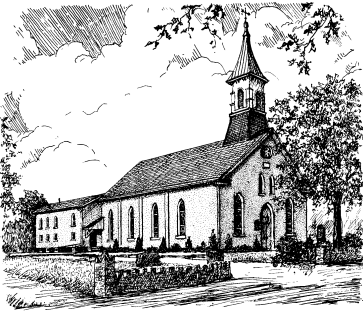


Saint Luke's

United Church of Christ of Trappe

February 2020 Newsletter



Rev. John Hogue
Office – 610-489-4933

Office email - administrator@stlukestrappe.org

www.stlukesucc.org

Worship Schedule

pastorjohn@stlukestrappe.org

© 610-291-7497

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

I realize that many of us in the Protestant tradition have lost the meaning of Shrove Tuesday. Allow me to share its meaning. Shrove Tuesday is the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday which is the first day of Lent. It's a day of penitence, to clean the soul, and a day of celebration as the last chance to feast before Lent begins. The pancakes themselves are part of an ancient custom with deeply religious roots.

Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the ritual of shriving that Christians used to undergo in the past. In shriving, a person confesses their sins and receives absolution for them. When a person receives absolution for their sins, they are forgiven for them and released from the guilt and pain that they have caused them. In the Catholic or Orthodox context, the absolution is pronounced by a priest. *In our context, we believe in the Priesthood of all Believers and confess to God alone without the need of the Minister.*

So, in a nutshell, Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to indulge yourself, and to use up the foods that aren't allowed in Lent within the Catholic tradition. Giving up foods: but not wasting them. In the old days there were many foods that observant Christians would not eat during Lent: foods such as meat and fish, fats, eggs, and milky foods. So that no food was wasted, families would have a feast on the shriving Tuesday, and eat up all the foods that wouldn't last the forty days of Lent without going off.

The need to eat up the fats gave rise to the French name Mardi Gras; meaning Fat Tuesday. Pancakes became associated with Shrove Tuesday as they were a dish that could use up all the eggs, fats and milk in the house with just the addition of flour. Join us on Feb. 25 for Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper. See inside the Newsletter for more details.

So, in the upcoming Lenten Season, why not give something to add as opposed to giving up something? Why not give a note to someone to cheer them up? Why not find a service to someone to assist them? The Trappe Colledgeville ministerium has created a microloan project to give back to folks within our community who are financially struggling and give them an opportunity to start a business or enterprise for themselves that they would not otherwise have an opportunity to do so. This is what Christians should be doing- serving Christ for the least of these in our community.

See You In Church, Pastor John

February Scripture Readings

Date	Old Testament	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
Feb. 2	Micah 6:1-8	Psalms 15	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Matthew 5:1-12
Feb. 9	Isaiah 58:1-9a	Psalms 112:1-9	1 Corinthians 2:1-12	Matthew 5:13-20
Feb. 16	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Psalms 119:1-8	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37
Feb. 23	Exodus 24:12-18	Psalms 2	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9
Mar. 1	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	Psalms 32	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11



SERMON SERIES

- February 2, 2020 (Rev. Ann Few) Micah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12
- February 9, 2020 “Are You Salt And Light?” Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 5:13-20
- February 16, 2020 “Why Forgive?” Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Matthew 5:21-37
- February 23, 2020 “Mountaintops And Or Plains?” Exodus 24:12-18; Matthew 17:1-9
- February 26, 2020 “Looking For Ways Around Jesus Words” Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b - 6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21



WOMEN’S BREAKFAST

Come join us on February 13, 2020 at 9:00 at the Spring-Ford Diner, ask for the St. Luke’s table.
Wear your red in honor of Valentine’s Day.

MEN’S BREAKFAST

Join the men of the church for a get together breakfast on Wednesday, February 26, 2020, 9 am at Café 29 in Collegetown PA .



VOLUNTEERS

The following people have volunteered to transport Anne White from Peter Becker Home in Harleysville, PA.
Sunday, February 2 - Jody Ruckle
Sunday, March 1 - Brenda Kurtz
Sunday, April 5 - Corie Bowers
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.

MISSIONS NOISY OFFERING

The month of January we collected \$66.63.
Thanks to your generous support the Missions Team will be sending a check to Geiger Memorial Church.

A BLESSINGS BOX

We will be initiating a Blessings Box where you can donate a monetary gift for a Blessing you have had in your life. It could be a blessing that you have each week or a blessing that came to you all of a sudden and you would like to be thankful for the event. The monies will be placed in an account that at the end of the year the Council will designate where the funds will go; someone needy or to an organization that is doing good for the community.

- February 1 Judy Olcott
- February 2 Jonathan Kurtz
Samuel Kurtz IV
- February 4 Betty Murphy
- February 5 Grant Lloyd
- February 7 Kim Gray



- February 8 Jeanne Knauer
Cam Narrigan
- February 21 Mitzie Oxenham
- February 22 Cassidy Keyser
- February 25 Sam Kurtz II
- February 28 Jim Kelly

CHURCH LIFE IS ON THE MOVE

Please mark your calendars so that you don't miss any of our wonderful fun nights. First one coming up is our **Trivia Night on Saturday, February 8th at 6:00pm**. You need to get your teams together, 6 people max. There will be 6 questions in each round to be answered. There will be prizes!!!!
Lets see which team can stump everyone and win.

Second event will be **Shrove Tuesday on Tuesday, February 25th starting at 5:00pm**. It will be a pancake and sausage dinner at a cost of \$5.00 per adult, \$3.00 for children ages 6-10. Any children 5 and under will be free.

Come and have breakfast for dinner after work.
Just think no need to cook on that evening, doesn't that tempt you to come out and bring your friends along, they would appreciate not cooking also.
Our chefs will be Pastor John and Isaac Hogue.

Third event will be our **Green Baked Goods Bingo Night on Saturday, March 21st starting at 6:00pm**. You can have as many cards as you can keep track of and still shout BINGO!!!!

We are planning a bus trip on **Saturday, September 19th**. It will be a trip to Hummelstown, a boat ride, a train ride and after all this excitement there will be dinner, cost to be forth coming closer to the date.

Are you looking for a new hobby? Linda Boyer is generously giving her time to teach Crocheting to anyone who wants to learn and when we get really good at that we might learn something else. Let her know if you are interested and what day and time would be good for you.

There will be more and more events coming during the year, come out and have fun and relax after a hard work week.

EASTER CANDY SALE



Easter Candy

Gertrude Hawk candy will be on sale again so the Easter Bunny can deliver all those goodies for your Easter Baskets.

Candy will be on sale starting Sunday, **February 2, 2020** and go until Sunday, **March 8, 2020**.

All orders **MUST** be in to Gertrude Hawk by Monday, **March 9, 2020** in order for the candy to be delivered to the Easter Bunny the week of March 30, 2020.

See any Church Life member on a Sunday in the Narthex.

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. 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!

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.

REV. SHARON MORRIS RETIREMENT

There will be a Dessert Reception on Sunday, February 23rd from 1:00 - 3:00 at Gatsby's in Sunnybrook.

Cost \$25.00 per person.

RSVP see bulletin boards for more information. Deadline February 16th.

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

Our Boy Scout Troop #113 will be helping with the worship service on Sunday, February 23, 2020.

Come out and enjoy the youth helping with worship.

FEBRUARY NOISY OFFERING

On Feb. 2 we will have our Noisy Offering on the First Sunday for SuperKids since it is also Super Bowl Sunday. Please read below what Superkids do in their ministry-

Please let the kind and generous parishioners of St Luke's know how deeply grateful SuperKIDS is for their support. We could not carry out our mission without them.

Superkids of Montgomery County, Inc. (a 501c3, non-profit charity) provides financial support to abused and neglected children in Montgomery County for educational and culturally enriching opportunities that develop skills and abilities needed for success in adulthood.

SuperKIDS provides the means for children of all ages to participate in necessary, developmentally appropriate activities and programs that they would otherwise be denied due to lack of parental support and financial resources. Thanks to the generosity of donors like St Luke's United Church of Christ of Trappe, in 2019 SuperKIDS funded:

- Tutoring for 28 children
- College text book support for 6 children
- Computers for 8 children
- Summer enrichment programming 125 children
- Educational and cultural enrichment trips for 42 children
- Art classes for 8 children
- Dance and gymnastics lessons for 24 children
- Martial Arts lessons for 9 children
- Instrument rental assistance for 4 children
- Sports equipment and dues for 47 children
- College tours for 5 youth
- Eye glasses for 2 children
- School or work uniforms for 16 children
- Holiday support for 100 children

Since its inception in 1994, SuperKIDS has distributed over \$1.5 million in services, programming and supplies to over 10,000 needy children.

Thank you again for your kind generosity in helping us support abused and neglected children in our community.

Donations can be made online at www.superkidsofmontco.org

Checks can be given to Susan Wenrick or mailed to SuperKIDS, P.O. Box 1472, Blue Bell, PA 19422

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Dear St. Luke's Family,

I want to thank you all for all of the cards, prayers, and support that you have given me for the past few years. So much of my strength has come from my church family. I want to share one of Russell's favorite quotes with you. Of course, being from his favorite "Babylon 5" television show, the languages mentioned in the second line aren't familiar ones. Please just insert "Trappe," "Collegetown," "Rahns," "Royersford," or whatever local borough or township you are from. Apart from the alien languages, I feel this quote sums up our St. Luke's family very well.

Thank you for your love, care and concern, Nancy

The Universe speaks in many languages, but only one voice.
The language is not Narn or Human or Centauri or Gaim or Minbari.

It speaks in the language of hope. It speaks in the language of trust.
It speaks in the language of strength, and the language of compassion.
It is the language of the heart and the language of the soul.
But always it is the same voice.

It is the voice of our ancestors speaking through us.
And the voice of our inheritors waiting to be born.
It is the small, still voice that says, We are One.

No matter the blood, no matter the skin,
No matter the world, no matter the star,
We are One.

No matter the pain, no matter the darkness,
No matter the loss, no matter the fear.
We are One.

Here, gathered together in common cause
We recognize this singular truth and this singular rule:
That we must be kind to one another.

Because each voice enriches us and ennobles us,
And each voice lost diminishes us.
We are the voice of the universe, the soul of creation,
The fire that will light the way to a better future.

We are One.

BLANKET SUNDAY

Since it is also normally when we have Blanket Sunday in Feb. our collection of blankets will be Feb. 23. The cost of the blanket is \$10 which helps those who are homeless, provides shelter, warmth and a means of carrying their possessions. The Blanket has been a staple program of Church World Service. A sample of the blanket is in our sanctuary. Please support your giving to SuperKids, cans of soup and Blanket Sunday. **Also if you wish to bring a can of soup for Super Bowl, please bring them and we will give thanks for giving the cans of soup as an offering.**

Please support your giving to SuperKids, cans of soup and Blanket Sunday.



FEBRUARY 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>
Feb. 2	Corie Bowers	Becci Richardson	Nancy Leneweaver	Joan & Bob Keyser
Feb. 9	Veronica Hogue	Pastor John	Carrie Krentz	Isaac & Nethanel Hogue
Feb. 16	Sue Linkenhoker	Becci Richardson	Leah Keyser	
Feb. 23	Bev Spaid	Pastor John	Nancy Leneweaver	
Mar. 1	Becci Richardson	Pastor John	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 March Newsletter is February 20th and mailing is February 24th.

PRAYER LIST

People in need of prayers: Linda Miller, Nick Iacorinno, Tammy McGonagle.

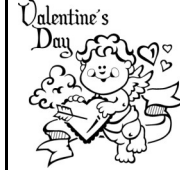


People with on-going conditions and prayer needs: Barbara and Mark Nieweg, Betty Murphy, Casey S., Corie B., Debbie Parker, Eli and Ella Vivian, Elsa Thomas, Greg Kimmich, Jack Murphy, Mike Richardson, Mitzie Oxenham, Nancy Lewis, Rod Bowers, Tim Heiser and Tricia White Heiser.

FINANCE CORNER 12/20
 December Income \$34,077.00
 December Expense \$25,564.00
 December Budget \$21,815.00



February 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 9:30 Blended Service Rev. Ann Few	3 7:00 Boy Scouts	4 6:30 Worship & Music	5 7:00 Endowment 7:30 Orchestra	6 12:30 Games 7:00 Finance 7:30 GANON	7	8 6:00 Trivia Night
9 9:30 Worship Service Noisy Offering - SuperKids	10 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Church Life	11 9:30 Bible Study 6:30 Elders 7:30 Council	12 6:00 Book Club 7:30 Orchestra	13 9:00 Women's Breakfast 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 GANON	14 	15
16 9:30 Blended Service Healing Service 10:30 Coffee Hour	17 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Property	18	19 7:00 College Woods H.O. 7:30 Orchestra	20 7:30 GANON NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21	22 7:00 Boy Scout Sleep Over - MH
23 9:30 Blended Service Boy Scout Sunday Blanket Sunday	24 7:00 Boy Scouts NEWSLETTER MAILING	25 9:30 Bible Study 5:00 Shrove Tuesday Dinner	26 9:00 Men's Breakfast 7:00 Worship Service 	27 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 GANON	28	29  LEAP YEAR

**ST. LUKE'S U.C.C. OF TRAPPE
200 WEST MAIN STREET
COLLEGEVILLE PA 19426-2007**

February Newsletter

**Dated Material-
Deliver Promptly**



St. Luke's Mission Statement

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