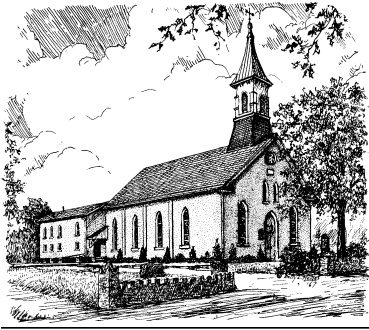


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Saint Luke's

United Church of Christ of Trappe

February 2017 Newsletter



Worship Schedule

Office – 610-489-4933

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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.

From the 275th Anniversary Committee

*Our ancestors laid the foundation,
built of love, work and prayer;
They trusted the Lord to guide them,
for they knew He would always be there.
With humble hearts we bow down now,
we fold our hands in prayer;
For St Luke's Church we thank Him,
and for His loving care.*

A stanza from "God's Guidance" By Betty Murphy

Time flies, as the saying goes, and it has been twenty five years since Betty Murphy wrote those words for our church's 250th anniversary. To quote another time phrase, "Time marches on" and now, in 2017, St. Luke's is preparing for the 275th anniversary: The committee has been formed and plans are now being made.

Did you know that George Washington was only ten years old at the time our congregation was celebrating their first communion, in a barn, in 1742? Like George as a boy, those people in Trappe, then called "Providence," had no idea what was in store for them. The area, the church and her congregation, all faced two hundred and seventy five years of challenges and changes that would lead to St. Luke's UCC Trappe being what it is today.

Many times throughout those years, much like today, our congregation faced an uncertain future. Ministers, during the early years of the church, were few and far between. With each new minister called, the congregation continued in its faith, worship and service to God and the surrounding community.

Since 1742, our church family has witnessed everything from birth, death, joy, sadness, and apathy to tears, smiles, hard work, and some prosperity and it has survived. Through prayer, praise and worship this congregation has continued for 275 years. As another stanza from Betty's poem says:

*In the spirit of our fathers
the future lies ahead
Enthusiasm fills us
and by His hand we're led.*

Keep your ears and eyes open for more announcements
from the 275th Anniversary Committee:
Onward and upward to 300!

February Scripture Readings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Feb. 5	Isaiah 58:1-9a,(9b-12)	Psalm 112:1-9 (10)	1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)	Matthew 5:13-20
Feb. 12	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Psalm 119:1-8	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37
Feb. 19	Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18	Psalm 119:33-40	1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23	Matthew 5:38-48
Feb. 26	Exodus 24:12-18	Psalm 2 or 99	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9
Mar. 5	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7	Psalm 32	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11

TRANSITION UPDATE

We continue our search for a Call Pastor. Search Committee Jim Narrigan, Nancy Leneweaver, Bonnie Neiman, Becci Richardson, Carrie Krentz and Dave Carl. Please keep the committee in your prayers as they continue discerning the pastoral needs of the Congregation.

CHURCH LIFE

Church Life is on the move with plans for events. We are having our Easter Candy Sale during the month of February. Come out any Sunday in February, see one of the committee members and give them you HUGH order for candy that the Easter Bunny can deliver on Easter Sunday.

We are selling Gertrude Hawk “yummies” again this year.

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Watch for our “Green Bingo” on Saturday, March 18. If you participate you may see a “Leprechaun” dancing around during the calling of the Bingo numbers!!



275TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Next year St. Luke's will be celebrating it's 275th Anniversary. John Kimmich and Nancy Claycomb-Morris are co-chairing the Anniversary Committee which also includes Betsy Fisher, Janet Kimmich, Corie Bowers and Bridgie Daller.

The committee has had it's first meeting and we will be meeting again on February 22.

We are looking to plan some exciting events for 2017.



WOMEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST

Come join us on the second Thursday of the month at the Spring-Ford Diner in Spring City at 9:00am at the St. Luke's table.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join the men of the church for a get together breakfast, the 4th Wednesday of each month at 9 am at Café 29 in Collegeville. Come and converse with everyone and find out what is happening in someone else's world.



WATCH FOR LENTEN AWAKENINGS

The Annual Lenten Awakenings will take place at St. Luke's again this year. The lessons will be held on the Saturday's of March 4, 11, 18 & 25, from 9:00 until 11:30. Rev. Eric Kern will be leading the sessions. Please feel free to join the group on Saturday mornings. More information will be in the March newsletter.

February 5	Grant Lloyd
February 7	Tim Frazer
	Kim Gray
February 8	Jeanne Knauer
	Cam Narrigan
February 14	Jack Kissinger



February 18	Kay Kissinger
February 19	Kaitlin Damiani
February 21	Mitzie Oxenham
February 22	Cassidy Keyser
February 25	Sam Kurtz III



WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Please come and join us on **Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 6:00pm**

for the book "The Girls of Atomic City" by Denise Kiernan.

You must purchase your own copy of the book or get it at the Library.

DEAR FRIENDS,

Thank you . . . two words which convey my heartfelt gratitude for making my last Sunday at St. Luke's so memorable!

Thank you . . .

- ♪ to Bob and the choir who brought me to tears as they played and sang one of my favorite anthems, "How Beautiful."
- ♠ to the Church Life Committee for organizing the brunch/roast and for the 'unique' table decorations as well as the flowers and balloons.
- ☺ to those who brought food to enjoy. . . egg casseroles, French toast, potatoes (Steve!), salad, baked foods, fruit salad. (St. Luke's really knows how to throw a party!)
- to those who "roasted" me (I certainly gave you plenty of material!) AND to those who shared their stories of ministry. Thank you to Corie for serving as emcee.
- ♦ to God's Beloved people for the beautiful angel wall hanging. It will be displayed in my next pastor's office as a remembrance of our time together.
- ☺ to the person who anonymously gave me the wooden plaque "Our Pastor". The words touched my heart.

I pray God's richest blessing upon you, God's Beloved people of St. Luke's, as you celebrate your 275th anniversary AND call a new pastor in the coming year. You are a congregation with a rich past who has come to the present "standing on the promises of God."

With love and gratitude for the ministry we shared together as partners in the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

Pastor Kris

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



The women of St. Luke's meet each month on the second and fourth Tuesday at 9:30am for Bible Study. We have starting a new series learning more about Jeremiah. We have a time for coffee and snacks and fellowship followed by Bible study, discussion and prayer. Please join us when ever you can. You do not need to be an expert in the Bible; we all learn together as God grants us His guidance. If you are interested in coming, please call me so I can provide the lesson material for you.

Beverly Spaid 610-489-9770

ATTENTION - ATTENTION

In doing a current mailing, the addresses of member youth are lacking any updates. Please update the addresses of your children so that our church records can be corrected.

Thank you, Church Office.



February Sunday Leader Schedule



Church Access Volunteers - Volunteers are needed to open and close the church on Sundays. Please see **Janet Kimmich** to schedule and review tasks.

9:30 Blended Service

	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Children's Time</u>	<u>Nursery</u>
February 5	Tom Lloyd	Sue Kelly	Nancy Leneweaver
February 12	Jim Narrigan	Scott Koehler	Kim Gray
February 19	Corie Bowers	Nancy Leneweaver	Brenda Koehler
February 26	Sue Linkenhoker	Becci Richardson	Carrie Krentz
March 5	Scott Koehler	Sue Kelly	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 March Newsletter is February 20th and mailing is February 23rd.

PRAYER LIST

People in need of prayers: Harry N., Kim McDowell, Linda Miller, Louise, Maureen T., Michele Basare, Shirley Wanamaker, Susan Wenrick, Theresa, The Daily Bread Food Bank


People with on-going conditions and prayer needs: Arbutus Curvey, Barbara and Mark Nieweg, Betty Murphy, Bill Loftus, Debbie Parker, Eli and Ella Vivian, Elsa and Victor Thomas, Fred Litchert, Greg Kimmich, Jack Murphy, Judy Claycomb, Mike Richardson, Mitzie Oxenham, Nancy Lewis, Rod Bowers, Tim Heiser, Tricia White Heiser and Tom Hairston.

AARP TAX HELP

AARP will again be here at St. Luke's to help with your taxes if you are over 65. They are here every Monday 9 - Noon from February 6 through April 10. You **MUST** call the Pottstown office to make your appointment for St. Luke's. The number is 610-323-5009.



FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:00 Endowment 7:00 Orchestra	2 12:30 Games 7:00 Choir 7:30 Gamblers	3 10 & 11 LMM	4 9:00 Coloring
5 9:30 Blended Service	6 9:00 AARP Taxes 7:00 Cemetery 7:00 Boy Scouts	7 10:00 LMM 5:30 Drama Kids 7:00 Orchestra 7:30 Church and Ministry	8 3:00 Trappe 300th Anniversary Dinner and Book Signing	9 9:00 Women's Breakfast 7:00 Finance 7:00 Choir 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 Gamblers	10 10 & 11 LMM	11
12 9:30 Blended Service	13 9:00 AARP Taxes 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Church Life	14 9:30 Bible Study 10:00 LMM 5:30 Drama Kids 7:30 Council 	15 6:00 Book Club 7:00 Toastmasters 7:00 Green bar 7:00 College Woods 7:00 Orchestra	16 7:00 Choir 7:30 Gamblers	17 10 & 11 LMM	18 Boy Scout Movie Night & Sleep Over
19 HEALING SERVICE 9:30 Blended Service 4:00 Troop #7080	20 9:00 AARP Taxes 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Property NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 10:00 LMM 5:30 Drama Kids 6:30 Worship and Music	22 9:00 Men's Breakfast 7:00 Orchestra	23 7:00 Choir 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 Gamblers NEWSLETTER MAILING	24 10 & 11 LMM	25 3:00 Private Party
26 9:30 Blended Service	27 9:00 AARP Taxes 7:00 Boy Scouts	28 9:30 Bible Study 10:00 LMM 5:30 Drama Kids 7:00 Orchestra	1 ASH WEDNESDAY COMMUNION SERVICE			

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St. Luke's Mission Statement

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