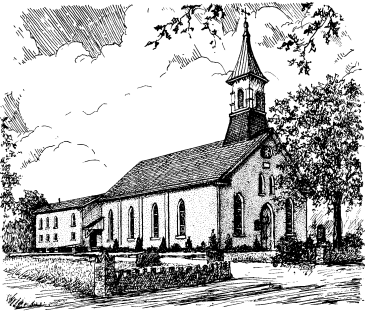


# Saint Luke's

## United Church of Christ of Trappe

### January 2020 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

...Though even thinking on the subject of time may prove discomfoting, it is not a bad idea—especially at the beginning of a new year.

As we look into 2020, we look at a block of time. We see 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days, 8,760 hours, 525,600 minutes, 31,536,000 seconds. And all is a gift from God. We have done nothing to deserve it, earn it, or purchased it. Like the air we breathe, time comes to us as a part of life.

The gift of time is not ours alone. It is given equally to each person. Rich and poor, educated and ignorant, strong and weak—every man, woman and child has the same twenty-four hours every day.

Another important thing about time is that you cannot stop it. There is no way to slow it down, turn it off, or adjust it. Time marches on.

And you cannot bring back time. Once it is gone, it is gone. Yesterday is lost forever. If yesterday is lost, tomorrow is uncertain. We may look ahead at a full year's block of time, but we really have no guarantee that we will experience any of it.

Obviously, time is one of our most precious possessions. We can waste it. We can worry over it. We can spend it on ourselves. Or, as good stewards, we can invest it in the kingdom of God.

The new year is full of time. As the seconds tick away, will you be tossing time out the window, or will you make every minute count?

*See You In Church, Pastor John*

#### January Scripture Readings

| Date    | Old Testament    | 2nd Lesson       | Epistle               | Gospel              |
|---------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Jan. 5  | Jeremiah 31:7-14 | Psalms 147:12-20 | Ephesians 1:3-14      | John 1:(1-9), 10-18 |
| Jan. 12 | Isaiah 42:1-9    | Psalms 29        | Acts 10:34-43         | Matthew 3:13-17     |
| Jan. 19 | Isaiah 49:1-7    | Psalms 40:1-11   | 1 Corinthians 1:1-9   | John 1:29-42        |
| Jan. 26 | Isaiah 9:1-4     | Psalms 27:1, 4-9 | 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 | Matthew 4:12-23     |
| Feb. 2  | Micah 6:1-8      | Psalms 15        | 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 | Matthew 5:1-12      |

## SERMON SERIES

|            |                                    |                                |
|------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| January 5  | “Do you Realize Your Potential?”   | Jeremiah 31:7-14; John 1:10-18 |
| January 12 | “Vision Into Reality”              | Isaiah 42:1-9; Matthew 3:13-17 |
| January 19 | “Oh, The Possibilities”            | Isaiah 49:1-7; John 1:29-42    |
| January 26 | “What is Jesus Looking For In Us?” | Isaiah 9:1-4; Matthew 4:12-23  |



## WOMEN’S BREAKFAST



*White Elephant  
Breakfast*

Come join us on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 10:00am. Remember it is our White Elephant Breakfast at O’Grady’s in Phoenixville. Same place, same agenda, nothing over \$10.00 if you are going to buy something. But remember that “item” that you don’t want anymore and someone might want it, re-gift it today. Buffet or order from the menu.

## MEN’S BREAKFAST

Join the men of the church for a get together breakfast on Wednesday, January 22, 2020, 9 am at Café 29 in Collegeville PA .



## VOLUNTEERS

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

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.

## 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.

## MISSIONS NOISY OFFERING

The month of December we collected \$161.25. Thanks to your generous support the Missions Team will be sending a check for \$322.50

|            |                |
|------------|----------------|
| January 7  | Emeric Suto    |
| January 10 | Madeline Kelly |
| January 12 | Ryan Ruckle    |
| January 19 | Kyle Pry       |



|            |                 |
|------------|-----------------|
| January 20 | Tom Lloyd       |
|            | Sue Kelly       |
| January 24 | Cheri Carpenter |
| January 27 | Kathy Narrigan  |
| January 28 | Bev Spaid       |
| January 31 | John Kimmich    |

### **UNDECORATE CHURCH**

Now that we have enjoyed the Christmas decorations around the church it is time to put them back into storage until next year. Please join us after worship on January 5, 2020 to pack everything up and there may be lunch to be eaten after all the work is done. See you in church on January 5th.

### **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](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and type in "St. Luks 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!

### **NEW YEAR'S PRAYER**

God , Grant us a few friends who understand me and remain my friends; a work to do which has real value, without which the world would be poorer. A mind unafraid to travel, even though the trail be not blazed; an understanding heart; a sense of humor; time for quiet meditation; a feeling of the presence of God; the patience to wait for the coming of these things, with the wisdom to recognize them when they come. Amen.



## **Ursinus College**

**MLK Week 2020: Service, Community, Reflection  
January 20 – 26, 2020**

Each year, Ursinus College begins the spring semester with a week in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the legacy of the civil rights movement.

Around the Ursinus campus, the words of great African American artists, thinkers, writers, activists, performers and others from the nineteenth century to the present are prominently displayed.

Students, faculty and staff participate in service opportunities on Martin Luther King Jr. Day and throughout the week, are invited to participate in a series of events on campus.

This year, the local community is invited to join us for many of those activities including:

- Films
- Lectures
- Interfaith Service
- Reflections
- Discussions

**On Sunday, January 26, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.**  
there will be an Interfaith Service in Bomberger Hall with a reception to follow. All are welcome.

You are welcome to attend any of the events that are open to the community. The online calendar will be updated regularly as the week approaches.

Please note: while most events are free to enter, some events may require pre-registration.

**Please check [ursinus.edu/MLK](https://ursinus.edu/MLK) regularly for more information.**



# 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 **Brenda Kurtz** or sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

### **9:30 Blended Service**

|         | <b><u>Lay Leader</u></b> | <b><u>Children's Time</u></b> | <b><u>Nursery</u></b> | <b><u>Ushers</u></b> |
|---------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Jan. 5  | Becci Richardson         | Pastor John                   | Leah Keyser           |                      |
| Jan. 12 | Kathy Narrigan           | Pastor John                   | Nancy Leneweaver      |                      |
| Jan. 19 | Tom Lloyd                | Becci Richardson              | Carrie Krentz         |                      |
| Jan. 26 | Jim Narrigan             | Pastor John                   | Leah Keyser           |                      |
| Feb. 2  | Corie Bowers             | Pastor John                   | Nancy Leneweaver      |                      |

### **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.**

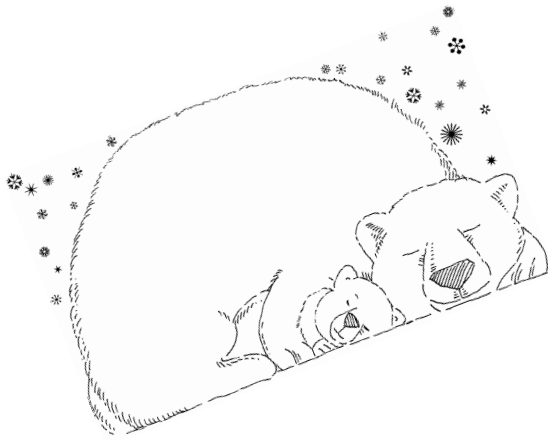
**Articles for the Sunday bulletin are due in the church office by Wednesday. Newsletter deadline for the February Newsletter is January 23rd and mailing is January 27th.**

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### **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, 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.



# January



| Sun   | Mon  | Tue   | Wed   | Thu   | Fri                                      | Sat  |
|---|--|---|---|---|--|--|
|   |  |   | 1<br><br><b>NEW YEAR'S Day</b> | 2 12:30 Games<br><br>7:30 GANON   | 3  | 4  |
| 5<br>9:30 Blended Service<br><br>10:45 Undecorate church                      | 6<br><br><b>EPIPHANY 2015</b><br>7:00 Boy Scouts | 7<br><br>6:30 Worship & Music                                 | 8<br>6:00 Book Club<br>7:00 Endowment<br>7:30 Orchestra   | 9<br><br>7:00 Finance<br>7:00 Toastmasters<br>7:30 GANON                    | 10<br><br>8:00 Audubon Orchestra Concert | 11 10:00<br>Women's White Elephant Breakfast |
| 12<br>9:30 Worship Service<br>Noisy Offering                                  | 13<br><br>7:00 Boy Scouts<br>7:00 Church Life  | 14<br><br>9:30 Bible Study<br><br>6:30 Elders<br>7:30 Council | 15<br>7:00 College Woods H.O.<br><br>7:30 Orchestra   | 16<br><br>7:30 GANON  | 17                                       | 18   |
| 19<br>9:30 Blended Service<br>Healing Service<br>10:30 Coffee Hour            | 20<br><br>7:00 Boy Scouts<br>7:30 Property   | 21  | 22<br><br>7:30 Orchestra  | 23<br><br>7:00 Toastmasters<br>7:30 GANON<br><br><b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> | 24                                       | 25   |
| 26<br>9:30 Blended Service<br><br>3:00 Ursinus College MLK Interfaith Service | 27<br><br>7:00 Boy Scouts<br><br><b>NEWSLETTER MAILING</b>   | 28<br><br>9:30 Bible Study                                    | 29<br><br>7:30 Orchestra  | 30<br><br>7:30 GANON  | 31                                       |  |

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### **St. Luke's Mission Statement**

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