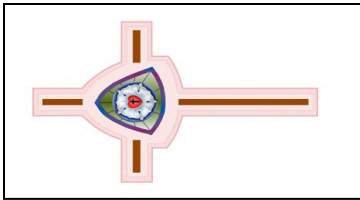


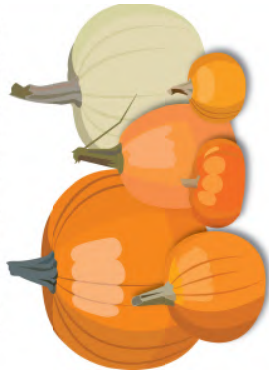
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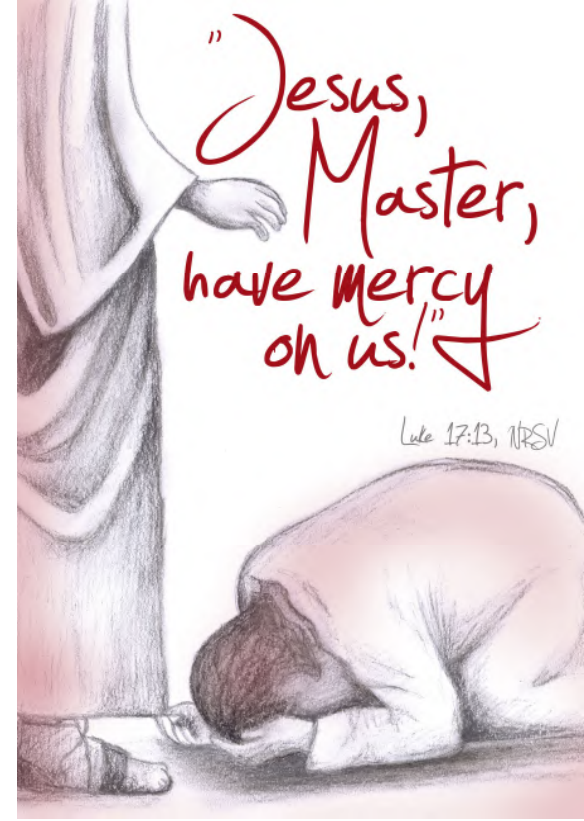
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Saturday 5:00 p.m. & Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School (September thru May) 10:45
& Fellowship 10:30

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October 2019

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in Memory of Elmer Waldick
by Betty Waldick & Family

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CHURCH COUNCIL 2019

council@christsunited.org

	Phone	Term Expires
Erik Tice President/VP	570-875-2681	Feb. 2020
Beth Andrews Secretary	570-874-2381	Feb. 2022
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Jim Gruber	570-875-2805	Feb. 2021
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Terry Shilling	570-875-0412	Feb. 2021
Barbara Stepanchick	570-875-1114	Feb. 2022
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pastorlaura@christsunited.org

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Outdoor Custodian	Bill Price 570-875-4272
Financial Secretary	Christine Brennan 570-875-0720

Status of Accounts as of August 31

Balance in Checking Account.....\$13,105.97

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

August income was **\$14,835.21**

Benevolence Gifts through August.....\$ 8,257.00

51% of our Benevolence goal of \$16,320.00 for 2019)



Life Together at Christ's United



Christ's United Ministry Teams

Christian Education

Evangelism/Outreach

Lutheran Church Men (LCM)

Social Ministry

Stewardship

WELCA

Worship & Music

Multimedia Ministry

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 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.

Pastor Laura's Message



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Did you know that next to Christmas, Americans spend the most on Halloween? Some say the popularity of this autumn holiday is because it allows us to display our inner demons or deepest desires even if it only for one night. Christ's United Church's *Trunk or Treat* provides avenues for us to address such demons as participants enter Sunday School rooms transformed into haunted chambers.

When I was in elementary school, we sang a Halloween song I still remember all these years later:

*Have you seen the ghost of Tom?
Long white bones with the flesh all gone.
Poor Tom. Wouldn't it be chilly with no skin on?*

Singing about skeleton Tom helped keep me from fearing that he'd jump out from under my bed and jump on me. Yes, Halloween can help us address our fears in a safe, often fun way. Yet there's an even better way, isn't there?

In the refrain to the song "Shepherd Me, O God", composer Marty Haugen tells what God does with our fears: *Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.*

There are many things of which we might be afraid: heights (acrophobia), insects (entomophobia), elevators (claustrophobia). What scares you the most? For many, it is death that most frightens.

Beyond the building

The Christian does not go to the temple to worship. The Christian takes the temple with him or her. Jesus lifts us beyond the building and pays the human body the highest compliment by making it his dwelling place, the place where he meets with us.
—Ravi Zacharias



But remember that Halloween is a shortened version of *All Hallows Eve*. This is the ancient Christian celebration of all the saints (hallows) that includes you and you and me, together with those faithful departed, including those we will name on All Saints Sunday, November 3.

Each of us has been shepherded by God beyond our fears, from death into life in Christ. So, come out to our Trunk or Treat on *Saturday*, October 26 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Dress up in your favorite costume. Shout “trick or treat”. But remember that the best treat of all is that you are a precious and beloved child of God through the waters of Holy Baptism, with Jesus shepherding you beyond any fear that haunts you.

Pastor Laura+

October Council Contact of the month is Ted Ambrose.

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 Ted, he can be reached at 570-449-2193



Council Member of the Month

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 5, 2019

5:00 pm



- ◆ All pets are welcome!
- ◆ All pets will be individually blessed.
- ◆ Service will be held in the Pavilion.
- ◆ For the safety and comfort of all attending, all pets should be leashed or contained in safe carrier.

All God's Creatures



Life Together at Christ's United



PUZZLE

Harvest hunt

Directions: After unscrambling each leaf's word, follow the vine to complete the Bible verse.

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Galatians 6:9 James 3:18 John 4:35

Peacemakers who sow in _____ reap a harvest of righteousness. James 3:18, NIV

Let us not become _____ in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9, NIV

I tell you, open your eyes and look at the _____!
They are ripe for harvest. John 4:35, NIV

Answers: peace, weary, fields

Church Council Highlights from September:

- WELCA made a payment of \$1388.00 toward the mortgage.
- Income from Boyer's tags was \$147.63.
- Assisting Ministers include: Kay Berner, Vivian Brown, Erik Tice, John Towey, and Larry Wolfgang.
- Joint Mid-Week Advent services will be held on December 4, 11 and 18 with Zion UCC, Ashland and perhaps Simpson Methodist, Gordon
- Pastor Laura encourages participation in the January 10 & 11, 2020 program "Extravagant Generosity, A Stewardship Extravaganza" sponsored by both the Southeastern PA and Northeastern PA Synods.
- Multimedia Ministry—Eljon Alonge is well on his way to being our webmaster. He and Deb Hall worked hard at getting the Newsletter and calendar updated on the website.
- Endowment Fund Committee met and elected officers. Donna Lassen is Treasurer, and Mark Varndell is second signer.
- Personnel Committee is working on conducting annual staff reviews.
- John Denchak will lead a Safety Walk through the church building on Wednesday, October 9 at 7 p.m.

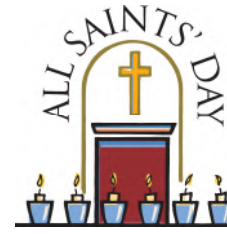
The Annual Budget meeting will take place on Sunday, November 10th following worship. The budget will detail the costs of doing ministry, broken down into the larger ministry areas such as Education, Social Ministry, and Worship (and more!). Please take the time to review the proposed budget with thanksgiving and prayer for the blessings from Christ at work here at Christ's United. To help us prepare, the ministry budget will be available on November 3rd.





- 2 Matt Sweitzer
- 4 Lowell Martin
- 5 David Cunningham, Jr.
Joshua Phelan
- 6 Tammy Buhay
William Dillman
Trevor Harhigh
George Sterling
Brooke Wolfe
- 7 Angie Lucas
Forrest Shadle
- 8 Ralph S. Johnson
Francis Lally
- 10 Melanie Bendinsky
Barry Martin
Cole Young
- 11 Dylan Buhay
Michael McNeal
Danielle White
- 12 Matthew Geedey
- 13 Jessica Wallace
Mia Burke
Aidan Lazor
Chad Weikel

- 14 Michael Boyer
Tekla Kranzel
Anna Neumeister
Kelsey Blyler
- 15 Brandon Hood
Nicole Hood
Connor Hoover
James Lavelle
- 17 Terry Neumeister
Autumn Peifer
- 18 Ryan Walter
- 19 Jennifer Bixler
Judy Fritz
Jacob Klinger
Sandy Miller
Maryann Wolfgang
- 20 Robert Liem
Patti Smith
- 22 Blake Olayo
- 24 James Conrath
Francis Lally, Jr.
- 25 Carrie Hummel
Donna Wallace
- 27 Jennifer Deeter
- 28 Nancy Kessler
Salina Krahn
- 29 Cathy Troutman
- 31 Tara Houser



Saturday, Nov. 2 & Sunday, Nov. 3

All Saints Day is a time of both remembrance and celebration as we recognize that God spans all time, and for the family of God life has no end. Those who believe in Jesus Christ are Saints, saved by Christ, and blessed with eternal life.

As we gather we will lift up the names of those Saints who have joined the company of heaven in the past year, since last All Saints Day (November 4, 2018). We ask that you share their names with the church office by calling (570-875-1591), emailing (office@christsunited.org), or filling out the form below by Sunday, October 27th.

Name: _____

Date of Death: _____

Requested by: _____

A Bible Study on who we are because of Jesus, the Church and Luther will be held at 7:00 P.M. at St. James, Pitman on Tuesdays, October 1, 8 & 15. Desserts will be served. All are welcome!

Seminary Sunday will be observed on October 6th with Yvonne Jones Lembo preaching. A special Offering will be received to support Seminary Student Scholarships.





Communities Coming Together



American Red Cross

Community Blood Drive
Christ's United Lutheran Church

Social Hall
437 Airport Road (Gordon) - Ashland

Thursday, October 3, 2019
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Trunk
or
Treat**



SATURDAY. OCTOBER 26TH AT 6 PM

“Trunkers”, please sign up on the bulletin board & come to set up by 3:30 p.m.

Help is needed in all areas of this event (registration table, food and drinks, games and crafts, hayride helpers, etc.) We also need donations of hot dog buns and large canisters of hot chocolate.

Please see bulletin board and sign up where you can help.



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.

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.



Unimaginable impact

You don’t know how many people have been strengthened because you asked God to encourage them; how many people have been healed because you prayed for their bodies; how many spiritual runaways have come home because you prayed for their souls. None of us may ever know the true effects of our prayers this side of death. But we do know this: History belongs to the intercessors.

—John Ortberg, *The Life You’ve Always Wanted*

We Offer our Prayers to...



September 22 – Family of Debbie Horan (D. Wallace), Diane Brennan (E. Chappell), Jack Hoffman

(B. Liem,) Jesse Zerby (T. Dengler), Ben Fertich, Pauline Shirk (P. Shirk)
September 15 – Danny Argoode (A. Berger), Donna Kuczawa, Family & Friends of Bobby Harner, Mary Heverling (T. Wolfe), Family of Lee Clark (V. Brown), Joanne McAndrew (D. Berner), Irene Morgan (B. Andrews), Dennis Weikel (G. Marquardt)

September 8 – Family & Friends of Barbara Stanell (B. Andrews), Tommy Green (B. Andrews), Helen Wolfgang (S. Wolfgang), Family & Friends of Josh Molina (P. Dziczek), Sarah Shanks (T. Wolfe), Ron Fowler (T. Shilling), Maria (P. Lute), Newly ordained pastors including Pastor Laura Dunklin, Children of the Mission of the Good Shepherd in Belize

September 1 – Carl (Mickey) Lute (P. Lute)

Please continue to pray for: Gail Lorady, Deb Nelson (R. Berner), Dan Grow, Minah Horan, Michelle Ambrose, Donald Bulla, Carol Stehr, Joe Ferraro Jr., Robert & Sandra Beecher, Karyssa Wenrich, Elizabeth Brown & family, John Dubb, Judy Trautman (G. Marquardt), Doris McGurl (L. Lute), Albert Stehr (L. Lute), Michael Laudeman Jr. (K. Berner), Lou Ann Olson (T. Shilling), Tina Alexander (D. Price), Jessica Brown (E. Tice), Ron James (V. Brown), Marian Kaufman (J. Deeter)

*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 Knorr Family - Michelle, Blake Olayo & Ava Hernandez
The Rock Family - Diane
The Shilling Family - John



50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF CHRIST'S UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2019 5:00 pm followed by meal

Join in the celebration and reminiscing of our church family at CHRIST'S UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH.

We have been blessed with a congregation and pastoral leadership that has worshiped and prayed, worked to serve others, and cared for our church building. Come join in the celebration program and dinner and fellowship.

Meal includes:

Breaded chicken / Ham
Southern-style Potatoes / Hot Vegetables
Gravy / Cole slaw / Rolls
Desserts / Beverages

Tickets : \$5.00 for Adults and children 11 & older.

Children ages 10 & under are free.

Tickets are available at worship services or church office.

Deadline to purchase ticket is OCTOBER 13TH.

PHOTOS AND OTHER MATERIALS OF CULC HISTORY (1969 - PRESENT) ARE NEEDED TO DISPLAY AT THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

PLEASE BRING ITEMS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE AND ATTACH YOUR NAME SO IT CAN BE RETURNED TO YOU.



Text Alerts

You can now receive mobile alerts from Christ's United! Simply text @culc123 to 81010 and enter your name when it asks you to. You do not need to download the app. Also, this app is typically used for school communication but works perfectly for us. If it asks you if you are a student, teacher, or parent, you do not need to respond. We will send out alerts during severe weather events to notify the congregation of cancellations/updates. All personal contact information will remain private!

- Multimedia Ministry

Did you hear about the brand new Multimedia Ministry at Christ's United?

"This new ministry will equip other ministries of the church with digital and electronic media as a tool for worship and outreach. It will oversee various audio, visual, electronic, and social media elements that are essential to our church.

Multimedia Ministry oversees the following:

- Social Media: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube
- Sign board
- Website
- Scheduling for PowerPoint/Sound System for worship services

Possible developments include:

- Recording various events, teachings, and sermons in order to post on social media/make available to download and watch at home. This is an excellent idea that would benefit our shut-ins. We can even put these recordings on DVDs.
- Multimedia Workshops – show members of the congregation how to access @ChristsUnited on social media/give electronically. We can also train the youth so that they know how to work the PowerPoint and sound system for worship.

Note: if you do not use social media - do not worry! This ministry will have something for you!

If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Steven Wolfgang at swstevenwolfgang@gmail.com. You can also fill out the included form on opposite page with your information. You can turn this into Deb in the office."

Serving Our Community of Faith in October:

Date	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistants	Acolyte & Tag-a-long	Crucifer	Greeter in Narthex	Greeter at Door
October 6	Desiree Dengler	Lowell Martin Jim Gruber Laray Klingler David Hall	Donna Wallace Laray Klingler Maryanne Wolfgang	Nathan Berger	Nelson Berger	Barb Stepanchick	Desiree Dengler
October 13	Becky Spencer			Ava Hubler & Maura Sweitzer	Deidre Dengler	Jim Gruber	Jim Gruber
October 20	Stefan Swanson			Joey McAndrew & Mason Buhay	Dylan Buhay	Donna Wallace	Stefan Swanson
October 27 Reformation	Jacob Tice		Kay Berner Jo-Ann Young Darlene Stank	Ryan Walter	Jordan Walter	Peggy Dziczek	Jacob Tice

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

September— WELCA
October—Church Council
November—Evangelism-Outreach/
Endowment/Stewardship
December—LCM
January—WELCA
February—Social Ministry
March— Church Council
April-LCM
May—WELCA
June – Christian Education/Youth
July—Choir/Worship & Music
August—LCM

We will be collecting the following item for October:

Canned Vegetables

Please place your donations in the shopping cart.

Thank You!

The next food distribution date is Thursday, October 10, 2019.



Multimedia ministry Information Sheet

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name Phone

Email

QUESTIONS - please list your:

Multimedia Abilities (e.g., I am very familiar with social media/I am good with computers):

Multimedia Limitations (e.g., I do not know how to edit videos/I do not use social media):

Do you believe that you can contribute to this ministry?
Please explain why/why not.

Would you consider being an administrator for a social media page?

Additional comments:

October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00 Bible Study @ St. James - Pitman	2 10:00 Seniors 7:00 WELCA	3  1:00 – 6:00 Red Cross Blood Drive 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	4	5 9:00 WELCA Fall Cluster Event 5:00 Worship / Pet Blessing
6 SEMINARY SUNDAY 9:30 Worship w / Communion 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Sunday School for all 3:30 Ladies Night Out	7 9:00 Knaughty Knotters 7:00 Council	8 9:00 Food Delivery & set up 7:00 Bible Study @ St. James - Pitman	9 10:00 Seniors 7:00 Safety walk-through of church building	10 10:00 – 12:00 Christ's Cupboard 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	11 7:30 Wedding Rehearsal	12 HARVEST HOME  1:30 Jason Miller / Kim Shingara Wedding 5:00 Worship w/Communion
13 HARVEST HOME St. Luke's Day 9:30 Worship / Healing Service 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Sunday School for all 5:00 LCM 6:00 Property Committee	14 Columbus Day 9:00 Knaughty Knotters 	15 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 Bible Study @ St. James - Pitman	16 10:00 Seniors 7:00 Personnel Committee	17 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	18	19 HARVEST HOME 8:00 Highway Clean-Up Rain date 5:00 Worship w/Communion
20 HARVEST HOME 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Sunday School for all 10:45 Endowment Committee	21 9:00 Knaughty Knotters 7:00 Social Ministry	22	23 9:00 Newsletter Assembly 10:00 Seniors	24 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	25	26 5:00 Worship w/Communion 6:00 Trunk-or-Treat
27 REFORMATION SUNDAY 9:30 Worship w / Communion 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Sunday School for all 5:00 50 th Anniversary Celebration	28 9:00 Knaughty Knotters 6:00 Grief Support	29	30 10:00 Seniors	31 Halloween 6:30 Choir Rehearsal		