

United Church of Christ of Trappe

January 2018 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.

A New year. A new beginning. New challenges. New thoughts. What are your thoughts on your spiritual journey? I would like to share with you a recent paragraph I read that is very profound. It is from the book Modern Spirituality by John Garvey. In the book a conversation is sparked between two famous Rabbis. Rabbi Bunham says when he was in his older years going blind, "I should like to change places with Abraham! What good would it do God if Abraham became like a blind Bunham and a blind Bunham became like Abraham? Rather than have this happen, I think I shall try to become a little more like myself." The same expression but with deeper wisdom was approached by Rabbi Zusya. Zusya says, "In the world to come I will not be asked : "Why were you not Moses?" -I Shall be asked "Why were you not Zusya?" How many people look to others to say, "If only I could be like them, or I wish I had their wisdom." The list goes on. In all reality, I truly believe God seeks us with our own unique perspectives and gifts that contribute to who we are in life. So, ask yourself and fill in the blank with your own name, you may be asked, 'Why were you not _____?' I wish all of you deep blessings into the new year as we journey together in the ministry of St. Luke's. May God enrich us all with our unique abilities , gifts and graces to glorify God.

Pastor John

January Scripture Readings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Jan. 7	Genesis 1:1-5	Psalm 29	Acts 19:1-7	Mark 1:4-11
Jan. 14	1 Samuel 3:10	Psalm 139: 1-6	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	John 1:43-51
Jan. 21	Jonah 3:1-5-10	Psalm 62:5-12	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	Mark 1:14-20
Jan. 28	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	Psalm 111	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Mark 1:21-28
Feb. 4	Isaiah 40:21-31	Psalm 22:23-31	Romans 4:13-25	Mark 8:31-38



WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Join us on **Wednesday, January 10, 2017.**

with the book title "The Kommandant's Girl" by Pam Jenoff.

Meet us at 6:00 pm in the Parlor

Our February 14th book will be "Wicked Appetites" by Janet Evanovich

SERMON AND SCRIPTURE SABBATH SERIES

Sabbath Series is focused from the Old Testament and is a spiritual reminder to resist the patterns of a restless, anxious and instant gratification society.

- January 7** "Why are we ignoring the Sabbath and First Commandment?"
Exodus 20:1, 8-11; Matthew 11:25-30
- January 14** "Resisting Restlessness, Anxiety and Worry"
Exodus 20:12-17; Matthew 6:25-31
- January 21** "Resisting Arm-Twisting and Omission"
Deuteronomy 5:12-14; Isaiah 56:3-8
- January 28** "Resisting Multi-tasking and having Sabbath Time"
Amos 8:4-8; James 4:1-2

Two Part Series on Pop Culture of Movies and TV

- February 4** "If Jesus Were A Superhero"
Matthew 1:23; John 2:4; John 20:26; Luke 24:15-16
- February 11** "Can we find a Positive Christian Example on TV"
Hebrews 10:24-25; Matthew 22:36-40; Galatians 5:14

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 21, 2018 will be the Annual Congregational Meeting immediately following the service. Please plan to attend as there are issues that need to be discussed and voted on by the congregation. Thank you for your attention to this very important meeting.

MISSIONS UPDATE

Thanks to your generosity St. Luke's provided the following support to our community in the past couple of months. We appreciate your kind response to Mission's requests.

Crop Walk, \$433

Heifer International, \$849 from the 275th Anniversary service

Geiger Memorial Brethren Church, \$100 for general outreach ministries

Martha Mensendick, our missionary in Japan, \$100 holiday gift

16 turkeys and 139 pounds of Harvest Home food for Daily Bread food bank

30 Angel tag gifts for deserving children through the Salvation Army

- January 10 Fred Litchert
Madeline Kelly
- January 12 Ryan Ruckle
- January 19 Kyle Pry
- January 20 Sue Kelly
Tom Lloyd



- January 24 Cheryl Carpenter
- January 27 Kathy Narrigan
- January 28 Beverly Spaid
- January 31 John Kimmich



White Elephant Breakfast

WOMEN'S WHITE ELEPHANT BREAKFAST

Come join us on Saturday, January 13th
at O'Grady's in Phoenixville for our annual White Elephant Breakfast.
Remember to re-gift or nothing over \$10.00. Meet us at 9:30 am in the Alcove.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join the men of the church for a get together breakfast on January 24th,
9 am at Café 29 in Collegeville.

Come and converse with everyone and find out what is
happening in someone else's world.



LET'S COLOR



Coloring books are no longer just for the kids. In fact, adult coloring books are
seen everywhere these days. Coloring has the potential to reduce stress, create
focus and bring mindfulness. Just like meditation, coloring allows us to switch
off our brains from other thoughts and focus on the moment.

Coloring enthusiasts claim that coloring makes them feel calmer, mentally clearer, happier and more
relaxed. We will be gathering on **Saturday, January 6, 2017 at 9:30.**

Coffee and snacks will be available. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

St. Luke's Technology Committee evaluated the current audio and video system in the Sanctuary to
determine what path to take to improve the pickup, amplification, hearing aids, and distribution of voice,
music, and video. The committee concluded that upgrading the thirty-year-old audio system and
relocating the current projector was not an option. Audio/Video vendors were contacted to solicit quotes
to replace the systems. Only one vendor responded; the others do not provide services for churches.

Gelnett and Associates specialty is configuring churches audio/video systems. They have deployed their
systems to over 700 churches. The committee, Pastor John, and others met with Gelnett to review their
proposal. There were a few changes and additions. The equipment, labor, and configuration of the
systems were reviewed by technicians who know the costs and deemed the proposal fair and in the range
of what other business vendors may charge if they deployed systems to churches.

A detailed description of the proposed system will be available at the January congregational meeting
including the cost breakdown. The estimated price is \$40,000.

New Technology and using Social Media is critical to growing St. Luke's! Please come to the meeting to
learn more about the system and to have your questions addressed.

Thanks,
Bob Keyser

HOW SCRIP FUNDRAISING WORKS

Starting a fundraiser can seem like a big chore. But unlike other fundraising ideas, scrip is simple to get started, and it's easy to raise money!

Here's how it works:

Your members buy retail gift cards through your scrip program at face value.

Your organization buys the gift cards at 3-15% less than face value depending on the retailer.

The difference between face value and what your organization pays is your organization's earnings.

Members use that gift card on their shopping and your fundraiser has begun!

Why Scrip is Better for Organizations

You're not spending time and energy trying to organize a fundraiser and sell overpriced products.

Scrip isn't burdensome. You aren't asking families to go out of their way to raise money.

Instead, their everyday family purchases become immediate earnings for your organization.

The earnings add up fast! One family can generate \$600 to \$1000 or more per year just by paying with scrip.

There are no upfront costs and there's no middleman taking a cut. Your organization receives every penny you earn.

You can share earnings with members, which they can put toward individual fees or expenses.

Why Scrip is Better for Families

There are over 700 brands to choose from, so they can use scrip on practically every purchase.

Scrip is a great budgeting tool since families can use scrip for gas, groceries, and other household expenses.

Families can shop in-store or online at participating retailers.

They could place their own orders online, which will maximize their earnings.

Paying with gift cards keeps families safe from credit card fraud.

And the biggest benefit of all: everyone can participate in a scrip fundraiser because everyone makes monthly purchases.

SCRIP CARDS

Remember to order your scrip cards for Christmas gifts and birthday gifts.

Please let our Coordinators know if you are interested in ordering from a retailer.

(We have a current list of retailers we can email to you or pick up in the Narthex.)

CHILDREN'S TIME

If anyone is interested in doing the Children's Time on Sunday mornings please feel free to do so by contacting the Church Office.

2018 COMMUNION SCHEDULE

January 7 - The Baptism of Christ

February 14 - Ash Wednesday

March 29 - Maundy Thursday

April 1 - Easter

May 20 - Pentecost

October 7 - World Wide Communion

November 4 - All Saints

December 2 - Advent

December 24 - Christmas Eve



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1) Beginning in 2018, we are stepping up to answer the call of Mission commanded by our Lord Jesus Christ in Matthew 25 by having a noisy offering. Noisy Offering will always be the second Sunday of the month with our loose change which will go to a local mission agency. Our mission team will match the funds ...so if we receive \$30 in coin currency then Mission will match it with \$30. Some people may not always remember their coins but paper currency is also welcomed. For the month of January our noisy offering will go to- Jefferson Place . Jefferson Place is located in Phoenixville and provides housing to the homeless and special needs population. They also provide non-emergency housing, supportive services and limited transportation.
- 2) If you are interested in volunteering for a Mission trip this summer, there are several opportunities of dire need for rebuilding. Pastor John is working with volunteer coordinator in the Conference and if you have a calling for this area, please contact him in making a difference in people's lives. {I may have more information soon after Wednesday for our youth who may want to attend}
- 3) Special thank you to everyone who helped with the Angel Tag ministry for Salvation Army!!
- 4) This is the time of year in which we can find clearance items for Operation Shoe-boxes. We will be collecting children's items for the shoe-boxes all year until we pack them at the beginning of November. The toys cannot be of military genre, nor spider or snake items due to representing in some cultures 'evil'. We have a complete list in the church office if you are interested and we will put the items in one of the classrooms for storage as we prepare them for shipping.
- 5) We have a New child sponsor for St. Luke's! -her name is Talin Tamer Dweik. She is a student at Rawdat El-Zuhur Center. He father is Tamer who is a skilled tradesman and her mother is Alaa and is a housewife. They live in Al Issayiyah Village New Jerusalem. Talin's birthday is Dec. 26, 2010. Her favorite subjects are english, art and physical Education. She enjoys singing and dancing.
- 6) New Member Class will be held January 14 after Church with Pastor John offering pizza.
- 7) Men's Bible Study from Pastor John- We will begin Wednesday January 3rd and meet every two weeks. We will start at 6:30pm. Our session will meet six times on one subject. Our focus will be the Apostle's Creed which I believe has the powerful answers to many of our complicated questions. We will study why Christians believe it, why it matters, leading us to confront, ask questions ourselves and examine our core beliefs. Questions will be made available for discussion in subsequent weeks.
- 8) January 18, 2018 6pm Doors open and Show at 7pm Santander Arena Reading, PA Winter Jam Concert featuring Skillt, Kari Jobe, Newsong, kb, Building 429 - Contemporary Music at it's finest and cost at Door is \$15 per person
- 9) Noisy Offering - Beginning on Sunday, January 21st we will begin accepting a "Noisy Offering" of loose coins and pocket change during Healing Service. Missions will match whatever is donated to a different charitable organization each month. We've designed Jefferson Place Shelter for January. Jefferson Place is a low-income housing project in Phoenixville. It has been in service since 1997 and has 25 units. Don't forget to look under the seat of your car and your couch for those loose pennies!





January 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 **Janet Kimmich** 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>
Jan. 7	Tom Lloyd	Pastor John	Carrie Krentz	Susan Wenrick & Esther Wolfram
Jan. 14	Jim Narrigan	Pastor John	Leah Keyser	Melanie Prudom & Roy Linkenhoker, Jr.
Jan. 21	Corie Bowers	Pastor John	Nancy Leneweaver	Ed & Mitzie Oxenham
Jan. 28	Veronica Hogue	Pastor John	Kim Gray	Jim & Kathy Narrigan
Feb. 4	Sue Linkenhoker	Pastor John	Carrie Krentz	Boy Scouts

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 January 22nd and mailing is January 26th .

PRAYER LIST


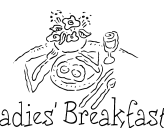
People in need of prayers: Al S., Don Ashenfelter, Harry N., Linda Miller, Maura K., Maureen T., Megan Orza, Michele Basare, Nick Iacorinno, Randy and Sue Davidson, Russell and Nancy Morris.

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



january



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 OFFICE CLOSED 	2 7:00 Cemetery	3 6:30 Bible Study 7:00 Endowment 7:00 Choir	4 12:30 Games 7:00 Finance 7:30 Gamblers	5 10:00 LMM	6 9:30 Retreat Coloring
7 COMMUNION BAPTISM OF CHRIST 9:30 Blended Service 10:30 Undecorate the church 12:00 Chili Cook-Off	8 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Church Life	9 9:30 Bible Study 10:00 LMM 5:30 Drama Kids 6:30 Church and Ministry 7:30 Council	10 6:00 Book Club 7:00 Confirmands 7:00 Choir 7:00 Orchestra	11 6:30 Pastoral Relations 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 Gamblers	12 10:00 LMM	13 9:30 O'Grady's Phoenixville White Elephant 
14 9:30 Blended Service 11:00 New Member Class	15 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Property	16 10:00 LMM 5:30 Drama Kids 6:30 Worship and Music	17 6:30 Bible Study 7:00 Orchestra 7:00 Green bar 7:00 College Woods 7:00 Choir	18 7:30 Gamblers	19 10:00 LMM	20
21 9:30 Blended Healing Service 10:30 Annual Congregational Mtg. 2:30 Unity Service Lower Providence Baptist Church	22 7:00 Missions 7:00 Boy Scouts NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	23 9:30 Bible Study 10:00 LMM 5:30 Drama Kids	24 9:00 Men's Breakfast 7:00 Confirmands 7:00 Choir 7:00 Orchestra	25 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 Gamblers	26 10:00 LMM NEWSLETTER MAILING	27
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St. Luke's Mission Statement

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