

United Church of Christ of Trappe

October 2021 Newsletter



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Blended Service 9:30 AM

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

The Word As Light

Walking around in the dark can be precarious at best, especially in our house, barefooted. Jasper has chew toys that have the texture of barbed wire. Stepping on one, with bare feet, makes me say things that my mother would not be proud of. I was in Ghana when the power went out one evening which happens frequently. I decide to do something I tell the groups never to do, never go out after dark alone or without a flashlight. But the choir singing at the Dela Cathedral was too tempting and so I ventured off, by myself, in the dark, without a flashlight. I did not get 10 feet from the Kekeli Hotel until I fell into a drainage ditch.

In Psalm 119:105 the writer reminds us that the Word of God is a lamp for my feet, and a light on my path. The Psalmist not talking about a dog's chew toy or a drainage ditch. The Psalmist is talking about all the thing in life that can cause us to stumble and fall as we try to walk a righteous path. Things like, envy, gluttony, greed, lust, pride, sloth, and wrath. As I look at the list, and I think about my life, I am deeply grateful for a loving God, who sent his only Son into the world. Personally, it is never a good idea to walk barefooted amidst the "chew toys" of temptation. It is never a good idea to assume you know where all the "drainage ditches" of sin are along life's highway. It is always, always better to take the one who has defined himself as "The Light of the World" to show us the way!!

Blessings,
Pastor Pat

Vakpo Todzi Daycare Center

Vakpo Todzi is a small farming community in the Volta Region of Ghana. Their primary crop is pineapple. When the pineapples are ready to be harvested it is "all hands on deck" for the residents and that includes the women. Many of them go to the fields with a baby tied to their back.

To alleviate this stress the village is building a daycare center so the mothers can leave their children in a safe and comfortable setting while they work. When I was in Ghana, I personally contributed to the project. Since returning home the members and friends of St. Luke's have contributed as well. To date we have raised \$3500 for the construction of the daycare center! I will be keeping you posted as to the progress of the center. If you would like to contribute to our mission work in Ghana or would like to know more about it please contact Pastor Pat or Tom Lloyd.

October Scripture Readings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Oct. 3	Job 1:1, 2:1-10	Psalm 26	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
Oct. 10	Job 23:1-9, 16-17	Psalm 22:1-15	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
Oct. 17	Job 38:1-7	Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
Oct. 24	Job 42:1-6, 10-17	Psalm 34:1-8	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 10:46-52
Oct. 31	Ruth 1-18	Psalm 146	Hebrews 9:11-14	Mark 12:28-34
Nov. 7	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17	Psalm 127	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44

ATTENTION HOMEBOUND MEMBERS!

To all shut-in members at home or nursing homes, and families of the same, please notify the church office with the best day and time I can visit. I have been unable to contact several of you so this would be very helpful. I look forward to seeing you!!! Pastor Pat

DAILY BREAD – LOOKING FOR A PERMANENT HOME

The Daily Bread Community Food Pantry remains one of St. Luke's long-time beneficiaries. They are always grateful for the food, household and personal care items our congregation donations as they continue to serve needy individuals and families in our community. In July 2021 they served over 150 households with 432 individuals including adults, children and the elderly.

What you might not realize is that this busy non-profit has moved 3 times in the past 5 years and continues to search for a permanent home. They currently rent a 6,500 sq. ft. building with an additional 3,500 sq. ft. of storage space leased off-site, requiring the shuttle of food and supplies between locations. The current space lacks the necessary amount of cold storage space. Unfortunately, perishable donations are turned away on a regular basis.

The organization's goal is to acquire a 10,000 sq. ft. building to serve as a permanent home, bringing stability to the people they support. It is expected to cost \$1.5 million to acquire and fit out properly. The Friends of Wyeth are currently holding a building fund campaign to raise \$1.0 million and is making great progress. As of the end of July 2021 they are almost 1/3 of the way there.



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A Word About Worship: United Prayer

Matthew 18:19

Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.

United prayer is when you are praying together as a group about one specific thing. It refers to a group of people praying in a focused manner, for a specific objective. *There must be an agreement in the things which they want and for which they pray. The petition to God must be the sincere hope of several hearts and minds centered on the same point.*

The Key to United Prayer is that the group of prayers must be in unity. They must be on the same page praying about the same thing. Everybody must have the belief that God will provide what is requested in the prayer.

A significant issue with United Prayer is when people come together to pray but they are not all praying about the same thing. Since we all have different concerns, it is natural that our prayers may be very different and our payers may wander in that direction. During this time set aside for United Prayer our personal prayers must be set aside until our personal prayer time. Rather than praying for relatives who aren't feeling well, finances, or guidance, we must be focused and united on the prayer at hand.

This month, we would like to gather our congregation's hearts and minds to pray for our church. Every evening at 7:00 PM, we would ask each member to pray the Prayer for St. Luke's:

Gracious God, You have called us to be part of Your church as members of St. Luke's United Church of Christ.

Make us a community of peacemakers and bridge builders. In the midst of turbulence, let our church make space for the hearing of your still small voice. Bless our St. Luke's family and enable us to do Your will. Keep us one in faith and service; breaking bread together and sharing Your Good News with the world for many years to come. Amen

October 1 Shirley Wanamaker
October 5 Donald Pry
October 7 Brenda Koehler
October 14 Diane Gambone
October 15 Bob Carpenter
October 16 Rachel MacElhenny Lubic
October 22 Laura Ann Leopold



October 23 James Brown
Sue Ellen Nolan-Greeby
Allison Pry
October 24 Steve Gray
Brian Parker
October 28 Brenda Kurtz
October 30 Patricia Litka
October 31 Dawn Salerno

ST. LUKE'S 2021 MISSIONS PLAN

The (small but mighty) Missions Team met for the first time in many months in January to make plans for 2021. Pastor Pat joined us to learn about our past activities. God wants each of us to be of service to others less fortunate and in need. And there are certainly plenty of needs. Many people have been and continue to be negatively impacted by the global pandemic. Now is not the time to be complacent by any means.

Missions' 2021 goals are to enable St. Luke's church family to continue to demonstrate our faithfulness through continued aid to our local community, country and the world. In spite of the COVID virus that requires social distancing precautions. We'll all have to remain safe, healthy and flexible this year for sure.

Please mark your calendars for the programs shown below. We are assessing the feasibility of a possible contactless, drive-through fundraiser of some type. Plus an event to assemble disaster or hygiene kits which we'd envision doing with another church or non-profit organization.

Stay tuned for specific information in the coming months! As always, thank you for our continued support and generosity. Let us know if you have any questions or suggestions. We would love to welcome new members since we've lost a few recently. Many hands make light work as we share God's love with others.

Missions Team: Melanie Prudom, Kathy Narrigan and Linda Boyer

Timing / Date(s)	Program	Beneficiary
Sun, Oct 3 rd	Neighbors in Need & Worldwide Communion	UCC
Mid-late November	Turkeys & perishable/fresh food collection	Daily Bread Food Pantry
Late Nov – early Dec	Angel Tags	Salvation Army
Month of December	Christmas Fund	UCC

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Neighbors in Need 2021. On Sunday, Oct. 3rd we will collect for Neighbors in Need which supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts and direct service projects. Through ucc.org/justice, our national justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action.

Network, Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties and environmental justice. Neighbors in Need also supports our UCC American Indian neighbors. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hockak in ND, SD, WI, and northern NE. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and 1 urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, MN supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations.

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Daily Bread Looking for a Permanent Home - Building Fund (con't)

You can help secure the future and continue to help our community by donating. Make out a check payable to Daily Bread Community Food Pantry and write "Building Fund, Friends of Wyeth", 3938 Ridge Pike, Collegeville, PA 19426. Debit or Credit Card or PayPal. Visit the Building Fund's donation page on their website and type Friends of Wyeth in the note area. **Building Fund-Daily Bread Community Food Pantry.** Of course, if you write a check to St. Luke's and designate Daily Bread's Building Fund, we will be happy to pass on the donation on your behalf. Your generous assistance is greatly appreciated.





October 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>
Oct. 3	Tom Lloyd			
Oct. 10	Bev Spaid			
Oct. 17	Kathy Narrigan			
Oct. 24	Sue Linkenhoker			
Oct. 31	Jim Narrigan			
Nov. 7	Corie Bowers			

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 November Newsletter is October 22rd and mailing is October 27th.

PRAYER LIST

People in need of prayers: The Dallar Family, Nancy Leneweaver, Linda Miller, Nick Iacorinno, Amy Miller.

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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1. Open the Amazon app on your phone.
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3. Select "St. Luke's United Church of Christ of Trappe" as your charity.
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 6:00 Trivia Night
3 WORLD WIDE COMMUNION 9:30 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris And also on Zoom	4	5 10:00 Bible Study	6 7:30 Audubon Symphony	7 7:00 Finance 7:30 GANON	8	9
10 9:30 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris And also on Zoom	11 7:00 Missions	12 6:30 Elders 7:30 Council	13	14 7:30 GANON	15	16
17 9:30 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris And also on Zoom Baptism of the Daller Children	18 7:30 Property Mtg	19 10:00 Bible Study	20 9:00 Men's Breakfast 7:30 Audubon Symphony	21 7:30 GANON	22 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	23
24 9:30 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris And also on Zoom	25	26 10:00 Bible Study	27 NEWSLETTER MAILING	28 7:30 Toastmasters 7:30 GANON	29	30
31 9:30 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris And also on Zoom						

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St. Luke's Mission Statement

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