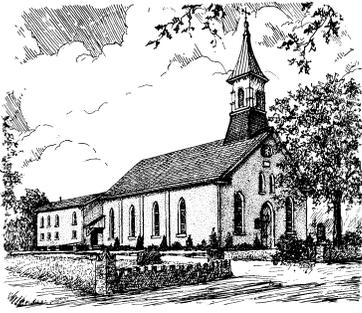


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United Church of Christ of Trappe

June 2020 Newsletter



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Worship Schedule

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Blended Service 9:30 AM

3rd Sunday of Mo. Healing Service 9:30 AM

Sunday school 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month.

REV. JOHN'S MUSINGS

For June's article of Musings, I want to talk about change but from a theological viewpoint. Due to the recent COVID, and now as you will seek an interim pastor, St. Luke's is experiencing change.

Change is inevitable. Biblically and theologically speaking, change is essential and part of God's creation. Creation involved change – from nothing, from the formless void, to a beautiful creation. Unlike many world views in which time is cyclical, inescapable, or meaningless, Biblical time is purposeful, forward moving, and climaxing in the fulfillment of God's promises and plan.

However not all things change. First, God does not change. God is relationally dynamic; that is to say, God is personal and lovingly and graciously interacts with all of creation. God does not change in nature, character, or attributes.

Human condition has not changed. From the fall of Adam and Eve, all humans who have every lived (save for Jesus) have been sinners by nature and by choice. No matter how good or how bad any individual person's actions may be, all have fallen short of what God expects and demands.

Change, even chaotic change, can be good. Studies in chaos and complexity theory have shown that equilibrium leads to stagnation which leads to death. Change, and even moving to the edge of chaos, is what causes living systems to adapt, find new solutions, and improve. The disturbances caused by change and chaos can be, in fact, life savers. Remember how God brought radical change to Israel, often through her worst enemies.

The key, therefore, is how we evaluate change. Should we embrace it or resist it?

What is actually changing? As America changes rapidly, the church must clearly identify the changes worth confronting. How often are we expending energy simply resisting change that affects our sentimentality about life and culture and our preferences about the church?

How can and will God use change for His glory? As hard as it is, we need to work to see the biggest picture possible – God's. What is He doing through these changes? What does He want to do in my individual life, in my church, and through believers in America and around the world? How are these changes moving us toward the fulfillment of His promises?

Change is rarely comfortable. I am convinced that more often than not God is waiting for us to seize the moment, "making the most of the time" (Col. 4:5b), internally and externally to our society.

Pastor John

June Scripture Readings

Date	Old Testament	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
June 7	Genesis 1:-2; 4a	Psalm 8	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20
June 14	Genesis 18:1-15	Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	Romans 5:1-8	Matthew 9:35-10:8
June 21	Genesis 21:8-21	Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17	Romans 6:1b-11	Matthew 10:24-39
June 28	Genesis 1-14	Psalm 13	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42
July 5	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49	Psalm 45:10-17	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

SERMON SERIES

- June 7 "Greatest Task in the World" Matthew 28:16-20
- June 14 "Get to Work" Matthew 9:35-10:8
- June 21 "No Cheap Grace" Matthew 10:24-39
- June 28 "Simple Things" Matthew 10:40-42



ATTENTION

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday June 14, 2020 after worship service if the virus has passed and we can meet again. Please watch for updates.



WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Due to the Corona Virus there will be no Women's Breakfast this month

MEN'S BREAKFAST

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VOLUNTEERS

The following people have volunteered to transport Anne White from Peter Becker Home in Harleysville, PA. Sunday, July 5 - If the virus is over.

Bev Spaid will then transport Anne back. Please let Sue Linkenhoker know if you are able to transport Anne from Peter Becker to St. Luke's on the first Sunday of the month. We would like to have more volunteers going forward. Thank you Sue Linkenhoker.

A BLESSINGS BOX

We will be initiating a Blessings Box where you can donate a monetary gift for a Blessing you have had in your life. It could be a blessing that you have each week or a blessing that came to you all of a sudden and you would like to be thankful for the event. The monies will be placed in an account that at the end of the year the Council will designate where the funds will go; someone needy or to an organization that is doing good for the community. This will appear again when we reconvene.

CHURCH LIFE IS STILL PLANNING

Hopefully the Virus will be over by this time.

We are planning a bus trip on **Saturday, September 19th**. It will be a trip to Hummelstown, a boat ride, a train ride and after all this excitement there will be dinner, cost to be forth coming closer to the date.

THINK ABOUT IT

BE AN ORGAN DONOR. GIVE YOUR HEART TO JESUS.

- June 3 Greg Kimmich
- June 4 Sean Narrigan
- June 5 Eileen Hughes
- June 6 Stela Suto
- June 7 Julia Kelly



- June 8 Sam Kohler
- June 13 Adam Daller
- June 22 Jessica Slaymaker
- June 25 Madeline Krentz
- July 3 Ashley Salerno

KEEPING IN TOUCH!!

One of the good things that has come from COVID-19 is our live streaming. Several folks have expressed interest in continuing this vital service. We will have to figure out music for licensing over the internet so we do not get ourselves into a legal situation. Also we would have to use two different computers - one for the live stream and another one for the power point projection. This will be an ongoing progress to find a solution.

Also for those who do not have internet capabilities and cannot be in touch with this service, we have come up with a solution where you can call in on a free conference call and listen to the worship service.

This is how it works: Participant instructions - (that's you)

You dial this number - **(701) 802-5032** and you will be prompted by a message to enter the St. Luke's Access Code which you enter in the numbers of the access code **7820699**.

Thanks! Keeping you connected! Pastor John

PSEC NEWS

Catherine Marie Shetler, 96, of the Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community, entered into rest on Sunday, May 10, 2020 at Hospice and Community Care. Born in Lancaster, she was the daughter of the late Harry A., and Anna B. (Krantz) Dinkelberg. She was married to the late Rev. John C. Shetler for 60 years at the time of his passing. Rev. Shetler was a former Conference Minister of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference. Catherine was a graduate of McCaskey High School and became a registered nurse through Lancaster General Hospital's School of Nursing. She worked as an obstetrics nurse in Bethlehem, PA for several years. Catherine enjoyed gardening and was active in the Trappe Historical Society and also the National Alliance on Mental Illness. She was a lifelong member of the United Church of Christ and most recently Zion UCC in Strasburg Township. Surviving Catherine are her 3 children: Johanna Shetler of Norristown; Erika, wife of Steven Adams of Delmar, NY; and John, husband of Bonnie Shetler of Pequea; 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Traditional interment will be private in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Danville, PA. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lancaster County Nurse Honor Guard, 237 Highville Road, Conestoga, PA 17516 or at lanastercountynursehonorguard.org. Arrangements entrusted to Dewald Funeral and Cremation Service, Inc., Quarryville. Online guestbook at dewalds.com

Memorial Day message from the Conference Minister:

“Monuments come and monuments go but monumental lives linger long into the future.” I don't know when I first heard that expression but stuck long ago among the mental treasures that clutter my cerebral attic. There is no monument of stone or marble that can replace the monuments we build in our hearts to the memory of loved ones. Memorial Day weekend is for both kinds of monuments — ones hewn from hearts the other from marble.

Historically, Christian worship is not a place to celebrate monumental patriotism. It is a place to celebrate Jesus Christ and his call to live in ways not of this world — to turn the other cheek, to love enemies; to serve one Master and one another; to go into the world baptizing in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit — in other words to live monumental lives.

That said, I'm thankful to be an American citizen. While the pandemic has shown a bright light on the things that divide us and the liabilities of inept and corrupt leadership that have been with us since our nation's founding, I still believe deeply in the unique and enduring principles of our Constitutional Democracy and the core values that undergird them. I've been in places where the only and most beautiful colors were red, white, and blue and I value the monumental sacrifices that have been made for our country. To them, I have added a few small sacrifices of my own.

My Christian obligations include being a good citizen and honoring the memory of other good citizens who've encouraged our present, inspired our future and whose sacrifices in our day amid the pandemic safeguard public health and wellness. And so, this weekend we remember the honored dead of wars past. They should not be driven out of time and we will not do that. We gather at many monuments, including those built in our hearts and minds, to honor their monumental sacrifices.

Most importantly, we remember the saints who died to the glory of God. They should not be driven out of our time lest we be driven from the grace of God and we will not do that. We Christians gather every Sabbath at one cross to offer honor and praise to the one sacrifice that has made monuments of us all—members of the living breathing body of Christ.

I pray for your safety and wellbeing and that the sacrifices we all make now will plant the seeds of a joyous and health filled reunion — soon. Grace and Peace, Rev. Bill Worley Conference Minister



June Sunday Leader Schedule



Church Access Volunteers - Volunteers are needed to open and close the church on Sundays. Please see **Beverly Spaid** to schedule and review tasks. If you wish to be an usher/greeter please see **Brenda Kurtz** or sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

9:30 Blended Service

	<u>Lay Leader</u>	<u>Children's Time</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
June 7	Sue Linkenhoker	Pastor John	Nancy Leneweaver	
June 14	Bev Spaid	Pastor John	Carrie Krentz	
June 21	Becci Richardson	Becci Richardson	Leah Keyser	
June 28	Kathy Narrigan	Pastor John	Nancy Leneweaver	
July 5	Tom Lloyd	Pastor John	Carrie Krentz	

Sunday Leader Scheduling Note

If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, **please find a replacement** by switching dates with someone on the schedule and contact the church office as soon as possible so we may make note of the change. **If you are unable to find a replacement, please contact the church office and we will be happy to do so.**

Articles for the Sunday bulletin are due in the church office by Wednesday. Newsletter deadline for the July Newsletter is June 22nd and mailing is June 25th.

PRAYER LIST

People in need of prayers: Linda Miller, Nick Iacorinno,

People with on-going conditions and prayer needs: Barbara and Mark Nieweg, Betty Murphy, Casey S., Debbie Parker, Eli and Ella Vivian, Elsa Thomas, Greg Kimmich, Jack Murphy, Mike Richardson, Mitzie Oxenham, Nancy Lewis, Rod Bowers, Tim Heiser and Tricia White Heiser.

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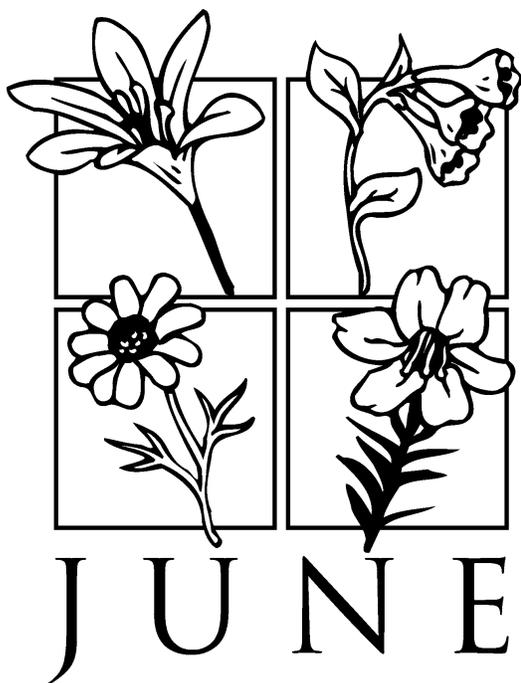


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 9:30 Live Streaming Service	8	9 ZOOM Mtg. 6:30 Elders 7:30 Council	10	11	12	13
14 9:30 Live Streaming Service 10:30 Annual Congregational Mtg.	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 9:30 Live Streaming Service	22 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	23	24	25 NEWSLETTER MAILING	26	27
28 9:30 Live Streaming Service	29	30				

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guided by His Word,
we share Christ's love with all.**