

United Church of Christ of Trappe

October 2022 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

A TIME TO GATHER

As you drive over the country side, it is not hard to identify the season of the year. Farmers are busy harvesting their fall crops; making the last cuttings of hay, and harvesting their corn. The harvest will be stored away in barns and silos, made ready to see the animals through another winter.

Those of you who have gardens are busy as well, taking off the last of the vegetables and preparing your home garden for it's rest through the winter.

I am not sure how many people still "put up" produce from their gardens. I know, when Sharon and I lived in Virginia, we canned and froze lots of vegetables that we raised in our garden. Harvest time was an important part of the rural life. It was a time of preparation, a time of celebration. It was a time when families worked together in a shared labor preparing for the cold months ahead.

Even though the majority of us do not need to engage in a physical harvest, we still need to be concerned about our spiritual harvest. When times get tough, and life gets cold, will you have sufficient spiritual nourishment to see you through these rough times? There will be times in all our lives when we will have to call upon the depths of our faith in order to endure the winters that life has to offer. In order to endure, we need to store up "spiritual food" to see us through.

You may have heard people ask, "what is the point in going to church?" Perhaps you have asked the question yourself. As your pastor, I see the church experience as a "spiritual warehouse" where we come and are fed, where we come and are nourished by God's Word. My hope and prayer for you is that you are being fed spiritually at St. Luke's. I hope you are finding all nourishment that you seek of a spiritual nature. If you are not, please let me know how I can help.

Perhaps you have been absence from our fellowship for one reason or another. There is not a better time to reconnect with your brothers and sisters in the faith than right now. Regular church worship is an important part of any religious diet. If it has not been apart of your week, please join us on Sunday morning.

As we approach the season of harvest and thanksgiving, let us all be mindful of our own need for spiritual nourishment. As we face the cold winters that lay before us, let us rest assured that we will have the strength to endure.

God's Blessings,
Pastor Pat

October Scripture Readings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Oct. 2	Lamentations 1:1-6, 3:19-26	Psalms 137	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10
Oct. 9	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7	Psalms 66:1-12	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19
Oct. 16	Jeremiah 31:27-34	Psalms 119:97-104	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Luke 18:1-8
Oct. 23	Joel 2:23-32	Psalms 65	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14
Oct. 30	Habakkuk 1:1-54; 2:1-4	Psalms 119:137-144	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12	Luke 19:1-10
Nov. 6	Haggai 1:15b-2:9	Psalms 145:1-5, 17-21	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	Luke 20:27-38

Word About Worship

from the Worship Committee

Did you ever sing the old Bible School/Sunday School song, "I am the Church?"

"I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!

All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!

The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church is a people."

One of the best ways to BE the church is to actually be together - by worshipping together on a Sunday. The "church" by its very nature means multiple believers: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them" (Matthew 18:20).

While it MAY be possible to be a Christian alone, it also may mean not being the BEST Christian you can be. Christianity by nature is not a spectator sport. It is only by being with other Christians, physically, that you can learn and discuss ideas, and you are challenged to put your Christian lessons to work. By serving the church and doing God's work you can grow as a Christian.

Worshipping together creates a spirit of unity. To worship God together and to be committed to that time together, creates a spirit of unity and a sense of united purpose.

In Hebrews 10:25, God tells us to "not give up meeting together." While Christian TV, podcasts, books and conference meetings are wonderful additions to our spiritual lives, nothing can take the place of consistent Christian community through the local church. Do not reduce church to listening to a podcast. It's so much more than that. It's community. It's worshiping with others, praying for others, hurting with others, serving others, and being involved in the life of the church with others.

We are the church TOGETHER!

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Congregational Meeting Information

The elders will hold an informal meeting following the worship service on Sunday, October 2 to answer questions and listen to concerns regarding the proposed transaction between St. Luke's and Historic Trappe involving the Dewees Tavern and the St. Luke's Cemetery.

The elders are working to secure a legal advisor to assist with the documentation and to represent St. Luke's. It could take several weeks to complete the process and have all of the documents reviewed.

On Sunday, October 9, a special congregational meeting will be held following the worship service. The meeting will provide updates with the possibility of voting on the proposal if the St. Luke's legal counsel agrees with the proposal.

Representatives of Historic Trappe will be present at the special congregational meeting to address additional questions or concerns. St. Luke's council MAY be available to attend as well.

Oct. 1	Shirley Wanamaker
Oct. 5	Donald Pry III
Oct. 7	Brenda Koehler
Oct. 15	Bob Carpenter
Oct. 16	Rachel MacElhenney
Oct. 22	Laura Ann Leopold
Oct. 23	James Brown



Oct. 23	Sue Ellen Nolan-Greeby
	Allison Pry
Oct. 24	Steve Gray
	Brian Parker
Oct. 28	Brenda Kurtz II
Oct. 30	Patricia Litka
Oct. 31	Dawn Salerno

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Meet the women of St. Luke's at Spring Ford Diner on the second Thursday of the month, October 13th this month, see you there I hope. Find out what is happening in the neighborhood.

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ATTENTION MEN

The men of St. Luke's meet the 4th Wednesday of each month for breakfast at 9:00am at Grace's Café, please note the change of places as Cafe 29 has closed its doors.

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CHURCH LIFE IS AT IT AGAIN!!

Get your teams of up to 6 people ready for our next Trivia Night - Saturday, October 15th at 6:00pm. We will have 6 rounds of Trivia. Will it come down to the battle between the Bowers and the Spaid's teams or will a non team come out on top? Please join us to see what happens. Look for a sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board. Kindly sign up your team of 6 so we know how many to expect. A fun time will be had be all.

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Missions Update

Sun, Oct 9th is Neighbors in Need: St. Luke's will collect for Neighbors in Need (NIN) on Sunday, October 9th, also our Noisy Offering Sunday. Please use your special envelope and/or make a notation on the memo line of your check if you wish to donate. NIN is a special mission offering that supports works of justice and compassion in our country and abroad. Two-thirds of the receipts support program initiatives and direct grants offered through the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries. Here's a story about how one such grant was used.

Last summer 24 high school students from an economically challenged Houston neighborhood learned about personal social action and carried out a local campaign for a \$15 minimum-wage law. The idea came from the very basic idea that many Houston residents find it hard to make ends meet, especially workers in fast-food and other service industries.

The Rev. Darnell Fennell serves some of those people in both his professions. He is pastor of Just Love Church [Home | Just Love \(justlovehouston.org\)](http://justlovehouston.org), affiliated with the UCC and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He also teaches high school social studies. As someone with a community organizing background, Fennell knows people don't have to sit still for economic injustice. And he knows the wider UCC feels the same from General Synod resolution statements like 2017's "A More Just Economy: \$15 Minimum Wage, Living Wages and Job Creation." He sought and received a NIN grant to introduce young people to local activists in the Fight for \$15 [Fight for \\$15 \(fightfor15.org\)](http://fightfor15.org) campaign to involve them in learning by doing.



Emergency Clean-Up Buckets: St. Luke's will once again fill empty plastic buckets with cleaning supplies to help the victims of natural disasters. Please consider designating a donation of any amount towards purchase of the supplies. The Missions team can do the shopping and packing for you! Each bucket costs about \$75 to fill. There is also a \$3 processing fee. You'll find a list of the required supplies here: [Emergency Cleanup Buckets - CWS Kits](#)

Day Care Center Teachers' Salaries: Good news! We have met our goal of raising \$1200 for the daycare teachers' annual salaries. Thank you to everyone who helped make this happen.





October 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>
Oct. 2	Corie Bowers			
Oct. 9	Sue Linkenhoker			
Oct. 16	Beverly Spaid			
Oct. 23	Kathy Narrigan			
Oct. 30	Tom Lloyd			
Nov. 6	Jim 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 November Newsletter is October 24th and mailing is October 26th.

PRAYER LIST

People in need of prayers: The Dallar Family, Linda Miller, Wanamaker Family, 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, The Kimmich Family, Jack Murphy, Mitzie Oxenham, Nancy Lewis, Rod Bowers, The Evans Family, Tim Heiser and Tricia White Heiser.

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How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone.
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features.
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.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00 Service in Sanctuary w/Rev. Morris & Zoom 	3 	4 10:00 Bible Study	5 7:30 Orchestra	6 7:30 GANON	7 	8
9 9:00 Service in Sanctuary, with Rev. Morris and on Zoom Congregational Meeting @ 10:00 11:00 Coffee Hour	10 7:00 Missions 7:00 Church Life	11 6:30 Elders 7:30 Council	12 7:30 Orchestra	13 9:00 Women's Breakfast	14 	15 6:00 Trivia Night
16 9:00 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris And on Zoom	17 	18 10:00 Bible Study	19 7:30 Orchestra	20 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 GANON	21 	22
23 9:00 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris Children's Sermon And also on Zoom.	24 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	25 10:00 Bible Study	26 9:00 Men's Breakfast 7:30 Orchestra NEWSLETTER MAILING	27 7:30 GANON	28 	29
30 9:00 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris And on Zoom  Reformation Sunday	31 HALLOWEEN 					

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St. Luke's Mission Statement

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