



# July 2026 NEWSLETTER

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“For Nothing  
is  
impossible  
With  
God.”

LUKE 1:37

# UNITED IN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

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### COUNCIL MEMBERS

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Ruby Baker.....President</b>       | 1 <sup>st</sup> term, ends 12/2027 |
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| <b>Kristie Koch.....</b>              | 1 <sup>st</sup> term, ends 12/2026 |
| <b>Gwen Murphy.....</b>               | 1 <sup>st</sup> term, ends 12/2028 |

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

|                     |                                                                             |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>SAT, JUL. 4</b>  | <b>UNITED STATES TURNS 250!!</b>                                            |
| <b>MON, JUL. 6</b>  | <b>OFFICE CLOSED FOR JULY 4TH HOLIDAY</b>                                   |
| <b>TUE, JUL. 7</b>  | <b>WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE MTG.</b>                                     |
| <b>FRI, JUL. 10</b> | <b>FOOD BANK DELIVERY</b>                                                   |
| <b>SAT, JUL. 11</b> | <b>BABY STEPS DIAPER PANTRY</b>                                             |
| <b>SUN, JUL. 12</b> | <b>OUTREACH/FELLOWSHIP MTG.<br/>CROSSCUTTERS BASEBALL GAME</b>              |
| <b>MON, JUL. 13</b> | <b>DEADLINE TO SIGNUP FOR DAY CAMP</b>                                      |
| <b>TUE, JUL. 14</b> | <b>OAKS SENIOR CENTER: BUFFALO VALLEY<br/>LUTHERAN VILLAGE PRESENTATION</b> |
| <b>FRI, JUL. 17</b> | <b>LEWISBURG LUNCH PROGRAM</b>                                              |
| <b>SUN, JUL. 19</b> | <b>CHRISTMAS IN JULY</b>                                                    |
| <b>MON, JUL. 20</b> | <b>AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>                                           |
| <b>TUE, JUL. 21</b> | <b>COUNCIL MEETING</b>                                                      |
| <b>SUN, JUL. 26</b> | <b>NATHANIEL HOLMES BAPTISM<br/>LUNCHEON AFTER WORSHIP</b>                  |
| <b>MON, JUL. 27</b> | <b>SUMMER DAY CAMP BEGINS!!</b>                                             |
| <b>SUN, AUG. 9</b>  | <b>FAITH AND FUN SUNDAY<br/>BACKPACK SUNDAY</b>                             |
| <b>SUN, AUG. 23</b> | <b>UIC WORSHIP AT CENTRAL OAK HEIGHTS<br/>UIC CHURCH PICNIC</b>             |

# FROM THE PASTOR



*We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!*

2 Corinthians 5:12-17

*O, let America be America again—  
The land that never has been yet—  
And yet must be—the land where every man is free.*

Langston Hughes, “Let America Be America Again”

Dear United In Christ,

Happy Semiquincentennial! It’s astonishing to think that this month marks 250 years as a nation. On the one hand, it feels as if the liberties of our nation have stood from time immemorial; our history almost feels more ancient than even 250 years would suggest! On the other hand, in the wider scope of global history, it is

remarkable to think that our nation is yet so young. In many, many ways, our structures, hopes, and ideals – the American experiment, if you will – are all still so new and fresh. A government of the people, by the people, for the people; a system structured in authority and accountability by oaths to a constitutional document of ideals, not the power of a figurehead; a system of representation designed to give voice and power not to an ancestral dynasty, military leader, or authoritarian regime, but to we the people – all in an effort to form a more perfect union. To think that all of this has withstood a quarter of a millennium is certainly cause for recognition and celebration this month as we welcome Independence Day in the US once more!

Amid the celebration, though, I fear there may be a real temptation to think that the best we can do at this time in our nation's history is to go *back* to the “good ‘ol days.” Marking this historical moment poses an alluring way of longing for the days gone by when we held to our ideals and principles together. Yet, I think we would be remiss if we were to simply insist that the golden days of our nation are enshrined in the past. Lately, I've had Langston Hughes' poem, “Let America Be America Again” on my mind. Written in 1935, Hughes' words speak to the longing for the ideals of our nation to come to fruition for so many who had never yet experienced them. The poem gives voice that for so many who have invested in America and the nation's founding ideals – for the poor working class, displaced indigenous population, the immigrant, the farmer, and (from his own experience) African Americans whose ancestors were brought forcibly to these shores – those ideals had yet to manifest in their own realities. “O, let my land be a land where Liberty // Is crowned with no false patriotic wreath, // But opportunity is real, and life is free, // Equality is in the air we breathe,” Hughes writes as he

lifts forward the beauty and possibility and ideals for which this nation strives, yet his response in solidarity with the above he acknowledges “America was never America to me.”

Reading Hughes’ words echoing nearly a century later is powerful and poignant. On the occasion of this Semiquincentennial it has been a reminder that so much for which we give thanks and celebrate has remained out of reach for so many who have called this nation home and invested in its ideals. I say this not in an attempt to point fingers, lay blame, or chastise any part of our history or its participants. I say this instead in hope: hope that we might yet work towards that which we have always wanted America to be. Hope that together we can continue to work towards making this the land of the free and home of the brave for so many yet to come. Hope that at this particular juncture, we might take courage for what might yet be ahead for us in this nation. Hope that we can strive with Hughes to “let America be America again – The land that has never been yet – And yet must be – the land where every man is free.”

And maybe we, particularly in our convictions of Christian discipleship, can stand central to the process and help give voice to that aspiration of what *can be*. After all, this seems to be the exact sort of conviction that Paul offers to the Corinthian community. His words recognize that in the reconciliation of Christ, we are taken from what we *are* and made into what we *can be*! The truth telling Paul offers is similar to that which Hughes to the nation: that the people are not yet living fully in the ideal of what can be. Paul’s hope then is that being in Christ, we are called a *new* creation as we die to our old ways and are raised to his ideals of faith, hope, and love – the very ideals which we, the peo-

ple, have never perfected on our own. In his faithfulness, Christ takes that-which-has-not-yet-been in us and brings forth that-which-can-be.

And see, in this, UIC, I take great courage and hold hope; hope for you and me, hope for our communities, hope for our nation. If, in Christ, we are each always reformed and made new – if we are always being drawn closer to the image and ideal, then we have the challenge and opportunity to yet be at work renewing the world around us. We can continue to strive towards our own ideals enshrined in our nation’s founding, even as we name with clarity and honesty the places where we have not yet lived up to them. We can celebrate 250 years *and* still work to ensure that the next 250 brings us and our neighbors closer to the Life, Liberty, and pursuit of Happiness on which we staked our independence in the first place.

So happy Semiquincentennial, UIC. I pray that this moment provides a wonderful opportunity to prompt gratitude for all that has brought us to this point. I pray that this moment gives courage and hope to continue striving for the ideals which we name and hold dear. I pray that, in Christ, we may yet be a new creation in that which he offers: the faithfulness, grace, and life that binds us together.

Yours, united in Christ,

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

# Class of 2026!!

On Sunday, June 7th we celebrated Dylan Cromwell (Milton), Garrett Glathar (Lewisburg), Gabby Heckman (Milton), Gwen and Grady Rowe (Lewisburg), and Lizzie Sprenkle (Lewisburg) for all of their accomplishments! We pray that God's blessings follow in all that is ahead for them.



*Pastor Justin, Gabbie Heckman, Gwen Rowe, Grady Rowe*



## OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be  
close on  
Friday, July 6th

# Welcome, New Members!!!

We'd like to welcome Ashley Lehman and Jaimee Moyle, who just got married, Theresa and Jim Sinisko, along with daughter Ava, husband and wife, Jay Holmes and Celeste Conrad, along with their children, Pearl and Nathaniel.

Nathaniel will be baptized on July 26. Jay and Celeste will be providing a luncheon after worship.

Please say "hi" and introduce yourselves to our new members!



*Ashley Lehman, Jaimee Moyle, Theresa Sinisko, Ava Sinisko, Jim Sinisko, Jay Holmes, Nathaniel Holmes, Pastor Justin.*

*(not in picture: Celeste Conrad and Pearl Holmes)*



Signup sheet is in the fellowship hall or you can signup by contacting Terri in the office. We'll be seated in the Family Section-4, under the pavilion. Tickets will be handed out at the game and are \$6 per person.



**Signup  
Deadline is  
Sunday,  
June 28th**

Otherwise, you  
can buy  
tickets at the game.



One of the best times to make Christmas cookies is in July when it's not so busy. If you are able, please bring a plate of your favorite Christmas cookies to share.



## Baby Steps DIAPER PANTRY

### UPCOMING DIAPER PANTRY

July 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 Watsontown.

# WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

|                    | July 5                                     | July 12                                    | July 19                                   | July 26                                   |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Worship Leader     | Justin                                     | Justin                                     | Justin                                    | Katy                                      |
| Social Hour        |                                            |                                            | A-Z Cookies                               | Luncheon (provided)                       |
| Bread/Wine         | Megan C.                                   | Ken C.                                     | Kathy G.                                  | Sue K.                                    |
| Altar Guild        | Megan C.                                   | Sue K.                                     | Mary Lou K.                               | Terri C.                                  |
| Digital Host       | Terri C.                                   | Kathy G.                                   | Danielle M.                               | Beth G.                                   |
| Front Door Greeter | Karen B.<br>Kathy G.                       | Donna B.<br>Jeff B.                        | Catherman Family                          | Mary Lou K.<br>Trudy S.                   |
| Side Door Greeter  | Ken N.                                     | Bob K.                                     | George W.                                 | Ted M.                                    |
| Lector             | Celeste C.                                 | Danielle M.                                | Jared R.                                  | Bob S.                                    |
| Ushers             | Kathy A.<br>Dave B.<br>Karen B.<br>Beth G. | Terri C.<br>Ken C.<br>Shirley M.<br>Ted M. | Jane M.<br>Bob S.<br>Trudy S.<br>Kathy A. | Dave B.<br>Karen B.<br>Ken C.<br>Terri C. |
| Communion Asst.    | Bob S.<br>Sharon W.                        | Dave B.<br>Brad C.                         | Terri C.<br>Ted M.                        | Mary Lou K.<br>Cheryl R.                  |
| Guest Relations    | Ken N.                                     | Jay H.                                     | George W.                                 | Ted M.                                    |
| Offering Counter   | Ruby B.<br>Tim S.<br>Holmes & Conrad       | Kathy G.<br>Pam H.<br>Holmes & Conrad      | Jared R.<br>Connie S.<br>Holmes & Conrad  | Beth G.<br>Ruby B.<br>-----               |

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*

*Bob and Carol Troxell 7/08/89*

*Justin and Kelsey Lingenfelter 7/11/15*

*Bob and Trudy Swartz 7/20/85*

*Kyle and Johanna Swanger 7/23/16*

*George and Sharon Weiser 7/27/63*



# Happy Birthday

*Charlie Sprenkle 7/1*

*Jeff Rowe 7/10*

*Maisey Catherman 7/1*

*Mae Haussmann 7/13*

*Vicky Tyrell 7/1*

*Mark Haussmann 7/14*

*Pastor Justin 7/2*

*Rose Stitzel 7/16*

*Marilyn Gresh 7/3*

*Jay Holmes 7/17*

*Chris Lee 7/4*

*Brandon Baker 7/21*

*George Weiser 7/4*

*Kendall Condit 7/21*

*Wendy Wirth 7/4*

*Garrett Baker 7/24*

*Kristie Koch 7/5*

*Beckett Swanger 7/25*

*Landon Warren-Lee 7/5*

*Grant Rowe 7/26*

*Nathaniel Holmes 7/6*

*Connie Shreck 7/28*

*Ken Noll 7/7*

*Kelsey Swanger 7/29*

*Sharon Weiser 7/7*

*Scott A. Danowsky 7/29*

*Julia Sanders 7/10*



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

# UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Michelle Davies, Dan and Gloria McDavit, Diane Powers, Elwood Brown, Ken Baker, 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](mailto: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.



**Deadline to signup for  
Summer Day Camp is July 13th.**

## **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.

# Outreach



## SENIOR EXPRESS FOOD BOXES

Food boxes will be delivered to UIC  
by the Central Pa Food Bank on Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>.



***Do you have one hour each month?***

***Can you lift about 30 lbs?***

***We really need a few more delivery people  
for our Senior Express Ministry!!***

We are a partner agency with the Central PA Food Bank. We home-deliver food boxes supplied by the Food Bank. This is a federally funded food supplement program for low-income seniors. We currently have about 30 clients. Even if you can only deliver to 2 clients, it would be very helpful. Please consider joining us. The seniors in our area greatly appreciate it. Please see Sherry Bingaman or Terri Cromwell for more information.



# Back to School Drive

Help us support Milton students in need!

Backpacks and supplies will be blessed during worship on Sunday, August 9.

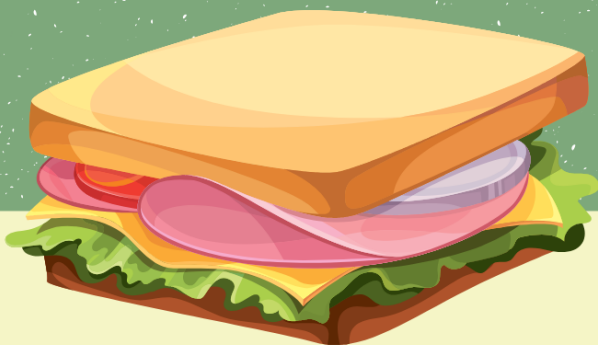
Place items in Back to School Drive box in Fellowship Hall.

- Backpacks
- Notebooks
- Crayons
- Pencils
- Markers
- Binders
- Rulers
- Pencil Boxes




On Wednesday, June 17th, Kathy Arndt, Kathy Guffey, and Sherry Bingaman cooked, served, and cleaned up lunch for the Riverkeepers' Veterans Fishing event for the homeless vets at Orangeville Manor which took place at the Wesleyan Campground in New Columbia. They fed around 50 people!!

# LEWISBURG LUNCH PROGRAM



**FRIDAY, JULY 17 ~ SEE RUBY FOR THE TIME**

UIC will put together bagged meals for kids. Please see Ruby Baker for the time to be there. Meet at Lewisburg Pentecostal Church, 2822 Buffalo Rd, Lewisburg.

## Thank You

Thank you all for your help with the Bucknell move out! Your help was greatly appreciated, as you may have been able to tell by the amount of stuff we had to go through. Everything we got will be a great help to our clients, and we couldn't have done it without you!

~ Isaac Phillips, DIG

Thank you all for your hard work to make Sustainable Move Out 2026 a success! This event helps restock our shelves with critical items for clients (like 18 microwaves), while also keeping thousands of pounds of usable items out of the landfill! We are incredibly grateful for the

energy, enthusiasm, and hard work you guys contributed to make it a success! We really couldn't have pulled it off without volunteers like you all! Thank you!

~ Gabby Herman, DIG

Milton Lutheran Church would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for serving brunch after our congregational meeting on June 14th. We are grateful for the fellowship and support shared between our churches and hope you always know how much we value all that you do for us and our community. The meal was delicious and greatly appreciated by all members that attended.

~ Milton Lutheran Church

I want to thank my family for surprising me after worship with cake and ice cream for my 80th birthday. Thank you Frank, Sherrie, Scott, and Colleen. Thank you Jesus. Thank you to my church family. I know I am blessed!!

~ Bertie Danowsky



# OAKS SENIOR CENTER



Jim Messinger, from the White Deer Township Volunteer Fire Company, brought one of their engines to OAKS. Fun fact, Bob Keifer is their longest member!!





# OAKS

## SENIOR CENTER

Tuesday, July 14

10:00am - 1:00pm

Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village Presentation

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

UIC's youth and parents are welcome  
to join us for OAKS through the summer!!

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE MONDAY, JULY 20

Any articles, events, photos, or thank you notes you'd like to have in the August Newsletter need to be in to the office by Monday, July 20.

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



Please email Terri in the office at  
[office@unitedinchristlutheran.net](mailto:office@unitedinchristlutheran.net) or  
call her at 570-568-2254

# IMPORTANT LINKS



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**UIC's website:** [www.unitedinchristlutheran.net](http://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](http://www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/worship)

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

[www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/calendar](http://www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/calendar)

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**Facebook Group:** [www.facebook.com/groups/UICLC/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/UICLC/)

# 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/FELLOWSHIP:** Michelle Shearer(c), Heather Allegar, Kathy Arndt, Ruby Baker, Sherry Bingaman, Kathy Guffey, Al Stark

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

**RICH HUFF:** Shirley McPherrin(c), Kathy Arndt, 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:** Pastor Justin(c), Terri Cromwell, Marilyn Gresh, Sue Keifer, Rosemary Kling, Connie Shreck, Sharon Weiser



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