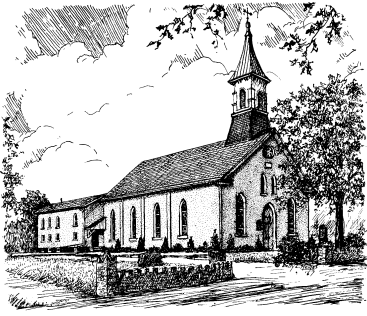


United Church of Christ of Trappe

February 2021 Newsletter



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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.

Love

I went to the grocery store the end of December and the Christmas candy had been replaced by box after box of sweets for Valentine's Day. Nothing like being prepared! Looking through the display made me think about the slogan used by a jewelry store that goes something like "Nothing says I love you quite like a diamond". Hershey probably would not agree.

There is another saying about love that I try to live by; "It's not what you say, it's what you do." These are words that I have tried to make part of my core values. I can tell someone that I love them, but if there are not actions connected to those words then there is the chance, they will mean absolutely nothing. I can tell Sharon "I love you" and she believes it but the words mean so much more when she sees evidence of my love. It is exactly what Jesus was getting at when he asked Peter, "Do you love me?" Each time Peter said yes, and each time Jesus said "Then feed my sheep"

Saying to someone that you love them is extremely important but demonstrating that love means so much more. Because there is a connection between "saying" and "doing" I hope, when people see St. Luke's (or any church for that matter) they will know we are Christians by our love!

During the month of February our mission focus will be Church World Service's Tools and Blankets project. Our Missions Committee has chosen this important global ministry as a means of showing our love for those in need. Let us be generous in our support because remember, "It's not what you say, it's what you do!"

Blessings,
Pastor Pat

February Scripture Readings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Feb. 7	Isaiah 40:21-31	Psalms 147:1-11, 20c	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	Mark 1:29-39
Feb. 14	2 Kings 2:1-12	Psalms 50:1-6	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Mark 9:2-9
Feb. 21	Genesis 9:8-17	Psalms 25:1-10	1 Peter 3:18-22	Mark 1:9-15
Feb. 28	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	Psalms 22:23-31	Romans 4:13-25	Mark 8:31-38
Mar. 7	Exodus 20:1-17	Psalms 19	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	John 2:13-22

DAILY BREAD FOOD PANTRY

It's been awhile since we've all been in the church building on a regular basis. As a result, St. Luke's donations for the Daily Bread are down considerably from pre-pandemic levels. If we meet in person on February 14th as planned, please consider feeding the hungry in our community by bringing a few non-perishable items for the big wooden Missions box by the back door. If we keep worshipping virtually and you have items you'd like to give but don't have access to a church key, feel free to contact the Missions Team. We will make arrangements to safely pick up your donations. Or try to drop them off when Pastor Pat or Corie are in the office.

Here's what currently appears on the food bank's website as needed items. Plus the latest service statistics. They are always grateful for whatever you wish to give. Including \$\$\$. Thank you!

Missions Team – Melanie, Kathy and Linda B



Our Current Needs (As of 9/16/20)

- Laundry Soap*
- Body Wash*
- Hand soap*
- Size 5 & 6 diapers*
- Paper towels and napkins*
- Jelly
- Tuna
- side dishes (hamburger helper, Noodle Roni, Rice a Roni)
- Cookie/brownie mixes
- Individual snack size bags of cookies, chips, etc
- Canned tomato products
- Chicken and beef broth

And any other items you wish to donate would greatly be appreciated!

**These items can't be purchased with Food Stamps.*

September 2020

217

Total Households Served with
State/USDA & donated food

726

Total Individuals

2,455

Total Volunteer Hours

113

Total Elderly

382

Total Adults

231

Total Children

February 1 Judy Olcott
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 Samuel Kurtz II
February 28 James Kelly

ST. LUKE'S 2021 MISSIONS PLAN

The (small but mighty) Missions Team met for the first time in many months in January to make plans for 2021. Pastor Pat joined us to learn about our past activities. God wants each of us to be of service to others less fortunate and in need. And there are certainly plenty of needs. Many people have been and continue to be negatively impacted by the global pandemic. Now is not the time to be complacent by any means.

Missions' 2021 goals are to enable St. Luke's church family to continue to demonstrate our faithfulness through continued aid to our local community, country and the world. In spite of the COVID virus that requires social distancing precautions. We'll all have to remain safe, healthy and flexible this year for sure.

Please mark your calendars for the programs shown below. We are assessing the feasibility of a possible contact-less, drive-through fundraiser of some type. Plus an event to assemble disaster or hygiene kits which we'd envision doing with another church or non-profit organization.

Stay tuned for specific information in the coming months! As always, thank you for our continued support and generosity. Let us know if you have any questions or suggestions. We would love to welcome new members since we've lost a few recently. Many hands make light work as we share God's love with others.

Missions Team: Melanie Prudom, Kathy Narrigan and Linda Boyer

Timing / Date(s)	Program	Beneficiary
Month of February	Blankets & Tools	Church World Service
Sun, March 14 th	One Great Hour of Sharing	UCC
March 21 – April 4 th	Will Keyser's Food Drive	Daily Bread Food Pantry
Sun, May 23 rd	Strengthen the Church	UCC
Sun, Oct 3 rd	Neighbors in Need & Worldwide Communion	UCC
Mid-late November	Turkeys & perishable/fresh food collection	Daily Bread Food Pantry
Late Nov – early Dec	Angel Tags	Salvation Army
Month of December	Christmas Fund	UCC



December 24, 2020

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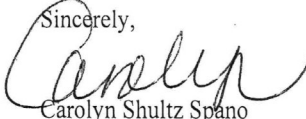
Dear Pastor,

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 \$138 from the noisy offering (Ck #9734 dated 12/6/2020) 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
Director of Development



Please retain a copy of this letter for your tax purposes.

No goods or services were received in exchange for this gift. The official registration and financial information of Bethany Home Inc. and Bethany Children's Home Inc. may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

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Missions Team

February Newsletter Articles (draft – 1/19/21)



BLANKET THE WORLD WITH LOVE

February is Blanket & Tools Month at St. Luke's. We will be accepting donations all month long for Church World Service (CWS) and their global emergency disaster preparedness programs. Just \$10 buys a warm blanket; \$50 provides for an entire family. Maybe a blanket is needed by a woman facing homelessness, evicted after falling behind in rent due to pandemic-related unemployment. Or a married couple whose home has been damaged by a hurricane, flood or tornado. Perhaps a whole family that lost everything in a fire. As you can well imagine, folks also need clean-up buckets, hygiene kits and basic tools to re-build their lives at such times. In 2019, congregational gifts provided over 118,000 CWS blankets and kits.

In the midst of crisis, faith guides a loving response. You'll hear more about compassion and taking care of our neighbors during February in Pastor Pat's sermons and Facebook posts. You can learn more about CWS and their faith-based programs on your own here: <https://cwsglobal.org/>

Please send your generous donation via mail or PayPal. Be sure you designate Blanket and Tools. Or bring it in person if we are back in the sanctuary. The Missions team will match your donations penny for penny, dollar for dollar—just like we did with Noisy Offerings. Thank you very much!

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BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR THE LENTON SEASON!

Williamson Keyser would like to, once again, challenge the congregation for his birthday this year. After continued conversations about how lucky we are to have food on our table every day, he feels there is still a need for our congregation to collect food for those that don't have the same fortune, even more urgent during COVID-19. During this season of Lent, he is challenging each person to bring in ONE MORE (than last year) canned good or nonperishable food item each Sunday to help with this collection. He will personally deliver the collection to the Food Pantry, all while supporting our church's commitment to community outreach. Will's box will be in the Upper Narthex between March 21 and April 4. Look for dates to drop off at the church, Sat. and/or Sun. Thank you, in advance, for your participation in this challenge!



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 **Schedule if there is in church services**

	<u>Lay Leader</u>	<u>Children's Time</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
February 7	Kathy Narrigan			
February 14	Tom Lloyd			
February 21	Jim Narrigan			
February 28	Corie Bowers			
March 7	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 February Newsletter is February 19th and mailing is February 23rd.

PRAYER LIST

People in need of prayers: Corie Bowers, Linda Miller, Nick Iacorinno,

People with on-going conditions and prayer needs: Barbara and Mark Nieweg, Betty Murphy, Casey S., 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.

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!

Valentine's
Day



	1	2	3	4 7:30 GANON	5	6
7 9:30 Service Rev. Morris And Zoom	8 7:00 Missions	9 6:30 Elders 7:30 Council	10	11 7:00 Finance 7:30 GANON	12	13
14 9:30 Service Rev. Morris And Zoom Opening church???	15	16	17	18 7:30 GANON	19 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	20
21 9:30 Service Rev. Morris	22	23 NEWSLETTER MAINLING	24	25 7:30 GANON	26	27
28 9:30 Service Rev. Morris						

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one another*

St. Luke's Mission Statement

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

