

United Church of Christ of Trappe

January 2022 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

2nd & 4th Sunday of Mo. Children's Sermon 9:30 AM

THOUGHTS FOR A NEW YEAR

"The turn of the year seems to offer an opportunity to start over, to become more like what we want to be. This desire springs from a deep human need. Those who reflect on their lives usually see that they fall short of their own ideals and of God's way, and they yearn for something better." (The Upper Room, Jan.-Feb., 1998)

I came across these words while browsing through a devotional guide that I use on occasion. I found these words to be very profound. The turn of the year has become a time in our lives that we reflect on "who we are" and "what we want to be." Many times, the "who we are" is a person who needs some positive changes in their lives. The "who we are" is over-weight, physically inactive, works too much, does not have enough free time, lacks direction in his/her life and so on.

On the other hand, the "what we want to be" person is a person on the opposite end of the spectrum. The "what we want to be" person is a person who maintains an ideal weight, has a body like Mr./Ms. America, has a great career and achieves the proper balance between work, play, and family time.

In our desire to become "what we want to be" many times we set our goals too high, quickly become frustrated, and soon give up on trying to become "what we want to be" and settle for "the way we are."

I would like to propose to you an alternative way of reflecting on your life as you begin this new year. As you reflect, instead of beginning with those things you would like to change, lift up those areas that are positive in your life and bring you great joy. Perhaps you are engaged in some type of volunteer work. You may be active in some ministry at this church or another. Perhaps your occupation affords you the opportunity to help others. Maybe it was a simple act of kindness you were involved in over the Christmas season.

Hopefully, during this new year, you will find positive aspects of your life that you do not want to change but celebrate. As the New Year begins it is important to remember that God is behind all that we do for the good of others and ourselves. May you continue to be about the good work of the Lord until we are united in Christ as the Kingdom of God on earth.

God's Blessings,
Pastor Pat

January Scripture Readings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Jan. 2	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Psalms 147:12-20	Ephesians 1:3-14	John 1:(1-9), 10-18
Jan. 9	Isaiah 43:1-7	Psalms 29	Acts 8:14-17	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
Jan. 16	Isaiah 62:1-5	Psalms 36:5-10	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	John 2:1-11
Jan. 23	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Psalms 19	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	Luke 4:14-21
Jan. 30	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Psalms 71:1-6	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Luke 4:21-30
Feb. 6	Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)	Psalms 138	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Luke 5:1-11

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2022

The 2022 Offering Envelopes for St. Luke's UCC have arrived and will be available for pick up in the narthex on Christmas Eve Friday, December 24 and Sunday, December 26. All active members have been assigned a new envelope number. Please make note of your new envelope number for your records. Also, please remember to begin using the new 2022 Offering Envelopes beginning Sunday, January 2, 2022. Should you have any questions regarding St. Luke's 2022 offering envelopes, please contact Sue Linkenhoker at 610-489-0536 or Corie Bowers at 610-489-4933. Thank you and Happy Holidays.

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A Word About Worship: United Prayer

Matthew 18:19

Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.

United prayer is when you are praying together as a group about one specific thing. It refers to a group of people praying in a focused manner, for a specific objective. *There must be an agreement in the things which they want and for which they pray. The petition to God must be the sincere hope of several hearts and minds centered on the same point.*

The Key to United Prayer is that the group of prayers must be in unity. They must be on the same page praying about the same thing. Everybody must have the belief that God will provide what is requested in the prayer.

A significant issue with United Prayer is when people come together to pray but they are not all praying about the same thing. Since we all have different concerns, it is natural that our prayers may be very different and our payers may wander in that direction. During this time set aside for United Prayer our personal prayers must be set aside until our personal prayer time. Rather than praying for relatives who aren't feeling well, finances, or guidance, we must be focused and united on the prayer at hand.

This month, we would like to gather our congregation's hearts and minds to pray for our church. Every evening at 7:00 PM, we would ask each member to pray the Prayer for St. Luke's:

Gracious God, You have called us to be part of Your church as members of St. Luke's United Church of Christ.

Make us a community of peacemakers and bridge builders. In the midst of turbulence, let our church make space for the hearing of your still small voice. Bless our St. Luke's family and enable us to do Your will. Keep us one in faith and service; breaking bread together and sharing Your Good News with the world for many years to come. Amen

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ANOTHER NEWS ITEM

Pastor Pat's new address is 101 Orchard View Road, Reading, PA 19606. But soon to be changed again in February to 114 Rosebush Court, Reading, PA

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ATTENTION, ATTENTION

Starting again in February, the monthly Women's Breakfast will be held on the SECOND Thursday of each month at 9:00am in the Spring Ford Dinner in Spring City, our old stomping grounds. Please ask for the St. Luke's group and they will let you know where we are. Please plan on joining us and catching up with each other.

January 7	Emeric Suto
January 10	Madeline Kelly
January 12	Ryan Ruckle
January 19	Kyle Pry
January 20	Sue Kelly
	Tom Lloyd



January 23	Dianne Linkenhoker
January 27	Kathy Narrigan
January 28	Beverly Spaid
January 31	John Kimmich

ATTENTION HOMEBOUND MEMBERS!

To all shut-in members at home or nursing homes, and families of the same, please notify the church office with the best day and time I can visit. I have been unable to contact several of you so this would be very helpful. I look forward to seeing you!!! Pastor Pat

CHURCH LIFE IS AT IT AGAIN!!!!

Come one come all, Saturday, January 15, 2022 we will meet at O'Grady's Restaurant for our fun and exciting White Elephant Breakfast. Remember those "wonderful" gifts you received and put in the back of your closet??? Well now is the time to clean out that closet and re-gift those wonderful "things". Please remember if you do not have and "things" do not purchase anything over \$10.00. See you in the back room at 10:00am on Saturday Jan. 15th. Then watch for our February happening!!!!



Christian Concern Communities

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Telephone: (610) 953-3548 Fax: (610) 953-3549
TDD 711

December 13, 2021

St. Luke's United Church of Christ
C/o Melanie Prudom, Missions Team Leader
200 West Main Street
Trappe, PA 19403

Dear Melanie and the Congregation of St. Luke's United Church of Christ,

Christian Concern received check number 9938 in the amount of \$300.00 in support of the meal program at Jefferson and Jefferson East Apartments. It is with sincere gratitude that I thank you for this generous contribution towards improving the lives of the older adults and people with disabilities who live in these communities.


Over the past two years, the COVID-19 pandemic has challenged each of us to flexibly and creatively provide services with thoroughness and excellence to meet the needs of our residents. The meal program addresses a vital issue faced by many of the residents, food insecurity, made even more prevalent by challenges that have been imposed by the pandemic.

As indicated by the 96% participation rate during 2021, the residents of Jefferson and Jefferson East Apartments have been enjoying and benefitting from the low-cost, nutritional meals served at the meal program! Your donation will contribute to the residents' ability to continue to purchase the variety of delicious, healthful lunches for a reasonable cost of \$2.00.

On behalf of the residents of Jefferson and Jefferson East Apartments, the Christian Concern Board of Directors and Management Team, I extend our deepest appreciation and thanks to you for all that you are and do! Your overwhelming generosity has immensely helped Christian Concern to further our mission to empower residents to live meaningful, healthy lives with dignity and choice.

Blessings for a beautiful holiday season with peace and good health through the new year!

Sincerely yours,



Marcia Zothner
Director of Services



January Sunday Leader Schedule



Church Access Volunteers - Volunteers are needed to open and close the church on Sundays. Please see **Nancy Claycomb** 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>
Jan. 2	Kathy Narrigan			
Jan. 9	Tom Lloyd			
Jan. 16	Jim Narrigan			
Jan. 23	Sue Linkenhoker			
Jan. 30	Corie Bowers			
Feb. 6	Bev Spaid			

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: The Dallar Family, Nancy Leneweaver, Linda Miller, Nick Iacorinno, Amy Miller.

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.

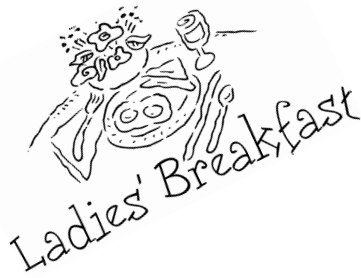
DO YOU LIKE TO SHOP?

St. Luke's UCC is now registered for [smile.amazon.com](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!

Amazon Smile Update! Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select "St. Luke's United Church of Christ of Trappe" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone.
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features.
3. Select "St. Luke's United Church of Christ of Trappe" as your charity.
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>New Year's Day</i>
2 9:30 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris And on Zoom	3 7:00 Missions	4 10:00 Bible Study	5 7:30 Audubon Orchestrera	6 7:00 Finance 7:30 GANON	7	8 Eagle Scout Honor Court
9 9:30 Service in Sanctuary, Children's Sermon with Rev. Morris And on Zoom 10:30 Undecorate the church	10	11	12 7:30 Audubon Orchestra	13 7:30 GANON	14	15 10:00 am Women's White Elephant Breakfast O'Grady's, Phx.
16 9:30 Healing Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris And also on Zoom	17 NEWSLETTER	18 10:00 Bible Study	19 7:30 Audubon Orchestra	20 7:30 GANON 7:30 Toastmasters	21	22
23 9:30 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris And also on Zoom	24 NEWSLETTER	25 10:00 Bible Study	26 9:00 Men's Breakfast 7:30 Audubon Orchestra	27 7:30 GANON	28	29
30 9:30 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Gary Dierolf And also on Zoom	31					
Pastor Vacation						

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St. Luke's Mission Statement

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

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