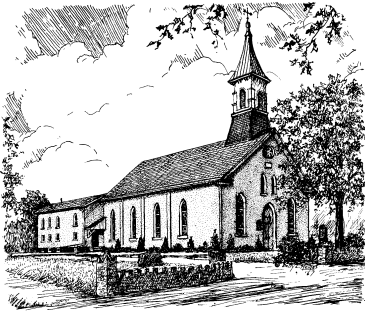


## United Church of Christ of Trappe

## April 2023 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

**SPRING HAS SPRUNG**

Spring is my favorite time of the year. When Spring approaches, there are always clear signs of its arrival. The morning air is not as cold as it has been. The mud holes and wet spots around houses begin to dry up. Our yards gradually begin to change color, from a brown to a deep green. When we see these signs, we know Spring cannot be far behind.

As with spring, there are certain signs that mark the Easter season. We use some of the same imagery; the blooming of flowers, the newness of birth in nature, and brilliant sunrises, are all images we use to signify the spring season as well as Easter. Have you ever stopped to wonder why we make this connection?

In nature, we see spring as a time of renewal, a time when life around us is energized from the heat and moisture of God's good earth. We see spring as a time of procreation for many of God's creatures. Spring is a prelude to life and life's abundance around us, to be enjoyed until the postlude of winter.

The Easter season has the same potential for Christians. Easter is a time of renewal. It is a time for all of us to take a closer look at the relationship we have with Jesus. As we progress through Lent in preparation for Holy Week, we have the opportunity to see the suffering in our lives as we reflect on the passion of our Lord.

Easter is also a time for us to be energized by the power of God's spirit within our own lives.

As we observe the church year in our tradition, there is the potential for us to become lackadaisical in our participation in the life of the church. Church life becomes predictable and boring, therefore we disengage. But there is always the Easter season to breathe life back into our sleeping souls.

Most importantly, Easter is a time for new life. Jesus Christ went to the cross as a sacrifice for the sins of humanity. No longer would men and women be held in bondage to the sin in their lives. Jesus death on the cross, and the power of the resurrected Lord, was and is a act of procreation. Because we believe, we are created anew through Jesus. (John 3:3)

I encourage you to see this Easter season as a time of new birth and growth in your life.

There are many opportunities in the life of St. Luke's where you can experience the signs of the Easter season. My prayer is that you will not only experience the season but also you will experience the power and presence of the risen Lord.

God's Blessings,  
Pastor Pat

**March Scripture Readings**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Apr. 2	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 27:11-54
Apr. 9	Acts 10:34-43	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Colossians 3:1-4	John 20:1-18
Apr. 16	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	Psalm 16	1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31
Apr. 23	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19	1 Peter 1:17-23	Luke 24:13-35
Apr. 30	Acts 2:42-47	Psalm 23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10

## MISSIONS NEWS

Coming to your mailbox soon..... your special donation envelopes for 2023 will be arriving to your homes shortly. Please remember to use these envelopes throughout the year and don't forget to make a designation on the memo line of your check.

Thank you for your generosity.

	Promotion	Offering
One Great Hour of Sharing	Sun March 12th	Sun March 19th
Strengthen the Church	Sun May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Sun May 21 <sup>st</sup>
Neighbors in Need	Sun Sept 24 <sup>th</sup>	Sun Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>
Christmas Fund	Sun Dec 17th	Sun Dec 24th

CWS Blankets and Tools collection date is Sunday, February 12, 2023. We are so grateful for your kindness and desire to share love and compassion with others.

Every day someone in the world experiences hard times. When difficulties happen, a simple act of kindness can make a difference and you can be the miracle someone was praying for. Be part of that miracle and make a donation. Thank you.

## +++++ LENTEN SEASON

There are Lenten cards and brochures on the table in the Narthex. If you care to save your quarters please do so in our cards. Also enjoy the booklets we have on the Lenten season on that same table in the Narthex. Enjoy!!!



April 2      Nancy Claycomb  
 April 8      Nancy Lewis  
 April 10     Susan Wenrick  
 April 13     Scott Koehler  
 April 16     Lillian Spring



April 17      Williamson Keyser  
 April 18      Anita Pry  
 April 25      Betsy Fisher  
                  Heather Slaymaker  
 April 30      Samuel Kurtz IV  
                  Jonathan Kurtz

## WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

We are back at the Spring Ford Diner on Thursday, April 13th  
See you there at 9:00am to check up on everyone.

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### A Word About Worship

Singing Sunday Service: May 7, 2023

♪♪♪ Psalm 104:33 ♪♪♪

I will sing to the Lord all my life;  
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.



Do you have any favorite hymns or praise songs that we haven't done for a while? The Worship Committee, with Irina's blessing, would like to have a "Singing Sunday" so we can sing a few of your old and new favorites. After our recent "Psalm Sermons" during the Lenten Season, it seems to be an appropriate follow up to give us a chance to sing our praises to God.

Since we will need a little time to get the lyrics and music together, I would like to have your song suggestions by April 23, 2023. We have our praise songs, blue, red, and brown hymnals to work with. If you have any favorites that aren't included in any of those, PLEASE let us know earlier so we can try to dig up music.

Unfortunately, we might not be able to accommodate all of those requests.

Depending on the number of requests we receive, we may not be able to do all of the verses of all of the songs, so please also include your favorite verse numbers.

We hope to hear you singing on May 7 th !

Please use the insert for your selections.



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## MEN'S BREAKFAST

Meet at Grace's Café on Wednesday, April 26th at 9:00am. Join us to catch up on news of things that are going on in your life.



# April 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**

	<b><u>Lay Leader</u></b>	<b><u>Children's Time</u></b>	<b><u>Nursery</u></b>	<b><u>Ushers</u></b>
Apr. 2	Kathy Narrigan			
Apr. 9	Tom Lloyd	Pastor Morris		
Apr. 16	Jim Narrigan			
Apr. 23	Corie Bowers	Nancy Leneweaver		
Apr. 30	Sue Linkenhoker			

## **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 24th and mailing is April 26th.**

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## **PRAYER LIST**

**People in need of prayers:** The Dallar Family, Linda Miller, Wanamaker Family, Nick Iacorinno, Amy Miller, Boyer Family, Richardson Family.

**People with on-going conditions and prayer needs:** Linda Miller, 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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## **DO YOU LIKE TO SHOP?**




**Amazon Smile Update!** **Dear customer,** In 2013, we launched AmazonSmile to make it easier for customers to support their favorite charities. However, after almost a decade, the program has not grown to create the impact that we had originally hoped. With so many eligible organizations—more than 1 million globally—our ability to have an impact was often spread too thin.

We are writing to let you know that we plan to wind down AmazonSmile by February 20, 2023. We will continue to pursue and invest in other areas where we've seen we can make meaningful change—from building affordable housing to providing access to computer science education for students in underserved communities to using our logistics infrastructure and technology to assist broad communities impacted by natural disasters.

To help charities that have been a part of the AmazonSmile program with this transition, we will be providing them with a one-time donation equivalent to three months of what they earned in 2022 through the program, and they will also be able to accrue additional donations until the program officially closes in February. Once AmazonSmile closes, charities will still be able to seek support from Amazon customers by creating their own wish lists.

As a company, we will continue supporting a wide range of other programs that help thousands of charities and communities across the U.S.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00 Service in Sanctuary w/Rev. Morris, Zoom 	3 7:00 Troop 113	4 10:00 Bible Study	5 7:30 Orchestra	6 7:00 Troop 39 7:00 Finance 7:30 GANON	7 	8
9 9:00 Service in Sanctuary, with Rev. Morris Zoom Children's Sermon COMMUNION 	10 7:00 Troop 113 7:00 Missions 7:00 Church Life	11 6:30 Elders 7:30 Council	12 7:30 Orchestra	13 9:00 Women's Breakfast 7:00 Troop 39 7:30 GANON	14	15
16 9:00 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris And on Zoom	17 7:00 Troop 113 7:30 Property	18 10:00 Bible Study	19 7:30 Orchestra	20 7:00 Troop 39 7:30 GANON	21 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	22
23 9:00 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris and on Zoom & Children's Sermon	24 7:00 Troop 113	25 10:00 Bible Study	26 9:00 Men's Breakfast 7:30 Orchestra NEWSLETTER MAILING	27 7:00 Troop 39 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 GANON	28	29 5:00 Designer Bag Bingo
30 9:00 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris And 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.**