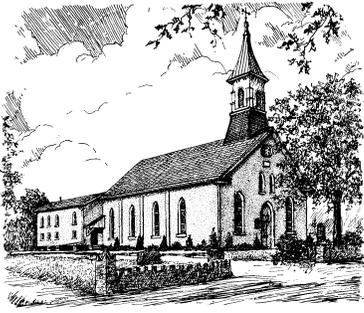


United Church of Christ of Trappe

March 2019 Newsletter



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Blended Service 9:30 AM
3rd Sunday of Mo. Healing Service 9:30 AM
Sunday school 3rd Sunday of the month.

REV. JOHN'S MUSINGS.

A city dweller moved to a farm and bought a cow. Sometime after the purchase, the cow went dry. When he reported this fact to a neighbor farmer, the neighbor expressed surprise. The city slicker explained, "I don't understand it either, for if ever a person was considerate of an animal, I was of that cow. If I didn't need any milk, I didn't milk her. If I only needed a quart, I only took a quart.

The farmer tried to explain to him that the only way to keep milk flowing is not to take as little as possible from the cow, but to take as much as possible.

Is this not true of the Christian life? Those who only turn to God in time of need miss the real joy that flows from a daily infilling of his Holy Spirit. Consider this parable about Irish Farmers, since we are in the season of Shamrock celebrations.

Many years ago Irish immigrants subscribed to the theory that they could eat all the big potatoes and keep the small potatoes for seed planting. They did this for quite some time. They ate the big potatoes; they planted the small potatoes. Soon, however, greater understanding of the laws of nature came to them, for while they kept up this practice, nature reduced all their potatoes to the size of marbles. The Irish farmers learned through bitter experience that they could not keep the best things of life for themselves and use the leftovers for seed. The laws of nature decreed that the harvest would reflect the planting season.

Planting small potatoes is still common practice today. We often try to keep the best things of life for ourselves and to plant inferior things. We expect that by some crazy twist of the laws of nature our own selfishness will reward us with unselfishness. Is this not true in terms of time, personal talents, serving others, sharing our faith, living according to the Golden Rule?

We need to remember what the Irish farmers learned: we cannot eat all the big potatoes and still keep on having them through the years. Truly the harvest reflects the planting season.

Spiritual food for thought.....See you in Church! Pastor John

March Scripture Readings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Mar. 3	Exodus 34:29-35	Psalm 99	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2	Luke 9:28-36
Mar. 10	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
Mar. 17	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	Psalm 27	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35
Mar. 24	Isaiah 55:1-9	Psalm 63:1-8	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9
Mar. 31	Joshua 5:9-12	Psalm 32	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
Apr. 7	Isaiah 43:16-21	Psalm 1126	Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8

SERMON SERIES

Continuing series exploring our “Quiet Internal Roots of Other Sins”

- March 3: Part 2 ‘The Problem with Green Eyes: Envy’ Genesis 4:1-8; Matthew 20:1-16
- March 6 : Ash Wednesday Communion
- March 10 : Part 3: ‘Overcoming Anger’ Psalm 137:7-9; John 2: 13-17
- March 17: Part 4: ‘ Sloth? Seriously?’ Ecclesiastes 1:1-9; John 5:1-9a
- March 24 Part 5: ‘The Gravity of Greed’ Chronicles 4:9-10; Matthew 16:19-24
- March 31 Part 6 ‘Everything Looks so Good- Gluttony’ Phil 3:17-21; Matthew 6:25-33



NEW BIBLE STUDY

A new group has formed - **3 Sips Café and Bible Study**.

Please join me the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 8:15 - 9:15am before Sunday worship. We will try this time frame out and try several different styles of Bible Study to find out what will work for the group. We will be meeting in March on the 10th and 24th. Please mark your calendars and open your hearts and minds for a new learning adventure!!! We are studying Philippians “The Joy of Christian Living”. If you have any questions or comments please contact Veronica Hogue at 402-801-9301 or teapotlady3@gmail.com.

A NEW ARRIVAL

Olive Grace Kimmich was born on January 23, 2019 she is the granddaughter of Janet and John Kimmich



WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Donna Groff has joined St. Luke’s UCC on February 10, 2019 during worship service. Please welcome her to our fold.

GAME DAY STILL EXISTS

Feel free to join us on the first Thursday of every month at 12:30 in the Parlor for Game Day. We start at 12:30 and go until we drop over from exhaustion. We have many games we can choose from and it’s always a fun time. Please think about joining us, DON’T SIT HOME ALONE!



March 6 Jasmine Aydin
March 7 Joan Keyser



March 9 Dorothy Snader
Jim Narrigan
March 10 Susan Walsh

BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR THE LENTEN SEASON!

Williamson Keyser would like to challenge the congregation for his birthday this year. After many conversations about how lucky we are to have food on our table every day, he thought it would be wonderful for our congregation to collect food for those that don't have the same fortune. During this season of Lent, he is challenging each person to bring in ONE canned good or non perishable food item each Sunday to help with his collection. He will personally deliver the collection to the Food Pantry, all while learning about our church's commitment to community outreach. Thank you, in advance, for your participation in this challenge!

NOISY OFFERINGS

Thank you so much for your generous support for our February 2019 Noisy Offering organization SuperKIDS of Montgomery County. You set an all-time record for giving of \$250. Since Missions matches your donation dollar for dollar, a check is on its way for a total of \$500. That should make a big difference in the lives of some deserving local children. Way to go everyone!

FINANCE CORNER

OFFERING YEAR TO DATE	\$11,916
EXPENSES YEAR TO DATE	\$23,390
BUDGET YEAR TO DATE	\$32,388

If you have questions, please contact a member of the Finance Committee

MOVIE NITE AT ST. LUKE'S

Title of Movie: Amazing Grace

Join us on March 30th at 7:00pm in Moyer Hall

Bring your own snacks and we will provide drinks

MISSION TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING

On March 3rd an informational meeting on the Application Mission Trip will be held at Trinity UCC at 7:00pm. Trip is planned to West Virginia. Thank you Trinity for inviting anyone who wants to attend and participate in the trip. Please see Pastor John for details.

COLLEGEVILLE-TRAPPE MINISTERIUM CHOIR

The CTM Choir is newly formed. While many of their singers attend churches from within the Ministerium, all singers are welcome. The first project will be the "Song Of Shadows" by Joseph Martin. All singers will be asked to commit to at least 2 rehearsals plus final dress rehearsal and 2 performances plus final performance on April 10th. Check out the bulletin board for all dates of rehearsals and performances.

Register at stjames-episcopal.org/ctmchoir.

Moment for Missions

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES



‘Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.’ Psalm 96: 3

St. Luke’s has a goal to pack another 50 shoeboxes this year with a *special focus on boys and girls aged 10-14*. Here are some recommended items to look for while you’re out shopping.

A Wow Item--doll/doll accessory; toy truck or boat; soccer ball with pump; stuffed animal; clothing; small musical instrument
Personal care items
School supplies
Clothing and accessories
Crafts and activities
Toys

The following items cannot be accepted as donations: used or damaged merchandise; chocolate, candy or gum; food including seeds, fruit rolls or snacks or drink mixes; liquids or lotions; toothpaste; war-related items like toy guns, knives or military figures; breakable items like snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans. Don’t forget that it costs \$9 per box for shipping. If you would rather help defray mailing instead of donating objects, simply write “Shoeboxes” on your Sunday offering check.

MARCH BENEFICIARY: CENTER FOR LOSS AND BEREAVEMENT IN SKIPPACK

As a faith community, our church family sometimes experiences the loss of members we hold dear. As individuals, we have each had family members, friends, neighbors, colleagues or other acquaintances pass away. We also know others in our communities who have faced the hurt and pain associated with death. Loss is never easy, whether it comes suddenly or is anticipated. The grief that comes with a loss is not something we are taught or prepared to handle. To say grief can be a difficult journey is a gross understatement. Our March Noisy Offering beneficiary is the non-profit Center for Loss and Bereavement located in Skippack. For 19 years the Center has been a resource of professionals and volunteers who provide meaningful connection and restorative guidance for those who are grieving. Their vision is for all who are facing loss to find solace and renewed strength while investing in life.

The Center offers individual and group services for every kind of loss--the loss of a spouse, parent or sibling; loss due to suicide or addiction; loss following a progressive illness; even sudden, unexpected loss. Specialized programs, such as Nello’s Corner onsite and Camp Millie during the summers, are created for grieving children and young teens to connect with one another in settings full of acceptance and care. The Center provides a relaxed environment and safe space for people with similar loss experiences to connect with and support one another.

We look forward to the reverberating, plunking sound of your generosity Sunday, March 10th as we support the Center for Loss and Bereavement.

As a family of God, our family has experienced the loss of members we hold dear. And as individuals, we have each lost family members, friends, neighbors, colleagues, or we know someone in our communities who has. Loss is far from easy, whether it comes suddenly or it’s anticipated. The grief that comes with a loss is not something we are taught or prepared to handle. To say grief is a difficult journey is a gross understatement.

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SHARING BRINGS JOY.
Support **One Great
Hour of Sharing.**

On Sunday, March 31st we will participate in One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) as part of Our Churches Wider Mission (OCWM). It's the annual special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God's message of love and hope to people in crisis. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water, food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief and rehabilitation. OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response.

In 2017, the OGHS offering was over \$2 million. Nearly 65% of UCC congregations participate annually. On average 95 cents of every dollar is used directly for mission programming and 5 cents for interpretation materials. Administrative costs are paid by gifts to OCWM National Basic Support.

Please give with a big heart on March 31st!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join the men of the church for a get together breakfast on Wednesday, March 27th,
9 am at the Spring Ford Diner.

NOTE THE CHANGE OF LOCATION!!!



WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Come join us on Thursday, March 14th at
The Spring Ford Diner in Spring City.





March 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 **Janet Kimmich** 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>
Mar. 3	Kathy Narrigan	Pastor John		Melanie Prudom & Drew Crafton
Mar. 10	Tom Lloyd	Pastor John	Kim Gray	Isaac and Nethanel Hogue
Mar. 17	Jim Narrigan	Pastor John	Carrie Krentz	Brenda Kurtz II & Sam Kurtz III
Mar.24	Veronica Hogue	Pastor John	Leah Keyser	Esther Wolfram & Donna Horst
Mar. 31	Isaac Hogue	Pastor John	Nancy Leneweaver	
Apr. 7	Sue Linkenhoker	Pastor John	Kim Gray	

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 April Newsletter is March 25th and mailing is March 27th.

PRAYER LIST

People in need of prayers: Carl Watters, Charlie and Kathy T., Corie Bowers, Joan Z., Judy Groff, Linda Miller, Nick Iacorinno, Russell and Nancy Morris.

People with on-going conditions and prayer needs: Barbara and Mark Nieweg, Betty Murphy, Debbie Parker, Eli and Ella Vivian, Elsa and Victor Thomas, Evelyn and Jimmy, Fred Litchert, Greg Kimmich, Jack Murphy, Mike Richardson, Mitzie Oxenham, Nancy Lewis, Randy and Sue Davidson, Rod Bowers, Shirley Prudom, Tim Heiser and Tricia White Heiser, Tom Hairston.



MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:30 Blended Service	4 7:00 Cemetery 7:00 Boy Scouts	5 6:30 Worship & Music	6 7:00 Choir 7:00 Endowment 7:30 Orchestra 7:00 Worship Service Communion 	7 12:30 Games 7:00 Finance 7:30 GANON	8	9 
10 8:15 Bible Study 9:30 Worship Service Noisy Offering 	11 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Church Life	12 9:30 Bible Study 6:30 Church and Ministry 7:30 Council	13 6:00 Book Club 7:00 Choir 7:30 Orchestra 7:30 Lenten Serv. Trinity UCC	14 9:00 Women's Breakfast 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 GANON	15	16
17 9:30 Blended Service Healing Service Green & Orange Day 	18 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Property	19	20 7:00 College Woods 7:00 Choir 7:30 Orchestra 7:30 Lenten Serv. St. Paul's UCC	21 7:30 GANON	22	23 9:30 PSEC Stewardship Workshop
24 8:15 Bible Study 9:30 Blended Service	25 7:00 Boy Scouts NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	26 9:30 Bible Study	27 9:00 Men's Breakfast 7:00 Choir 7:30 Orchestra 7:30 Lenten-Lower Prov. Baptist NEWSLETTER MAILING	28 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 GANON	29	30 12:00 Private Party 7:00 Movie Night "Amazing Grace"
31 9:30 Worship Service						

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