

United Church of Christ of Trappe

September 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 through the countryside, 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 its rest through the winter.

I am not sure how many people still "put up" produce from their gardens. I know that when Sharon and I lived in Virginia we canned and froze lots of vegetables that we raised in our garden. The three tomato plants Sharon and I planted on our hillside garden yielded abundantly, so much so that we canned dozens of pints of soup.

Have you ever stopped to think about the concept of harvesting? Harvest is an important part of life in a region where one experiences drastic changes in the climate. In most parts of the world, if you live near the equator, the growing season is practically year-round. If there is sufficient moisture, you can grow crops 365 days a year.

This is certainly not the case for this part of the world. There was a time, perhaps some of you can remember it, when you had to store foods in order to have something to eat during the winter. Vegetables were canned or frozen, and hogs and beeves were butchered and stored in smokehouses, ready to feed the family during the cold winter months. This is not a present reality thanks to the modern day grocery store.

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 all need to store up enough "spiritual food" to see us through.

You may have heard people ask, "What is the point in going to church?" You may have even 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. Many times Jesus used the imagery of eating to illustrate the importance of spiritual growth. The Lord's Supper is not only symbolic of the sacrificial nature of God's love, but of our need as brothers and sisters in the faith to stay in constant fellowship with one another.

My hope and my prayer for you is that you are being fed spiritually at St. Luke's. I hope you are finding all the nourishment of a spiritual nature that you are seeking. If you are not, please let me know how I can help.

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

August Scripture Readings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Sept. 4	Jeremiah 18:1-11	Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18	Philemon 1:1-21	Luke 14:25-33
Sept. 11	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28	Psalms 14	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10
Sept. 18	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1	Psalms 79:1-9	1 Timothy 2:7	Luke 16:1-13
Sept. 25	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15	Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16	1 Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31
Oct. 2	Lamentations 1:1-6, 3:19-26	Psalms 137	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10

CHURCH LIFE !!!!

Our Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 18th. The church service will begin at 10:00, with the picnic to follow. Bring your own place settings to the Pavilion on Black Rock Road
Remember this is a St. Luke's eating event, bring your appetite!!!

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!

St. Luke's will be at Trappe Day!



St. Luke's will have a table at Trappe Community Day this year. The All-New Trappe Day will feature live entertainment, family fun for all ages, crafts, vendors, food and concessions.

Our table must be set up by 9:30 and taken down by 4:00. If you can help at the table for a few minutes or a few hours, please let Nancy Claycomb know. Thank you!

Sept. 5 Coralie Bowers
Sept. 6 Sam Kurtz III
Sept. 7 Donna Horst
 Jody Ruckle
Sept. 8 Drew Crafton



Sept. 9 Martha Mensendiek
Sept. 12 Patrick Gregory
Sept. 26 Carl Watters
Sept. 30 Sara Swavely

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Meet the women of St. Luke's at Spring Ford Diner on the second Thursday of the month, September 8th 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 so we know how many to expect. A fun time will be had by all.

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Missions Update

Emergency Clean-Up Buckets: St. Luke's will once again fill empty plastic buckets with cleaning supplies to help the victims of natural disasters. Given events like the recent flooding in places like KY and TX along with upcoming tropical storm season, it's a good time to stock up and be prepared.

The Narrigans have generously agreed to donate the buckets again. Please consider designating a donation of any amount towards purchase of the supplies. The Missions team will 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](#)

"We look at the CWS Clean Up buckets as our faithfulness. It's our faith in action, that we pack these buckets and we send them off. We don't know who they are going to, but we know they are going to someone. And that's just an incredible way that the Spirit prompts us to act. And what I think is great about the buckets is that they are ready to go long before a disaster hits. So when that disaster hits we have an immediate response"

Rev. Terry Kulkuk, Executive Presbyterian of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley

Day Care Center Teachers' Salaries: Woo hoo! As we turn the corner into back to school time in our community, we are about 80% of the way towards our goal of paying the Ghana teachers' salary for this year. \$950 of the \$1200 has been raised. Let's see if we can complete this mission effort before the end of the year. Donations of any amount will be gratefully accepted.



Noisy Offering. Our Noisy Offerings allocated for the mini-van are chugging along too. About \$750 has been donated to date. Don't forget the collection is 2nd Sunday of every month in the buckets in the sanctuary during service. Or any other Sunday in the gas cans in the Narthex. Also via mail-in check for those of you who Zoom. Thanks to everyone for your continuing support.

Concert: The Gospel for Ghana Concert planned for Saturday, October 1st has been cancelled. The letter of agreement and deposit check mailed in late June to The Guiding Lights was returned "undeliverable" USPS in mid-August. Our date is no longer available. It is too late to try to make arrangements with other performers. Perhaps we will try again next spring.

Our hope was to raise a significant sum towards the mini-van. If you were planning to buy some tickets, perhaps consider donating that amount anyway. Just remember to use the memo line on your check for accounting purposes.



September 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>
Sept. 4	Bev Spaid			
Sept. 11	Kathy Narrigan			
Sept. 18	Tom Lloyd			
Sept. 25	Jim Narrigan			
Oct. 2	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 September Newsletter is August 22nd and mailing is August 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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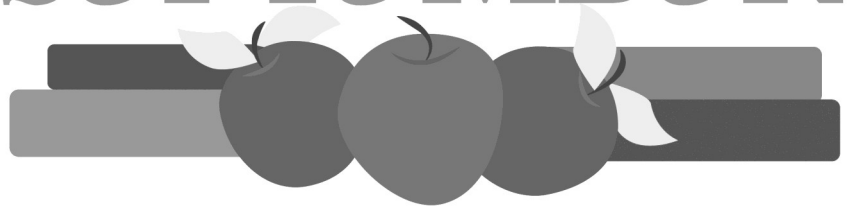
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SEPTEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:30 GANON	2	3
4 9:00 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris And on Zoom	5 	6	7 Last Day for 7:00am Wednesday Wavers 7:30 Orchestra	8 9:00 Women's Breakfast 7:30 GANON	9	10
11 9:00 Service in Sanctuary, with Rev. Morris and on Zoom 	12 7:00 Missions 7:00 Church Life	13 6:30 Elders 7:30 Council	14 7:30 Orchestra	15 7:30 GANON	16	17
18 10:00 Church at Upper Providence Park, Picnic to follow at 11:00	19	20	21 7:30 Orchestra	22 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 GANON	23	24
25 9:00 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris Children's Sermon And also on Zoom.	26	27 10:00 Bible Study	28 9:00 Men's Breakfast 7:30 Orchestra	29 7:30 GANON	30	

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St. Luke's Mission Statement

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