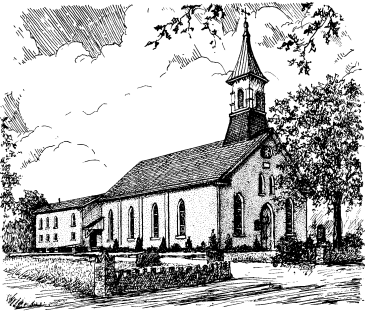


Saint Luke's

United Church of Christ of Trappe

December 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 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month.

REV. JOHN'S MUSINGS

These words are from John Killinger, Christmas Spoke Here, p. 11

"One day I was staring through the window of a beautiful little Christmas shop. It was packed with Christmas items... There were exquisite crèche scenes from Italy, Germany, and Norway. There were fuzzy-faced elves and jolly old Santa Clauses, sleighs and reindeer of every size and description, bells and trees, and music boxes. There were nutcrackers and candles and electric lights, angels and wise men and little drummer boys, stars and snowmen and gingerbread cutouts. The little shop was fairly bursting with Christmas, and a loudspeaker broadcast a medley of Yuletide tunes. It was infectious... And down in the corner of the front door, where no one could miss it, was the neatest touch of all. It was a small sign that said: "Christmas Spoken Here."

"Christmas Spoken Here." I cannot imagine a better slogan for the church, at this season or any time of year, than that one. What could say better why we are here? God has entered human history to change its course forever. He has come as a Word, as something said, articulated, put in a message: "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). We remember the event each year in song and pageant and decoration. "Christmas spoken here." It has to be spoken here, for it is the basis of all we do."

I Love those words-"Christmas Spoken Here." It is that an appropriate motto for us? The church ought always to speak Christmas. We ought always to be reminded of the Word God has spoken: the intelligible, important, and loving Word. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us full of grace and truth." That is Christmas, and Christmas is spoken here. It will always be spoken here.

See You In Church, Pastor John

December Scripture Readings

Date	Old Testament	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
Dec. 1	Isaiah 2:1-5	Psalms 122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44
Dec. 8	Isaiah 11:1-10	Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12
Dec. 15	Isaiah 35:1-10	Psalms 146:5-10	James 5:7-10	Matthew 11:2-11
Dec. 22	Isaiah 7:10-16	Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19	Romans 1:1-7	Matthew 1:18-25
Dec. 25	Isaiah 52:7-10	Psalms 98	Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)	John 1:1-14
Dec. 29	Isaiah 63:7-9	Psalms 148	Hebrews 2:10-18	Matthew 2:13-23
Jan 5	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Psalms 147:12-20	Ephesians 1:3-14	John 1:(1-9), 10-18

SERMON SERIES

December 1	“Holy Burglar”	Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 24:36-44
	COMMUNION - Rev. Thomas Kockenderfer	
December 8	“Wake Up Call”	Isaiah 11:1-10; Matthew 3:1-12
December 15	“The Journey Is Not Easy”	Isaiah 35:1-10; Matthew 11:2-11
December 22	“Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room”	Isaiah 7:10-16; Matthew 1:18-25
December 24	“Christmas Eve 1992”	Isaiah 52:7-10; John 1:1-14
December 29	“Hymn Sing” (Pastor on Vacation)	



WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Come join us on Thursday, December 12th at 9:00am
Grace's Cafe

NOTE THE PLACE FOR THIS MONTH

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join the men of the church for a get together breakfast on
Wednesday, December 18, 2019, 9 am at Café 29 in Collegeville PA .



SUGGESTION BOX

A team is being organized to seek suggestions for the following ideas:

1. Financial ideas to strengthen and or cut on budget.
2. Long Range Planning for the growth, vitality and future of St. Luke's.

The Team is being spearheaded by Bob Keyser - all suggestions must have congregant's name attached to the letter and can be turned into our Suggestion Box.

Thank You.

DO YOU LIKE TO SHOP?

St. Luke's UCC is now registered for smile.amazon.com. Go to www.smile.amazon.com and type in "St. Luke's 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!

December 2 Becky Duncan
December 6 Melanie Prudom
December 9 Chase Salerno
December 10 Kendall Davidson
December 14 Josh Gray



December 16 Sarah Brand
December 22 Carrie Krentz
Walt Daller IV
December 26 Veronica Hogue
December 28 Amy Conrad

THANK YOU

Hello Everyone,

James & I would Like to thank our church congregation for the offering check from June 2019 it has helped us with our bills. To give an update on James is facing yet another surgery on Nov-27-19 to fix the rest of the broken bones in his foot that the 1st doctor didn't fix. This surgery is to help him to walk better. His road is a long hard one with more therapy to come. His wish as he keeps telling me is all he wants is to walk normal and to go back to work. Again we thank you for all the prayers and the offering.

God bless and Happy Thanksgiving
James & Diane Gambone



Christmas Chestnuts

Including sacred and secular favorites in a variety of styles, brass quintet, and audience participation

Saturday, December 7, 2019 | 3 p.m.

Cedarville United Methodist Church
1092 Laurelwood Road | Pottstown, PA

Sunday, December 8, 2019 | 4 p.m.

Zion Mennonite Church
149 East Cherry Lane | Souderton, PA

Janet Davis CONDUCTOR | Nadine Lydic ACCOMPANIST

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FINANCE CORNER (as of 12//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

VOLUNTEERS

The following people have volunteered to transport Anne White from Peter Becker Home in Harleysville, PA.

Sunday, December 1 - Corie Bowers

Sunday, January 5 - Melanie Prudom

Sunday, February 2 - Jody Ruckle

Bev Spaid will then transport Anne back. Please let Sue Linkenhoker know if you are able to transport Anne from Peter Becker to St. Luke's on the first Sunday of the month. We would like to have more volunteers going forward. Thank you Sue Linkenhoker.

URSINUS CONCERT

To celebrate the winter season, Voices of Ursinus students and community singers join forces to present Morton Lauridsen's beautiful "Lux Aeterna." Director Jordan Shomper also invites you to bring your score to Handel's "Messiah," and to join us in song as the choir presents some choruses from Handel's masterwork.

Bomberger Auditorium, Bomberger Hall

This event is free and open to the public.

December 8, 2019, performance - 2-4pm

CHURCH LIFE ACTIVITIES

Now that we decorated the church so beautifully for the Christmas Season, we will have to un-decorate it. We would like to have volunteers to do that on the first Sunday, January 5, 2020 after worship. Many hands make a piece of the elephant seem like such a small item. There is a sign-up sheet.

It's another year and I'm sure you have some items that people thought were thoughtful gifts but really not to your taste, just remember that on January 12, 2020 you can give it to someone else who might LIKE it. Meet at O'Grady's at 10:00 and bring your wrapped "re-gift" or if you didn't get anything you didn't like, remember nothing over \$10.00 for the gift.

We have a new "thing" that Church Life would like to try, a Trivia Night on Saturday, February 8, 2020. You would need to form teams but no more than up to 6 people per team. There will be more details at a later date, but think about who you might pick for your team.

MISSIONS NOISY OFFERING

The month of November we collected \$68.25. Thanks to your generous support the Missions Team will be sending a check for \$130 to the Daily Bread Community Food Bank along with your turkey, food and non-perishables donations just before the Thanksgiving holiday. Thank you for your continued generous support. Plus many thanks to Carrie Krentz who has been loading up her car and delivering everything lately.

ANGEL TAGS - SALVATION ARMY

Members of the congregation who accepted Angel Tags for girls and boys are reminded that their **donations should be placed in the Mission Box no later than Sunday, December 1st**. The Salvation Army will be stopping by to pick all those toys, games and other goodies very soon!

COATS, COATS, COATS, AND OTHER WARM STUFF

Thank you for your donations of coats, hats, scarves, gloves, and blankets for Orion Communities. Your generosity and willingness to rise to the occasion, especially with little notice, is so appreciated.

I learned when I dropped off your donations that at last count Orion had collected 500 coats and 2000 pairs of socks. As you can see volunteers were busy organizing for last week's distribution. Thank you again for sharing God's grace and mercy. On behalf of the Missions Committee
Becci

I received the following from a friend who volunteers with Orion Communities:

Thank you so much for supporting Orion. That makes me so happy to know you helped spread the love and warmth with your church community. --Lynn

IT'S DECEMBER - THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE CHILDREN

Our December Noisy Offering will be taken for a friend of Lillian Spring. Their 2 year old daughter has a brain tumor and the offering will go to her family for expenses. Please give generously so she may have the joy of the season and for her remaining life.



DECEMBER

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>Children's Time</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Dec. 1	Jim Narrigan	Becci Richardson	Leah Keyser	
Dec. 8	Corie Bowers	Pastor John	Nancy Leneweaver	
Dec. 15	Veronica Hogue	Becci Richardson	Carrie Krentz	
Dec. 22	Sue Linkenhoker	Pastor John	Leah Keyser	
Dec. 24	Bev Spaid	Becci Richardson		
Dec. 29	Sue Kelly		Carrie Krentz	
Jan. 5	Becci Richardson	Pastor John	Leah Keyser	

Sunday Leader Scheduling Note

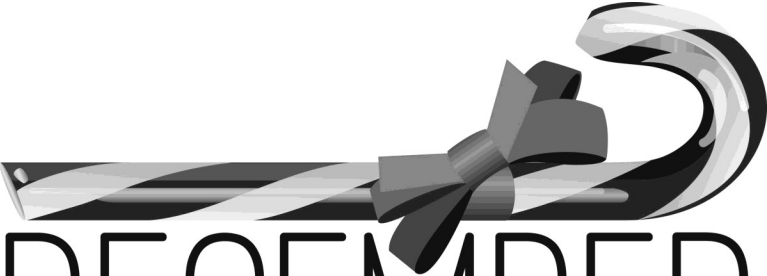
If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, **please find a replacement** by switching dates with someone on the schedule and contact the church office as soon as possible so we may make note of the change. **If you are unable to find a replacement, please contact the church office and we will be happy to do so.**

Articles for the Sunday bulletin are due in the church office by Wednesday. Newsletter deadline for the January Newsletter is December 18th and mailing is December 23rd.








PRAYER LIST

People in need of prayers: 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, Rod Bowers, Tim Heiser and Tricia White Heiser, Tom Hairston.

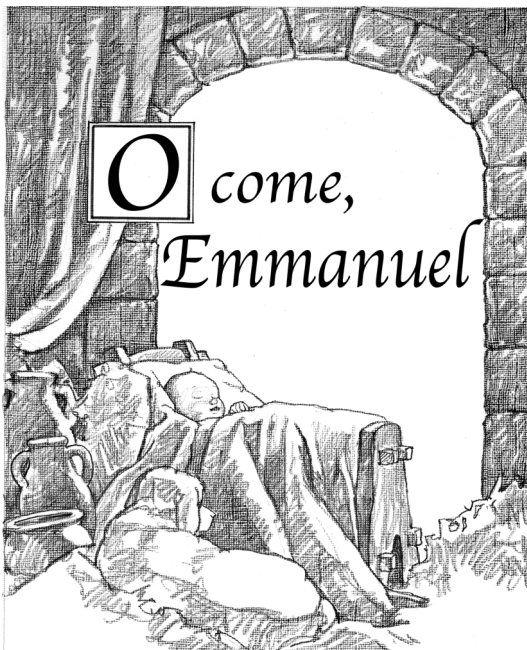
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Worship Service 	2 7:00 Boy Scouts	3 6:30 Worship & Music	4 7:00 Endowment	5 12:30 Games 7:30 GANON	6	7
8 9:30 Blended Service Noisy Offering 	9 7:00 Church Life 7:00 Boy Scouts	10 9:30 Bible Study 6:30 Elders 7:30 Council	11 6:00 Book Club	12 9:00 Women's Breakfast 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 GANON	13 8:00 Audubon Orchestra Concert	14
15 9:30 Worship Service Healing Service 10:30 Coffee Hour 	16 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Property	17	18 9:00 Men's Breakfast 7:00 College Woods H.O.	19 7:30 GANON	20	21
22 9:30 Blended Service 	23 7:00 Boy Scouts	24 	25 	26 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 GANON	27	28
29 9:30 HYMN SING	30 7:00 Boy Scouts	31 				

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