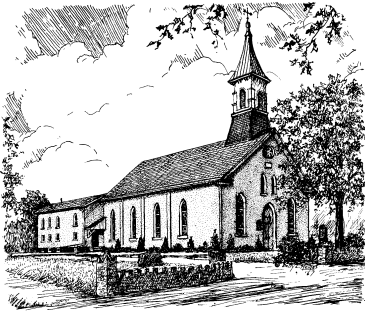


# Saint Luke's

## United Church of Christ of Trappe

### April 2019 Newsletter



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#### Worship Schedule

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Blended Service 9:30 AM

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

Sunday school 3rd Sunday of the month.

#### REV. JOHN'S MUSINGS.

Someone asked me why do you have so many butterflies in your office? It begins with my Mom. It's truly amazing what a Mom will do for love.

In my sophomore year, interest in high school biology had sparked a live caterpillar collection. Their home was a shoe box, covered with screen wire. When I went on vacation, Mom fed them faithfully with leaves from our willow tree. She hated it.

Finally the caterpillars stopped their incessant crawling and chewing, attached their tails firmly to a stick and lay still, sheathed with a shiny leather-like case. For weeks they seemed to be dead, not moving in their tiny gray wrappings. I removed the screen and waited.

One by one, the gray cases began to twist and turn violently, and suddenly split open. A beautiful butterfly emerged. It stood for hours gently moving its wings, pumping fluids into them to extend them fully. Then the butterfly soared gracefully away on the breezes of summer, leaving nothing behind but a broken chrysalis to indicate its former bondage.

The chrysalis and butterfly suggest the empty grave clothes of our risen Lord. When Peter and John heard the news that the Lord's body was gone from the garden tomb, they ran all the way from their lodging. Peter entered the tomb and "he saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen" (John 20:6-7, NIV). The grave clothes once wrapped continuously around the body now lay collapsed, mute testimony that the corpse they had once shrouded had now emerged in life.

The bondage of death is broken. Christ is risen! We can face tomorrow with the assurance that Jesus is in fact alive to help us, to guide us, to give us hope for the future. And since He is living, our problems are not insolvable. The broken chrysalis of His grave clothes proclaims that Christ is Victor even over death. Because He lives, nothing is impossible.

At the End of March, the young people in Children's time will have an opportunity to witness live caterpillars and slowly each Sunday watch them make the transformation into a butterfly. Join us each week as we support them and watch the most powerful symbol of our faith in this metaphorical symbol of our faith!

Pastor John

#### April Scripture Readings

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Old Testament</u> | <u>2nd Lesson</u>     | <u>Epistle</u>         | <u>Gospel</u>    |
|-------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Apr. 7      | Isaiah 43:16-21      | Psalms 1126           | Philippians 3:4b-14    | John 12:1-8      |
| Apr. 14     | Isaiah 50:4-9a       | Psalms 31:9-16        | Philippians 2:5-11     | Luke 22:14-23:56 |
| Apr. 21     | Acts 10:34-43        | Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24 | 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 | John 20:1-18     |
| Apr. 28     | Acts 5:27-32         | Psalms 150            | Revelation 1:4-8       | John 20:19-31    |
| May 5       | Acts 9:1-6           | Psalms 30             | Revelation 5:11-14     | John 21:1-19     |

## SERMON SERIES



- April 7** '2 Samuel 11:1-17; Matthew 5:27-30 'Passion gone wrong-Lust'
- April 14** Phil 2:5-11; Luke 23:1-49 "Hosanna! Hosanna!"

Holy Week 4/18 Thursday Communion; 4/19 Good Friday Service 7pm at **TRINITY UCC** Collegeville - Trinity is hosting and there will be stations located throughout Henricks Room, which is accessible on the East Side of the building. It will be reflective and one spends as much time in their prayers at each station. House are 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**April 18** Maundy Thursday meal at 6:00pm, service at 7:00pm.

### **EASTER:**

- April 21** Sunrise 6:30 am at Cemetery
- April 21** Col. 1:18-20; John 20:1-18 'Proof of the Resurrection'
- April 28** Acts 3:1-16; Acts 5:27-32 'Why Are You Surprised?'

## NEW BIBLE STUDY

A new group has formed - **3 Sips Café and Bible Study**.

Please join me the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 8:15 - 9:15am before Sunday worship. We will try this time frame out and try several different styles of Bible Study to find out what will work for the group. We will be meeting in April on the 14th and 28th. Please mark your calendars and open your hearts and minds for a new learning adventure!!! If you have any questions or comments please contact Veronica Hogue at 402-801-9301 or teapotlady3@gmail.com.



## GAME DAY STILL EXISTS

Feel free to join us on the first Thursday of every month at 12:30 in the Parlor for Game Day. We start at 12:30 and go until we drop over from exhaustion. We have many games we can choose from and it's always a fun time. Please think about joining us, **DON'T SIT HOME ALONE!**

## LOOKING FOR DELEGATES

We are looking for delegates to attend the PSEC Conference from May 31-June 1. It will be in West Chester University. Pastor John will be traveling to save cost on a hotel. Please inquire at the office. Thanks

## MOVIE NITE AT ST. LUKE'S

April Movie Nite will be Saturday, April 27th

**Title of Movie: "Wonder"**

**Bring your own snacks and we will provide drinks**

## **WE KNOW YOU GET HUNGRY FOR THE WORD OF THE LORD, but do you ever get hungry after Church service?**

The Mission Team is having an **ALL YOU CAN EAT** pancake breakfast fundraiser after Church on April 14. Tickets will be ready for purchase at \$10 per person. Proceeds will go to UCC Nebraska Flood Disaster Ministries.



April 1 James Gambone  
April 2 Nancy Claycomb  
April 5 Jale Aydin  
April 8 Nancy Lewis  
April 10 Susan Wenrich  
April 13 Scott Koehler

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April 16 Lillian Spring  
April 17 Williamson Keyser  
April 18 Anita Pry  
April 25 Betsy Fisher  
Heather Slaymaker  
April 26 Jason Krentz

### **FINANCE CORNER**

**OFFERING YEAR TO DATE: \$120,823.00**

**EXPENSES YEAR TO DATE: \$41,158.00**

**BUDGET YEAR TO DATE: \$45,659.00**

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

### **ALICE - Report From Training**

Congregations are vulnerable to attacks. We as Christians deny rather than to respond to intruder -

- ✚ 40% attacks end in suicides
- ✚ 86% end in use of force
- ✚ 98% led by single person
- ✚ 4% attacks occur in worship
- ✚ 70% attacks are in businesses.

No response fits any setting. Each attack is unique. It is important to have regular drills! Be mentally and physically prepared.

1. Alert L- Lockdown I- Inform C-Counter E-evacuate.
2. Gunfire has different sounds. In any Attack you want to BUY TIME.

Trappe only has State Police- It takes them 20 minutes to respond and unfortunately if we are attacked, damage is done.

Secure Door - Belt on Hinge Bar, Cord on Door Handle, Barricade then spread Out. Make sure no one is by the doorway .

Communicate – Call 911 and state intruder in building- use plain language not Code Red.

Always evacuate - counter is always last resort.

Good idea to have two way radio and use of cell phones after evacuation.

Location – have numbers on doors! How many intruders, location specific details if you could.

Counter is Distraction. Interrupt thought process. Use confusion and swarm if possible and prevent further action, Pepper spray, fog horn, movement. Have ties, duct tape nearby to bound intruder.

Pain on the intruder? All actions are justified.

Evacuate- Plan in advance. LEAVE belongings behind!! Buy time!

For the Police- everyone is a suspect and keep hands out above head.

If intruder drops gun: (i) secure in trash can or another place; (ii) try not to handle it.

Police have to eliminate all threats and first task to take down intruder then treat wounded.

### **DAILY BREAD - SPECIAL FOCUS**

We all sure do love our pets; they truly become members of our family. We're asking that you keep pets in mind for your donations to the Daily Bread for the next quarter. Feel free to bring in dry and canned pet food, kitty litter, treats, toys or grooming supplies for furry and feathered friends alike. The needy pets and their human companies thank you!

### **A WONDERFUL "THANK YOU"**

SuperKids of Montgomery County, along with the children and families they help, send a heartfelt thank you to the Missions Committee. The Committee raised and donated \$500.00. SuperKids' mission is to provide resources for educational and special needs of abused, neglected or abandoned youngsters of Montgomery County.

### **SPRING CLEAN UP DAY**

On April 27 starting at 9:00 a.m. The Property Team needs your help to mulch, clean-up, and do some minor repairs at the Church. It's a great time to come out and support each other with a helping hand (and to get some fresh air and exercise). And so you have energy, breakfast items will be available.

## **EASTER FLOWERS 2019**

We are doing something different this year for the Easter Altar flowers. We have decided to be more colorful and festive for 2019. The flowers that are available will be Lilies for \$10.00 (4-5 blooms). Hyacinths for \$10.00 (3 blooms). Tulips for \$10.00 (8 bulbs in 7 inch pot). Also available will be Daffodils for \$13.00 (8 inch pan). All flowers must be ordered by Sunday, April 7th. Please fill out the form in the bulletin.



The SPEAKER'S House  
HOME OF  
*Frederick Muhlenberg*

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

FROM: The Speaker's House, Trappe, PA

DATE: February 27, 2019

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#### ***The Speaker's House to Honor R. Scott Stephenson at Fundraiser Gala on April 28***

**Trappe, PA** – The Speaker's House, home of Frederick Muhlenberg—first Speaker of the U.S. House—will host a fundraiser gala on April 28 including a special presentation of the Speaker's Choice Award to R. Scott Stephenson, President and CEO of the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia. Established in 2008, the Speaker's Choice Award recognizes individuals who embody the leadership qualities of Frederick Muhlenberg and who have made distinguished contributions to the local community, particularly in arts, culture, or historic preservation. The Party for Preservation gala is held at the Barn on Bridge, a renovated historic bank barn located just outside of Trappe. This special evening begins at five o'clock with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres on the heated outdoor patio, followed by a buffet dinner inside the barn. The Community Music School of Trappe will provide live music, and there will be a silent auction featuring works of art made by local craftspeople and unique experiences at area historic sites and museums. All proceeds from this event directly support the restoration of the historic Frederick Muhlenberg house; projects for this year include restoring the cooking fireplace and front door. Silent auction donations, program advertising, and sponsorship opportunities are available. To buy tickets or learn more, visit [www.speakershouse.org/gala](http://www.speakershouse.org/gala).

#### ***About The Speaker's House***

The Speaker's House is a non-profit organization located in historic Trappe, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Its mission is to inspire leadership and civic engagement by bringing to life the home and legacy of Frederick Muhlenberg, first Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

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### **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Join the men of the church for a get together breakfast on Wednesday, April 24th, 9 am at Spring-Ford Diner, Spring City, PA .



### **WOMEN'S BREAKFAST**

Come join us on Thursday, April 11th at The Spring Ford Diner in Spring City.



### **DO YOU LIKE TO SHOP?**

St. Luke's UCC is now registered for smile.amazon.com. Go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and type in "St. Lukes 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!

### **MISSIONS NOISY OFFERING**

The month of March "noisy" offering was \$ 117.95 for the Center for Bereavement.

This will be matched by Missions.

April's "noisy" offering will be for Laurel House and a Physical Challenge Offering.

### **LAUREL HOUSE**

Every year, more than 3,000 women and their children seek domestic violence services through Laurel House. Laurel House also provides training to thousands of students, medical professionals, law enforcement officers and community members.

On any given day at Laurel House:

Counselor Advocates work with women and children living in our shelter to discuss safe options and steps to transition into a life away from their abusers.

Volunteer Advocates answer incoming calls on our hotline Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) advocates go to hospital emergency rooms to help domestic violence victims. In addition, our DART advocates work with local police departments to meet with a victim who has just experienced an assault Transitional Housing Advocates help women and children to achieve self-sufficiency Children's Advocates assist children and families to move beyond abuse Legal Advocates provide court accompaniment Community Educators offer a variety of presentations on domestic violence awareness and resources Trained counselors facilitate support groups where victims and survivors share their stories.

We will have the honor to hear from a Board Member, Alice Blenner about the vital work of Laurel House on April 14th for the collection of Noisy Offering!

### **PHYSICAL CHALLENGE OFFERING**

There will be a special offering in April to address- "A2A" stands for "Accessible to All". A2A is the terminology used within the United Church to refer to congregations that have completed the Accessible to All process and thereby made the commitment to be physically and attitudinal welcoming of people with disabilities. This offering stays within the congregation of St. Luke's to make it more accessible for folks to enjoy worshiping and attending out congregation. For example, a push button to allow the door to open for someone who uses a walker or wheelchair. Another example is making large print bulletins for those who have eye impairments. The list continues. Let us make our congregation more accessible for everyone!



# April 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 **Janet Kimmich** 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>                     |
|---------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Apr. 7  | Sue Linkenhoker   | Pastor John            | Carrie Krentz    | Nancy Lewis and<br>Carl Watters   |
| Apr. 14 | Beverly Spaid     | Pastor John            | Leah Keyser      | Isaac Hogue and<br>Nethanel Hogue |
| Apr. 21 | Sue Kelly         | Pastor John            | Nancy Leneweaver | Isaac Hogue and<br>Nethanel Hogue |
| Apr. 28 | Becci Richardson  | Pastor John            | Carrie Krentz    |                                   |
| May 5   | Kathy 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.**

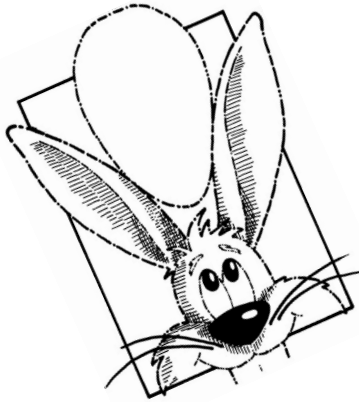
Articles for the Sunday bulletin are due in the church office by Wednesday. Newsletter deadline for the May Newsletter is April 22th and mailing is April 25th.


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## PRAYER LIST

**People in need of prayers:** Corie Bowers, Joan Z., Judy Groff, Linda Miller, Nick Iacorinno, Russell and Nancy Morris.

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



| Sun  | Mon   | Tue   | Wed  | Thu   | Fri                          | Sat   |
|--|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|
|  | 1<br>7:00 Cemetery<br>7:00 Boy Scouts                     | 2<br>6:30 Worship & Music   | 3<br>7:00 Endowment<br>7:00 Choir<br>7:30 Orchestra<br>7:30 Lenten Serv.<br>Augustus   | 4 12:30 Games<br>7:00 Finance<br>7:30 GANON                         | 5                            | 6   |
| 7<br>9:30 Blended Service  | 8<br>7:00 Cemetery<br>7:00 Boy Scouts<br>7:00 Church Life | 9<br>9:30 Bible Study<br>6:30 Church and Ministry<br>7:30 Council | 10<br>6:00 Book Club<br>7:00 Choir<br>7:30 Orchestra<br>7:30 Lenten Serv.<br>St. James | 11 9:00 Women's Breakfast<br>7:00 Toastmasters<br>7:30 GANON        | 12                           | 13  |
| 14 PALM SUNDAY<br>8:15 Bible Study<br>9:30 Worship Service<br>Noisy Offering<br>Mission Pancake<br>Breakfast after Service<br><i>Palm Sunday</i>                                 | 15<br>6:30 Missions<br>7:00 Boy Scouts<br>7:30 Property   | 16  | 17<br>7:00 College Woods<br>7:00 Choir<br>7:30 Orchestra                               | 18 MAUNDY THURSDAY<br>6:00 Dinner<br>7:00 Comm. Serv.<br>7:30 GANON | 19<br>7:00 Trinity UCC Serv. | 20  |
| 21 EASTER COMMUNION<br>6:30 Sunrise Serv.<br>9:00 Easter Egg Hunt<br>9:30 Blended Service<br> | 22<br>7:00 Boy Scouts<br>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE              | 23<br>9:30 Bible Study  | 24 9:00 Men's Breakfast<br>7:00 Choir<br>7:30 Orchestra                                | 25<br>7:00 Toastmasters<br>7:30 GANON<br>NEWSLETTER MAILING         | 26                           | 27<br>9:00 Spring Clean Up at the Church<br>7:00 Movie Nite<br>"Wonder" |
| 28<br>8:15 Bible Study<br>9:30 Blended Service<br>"Special Coffee Hour"  | 29<br>7:00 Boy Scouts                                     | 30  |  |   |                              |   |

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## **April Newsletter**

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

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