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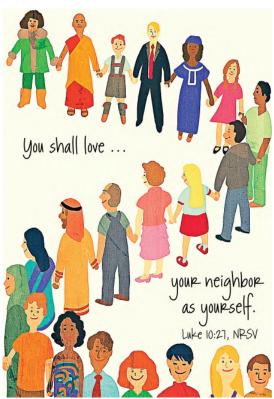
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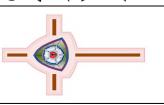


Join us for

Worship

Saturday 5:00 p. m. & Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (September thru May) 10:45 & Fellowship 10:45







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July 2019

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The July Newsletter is sponsored in honor of Carla Mae's Birthday by Robert and Carla Mae Carl.



"I'll come to VBS, but can you take the word 'school' out of it?"

Status of Accounts as of May 31

Balance in Checking Account......\$19,575.65

Amount needed in offerings <u>per month</u> to meet our 2019 Annual Budget of \$203,448.31 is **\$16,954.03**

May income was \$12,927.27

Benevolence Gifts for April was......\$ 4,316.00
Benevolence Gifts for May......\$ 5,222.00
32% of our Benevolence goal of \$16,320.00 for 2019)

CHURCH COUNCIL 2019

council@christsunited.org

	Phone	Term Expires
Erik Tice	570-875-2681	Feb. 2020
President/VP		
Beth Andrews	570-874-2381	Feb. 2022
Secretary		
Ted Ambrose	570-449-2193	Feb. 2022
Dr. Kay Berner	570-875-1035	Feb. 2020
Jim Gruber	570-875-2805	Feb. 2021
Suzanne Peel	570-875-2218	Feb. 2021
Terry Shilling	570-875-0412	Feb. 2021
Barbara Stepanchick	570-875-1114	Feb. 2022
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> STAFF Deb Hall

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office@christsunite	ed.org	570-789-9722
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Director of Music	Jamie Johnson	(starting 8/1/2019)
Treasurer	Ann Marie Dillman	570-875-2422
Indoor Custodian	Susan Herb	
Outdoor Custodian	Bill Price	570-875-4272
Financial Secretary	Christine Brennan	570-875-0720
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Christ's United Ministry Teams

Christian Education

Evangelism/Outreach

Lutheran Church Men (LCM)

Social Ministry

Stewardship

WELCA

Worship & Music

Christ's United Committees

Auditing & Finance Committees

Endowment Fund

Mutual Ministry

Nominating

Personnel

Property

Christ's United Lutheran Church Mission Statement

We the members of Christ's United Lutheran Church, Ashland, desiring to be blessed together with Word and Sacrament and to become more perfectly the Body of Christ in our world, do hereby commit ourselves to a mission which includes a creative reexamination of our worship life; a quality educational program for all ages; intentional witnessing; a serving spirit; and an integrated support system which will under gird our program and the maintenance of our facilities as it encourages improved stewardship.

Our approachable Lord

There is not a hint of one person who was afraid to draw near [Jesus]. There were those who mocked him. There were those who were envious of him. There were those who misunderstood him. There were those who revered him. But there was not one person who considered him too holy, too divine or too celestial to touch. There was not one person who was reluctant to approach him for fear of being rejected. Remember that. —**Max Lucado**, *God Came Near*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy". The Third Commandment is given so that, as Martin Luther puts it, "we do not neglect God's Word and the preaching of it, but regard it as holy and gladly hear and learn it".

I highlight this commandment to encourage you to attend worship this summer, here at Christ's United Church when you are at home, and at a congregation nearby when you are traveling. Participating in services at another congregation is a wonderful way to celebrate how other Christians engage "in prayer, praise and thanksgiving" (as Luther puts it in his explanation to the Second Commandment). If you worship elsewhere this summer, please bring a bulletin back with you – no, not to prove that you did worship on vacation, but so that I too can learn how others worship.

Speaking of worshipping in other congregations, recall that our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is in Full Communion, since 1997, with the Presbyterian Church USA, the Reformed Church in American, and the United Church of Christ. Since 1999 we have been in Full Communion with the Episcopal and Moravian Churches. Ten years ago, we got around to also being in Full Communion with the United Methodist Church. And we've been in dialogue with our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters since July, 1964!

But there is another reason I bring up the Third Commandment. It is a reminder to experience relaxation and renewal on a regular basis. Our Jewish siblings did no work on the Sabbath day; they instead enjoyed time with family and neighbors. It is not God's desire that we go around continually exhausted from running ourselves ragged. As evidence, look at Mark 6:31 where Jesus says, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while'. For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat". And the beloved Matthew 11:28, "Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest".

It is my prayer that during these summer days you experience renewal both through worship and relaxation.

Pastor Laura+

Pastoral Acts

Pastor Laura performed the following

Baptisms:

6/15/19 Terry Neumeister (Adult) Chase Alexander Demko Alanni Rayne Miller

Funerals:

6/12/19 – Ruth Wolfgang

6/15/19 – Wendy Farnsworth

6/17/19 - Paul Troutman*

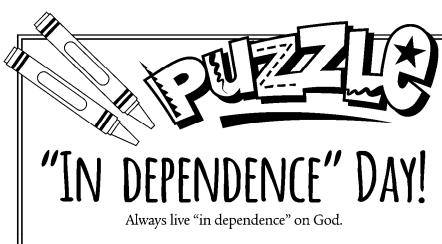
6/18/19 – Elmer "Pete" Waldick

July Council Contact of the month is Barb Stepanchick.

The Council Contact of the Month is the "on call" member of council, the person to call if you have any concerns (other than pastoral concerns), or need access to the building.

If you need to contact Barb, she can be reached at 570-875-1114.





Directions: Use the vowel code to complete Psalm 16:8, NIV.

$$A = \blacksquare \qquad E = \blacktriangle \qquad I = \clubsuit \qquad 0 = \bigstar \qquad U = \clubsuit \qquad U = \clubsuit \qquad 0$$

Answer: I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:8, NIV



ATTENTION ALL VBS SUPPORTERS!

Your help is needed to make this another successful experience for children (and adults). If you are not able to attend the scheduled meetings but are

able to help in some way, please contact church office, Angie Berger (570-875-3598), or Donna Wallace (570-875-2872).

Give Electronically

Checking/Savings Credit/Debit Card Christ's United accepts electronic dona-

tions

Electronic Giving is a convenient way to provide consistent financial support to our





Mark Your Calendar

On October 27, 2019 (Reformation Sunday) at 5 5:00 p.m. We will have a Celebration to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the forming of Christ's Untied Lutheran Church. We will have a caterer for the meat and starch. Members will be asked to bring side dishes and desserts. Photos and materials of our history will be

displayed on power point and on tables. There will also be entertainment.

A prayer for the Fourth

Loving God, we thank you — the true Father of our country — for the blessings of this land and the gifts of cultures around the world. Prompt us to strive for justice for all, at home and abroad. Remind us, in the words of the hymn, that "this is our Father's world" and that your goodness prevails. Amid tragedies and conflicts, guard us against despair. Help us focus on the kindness evident daily: from generous neighbors to conscientious public servants (because most are). On Independence Day and every day, "O let [us] ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet." Amen.

Church Council Highlights from June:

- Pastor Laura explained that the Bishop has made her Designated Pastor for St. Paul's in Reinertown and St. Peter's in Tower City because Pastor Laura Blatt has left. She is also covering for Zion's UCC, Ashland.
- Teddy Bears will be placed around the Sanctuary pews with a blessing message attached.
- WELCA will donate funds to pay a mortgage payment for August. Quilts and kits will be blessed on June 16 and a \$150 donation was made to the Capital Campaign on Father's Day in honor of the fathers of Christ's United.
- A unanimous decision was made by the Personnel Committee to present Jamie Johnson as the candidate to hire to fill the Director of Music Position.
- The alarm system upgrade has been installed.
- Eight members of CULC attended the Active Shooter Seminar at Good Shepherd.
 Pastor Laura made contact with Police Chiefs from Ashland and Butler Township to do a safety walk through of our church in the near future.
- We received a letter from Peg Bianca, Executive Director of "Helping Harvest" (formerly Berks Food Bank) thanking us for our recent donation of \$421 toward the purchase of new trucks.
- Matthew Chester, A North Schuylkill student is planning a Blood Drive for his Senior project to be held at CULC on July 22, 2019 from 1:00—6:00 p.m.

Mutual Ministry Committee

A Mutual Ministry Team has been formed to encourage open and honest communication among members of our congregation. The team consists of Vivian Brown, Suzanne Peel, John Towey, and Pastor Laura. Members of the congregation are encouraged to contact these people either individually or as a group to share your thoughts and concerns regarding problems you feel need to be addressed in order to continue our growth in Christ. All concerns shared with members of this team will be kept confidential. A Mutual Ministry Committee Handbook has been created and copies can be found on the table in the Narthex for anyone wishing to read about the team in more detail. Team members may be contacted by phone or email.

Vivian Brown, 717-275-5277, bonolady@gmail.com Suzanne Peel, 570-875-2218, suzydpeel@yahoo.com John Towey, 570-205-2682, nucleartechjpt@yahoo.com Pastor Laura, 570-652-1951, pastorlaura@christsunited.org



- 2 Ryan Bendinsky Heather Schweinhart
- 3 Mindy Burke Dustin Koons Joan Clark John E. Shilling
- 4 John Denchak
- 5 Christopher Dillman
- Chris Brennan
 James Locker
 Sally Tice
 Ron Wallace
- 7 Jeremiah Johnson Michelle Knorr Rick Lorady Patrick Monaghan Jeffrey Sharp Daniel Sisko
- Nelson Berger, Jr.
- 11 Eric Singleton
- 12 Dylan Barker William Harris



07/08/76 07/08/95 07/10/93 07/10/93 07/28/01 07/30/05 07/31/70

James & Jo Conrath
Greg & Penny Lindenmuth
Gary & Connie Weinreich
Thomas & Michelle Hood
Rick & Gail Lorady
Susan & Shaun McNally
James & Carol Reiner

13 Deb Price Todd Walacavage Gavin Klock

- 14 Peter Hepler Samuel Troup, Jr. Diane Calhoun
- 15 Samantha Schneider
- 17 Bobbie Harner Wesley Long Maura Sweitzer Tami Wagner
- 18 Ellie Chappell Jennifer Singleton
- 19 Jeffrey Hummel Kylie Sisko
- 20 Richard Dengler
- 22 Jeremy Rock
- 24 Tyson Fetterolf Fletcher Sterling
- 26 Carla Mae Carl Rachael Green Thomas Wolfgang
- 27 Lydia Price
- David Cunningham, Sr.Diane RockBrayden Ladick
- 29 Hannah Towey
- 30 Kylie Mallams
- 31 Barbara Fetterolf



July 14 thru 18, 2019 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Registration Form

(One Per Child)

Child's name:	C	Child's gender:
Child's age: Date of birth:	Last school	l grade completed:
Name of parent(s):		
Street address:		
City:	State:	ZIP:
Home telephone: ()		
Parent/caregiver's cell phone: ()		
Home email address:		
Home church:		
Crew number or name (for church use only): _		
Allergies or other medical conditions:		
In case of emergency, contact:		
Phone:		
Relationship to child:		





The following Memorials were given to Christ's United since the last issue of the Newsletter:

In memory of Wendy Farnsworth by:

Evelyn Glessner Ted and Terry Ambrose Ralph and Eileen Johnson Barbara Liem Michael and Aileen Kremer Christen Snyder Erik and Sally Tice Ed Stepulitis Cheryl Trexler Beryl Stitzer & Family Grace Johnson **Ruth Geist** Kim and Greg Haupt Nellie Schlorff Dennis and Tina Wolfe Jane Bixler Suzanne Peel & Family Rev. Bob and Nan Hoenich Wayne and Karen Wolfgang Betty Chappell William and Marguerite Ann Fell Cyrus and Joan Clark

In memory of Ruth Wolfgang by:

Erik and Sally Tice Dr. Kay Berner Russ and Carrie Hummel Suzanne Peel and Family

In memory of Elmer Waldick by:

Beryl Stitzer & Family Gordon Gun Club Carol and Jim Reiner Gordon Area Senior Citizens Jo-Ann and Leo Young Ronnie & Judith Bucher Suzanne Peel and Family

In memory of Paul Troutman by:

Rick and Judy Fritz
Jack and Frieda Johnson
Karen and Franklin Hepler
Ralph and Eileen Johnson
Chris and Susan Grube
Grace Johnson
Barbara Liem

Beryl Stitzer & Family John and Lisa Snyder Nancy Wolfgang Carol and Jim Reiner Suzanne Peel & Family Bruce and Crystal Heffner

In memory of Jean Cress by:

Suzanne Peel and Family



The following donations have been made to CULC Capital Campaign In memory of:

Wendy Farnsworth by:

Don & Laray Klinger Beth & Ron Andrews Ron & Donna Wallace John & Cheryl Denchak

Ruth Wolfgang by:

Beth & Ron Andrews Ron & Donna Wallace Don & Laray Klinger Leo and Jo-Ann Young

Elmer Waldick by:

Beth & Ron Andrews Ron & Donna Wallace Don & Laray Klinger John & Cheryl Denchak Jo-Ann and Leo Young

Paul Troutman by:

Beth & Ron Andrews Ron & Donna Wallace John & Cheryl Denchak

Ruth Wolfgang, Jeanette Wolfgang and Jean Cress by:

Terry and Dorothy Kessler

Jean Cress, Ruth Wolfgang, Dorothy Quick, Diane Klem, Paul Troutman and Elmer Waldick by:

Nancy L. Lindenmuth and Family

CULC Endowment Fund in memory of: Ruth Wolfgang by:

John, Maryann, Thomas & Tyler Wolfgang

PRAYER CHAIN

Each day members of Christ's United bow their heads and lift their hearts in prayer for the ministries of this congregation and people in need. For the past several years these Prayer Teams have been silently serving God, the world, and us.



If you are committed to the power of prayer, please join one of these teams. Prayer lists are available at worship services each weekend, and a phone chain notifies you of immediate needs. Please call the church office for more information.



HATS OFF TO SUMMER WOMEN OF ELCA ANNUAL PICNIC WEDNESDAY, JULY 31 6:00 PM

All women of CULC are invited to the annual indoor picnic. Invitations have also been extended to the women of Good Shepherd,

Ashland / Friedens, Hegins / St. James, Pitman / Trinity, Valley View and Zion, Minersville.

Sign up to attend and bring a covered dish or dessert on the bulletin board.

A White Elephant Gift Exchange will be played so each person is asked to bring a **wrapped \$5.00** gift for the game.

Also, a **Hats Off to Summer Contest** will be held. Create a hat to model and vie for FUNNIEST, PRETTIEST, and MOST CREATIVE prize.

PRAYER FOR CHILDREN OF BELIZE

WELCA has received a prayer request for children at the Mission of the Good Shepherd in Belize, Central America from Jamie Garbutt who has lived at the Mission for 14 years.

She said that several children need special prayer right now and especially a girl named Patricia.

This young girl colored a picture which is posted on our bulletin board. The children will be placed on our congregation's prayer list.

If you wish, you may find information about the Mission at goodshepherdchildren.weebly.com



SOCIAL MINISTRY



The month that your committee serves please help out in the kitchen before and after the service. Also, please bring in baked goods or other items for the snacks. Thank you.

Committee Schedule

July—Choir/Worship & Music

August—LCM
September—WELCA
October—Church Council
November—Evangelism/
Endowment/Stewardship
December—LCM
January—WELCA
February—Social Ministry
March—Church Council
April-LCM
May—WELCA

June – Christian Education/Youth



We will be collecting the following item for July:

Canned Vegetables

Please place your donations in the shopping cart.

Thank You!

The next food distribution date is Thursday, July 11, 2019

World Hunger Table

Do you have an abundance of produce from your garden? Do you have perennial plants to share? Do you have other items to share?

During the months of July and August the
Social Ministry Team will be hosting a table in the Narthex.

Bring in items to share and place them on the table. Then, if you can use or need any items form the table, just help yourself and leave a donation for World Hunger. Everyone is welcome to share items. Every-

We Offer our Prayers to...

June 23 - Jim Gruber, Darcie Gruber, Mary Matice (D. Price), Barbara Stanell (B. Andrews), Family of Roy Shadle -brother of Forest Shadle, Steve Wagner (M. Peel)

June 16 – Marian Kaufman, James Rollo (J. Deeter), Charles Deitrich (R. Walter), Families of Ruth Wolfgang, Wendy Farnsworth, Paul Troutman, Pete Waldick, David Lucas, Phillson Hatter, John Hughes

June 9 – Irene Morgan, Tina Alexander (D. Price), Family of Victor Mickatavage (B. Liem)

June 2 – Family of LaRae Lucas (June Schweinhart), Family of Edward Garnes, Laura Lee Oswald & son, Jamie (K. Dengler), Steve Wagner (K. Dengler)

Please continue to pray for our members: Tommy Green, Jim Hepler, Carl Lute, Irene Morgan, Gail Lorady, Dot Zeigenfuse,

And our friends: Deb Nelson (R. Berner), Dan Grow, Minah Horan, Michelle Ambrose, Donald Bulla, Carol Stehr, Joe Ferraro Jr., Mark Bennyhoff, Robert & Sandra Beecher, Karyssa Wenrich, Elizabeth Brown & family, John Dubb, Joe Anczarski, Janet Berner, Susan Grant, Dave Bowen, Judy Trautman (G. Marquardt), Doris McGurl (L. Lute), Richard Berger (J. Gruber), Albert Stehr (L. Lute), Kathy Ahrensfield (C. Varndell), LouAnn Olson (T. Shilling), Diane Brennan (E. Chappell), Jessica Brown (E. Tice), Ron James (V. Brown)

Please note that those experiencing a traumatic event are placed onto the Prayer List and will be kept on for one month and then taken off. **Please provide updates** to the office in order that the list is always current. If you would like someone added, please call the office or write their name on the Prayer Request sheet found on the Prayer Podium.

Praying Through the Directory

Each month we will be listing three of our church faith families. We ask that you take the time and uplift them in prayer for their needs and spiritual journey.

This month we pray for:

The Klinger Family — Donald & Laray

The Rickert Family — Brian

The Schweinhart Family — Karen & Heather



WELCOME JAMIE



Jamie Johnson was unanimously recommended and hired as our new Director of Music. Jamie's first official day is August 1st,

2019. We look forward to officially installing Jamie in the fall. Please welcome her. We thank Harold Morgan and Sally Tice for helping out as supply Organists during our time of transition!

Food Pantry set-up and Pizza with the Pastor



Youth are needed to set up for Christ's Cupboard at 4:30 on July 10th and August 7th. A pizza supper will follow.

CULC Day at Knoebel's

Friday evening, July 19-VBS families are invited to join us? Please bring picnic items to enjoy supper together in a pavilion. After the picnic supper, we will have a brief service then enjoy the rides.

2019 Sponsorships

The new sponsorship sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board.

Sign up for:

Altar Flowers \$25.00, Worship Bulletins \$15.00 Special service bulletins \$10.00, Sanctuary Candle \$10.00 Children's Bulletins \$10.00, Monthly Newsletters \$40.00.

Payments for Altar flowers should be made payable to Cathy Troutman. All other payments should be made to the church and given to Deb Hall in the church office.

Attention all Members of Christ's United: Even if you are a long-time member of CULC and your information hasn't changed, please complete this directory update form. We are verifying all member information and want to be sure our information is correct for everyone. *Thanks!*

2019 Church Directory Update

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

(Please print all information)

Family's Last Name	:	
	MEMBER OF CULC?	
Head of Household:		
Spouse:		
Children: 1)		
2)		
/		
Home and Mailing	Address:	
	Zip coo	le
Phone #:		
HOME:		
Cell #:	Name:	
Cell #:	Name:	
E-mail Address:		

PLEASE INCLUDE A SEPARATE PAGE FOR ANY OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION YOU WISH TO PROVIDE FOR CHURCH RECORDS.

SAVE THE DATE:

PHOTOS TO BE TAKEN AUGUST 13, 14, & 15, 2019



American Red Cross

The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.™

As his Senior Project, Matthew Chester, a Senior at North Schuylkill High School is hosting A community blood drive to be held at Christ's United Lutheran Church

> Monday, July 22, 2019 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Schedule your Photo Session!

Be included in the new Christ's United Lutheran Church Directory by Lifetouch

Members of the Pictorial Directory Committee will be available in the Narthex after worship beginning June 28th to schedule photo sessions. Stop by and choose your day and time.



Photography dates:

Tuesday, August 13th Wednesday, August 14th Thursday, August 15th 2:00 - 9:00 p.m.



Serving Our Community of Faith in July:

Date	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte & Tag A Long	Crucifer	Post Worship Greeter in Narthex Door	Post Worship Greeter at Door
July 7	Vivian Brown	Richard Berner Donna Wallace David Cunningham Robert Carl	Becky Spencer Dennis Wolfe John Denchak	Amy Johnson	Ralph Johnson	Beth Andrews	Vivian Brown
July 14	Deb Hubler			Ava Hubler & Maura Sweitzer		Ted	Deb Hubler
July 21	Sally Tice			Dylan Buhay & Mason Buhay		Beth Andrews	Sally Tice
July 28	Donna Lassen			Blake Olayo & Ava Hernandez		Donna Lassen	Steven Wolfgang

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July 2019

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Canada Day 7:00 Council	2	3 10:00 Seniors	4 Indep. Day Office Closed	5	5:00 Worship W/ Holy Communion
7 9:30 Worship W/ Communion 10:30 Fellowship	8	9 9:00 Food Delivery	10 10:00 Seniors 4:30 Food Pantry Set-up & Pizza With the Pastor	11 1 10 – 12 Christ's Cupboard	12	5:00 Worship W/ Holy Communion
14 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16	17 10:00 Seniors	18	19	5:00 Worship W/ Holy Communion
6:00 – 8:00 VBS "Roar!"	6:00 – 8:00 VBS "Roar!"	6:00 – 8:00 VBS "Roar!"	6:00 – 8:00 VBS "Roar!"	6:00 – 8:00 VBS "Roar!"	CULC Day at Knoebel's	
21 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Worship & Music	1:00 – 6:00 Red Cross Sr. Project Blood Drive 7:00 Evangelism/Outreach	23	9:00 Newsletter Assembly 10:00 Seniors	25 12:00—2:00 Ashland Area Food Pantry	26	5:00 Worship W/ Holy Communion
28 9:30 Worship w/New members Josh & Sarah Kratovich & Baptism of daughter, Regan & Troy & Ashley Miller & Baptism of son, Maxwell 10:30 Fellowship	29 6:00 Grief Support	30	31 10:00 Seniors 6:00 WELCA Picnic			