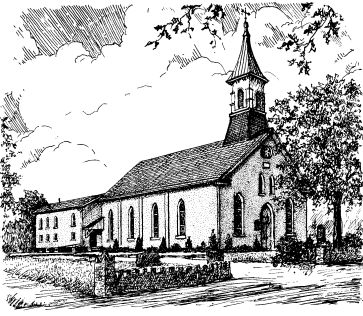


Saint Luke's

United Church of Christ of Trappe

August 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

The importance of dealing with bitterness

See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.—
Hebrews 12:15

Underneath the ground of Belgium's Flanders Field, one of the deadliest battlefields of World War I, a very dangerous and deadly secret lies. It's so deadly, in fact, that it's caused a very big problem for the Belgian government.

You see, all across this field, artillery shells are surfacing more than 100 years after they were fired. Still unexploded, many are still very capable of killing. Some are unearthed by farmers and construction workers, while others simply work their way up through the soil. Dozens of full-time workers cannot keep up with them. And even worse, thousands of these projectiles contain poisonous gas.

It's one thing to recognize something that can cause immense damage when it's obvious. I'm sure you didn't have to tell the soldiers fighting in World War I to avoid those artillery shells at all costs! However, when things such as these lie dormant for so long, they become all the more precarious because they are an unseen danger.

In much the same way, many Christians today hold on to bitterness for years, even decades, before it finally comes up to the surface or is unearthed by a particular situation. And when that happens, it can often be damaging, and even deadly, for relationships between friends and family.

So if you have any "unearthed" bitterness in your heart, be sure you deal with it by forgiving the person it concerns and even talking with them about it. Don't let buried feelings of contempt harm your relationships with friends and family because those relationships are some of God's greatest gifts!

Prayer Challenge

Pray and ask God to reveal to you any "unearthed" bitterness you might have in your heart toward another person, no matter how old. If you find you do carry buried resentment, forgive that person and let them know you've let it go.

Questions for Thought

How do you think it affects your attitude to carry bitterness around?

What are some conversation starters you can use to mend a relationship with someone you've held in contempt?

Pastor John

August Scripture Readings

Date	Old Testament	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
Aug 4	Hosea 11:1-11	Psalms 107:1-9, 43	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21
Aug. 11	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20	Psalms 50:1-8, 22-23	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40
Aug. 18	Isaiah 5:1-7	Psalms 80:1-2, 8-19	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Luke 12:49-56
Aug. 25	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Psalms 71:1-6	Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17
Sept. 1	Jeremiah 2:4-13	Psalms 81:1, 10-16	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14

SERMON SERIES

August 4	John 6:48-69; Luke 24:30-35 'Serving and Feasting'
August 11	John 10:7-18; John 6:35-40 'Setting To Rights: Seasons'
August 18	Hebrews 11:29-12-2, Luke 12:49-56 'Us vs Them'
August 25	Hebrews 12:18-29, Luke 13:10-17 'Dead vs Alive'



NEW WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BE STARTING September 8th at 6pm.

The service is entitled "The Way" . " The Way" is in reference to the ancient terminology for early Christians who were used the term to point others to Jesus and code term for their journey. Our 'The Way' service is based on the following:

1. Communion every week
2. Centered on a round table with candles to bring closeness with others and God.
3. It will have open liturgy and offering will be a part of the service
4. Soft music will be played
5. It will be no more than 35 minutes long
6. The brief sermons will be focused on the scripture's of 'One -another' in following the Way of Jesus---

3 SIPS CAFÉ AND BIBLE STUDY

We will resume in the fall, watch for our first date.
Veronica Hogue at 402-801-9301 or teapotlady3@gmail.com.



WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Come join us on Thursday, August 8th at 9:00am
At Grace's in the Trappe Shopping Center.
NOTE THE NEW PLACE FOR THIS MONTH

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join the men of the church for a get together breakfast on
Wednesday, August 28th, 9 am at Café 29 in Collegeville PA .



August 4	Roberta Servey
August 8	Natalie Krentz
August 10	Rod Bowers
August 16	Roy Linkenhoker, Sr
	Ken Hughes
	Eva Dietrich
August 19	Sue Davidson
	Sue Linkenhoker



August 20	Scott Spaid
August 23	Ed Oxenham
August 24	Adam (Lane) Litka
	Kelly Gray
August 26	Daniel Hogue
August 27	Mike Narrigan
August 30	Kaitlyn Koehler

SAVE THE DATE!
SAT SEPT 28th 2019 9am – 3pm



FALL FESTIVAL

Speaking of that Fall Festival – it's coming up fast on our calendars. There's a number of ways you can help with this major fundraising event for St. Luke's:

- Please help spread the word with family, friends and our community by helping to post signs for the event. Pick them up in the Narthex soon.
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- You can also indicate you're attending the event on Facebook.
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- We still have spaces available for crafters or vendors. Applications are available on the church website, from Corie or any member of the Missions team. \$25 inside or \$20 outside per table.
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- About 30 baskets are prepared for the silent auction but we can always use more whether you want to donate new items or solicit donations from local businesses or organizations you patronize. See Pastor John or Veronica for assistance. If you're asked how the funds will be used, tell them about Noisy Offering and our monthly match.
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- We also have time slots available for individuals or groups who would like to share their talent with visitors. Songs, music, reading, speaking, dancing or acting. Speak to Melanie if you or someone you know is an entertaining person!
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- If you have a canopy or tent of any size with sides that roll up to lend, please leave Missions a note on the bulletin board or let one of us know. We're trying to avoid renting a tent for crafters/vendors outdoors, if possible. We're also looking for folding tables for folks to sit at while eating indoors.

FINANCE CORNER (as of 08//19)

OFFERING YEAR TO DATE: \$.00

ACTUAL EXPENSES YEAR TO DATE: \$.00

BUDGET YEAR TO DATE: \$.00

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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD AND QUILT RAFFLE

On Sunday, July 21st we prepared 27 boxes for older girls and boys during our Christmas in July packing party. Many thanks to everyone who donated, decorated and packed that day. Since the quilt raffle tickets sold to date will cover the postage on those boxes, we've decided not to pack any additional boxes this year. **All ticket sales now will directly benefit the shortfall in St. Luke's operating budget.** We will sell right up until Fall Festival day to maximize this effort. **Please continue to turn in money and tickets as you sell.** Someone is going to be the lucky winner on Saturday, September 28th! Any leftover items collected for shoeboxes will be available for local Salvation Army Angel Tag gifts or the food bank during the Christmas holiday.



DO YOU LIKE TO SHOP?

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

SUMMER AT THE DAILY BREAD

Summer is a great time for kids since it's a break from classes and homework. But it can be a difficult time for families with children who rely on help with meals at school. Some children may need to take care of themselves if their parents are at work. **Please keep children in mind for the next couple of months with simple, easy to prepare food items.** As of March 2019, Daily Bread was serving 249 households and 254 children.

MISSIONS NOISY OFFERING

The month of July we collected \$68.30 for the Heifer Project.

Thank you for your generous support of Habitat for Humanity. We will be sending a check for \$137 to Habitat of Montgomery and Delaware Counties on Foundry Road in Eagleville. IF you're interested in volunteering or donating used items to the Restore, check them out at:

https://www.habitatmontdelco.org/utm_campaign=HFHI_AffiliateSearch&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=habitat.org

August 11th "noisy" offering will be donated to Fatherhood Empowerment Center in Norristown, PA. It is part of CADCOM, the Community Action Development Commission of Montgomery County. The Fatherhood Empowerment Project is a resource for low income men at no cost to them to help them become better fathers and men. The project helps them improve their lives by helping them write resume's, train for interviews, provides professional clothing, and transportation. One out of three children in the US live without their biological father in their lives.

By strengthening families we are enriching children's lives.
Please bring your extra change to support this important mission..



July 2, 2019

Rev. John R. Hogue
St. Luke's UCC
200 W Main St
Trappe, PA 19426-2007

Dear Pastor Hogue,

When a youth is placed at Bethany, they are scared, angry, and without hope. Most will come with the clothes on their back and if they are lucky, they may have a small bag of personal belongings. They are seeking for someone to listen, provide a guiding hand, and care about them. Though it may difficult for them at first, our youth begin to see that there are so many new opportunities available to them at Bethany. Every resident not only receives the most basic needs of food, shelter and clothing, but also opportunities to learn new life skills. They can attend school, participate in art, music and recreation programs, work/volunteer in the community, and build new friendships. Through these programs, they can regain control of their life and set a new path for their futures.

Thank you for your generous gift of \$140 (CK# 9423 dated 6/21/2019) to Bethany's Brighter Future Fund. Your special gift to the Brighter Future Fund will provide our youth with a new foundation to become empowered young adults with positive goals.

Thank you for thinking of our youth during this time of year. Your ongoing support will help them to continue to heal and take back their lives.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Shultz Spano
Carolyn Shultz Spano
Director of Development

Thank you

July 3, 2019

St. Luke's United Church of Christ
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Dear Friends,

On behalf of Laurel House, I would like to thank you for your recent donation of "Noisy Offering" which total \$153.00 that we received by check dated 6/21/19.

We depend greatly on the generosity of caring people like you to provide shelter, transitional housing, counseling and support groups, medical advocacy, and crisis response for people affected by abuse. In addition, Laurel House offers presentations to schools, businesses, and civic groups about the issue of domestic violence and signs of abuse. We will use your gift to support these programs and services.

Thank you again for your generosity.

Sincerely,
Tina Quinci
Tina Quinci, LSW
Senior Director



August 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>Nursery</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Aug. 4	Corie Bowers	Nancy Leneweaver	Brenda Kurtz & Bev Spaid
Aug. 11	Veronica Hogue	Carrie Krentz	Isaac and Nethanel Hogue
Aug 18	Sue Linkenhoker	Leah Keyser	Betsy Fisher & Esther Wolfram
Aug. 25	Bev Spaid	Nancy Leneweaver	
Sept. 1	Sue Kelly	Carrie Krentz	

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 Aug. 23rd and mailing is Aug. 27th.

PRAYER LIST

People in need of prayers: Anita P., Carl "Corky" Walters, Linda Miller, Nick Iacorinno, Russell and Nancy Claycomb, Tammy McGonagle.

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 12:30 Games 7:30 GANON	2 10:00 LMM	3
4 9:30 Blended Service 2:30 Parkhouse Service	5 7:00 Cemetery 7:00 Boy Scouts	6	7 7:00 Endowment	8 9:00 Women's Breakfast GRACE'S 7:00 Finance 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 GANON	9 10:00 LMM	10
11 9:30 Worship Service Noisy Offering	12 7:00 Church Life 7:00 Boy Scouts	13 6:30 Elders 7:30 Council	14 6:00 Book Club	15 7:30 GANON	16	17
18 9:30 Blended Service (Healing Service)	19 6:30 Missions 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Property	20	21	22 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 GANON	23 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	24
25 COMMUNION 9:30 Blended Service	26 7:00 Boy Scouts	27 NEWSLETTER MAILING	28 9:00 Men's Breakfast	29 7:30 GANON	30	31

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St. Luke's Mission Statement

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