

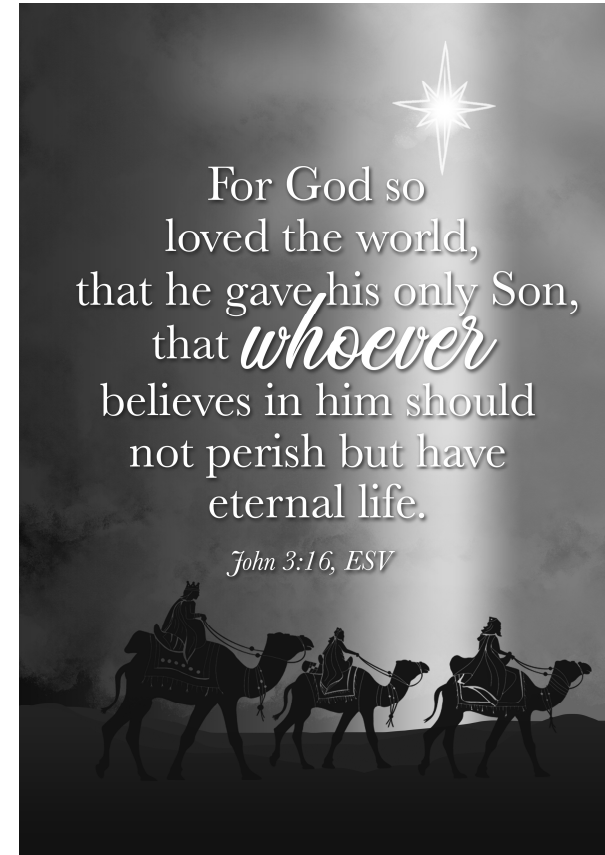
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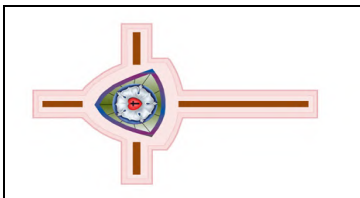
- Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School - 1st & 3rd Sundays @ 10:45 a.m.

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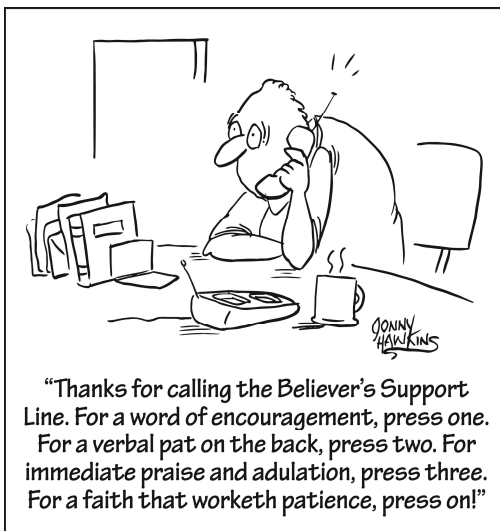
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"Thanks for calling the Believer's Support Line. For a word of encouragement, press one. For a verbal pat on the back, press two. For immediate praise and adulation, press three. For a faith that worketh patience, press on!"

Status of Accounts as of November 30

Total amount in checking account: \$101, 534.57.

Amount needed in offerings per month to meet our 2023 Annual Budget of \$195,263.89 is \$16,271.99

November income was \$12,572.49

Expenses for November were \$8,013.16

resulting in a gain of \$4,559.33.

Benevolence Gifts through November were \$8,808.00 (58.7% of our Benevolence goal of \$15,000.00 for 2022)



CHURCH COUNCIL 2022

	Phone	Term Expires
John Denchak President	570-875-4970	Feb. 2023
Vivian Brown Vice-President	717-275-5277	Feb. 2023
Angie Berger Secretary	570-875-3598	Feb. 2023
Robert Carl	570-590-7281	Feb. 2025
Ken Dengler	570-933-5144	Feb. 2025
Debra Price	570-205-6241	Feb. 2024
Darlene Stank	570-875-1644	Feb. 2025
Jacob Tice	570-875-2681	Feb. 2024
Dennis Wolfe	570-875-9085	Feb. 2024

Youth Representative - Vacant

DESIGNATED PASTOR

Reverend Dana D. Heckman-Beil

570-875-0792

STAFF

Parish Administrator Debbie Hall 570-875-1591
office@christsunited.org 570-789-9722

Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 am- 4:00 pm

Director of Music Jamie Johnson 570-590-1678
Treasurer Ann Marie Dillman 570-449-2021



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Christ's United Ministry Teams

Christian Education
Evangelism/Outreach
Lutheran Church Men (LCM)
Social Ministry
Stewardship
WELCA
Worship & Music
Multimedia Ministry
Safety and Security Team

Christ's United Committees

Auditing & Finance Committees
Endowment Fund
Mutual Ministry
Nominating
Personnel

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 re-examination of our worship life; a quality educational program for all ages; intentional witnessing; a serving spirit; and an integrated support system which will undergird our program and the maintenance of our facilities as it encourages improved stewardship.

Messages from our Members and Friends:

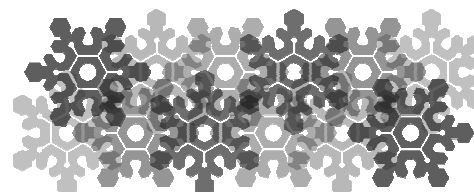


Dear Church Council and Congregation of Christ's United Lutheran Church,

Thank you for the invitation and the opportunity you provided to me in October to share Scripture readings with you. I truly felt welcomed within your church family as so many people greeted me by name upon my arrival that morning, remembering me from my first time with you all at the end of March. The highest form of affirmation and encouragement for a speaker is to be brought back, being asked to return. You certainly provided me with this affirmation through your invitation to speak again, but also through your hospitality as soon as I walked into your church and again through our interactions during the fellowship hour following the service.

I must confess, I realized following my message that this was the first technical "sermon" I can recall delivering where I did not weave my message around my testimony, but instead simply spoke from the Bible as the Holy Spirit led me during my weeks of preparation. Consequently, that morning was even more special for me than I realized at the time. Again, thank you for such a privilege of opening God's Word with you. Thank you also for your generous compensation for my time that morning, and for your willingness to cover the cost of my family's travel expenses as well. Your generosity was certainly appreciated. Blessings to all of you as we enter the coming Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

Your Brother in Christ,



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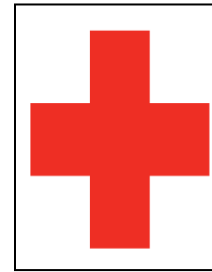
Christian symbol

OPEN BOOK — A book symbolizes the Bible, the written Word of God. When shown open, a book represents truth or revelation. Apostles and saints are often pictured holding an open book, understood as the New Testament writings of the



January Council Contact of the month is Vivian Brown

The Council Contact of the Month is the “on call” member of council, the person to contact if you have any concerns (other than pastoral concerns), or need access to the building. If you need to contact Vivian, she can be reached at 717-275-5277.



American Red Cross Community Blood Drive Christ's United Lutheran Church

437 Airport Road (Gordon)
Ashland, PA 17921

Monday, February 6, 2023
1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Please contact Debbie Hall or call
1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2676) or visit
www.redcrossblood.org
to schedule an appointment.

Annual Committee Reports Due

All Committee Secretaries and
Treasurers:

Please have your reports submitted to the church office by
Monday, January 23, 2022.

This is the deadline for all information so it can be
included in the Annual Congregational Report. Our annual
meeting is on Sunday, February 19th after worship.



Annual Audit



Committee checking accounts
are due in the church office by
Sunday, January 29th



The Good Samaritan
Fund
Special Offering
January 29, 2023



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Ordering the days

God spoke and created all that exists. He separated and ordered his creation. What did God say about all he made?

Directions: Write the correct day of creation next to each clue. Then fill in the circled letters in order below to complete Genesis 1:31, NIV.

FIRST SECOND THIRD FOURTH FIFTH SIXTH

- God made wild animals and livestock. ○ _ _ _ _ _
- God said, "Let there be light." _ _ _ _ _ ○
- God gathered the waters under the sky into one place. ○ _ _ _ _ _
- God made a vault to separate the waters and called it "sky." _ _ _ _ _ ○
- God created plants and trees. _ _ _ _ _ ○
- God separated the light from the darkness. ○ _ _ _ _ _
- God made the water teem with living creatures. _ _ _ _ _
- God made the sun and moon. _ _ _ _ _ ○
- God made birds fly above the earth. _ _ _ _ _
- God made stars. ○ _ _ _ _ _
- God created mankind in his own image. _ _ _ _ _

God _aw all tha_ he _ad ma_e, an_ _t was ve_y g_od.

GENESIS 1:31, NIV



Church Council Highlights from November

- Christine Brennan is tallying the results of the commitment cards. Stewardship Committee will also be updating the time and talent sheets for the 2023 season for volunteers, which is an ongoing issue.
- A few upcoming Youth events are scheduled including helping with Jarod boxes. They also made 35 Christmas cards for our homebound and nursing facility resident members.
- Volunteers are needed for the Multimedia ministry.



NEW OFFICE HOURS **STARTING JANUARY 3, 2023**

Starting January 3, 2023,
the church office will have
new hours:

Tuesday, Thursday
& Friday



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Answer: sixth, first, third, second, third, first, fifth, fourth, fifth, fourth, sixth,
God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

We Offer our Prayers to...



December 25 – Dennis Motschenacher (L & J. Wolfgang)

Mark Bennyhoff

Families of Dan Dutcavich (B. Spencer)

Diane Tarantelli

Suzie Fetterolf

Percy Carl

December 18 – Andy Bernetskie (M. Wolfgang)

Rev Linda Bonfiglio (E. Tice)

Family of Howard Fetterolf (P. Lute's cousin)

December 11 – Jo-Ann Young

Barry Oswald (J. Towey)

Cheryl Neumeister (T. Neumeister)

December 4 - Jessica Fetterolf Pines & Family (niece of Pearl Lute)

Maureen O'Casio (D. Price)

Margarete Felegi (A. Berger)

Bishop deForest

Please continue to pray for: Kay Berner, Corrine & Josh Coward, Jim Gruber, Jim Hepler (P. Hepler), Bobby Liem (B. Liem), Gail Lorady, Carl (Mickey) Lute, Dianna Monaghan (P. Lute), Richard Shoup, Cheryl Varndell, Dot Zangari, Linda Zerby Michelle Ambrose, Robert Beecher, Donald Bulla, Arlene Chillis (J. Penny-packer), Edward Emerich (L. Martin), Joe Ferraro Jr., Harry Fishburn (G. Marquardt), Bob Griffiths (I. Morgan), Dan Grow, Minah Horan, Pastor Bob & Donna Hughes (Grubers), Ron James (V. Brown), Kay Keefer (D. Calhoun), Tracy Maurer (C. Neumeister), Debbie Moyer (C. Carl), Elizabeth Smith & family, Judy Trautman (G. Marquardt), Karyssa Wenrich



2023 Sponsorships

The 2023 sponsorship sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board.

Sign up for:

Altar Flowers \$35.00

Worship Bulletins \$15.00

Children's Bulletins \$10.00

Sanctuary Lamp \$10.00

Monthly Newsletter \$40.00

Palm for Palm Sunday Worship \$12.00

Altar Flowers Procedure:

Please sign up by the bulletin board for week(s) you would like to sponsor Altar Flowers and call

“Flowers From the Heart” 570-339-2519 to place order.

Cost is \$35.00.

Please place order and make payment directly to the florist.

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 Monaghan Family - Dianna, Patrick, Michael & Brooke

The Waldick Family - William Sr., William Jr., Azure, Shale

The Zerby Family - Linda



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CULC YOUTH GROUP Activities

Watch for details on upcoming Youth Group events.

Fresh starts

I suppose when we wake on January 1 the world will look the same. But there is a reminder of the Resurrection at the start of each new year, each new decade. That's why I also like sunrises, Mondays and new seasons. God seems to be saying, "With me you can always start afresh."

—Ada Lum



TASTY CREATIONS

Make this yummy treat to remember what happened on each day of Creation.

What you need:

- 6 large pretzel rods
- Candy melts (white, chocolate and blue)
- Green sprinkles
- White or star-shaped sprinkles
- Fish crackers
- Animal crackers
- Adult help



What you do:

1. With help, melt the three colors of candy melts in separate dishes. Microwave for 30 seconds at a time, stirring until soft.
2. Decorate one pretzel for each day of Creation:
 - Dip half in white and half in chocolate to show light and darkness.
 - Dip half in white and half in blue to show separation of the atmosphere.
 - Dip half in chocolate, add green sprinkles and dip half in blue to show land, plants and water.
 - Dip in chocolate and add white or star sprinkles to show the stars.
 - Dip in blue and add fish crackers to show sea life.
 - Dip in chocolate and add animal crackers to show land animals.
3. Share the Creation story — and the snack — with a friend!

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.

A copy of the Prayer List is available at worship services each weekend. You may also have an email sent to you on Mondays with a list of those in need of your prayers. A phone chain notifies you of



Un-decorating of the Church

On Monday, January 9, we will gather to take down the Christmas decorations in the church.

All help will be greatly appreciated.

Prayer for a new beginning

Dear Lord, touch me with your Spirit of truth so I may be honest about my sins and failures. Forgive me for treating your covenant lightly and at times ignoring it completely. Help me truly seek and know forgiveness for all the hurts I've caused, for harboring ill will and for any hardness of heart I may have. Please renew a right spirit within me that I may become more Christ-like and that my life may daily reveal your love and light. In your name. Amen.



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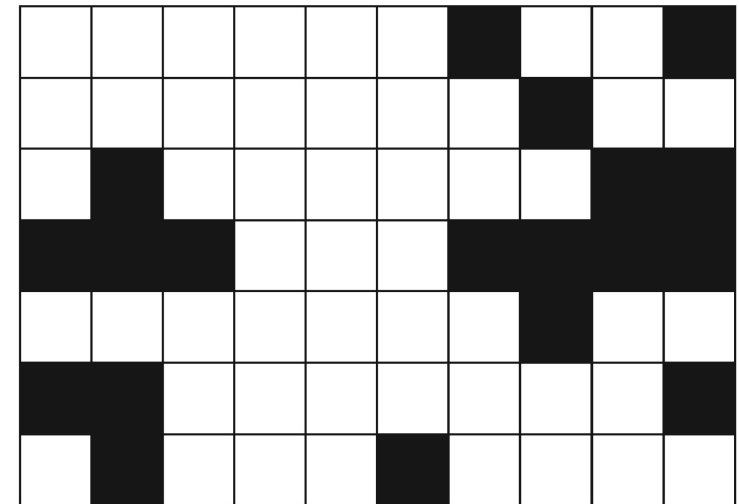
JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- | | | | |
|----|---------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1 | Jamie Johnson | 13 | Jesse Cascarino |
| 2 | Katelyn Bechtel | | Trevor Wilson |
| | Barbara Pennypacker | 14 | Ron Andrews |
| | Nathan Smith | | Cheryl Neumeister |
| 3 | Emily Reichwein | 15 | Karen Green |
| 4 | David Hepler | | Hannah Lisowski |
| | Margaret Koons | 16 | Rylee Nagle |
| 5 | Miles Hudock | 17 | Jim Gruber |
| | Kevin Wright | | Debbie Hall |
| 7 | Katrina Economy | 18 | Bill Burke |
| | Brenda Knorr | 19 | Deb Zaharick |
| 8 | Craig Troutman | 20 | Nathan Hepler |
| 10 | Laray Klinger | | Jennie Kosmisky |
| | Luke Young | 21 | Karen Schweinhart |
| | Liam Young | | Bryce Weikel |
| 11 | Harry Hepler | 23 | David Chuplis |
| 12 | Richard Knorr | 24 | Katherine Bixler |
| | | | Rachel Hostetter |
| | | 25 | Steven Wagner |
| | | 30 | Allen Johnson |
| | | | Amanda Sterling |

Puzzle!

Match the blocks of spaces and letters to complete an NIV Bible verse about an important commitment.

Y		M	L	L	OW	FO
A	S	E,	A	M	PL	EX
		OW	F	O	L	L
O	F	E	A	M	H	E
.		S	T	C	H	R
:	1	1	1	1	1	1



Answer: Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. 1 Cor. 11:1

Give Electronically

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



Electronic Giving is a convenient way to provide consistent financial support to our church. Go to www.christsunited.org or scan



Pursue Jesus — and your passions

If you struggle with making and keeping resolutions, you're not alone. It can be discouraging to focus on what you're doing "wrong" and all the difficult changes in store. Yet January offers great opportunities to listen to God's direction. After all, Jesus came to give us abundant life and wants us to pursue him.

As you review the previous year, ask: What brought me joy? How did I grow? How did I help others? What did I do that no one else could have done? Whether your list includes spending time outside, mentoring or coaching young people or making crafts to give away or sell, continue doing what brings you joy. God gives us each unique gifts and circumstances, so live passionately for him this year!

—Janna Firestone



Items Found

There are some items (earrings, pins, etc.- even a puzzle piece) hanging in a plastic bag on the bulletin board in the hallway that have been found throughout the church building. If you are missing anything check to see if its been found and placed in the bag.



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

01/08/11
01/13/72
01/20/05
01/30/82

Douglas & Lindsay Fetterolf
Leroy & Deb Berner
Allen & Keri Johnson
Craig & Penny Troutman



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



In Memory of Tommy Green by:
Jim Chappell
Ann Marie Dillman
Jack & Betty Ruscavage



In Memory of Dolores Leshar by:
Randy & Bonnie Stutzman
Tom & Neida Hayes and Family



In Memory of Leo Young by:
Peggy & Frank Dziczek
Jim Chappell
Joseph & Mary Francaviglia
Barbara Liem



In Memory of all our loved ones and in honor of Grace Johnson by
Ralph, Jen and Ralph Johnson



Donation made to Christ's United's Endowment Fund



In Memory of Tommy Green by:



Dear Christ's United Family,

Thank you so very much for your generous Christmas gifts.

Your kindness and support are always so greatly appreciated by all of us.



Sincerely,

Christ's United Staff:

Ann Marie, Ann Ray, Bill, Chris,

Proof of light



On January 6 Christians celebrate Epiphany, when the Magi came to worship baby Jesus. Epiphany, which means an appearance or manifestation, symbolizes the first recognition of the Savior by non-Jews. Because Epiphany also is a reminder that Jesus came as the light of the whole world, its symbols include light, candles and a star.

How did the wise men know — and how do we know — that Jesus is the light of the world? As preacher George Buttrick said, "It would little avail to ask how we know. That would be like asking how we know that Beethoven's 'Hymn to Joy' is joyous. If a man were to say, 'It is not joyous to me,' he would



There will be no WELCA meeting in January.
The next meeting will be February 1st.

Another year for God

Another year is dawning; dear Father, let it be,
in working or in waiting, another year with thee....

Another year of progress, another year of praise,
another year of proving thy presence all the days.

Another year of service, of witness for thy love;
another year of training for holier work above.

Another year is dawning! Dear Father, let it be,
on earth, or else in heaven, another year for thee.

—Frances Ridley Havergal



SOCIAL MINISTRY

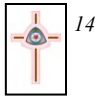


Fellowship Hour will be held after worship on only the first Sunday of each month September through May. See schedule below for your committee's turn to serve. Please sign up on the bulletin board to help.

~ 2023 ~

- January** - WELCA
- February** - Church Council
- March** - Evangelism/
Endowment/
Stewardship
- April** - Social Ministry
- May** - WELCA

- June/July/August** -
No Social Hour
- November** - Evangelism/
Endowment/Stewardship



We will be collecting the following items for January:

Peanut Butter & Tuna

Please place your donations in the shopping cart.

Thank You!



The next food distribution date is Thursday



Serving Our Community of Faith in January, 2023:

Date	Supply Pastor/ Worship Leader	Congregational Rep/ Announcements	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte	Acolyte
January 1 Name of Jesus	Erik Tice	Jacob Tice	Kay Berner	Darlene Stank Barb Stepanchick Allen Johnson c/d Dennis Wolfe so	John Towey AM Barb Stepanchick Barb Anczarski	Kayla Werner	Kaitlyn Werner
January 8 Baptism of Our Lord	Kay Berner		Angie Berger		Erik Tice AM Angie Berger Deb Price	Nelson Berger	Remington Stehr
January 15			Vivian Brown			—	Maura Sweitzer
January 22	Rev. Bruce Pottfeiger		Deb Hubler			—	Logan Walacavage
January 29	Erik Tice		Donna Lassen			Raven Marlow	Hayden Marlow

January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day 9:30 Worship w / Holy Communion	2	3	4 10:30 Seniors 6:30 Choir Practice	5	6 EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD 	7 12:00—6:00 P.M. Fellowship Hall reserved
8 BAPTISM OF OUR LORD 9:30 Worship w / Holy Communion 10:30 Social Hour 10:45 Sunday School Adult Sunday School	9 9:00 a.m. Un-decorating of the church 7:00 Church Council	10	11 10:30 Seniors 6:30 Choir Practice	12 10:00 – 11:30 Christ's Cupboard distribution 	13	14
15 9:30 Worship 10:30 Acolyte/Crucifer Training 10:45 Adult Sunday School	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	17	18 10:30 Seniors 6:30 Choir Practice	19	20	21
22 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School Adult Sunday School	23 6:00 Social Ministry Meeting	24	25 8:30 Newsletter Assembly 10:30 Seniors 6:30 Choir Practice	26	27	28
29 9:30 Worship w/Good Samaritan Fund Offering 10:30 Worship & Music Mtg 10:45 Adult Sunday School	30	31	