Criswell.....		1 st term, ends 12/2026
Dave Davies.....		1 st term, ends 12/2028
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

TUE, APR. 28	PACKING FOOD BOXES AT THE FOOD BANK
WED, APR. 29	THEOLOGY ON TAP
FRI, MAY 1	DEADLINE FOR RICH HUFF SCHOLARSHIP DELIVERY FROM FOOD BANK
SUN, MAY 3	3 CHURCH TRIVIA NIGHT @ MLC
WED, MAY 6	OFFICE CLOSED
SAT, MAY 9	BABY STEPS DIAPER PANTRY
SUN, MAY 10	MOTHER'S DAY OUTREACH COMMITTEE MTG. GERANIUM ORDERING DEADLINE
TUE, MAY 12	OAKS SENIOR CENTER WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE MTG.
WED, MAY 13	THEOLOGY ON TAP
SUN, MAY 17	FAITH LAB @ UIC
MON, MAY 18	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
TUE, MAY 19	ELECTION DAY: FELLOWSHIP HALL RESV. COUNCIL MEETING
SUN, MAY 24	PENTECOST SUNDAY FAITH AND FUN SUNDAY
MON, MAY 25	MEMORIAL DAY: OFFICE CLOSED
WED, MAY 27	THEOLOGY ON TAP

FROM THE PASTOR



When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?"

Acts 2:1-8

Dear United In Christ,

You know, for a bunch of Lutherans, I feel like you are pretty pentecostal. Don't get me wrong, I don't mean the waving-your-hands-in-the-air type or the "can I get an amen?" type (though that might not hurt every now and again). No, I mean in the willingness-to-follow-into-the-unknown, in the go-into-new-and-untrod-spaces, in the embrace-the-unprecedented type of pentecostal. You're pentecostal in the sense that you are willing to faithfully follow the movements of the Spirit, wherever those movements might take you.

Because that's the thing about the Holy Spirit: she rarely, if ever sits still. Time and time again across the scripture, the Spirit is

seen in motion, drawing God’s people to likewise embrace that continued movement of God’s presence in the world. In the beginning, it is God’s Spirit that is fluttering across the face of the deep to move the chaos back and make room for God’s good creation (Genesis 1). It is the Spirit who moves towards Mary to draw God’s incarnate presence into the existence of that same creation (Matthew 1, Luke 1). It is the Spirit who guides Simeon into the temple to faithfully bear witness to these unexpected steps (Luke 2). It is the Spirit who drives Jesus into the wilderness to face the very human experience of temptation (Matthew 4). It’s the Spirit who drives Phillip to accompany the Ethiopian eunuch and welcome this unprecedented outsider as a faithfully baptized follower of Jesus (Acts 8). And it is of course the Spirit who, on that day of Pentecost, drives the tongues to the disciples into surprising territory, carving a path for God’s redemptive message in Christ Jesus to be heard to new ears (Acts 2).

Over and over and over again, the Spirit moves, drives, guides, and inspires new movements within God’s people. At every turn, where it seems the people might have found their own limits or boundaries on God’s presence, the Spirit pushes them to look bigger and beyond those preconceived notions. The Spirit drives God’s people to time and time again see God’s care leading them to new spaces and new faces.

This is how I think you’ve got a little pentecostal in you, UIC. In our nearly nine years together now, I don’t think I’ve ever heard or seen you let the thought-terminating refrain of “we’ve never done it like that before” get in the way of the Spirit’s movement. Over and over again, you have demonstrated to me that you embody a willingness to follow the Spirit – to be *moved* by the Spirit – to new ventures and new people. The precedence of the past has never stood as an immovable impediment to faithfully following into the Spirit’s calling future. You have faithfully fol-

lowed these movements to meet God's people in ways that, at times, others may have even scorned. In this you're in good company; after all, Peter and the disciples are slandered as being drunk for their Spirit-led movement on that day of Pentecost. And so, you continue to do so faithfully, trusting that the Spirit who has led God's people to unforeseen ventures before continues to do so now.

In this, UIC, you continue to give this pastor great hope. You give me hope that we, as God's people – we as the Church – are not stuck. You give me hope that the Spirit continues to move in this world, drawing us ever faithfully away from the patterns we've always known and closer to the patterns God has in store. You give me hope for following wherever we might move together next. Whether it is venturing toward the next neighbor, venturing off of our hilltop, venturing forward with new declarations of God's faithfulness, or venturing into new and creative expressions of God's presence in this world, I have hope that we will not stand still. Because the Spirit yet moves, we yet move together as well.

So happy Pentecost, UIC! Let's get moving!

Yours, united In 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 "Pastor Justin".



CITIZENS WITH THE SAINTS

April 20, 2026

Kelly Latimore Icons



Lutheran Day in the Capitol



The office will be closed on...

Wednesday, May 6

(open on Friday, May 8)

and

Monday, May 25



Join the fun in worship on **Sunday, May 24th** as we feel the Spirit with Faith and Fun Pentecost! This service is designed with our kids in mind as we get them up and active while interacting with the scripture assigned for the day!

This month, the kids will be wrapped up in the movements of the Spirit that continues to light a fire for God's people! We hope to see you there!

~ Justin

PENTECOST GERANIUMS

ORDER DEADLINE MAY 10

\$4.75
EACH



Order forms are on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.
Please have your orders in by Sunday, May 10.

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

Dear United In Christ Lutheran Church

Wow! What a wonderful surprise. Thank you for helping make this work possible! Thank you for your gift of \$680 on 2/24/26 to DIG Furniture Bank. Because of you, families in our community are not just moving into housing - they are creating homes with dignity, stability, and the ability to truly thrive.

One of our volunteers recently shared a moment that reflects why your support matters so deeply. During an intake call, she spoke with a mother who had fled an abusive home with nothing. While discussing beds, the mother focused only on her children, insisting she didn't need one herself. Our volunteer gently reminded her that she deserved a bed too. That her rest and comfort mattered. In that moment, dignity was restored.

This is the DIG difference. Because of the generosity of our community, clients aren't simply given what's available, or have to opt for scarcity. They are invited to choose what will help their families feel whole, comfortable, and at home for the long-term. Your donation makes moments like this possible.

With sincere thanks for your partnership in this work,
Emily Gorski
Found and Executive Director



Thank you to the generous, thoughtful, and collaborative congregations of United In Christ Lutheran Church, Milton Lutheran Church, and Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church for helping us with our much-needed restock of bedding! We're over the moon and so very grateful.

~ DIG Furniture Bank



HAPPY *Anniversary*

Elwood and Sandra Brown 5/1/04

Dave and Karen Baker 5/2/81

Vicky and Daryl Tyrell 5/19/12

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

Will Tyrell 5/19

DeLayne Baker 5/22

Becky Carl 5/23

Nancy Walter 5/23

Judy Rishel 5/27

Emmalene Koch 5/28

Emily Haussmann 5/29

BJ Koch 5/29

Kodakyan Olds 5/30

Adelaide Koch 5/31



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

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
Worship Leader	Justin	Katy	Justin	Justin	Katy
Social Hour	L - R	S - Z	A - D	E - K	L - R
Bread/Wine	K. Criswell	K. Guffey	S. Keifer	S. McPherrin	J. Mertz
Altar Guild	T. Cromwell	B. Guffey	K. Guffey	S. Keifer	ML Keifer
Digital Host	K. Guffey	T. Cromwell	B. Guffey	D. Murphy	M. Shearer
Front Door Greeter	C. Robuck D. Robuck	B. Swartz T. Swartz	ML Keifer T. McPherrin	Catherman Family	K. Baker K. Guffey
Side Door Greeter	G. Weiser	R. Kling	K. Noll	B. Keifer	R. Stitzel
Lector	M. Shearer	V. Tyrell	B. Swartz	J. Rutt	H. Allegar
Ushers	T. Cromwell M. Shearer R. Kling S. McPherrin	T. McPherrin J. Mertz B. Guffey B. Swartz	T. Swartz B. Troxell K. Arndt D. Baker	K. Baker K. Criswell T. Cromwell B. Guffey	R. Kling S. McPherrin T. McPherrin J. Mertz
Communion Asst.	R. Kling T. McPherrin	C. Robuck M. Shearer	B. Swartz S. Weiser	R. Sprengle B. Catherman	D. Baker ML Keifer
Guest Relations	K. Noll	B. Troxell	G. Weiser	T. McPherrin	M. Mertz
Offering Counter	K. Guffey J. Rutt	P. Hauck R. Baker	M. Shearer T. Stitzel	B. Guffey C. Shreck	K. Guffey T. Stitzel

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: Dora Funk, BJ Koch, Family and friends of Rebecca (Hauck) Guffey, Cheryl Stiber, Brandon Wirth, Mark Rabuck, Jayne, Gigi Pray, 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.



Through Lent UIC, MLC, and CELC gathered donations of sheets, pillows and pillow cases, blankets, and mattress covers. Here is the result of 3 churches coming together to support our community partner, DIG Furniture Bank in Milton, ensuring a good nights' sleep for our neighbors. Amazing!!!



**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, May 17th at UIC.

Please take note that on the 1st Sunday of the month we will not be meeting at CELC. Instead, please join us for a fun evening, 3 Church Trivia Night at MLC!

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

SENIOR EXPRESS FOOD BOXES

Food boxes will be delivered to UIC
by the Central Pa Food Bank on Friday, May 1st.



Baby Steps DIAPER PANTRY

UPCOMING DIAPER PANTRY

May 9, 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 Watsontown.



Filling eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt



Lined up and ready to hunt for Easter eggs!

TRIVIA NIGHT

PRIZES | FUN GAME | DINNER

3
MAY

Start at 4:30pm
1125 Mahoning St. Milton, PA
17847



OAKS SENIOR CENTER

Tuesday, May 12
10:00am - 1:00pm

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

United In Christ Lutheran Church

Free Lunch

Free Bingo

1875 Churches Road, Lewisburg ~ 570-568-2254

UNITED IN CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO

Theology on Tap

JOIN US AT RUSTY RAIL
6:00 PM ON
MAY 13 AND 27



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 May 13th and 27th. 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



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE MONDAY, MAY 18

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 18.

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



ALTAR FLOWERS

Cost is \$35.

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





Annual Work Day

*We need your help!
Together, let's
spruce up camp for
the summer.*

**RSVP by
May 11**



**May 16
9 AM to 1 PM
LUNCH PROVIDED**

Join Camp Mount Luther for Work Day on Saturday, May 16th beginning at 9 am to get camp ready for summer!

There will be projects for all ages and abilities.

Be sure to register at the link below to RSVP for you/your family and be included in the lunch count. For additional information call 570-922-1587 or email cml@campmountluther.org.

You can signup online, please visit
www.campmountluther.campbrainregistration.com/

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ministries at UIC!

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.

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, Janine and 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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