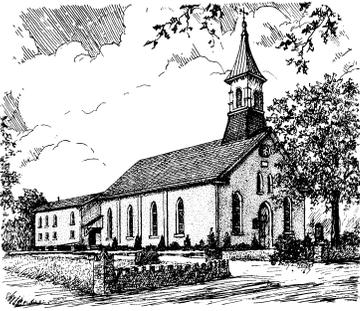


Saint Luke's

United Church of Christ of Trappe

November 2019 Newsletter



Rev. John Hogue Office – 610-489-4933 Office email - administrator@stlukestrappe.org www.stlukesucc.org	Worship Schedule pastorjohn@stlukestrappe.org © 610-291-7497 Blended Service 9:30 AM 3rd Sunday of Mo. Healing Service 9:30 AM Sunday school 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month.
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REV. JOHN'S MUSINGS

We live in an area that is privileged when it comes to students attending PV and Spring Ford School Districts. However, we do not see the toll of struggling working class parents. Our ministerium does with our outreach and we see it within our Local Pantry. Look at the amount of Foreclosures in Montgomery County. In one of our discussions of education and why some schools in our communities have a high missing school rate is a laundry problem. Across America, one in five students struggle with access to clean clothes, which leads to students missing school—and those kids who miss school are seven times more likely to drop out. Please read the article from Whirlpool which is making a difference in the lives of children to attend school.

When the Whirlpool laundry brand heard about this hidden problem of chronic absenteeism, it decided to break down this barrier to attendance by providing schools with access to clean clothes—and it's actually working.

Today, embarking on its fifth year, the Care Counts laundry program has grown to support students in need across 18 U.S. cities, providing laundry machines for more than 38,000 students in 82 schools around the country.

This year, for the first time, Care Counts is inviting schools that serve low-income families nation wide to apply for a laundry pair to bring this program to even more students.

“We hope to make even more progress by expanding the program well beyond the footprint of our pilot program.”

In analyzing the most recent data from the 2018-2019 school year, Whirlpool found more promising results:

Participating high-risk elementary school students attended one more day of school per month during the program, projecting to 11 more days per year. These 11 extra days in school for students can make the difference between getting back on track academically and falling significantly behind classmates.

The program contributed to increased attendance rates with three out of four high-risk elementary school participants missing less school. Missing more than one day of school a month can mean missing the lesson on learning how to count with classmates or how to read basic sentences.

Over two-thirds of participating elementary school students at risk for chronic absenteeism had an increase in their grades during the program. With research over the years showing the program has the greatest impact on high-risk elementary school students, the nationwide expansion will focus on qualified Title I elementary schools.

Whirlpool is partnering with CSC Serviceworks, an industry leader in installation and service, to help more schools combat the laundry crisis.

The program is pivoting this 2019-2020 academic year to study the longitudinal impact of clean clothes on educational development. To keep a pulse on the effectiveness of the program, new regions involved in the collection of anonymous laundry, attendance and grades data include: Cleveland, Philadelphia, Las Vegas, Miami and Phoenix. Whirlpool works with Teach For America to identify these qualified and at-need schools.

Check out their website and learn more about the program entitled the [Care Counts website](#).

See You In Church, Pastor John

November Scripture Readings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Nov.3	Isaiah 1:10-18	Psalms 32:1-7	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12	Luke 19:1-10
Nov. 10	Haggai 1:5b-2:9	Psalms 145:1-5, 17-21	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	Luke 20:27-38
Nov. 17	Isaiah 65:17-25	Psalms 98	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19
Nov. 24	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Psalms 46	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43
Dec. 1	Isaiah 2:1-5	Psalms 122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44

SERMON SERIES

Nov. 3	“Regardless”	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4	Luke 19:1-10
	All Saints Sunday		
Nov. 10	“What Difference Will It Make?”	Haggai 1-15b, 2:9	Luke 20:27-40
Nov. 17	“Jesus Will Win”	Isaiah 65:17-25	Luke 21:5-19
Nov. 24	What Kind Of Kingship?”	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Luke 23:33-43



Reminder as we look ahead “All Saints Sunday, November 3, 2019 and remember those who departed in the past year

CHURCH BUILDING

The Church Building will be unlocked during worship. However any personal belongings, and valuables can be locked in the Church Office.

MOVIE NIGHT

The movie “Wonder” will be shown on Saturday, November 9th at 6:30pm. Please bring your own snacks and drinks.



WOMEN’S BREAKFAST

Come join us on Thursday, November 14th at 9:00am
Grace’s Cafe

NOTE THE PLACE FOR THIS MONTH

MEN’S BREAKFAST

Join the men of the church for a get together breakfast on
Wednesday, November 27th, 9 am at Café 29 in Collegetown PA .



DO YOU LIKE TO SHOP?

St. Luke’s UCC is now registered for smile.amazon.com. Go to www.smile.amazon.com and type in “St. Luke’s United Church of Christ Trappe” for all your future Amazon orders and St. Luke’s will receive .5% of the proceeds. Have fun shopping and THANK YOU!

- November 4 Beth Spaid
- November 5 Debbie Parker
- November 7 Isaac Hogue
- November 8 Sue Gregory
- Walt Daller III



- November 16 Nancy Leneweaver
- November 17 John Hogue
- November 23 Karl Wolfram III
- November 29 Dottie Sheppard
- Brody Ruckle

AND THE WALL CAME TUMBLIN' DOWN

with prayer, and candles,
and the faith of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



A COMMUNITY SERVICE ON THE 30th ANNIVERSARY

OF FALL OF THE BERLIN WALL

SPONSORED BY THE COLLEGEVILLE-TRAPPE MINISTERIUM

NOV. 9, 2019 at 5:00 PM

At TRINITY REFORMED UCC

532 East Main St. Collegeville, PA 19426

**Hear participants who witnessed
the Wall's rising and falling,
and music by the**

Ursinus College Gospel Choir



QUILT RAFFLE

The Quilt was won by Bob Keyser.

SUGGESTION BOX

A team is being organized to seek suggestions for the following ideas:

1. Financial ideas to strengthen and or cut on budget.
2. Long Range Planning for the growth, vitality and future of St. Luke's.

The Team is being spearheaded by Bob Keyser - all suggestions must have congregant's name attached to the letter and can be turned into our Suggestion Box.

Thank You.

FINANCE CORNER (as of 11//19)

OFFERING YEAR TO DATE:	\$.00
ACTUAL EXPENSES YEAR TO DATE:	\$.00
BUDGET YEAR TO DATE:	\$.00

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

VOLUNTEERS

The following people have volunteered to transport Anne White from Peter Becker Home in Harleysville, PA.
Sunday, November 3 - Melanie Prudom
Sunday, December 1
Sunday, January 5

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.

MISSIONS NOISY OFFERING

The month of October we collected \$54.00 for Phoebe Wyncote Church Home. Thanks to your generous support the Missions Team will be sending a check for \$108 to Phoebe Wyncote Church Home, based on the October Noisy Offering. Founded over 80 years ago, Wyncote offers assisted living and continuing care services to seniors.

NOVEMBER NOISY OFFERING

Thanksgiving Plans for the Daily Bread

The holidays are right around the corner. So many of our holiday traditions and memories are centered around food, right? All those warm scents, delicious seasonings and delectable sounds and specialties we only make once a year. How great the house smells when the Thanksgiving turkey is roasting in the oven. How awesome does that green bean casserole look? And who doesn't look forward to a slice of Aunt Evelyn's pumpkin pie with whipped cream on top! Oh my --is your mouth watering yet? Now imagine if you weren't so fortunate. Imagine you or your family struggle to put ordinary, every day food on the table. Let alone a special holiday meal. The Daily Bread Community Food Bank is currently serving almost 1000 people monthly right here in our neighborhoods. Almost 300 families--500 adults, 300 children and 130 elderly citizens. That's a striking number, given the affluence of our suburban lives.

St. Luke's will once again help the needy by collecting Thanksgiving turkeys and fresh produce right before the holiday. We will plug in the kitchen refrigerators on Sun, November 17th. **You can drop off your frozen turkey donation any time up until Monday evening, November 25th.** We will take them over to the Food Bank on Tuesday morning, November 26th. If you wish to donate a fresh turkey, please consider dropping it off closer to the end of the collection period, since it won't need to defrost like a frozen one.

Missions will set up a separate collection box for fresh produce. We will continue, collecting non-perishable items in the big wooden box by the entry door, as always. Please let Kathy Narrigan or Melanie Prudom know if you have any questions. **Thank you for helping to make others holiday as special as your own!**

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There was no local need at our VFW in discussion with their Chaplain in Arms. However, the need for local turkeys is demanding with the increased need in our community. Let's utilize our Noisy Offering for November for our local food pantry due to their needs. Let's rise to the occasion and support our community to insure families have a nice Thanksgiving Meal.

PASTORAL MINISTRY

I announced 2 weeks ago during worship the financial budget cannot maintain a full time pastorate. We can continue but our Endowment will be depleted in a few years. I will continue as your full time pastor as my contract and call states August 2017.

Meanwhile I've been in discussion with PSEC. I had to submit my profile for any part time pastorate, which I've completed. Until another part time pastorate opens, and myself and next congregation agrees, then that congregation votes on me. While this takes place, you, as members of St. Luke's vote on part time pastorate, pending PSEC Contract and Call. Plus, discussion will have to be determined on Worship time. So you are thinking, how or when will this take place? It's all in God's time. We've just started.

There are many steps involved in this process. Another dynamic is the Thanksgiving and Christmas season upon us; this will slow the process. Meanwhile, we go forward in these challenging times that is effecting all churches facing membership decline, less pastors filling the pulpits. Still our ingenuity to face our issues and come up with alternative plans will help us all continue to deliver ministry in our Community. Shalom, Pastor John

ST. LUKE'S SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK.

Youngsters from Kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to attend. Sunday school will be held every 1st and 3rd Sundays after the children's message. There are two opportunities for you to help: First, we would like to purchase the Bibles that are used with the Spark curriculum that we are purchasing. All the bibles have been purchased, thank you for your kind donations. Second, we need volunteers to teach. The more people who volunteer, the fewer Sundays each person will need to teach. If you are interested and have the required clearances as per the Safe Church policy, please let either Pastor John or Nancy Leneweaver know. If you are interested and need to get your clearances, let Nancy Leneweaver know, and she will gladly help you with getting them, and St. Luke's will cover the costs. We are excited to offer Sunday school once again and hope that it is a meaningful experience for all who participate.

GOT COATS?

The Missions Team is sponsoring a coat drive for the next few weeks to help ORION Communities in Phoenixville with their Warmth for All program. Actually, it's more than just coats. **We are accepting donations of gently used or new coats, winter outerwear like hats, scarves or gloves, socks and blankets.** Clothing for any gender, size or age group will be fine. This is a great opportunity to do a little fall cleaning and repurpose those unused items in your closets, dresser drawers or basement.

Bring your donations to church and place them in the Missions Box in the upper Narthex **by Sunday, November 10th.** They'll be delivered to Orion later that day. Donations will be distributed to needy clients the very next day. Their office on Bridge Street turns into a retail store. People will come and take whatever they need to face the colder weather.

Good Christians believe every person deserves shelter, food, clothing, transportation, access to healthcare and human interaction. ORION responds to the unmet needs of our most vulnerable neighbors, offering hope for individuals and families experiencing hardship due to poverty, disability or illness by building bridges that lead to self-reliance. Please make someone's life a little warmer this winter with your donation. Thank you!



WORK DAY AND DECORATE

A work day along with Church Decorating. Please come by and help.
(I heard lunch is being provided?)



November 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>
Nov. 3	Beverly Spaid	Pastor John	Carrie Krentz	Kathy and Jim Narrigan
Nov. 10	Becci Richardson	Pastor John	Leah Keyser	
Nov. 17	Kathy Narrigan	Pastor John	Nancy Leneweaver	Isaac and Nethanel Hogue
Nov. 24	Tom Lloyd	Pastor John	Carrie Krentz	
Dec. 1	Jim Narrigan	Pastor John	Leah Keyser	

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 December Newsletter is November 21st and mailing is November 26th.

PRAYER LIST

People in need of prayers: Carl "Corky" Walters, Linda Miller, Nick Iacorinno, Russell and Nancy Claycomb, Tammy McGonagle.

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

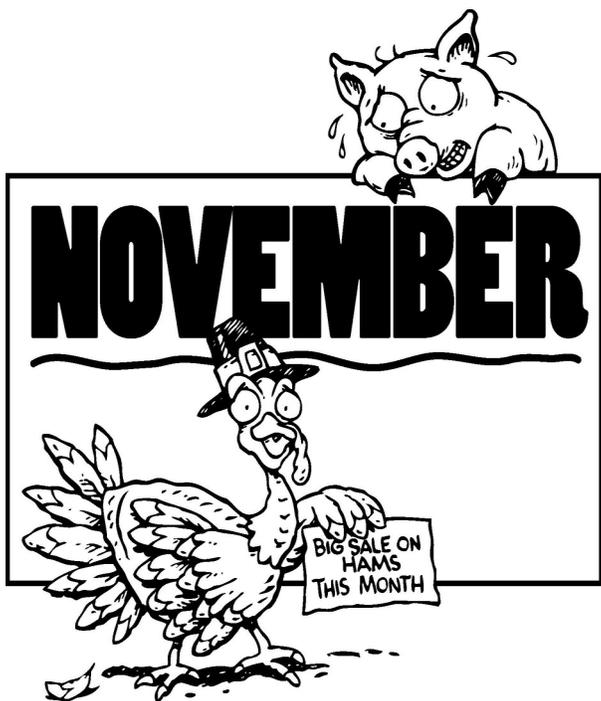


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 ALL SAINT'S 9:30 Blended Service 	4 7:00 Boy Scouts	5 6:30 Worship & Music	6 7:00 Endowment 7:30 Orchestra	7 12:30 Games 7:30 GANON	8	9 6:30 Movie Night "Wonder"
10 9:30 Worship Service Noisy Offering	11 7:00 Church Life 7:00 Boy Scouts	12 9:30 Bible Study 6:30 Elders 7:30 Council	13 6:00 Book Club 7:30 Orchestra	14 9:00 Women's Breakfast Grace's Cafe 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 GANON	15	16 1:00 Possible Private Party
17 9:30 Blended Service Healing Service 10:30 Coffee Hour	18 6:30 Missions 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Property	19	20 7:00 College Woods H.O. 7:30 Orchestra	21 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 GANON NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	22	23
24 9:30 Blended Service	25 7:00 Boy Scouts	26 9:30 Bible Study NEWSLETTER MAILING	27 9:00 Men's Breakfast 7:30 Orchestra	28 Thanksgiving 7:30 GANON	29	30 8:00 Boy Scout Wreath Making 9:00 Decorate Church - Work Day - and Lunch

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St. Luke's Mission Statement

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