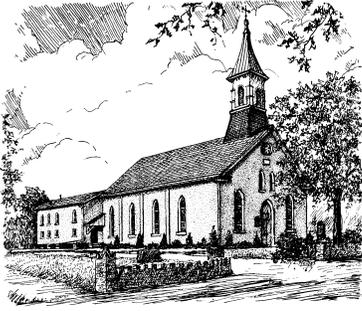


## United Church of Christ of Trappe

## March 2023 Newsletter



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**Worship Schedule**  
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Blended Service 9:00 AM  
3rd Sunday of Mo. Healing Service 9:00 AM  
2nd & 4th Sunday of Mo. Children's Sermon 9:00 AM

**THINK SPRING**

This has been a very mild winter, hardly any snow at all. And that's fine with me. When I was a child, there were two things I learned about snow. The first thing was you never eat any of the first snow that falls. The reason you did not was because of the "contaminated snow theory." You see, my older brothers and sisters, inspired by all the nuclear testing that was taking place in the early 60's, convinced me that the first fallen snow was laden with nuclear particles. For one's own personal safety, it was important to wait until the second snow fall of the year before ingesting any snow. When the first snow fell, it would wipe out all the nuclear fallout floating around in the sky. By the time the second snow fell, it would be safe to consume.

I certainly hope my brothers and sisters enjoyed jerking me around this way. Everybody knows there is nothing to the "contaminated snow theory." Everybody knows the reason you don't eat the first snow is because it is stale!

I remember as a child, my mother going out and collecting some good, second-snow-fall snow, and making snow ice cream. She would take snow and mix it with some sugar and vanilla and create one of the best winter treats a young boy could ask for. As I think about it, you could probably mix sugar and vanilla with just about anything and come up with a tasty treat.

My brothers and I would spend many days out on the hills on our farm sleigh riding. My father or one of my older brothers would take the tractor out and run it up and down and up and down the hill until we had a tightly packed surface. When our farm pond was frozen, we took our trail right out onto the surface of the frozen water and across the pond we would fly.

We had a real sled back then, not these plastic imitations. The "Snow Rider" was written in bright red letters across its deck. It was not a simple matter of just setting down on it and expecting a ride. You had to know something about navigation. To ride a "Snow Rider" you had to learn how to steer with your hands or feet. And leaning with your body from side to side was an important part of steering, especially if you rode double.

As they say, whoever "they" are, "those were the good old days." I hope these few lines of reminiscence has made a cold rainy day a little more bearable for you. I hope as I share my own memories, you have been taken back to a place that holds as much fondness as my past does for me. And just think, Spring is right around the corner.

Oh by the way, the second thing I learned about snow-never, under any circumstances do you eat yellow snow.

Gods Blessings, Pastor Pat

**March Scripture Readings**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Mar. 5	Genesis 12:1-4a	Psalm 121	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	John 3:1-17
Mar 12	Exodus 17:1-7	Psalm 95	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
Mar. 19	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Psalm 23	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
Mar 26	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Psalm 130	Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45
Apr. 2	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 26:14-27:66

## MISSIONS NEWS

Coming to your mailbox soon..... your special donation envelopes for 2023 will be arriving to your homes shortly. Please remember to use these envelopes throughout the year and don't forget to make a designation on the memo line of your check.

Thank you for your generosity.

	<b>Promotion</b>	<b>Offering</b>
One Great Hour of Sharing	Sun March 12th	Sun March 19th
Strength the Church	Sun May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Sun May 21st
Neighbors in Need	Sun Sept 24 <sup>th</sup>	Sun Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>
Christmas Fund	Sun Dec 17th	Sun Dec 24th

CWS Blankets and Tools collection date is Sunday, February 12, 2023. We are so grateful for your kindness and desire to share love and compassion with others.

Every day someone in the world experiences hard times. When difficulties happen, a simple act of kindness can make a difference and you can be the miracle someone was praying for. Be part of that miracle and make a donation. Thank you.

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### LENTEN SEASON

There are Lenten cards and brochures on the table in the Narthex. If you care to save your quarters please do so in our cards. Also enjoy the booklets we have on the Lenten season on that same table in the Narthex. Enjoy!!!

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### EASTERN STAR FASHION SHOW

Eastern Star is holding their Fashion Show in Moyer Hall on Saturday, March 25, 2023. Time is 11:00am and reservations must be made to attend. Cost is \$20.00 per person and you will need to contact Patricia Croll, 243 W. 7th Street, Red Hill, PA 18076. Her cell number is 484-390-4125, your reservations must be made by March 18th. Please call Patricia and reserve your place, it is always a fun time with many new fashions being shown.

March 7      Joan Keyser  
 March 9      Dottie Snader  
                  Jim Narrigan



March 10      Susan Walsh  
 March 20      Keagan Davidson

**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST**

We are back at the Spring Ford Diner on Thursday, March 9th  
See you there at 9:00am to check up on everyone.

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**A Word About Worship**

In this issue of our newspaper, I want to invite all of our church's family members in the discussion of how we can make our services more interesting, rich, and meaningful for all of us. I have already said that any talent is welcomed to perform in our special music. There is another great idea that Nancy Claycomb voiced - if you do not have musical skills, you could read your favorite poem, especially if it resonates with the Gospel reading of the day, or more broadly with the church's year cycle. I could play soft background music. Also, years ago we used to tell stories about how the Star Words we've got at the beginning of the year affected our actions and thoughts, and these small stories could bring variety to our services. You may have other great ideas, and I and the members of the Worship committee will be happy to discuss your suggestions.

And another thing to mention- we're planning to have a Singing Sunday after the Lent. Please think of your favorite hymns and songs. We will collect all the suggestions for the planning of this service.

Looking forward to hearing back from you.  
You know where to find me on Sunday morning. My email address is [irena.shmeleva@gmail.com](mailto:irena.shmeleva@gmail.com)

Wishing you a joy of coming spring, full of bird songs and our hearts singing along with them 

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**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Meet at Grace's Café on Wednesday, March 22 at 9:00am. Join us to catch up on news of things that are going on in your life.



# March Sunday Leader Schedule



**Church Access Volunteers** - Volunteers are needed to open and close the church on Sundays. Please see **Nancy Claycomb** 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.

## 9:00 Blended Service

	<u>Lay Leader</u>	<u>Children's Time</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Mar. 5	Jim Narrigan			
Mar. 12	Corie Bowers	Rev. Patrick Morris		
Mar. 19	Sue Linkenhoker			
Mar. 26	Bev Spaid	Nancy Leneweaver		
Apr. 2	Kathy Narrigan			

## 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 24th and mailing is March 28th.**

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## PRAYER LIST

**People in need of prayers:** The Dallar Family, Linda Miller, Wanamaker Family, Nick Iacorinno, Amy Miller, Boyer Family, Richardson Family.

**People with on-going conditions and prayer needs:** Linda Miller, Barbara and Mark Nieweg, Betty Murphy, Casey S., Debbie Parker, Eli and Ella Vivian, The Kimmich Family, Jack Murphy, Mitzie Oxenham, Nancy Lewis, Rod Bowers, The Evans Family, Tim Heiser and Tricia White Heiser.

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## DO YOU LIKE TO SHOP?

**Amazon Smile Update!** Dear customer, In 2013, we launched AmazonSmile to make it easier for customers to support their favorite charities. However, after almost a decade, the program has not grown to create the impact that we had originally hoped. With so many eligible organizations—more than 1 million globally—our ability to have an impact was often spread too thin.

We are writing to let you know that we plan to wind down AmazonSmile by February 20, 2023. We will continue to pursue and invest in other areas where we've seen we can make meaningful change—from building affordable housing to providing access to computer science education for students in underserved communities to using our logistics infrastructure and technology to assist broad communities impacted by natural disasters.

To help charities that have been a part of the AmazonSmile program with this transition, we will be providing them with a one-time donation equivalent to three months of what they earned in 2022 through the program, and they will also be able to accrue additional donations until the program officially closes in February. Once AmazonSmile closes, charities will still be able to seek support from Amazon customers by creating their own wish lists.

As a company, we will continue supporting a wide range of other programs that help thousands of charities and communities across the U.S.



# MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:00 Endowment 7:30 Orchestra	2 7:00 Troop 39 7:30 GANON	3 	4
5 9:00 Service in Sanctuary w/Rev. Morris, Zoom & COMMUNION	6 7:00 Troop 113	7 10:00 Bible Study	8 7:30 Orchestra	9 Women's Breakfast 7:00 Troop 39 7:00 Finance 7:30 GANON	10	11 
12 9:00 Service in Sanctuary, with Rev. Morris Zoom Children's Sermon 	13 7:00 Troop 113 7:00 Missions 7:00 Church Life	14 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 Elders 7:30 Council	15 7:30 Orchestra	16 7:00 Troop 39 7:30 GANON	17  St. Patrick's Day	18
19 9:00 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris And on Zoom	20 7:00 Troop 113 7:30 Property	21 10:00 Bible Study	22 9:00 Men's Breakfast 7:30 Orchestra	23 7:00 Troop 39 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 GANON	24 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	25 11:00 Eastern Star Fashion Show
26 9:00 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris and on Zoom & Children's Sermon	27 7:00 Troop 113	28 10:00 Bible Study NEWSLETTER MAILING	29 7:30 Orchestra	30 7:00 Troop 39 7:30 GANON	31	

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## **St. Luke's Mission Statement**

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