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PASTORS LETTER

Summer has finally arrived, a time when many of us try to slow the pace of our lives to enjoy some much needed down time, to relax and refresh our spirits. A few years ago, during PSEC's Clergy Convocation, the keynote speaker devoted a tremendous amount of energy on claiming our "Sabbath time," a subject to which we might want to pay some special attention as we approach this time of relaxing and enjoyable summer activities.

As we are all very much aware, a phrase that echoes throughout the church, as well as in our daily lives, are the words, "I'm so busy," and indeed, we are. In fact, it seems that for many of us, our work is never completed. Our "busyness" is positively unending. Yet taking time to relax, regroup, and refresh is essential to our well-being. As God rested when his work was completed, so we should also rest when our work is completed.

In recent years, there has been an effort to reclaim "Sabbath time," that sacred time which can restore the balance between work and rest. Unlike our vacation activity time, Sabbath time is time to quiet our minds, hearts, and spirits, to listen for the One who speaks to us, the One in whom we find our center. Sabbath time allows us the space to reconnect with God. The words to one of my favorite hymns, "Come and Find the Quiet Center," - it's in the red hymnal express this thought quite clearly:

> "Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead. Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed. Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see all the things that really matter, be at peace and simply be."

As we enter into a time of family vacations and "busyness" of a different sort, I encourage everyone to claim some "Sabbath time" for themselves; to intentionally create that space for God to "re-create" within each one of us, so that we can find our way back to that spiritual center where our hearts and minds and spirits may be refreshed and renewed.

> "Be at peace and simply be..." Pastor Jo

(Come and Find the Quiet Center, words © 1992 by Shirley Erena Murray, Hope Publishing Co., Carol Stream, Illinois 60188)

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<u>Date</u>	Old Testament	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
July 2	Genesis 22:1-14	Psalm 13	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42
July 9	Genesis 24:34-38	Psalm 45:10-17	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
July 16	Genesis 25:19-34	Psalm 119:105-112	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
July 23	Genesis 28:10-19a	Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
July 30	Genesis 29:15-28	Psalm 105:1-11, 45b	Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
August 6	Genesis 32:22-31	Psalm 17:1-7, 15	Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14:13-21
August 13	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28	Psalm 105:16-22	Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33
August 20	Genesis 45:1-15	Psalm 133	Romans 11:1-2a	Matthew 15:21-28
August 27	Exodus 1:8-2:10	Psalm 124	Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20
Sept. 3	Exodus 3:1-15	Psalm 105:23-26	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28

WELCOME TO THE NEW PASTOR OF ST. LUKE'S UCC

Pastor John T. Hogue has been voted on as the new pastor for St. Luke's UCC of Trappe on Sunday, June 25, 2017.

I was raised on a small farm in Waynesburg, PA. Graduated from Waynesburg University, and obtained my Master of Divinity Degree from Pittsburg Theological Seminary in 1994. I was ordained in the UCC Nov. 1996. My wonderful bride and I were married March 27, 1993. We have 3 great sons - Daniel, Isaac and Nethanel. Daniel is engaged to his fiancé and his wedding is planned for June 2018. He is graduating from Doane University in December. Isaac will start as a freshman at Doane in the fall. Nethanel will start as a freshman in the fall in high school. Veronica currently is an Activity Director for a nursing home.



Nethanel, Isaac, Rev. Hogue, Veronica, Daniel, Megan

Thank you to the Search Committee for all your hard work, the Hospitality Team for sharing your food talents. We enjoyed meeting everyone in church and on Saturday. We look forward to beginning our ministry at St. Luke's UCC.

Ashley Salerno
Janet Kimmich
Roy Linkenhoker, Jr.
Mike Duncan
Millie Hopson
Jacob Conrad



July 8 July 19 July 23 Charlie Walker Gordon MacElhenny Anne White Joan Carl Becci Richardson Lauren Brand

August 2	Randy Davidson Matthew Neiman	August 19	Sue Davidson
August 4	Roberta Servey	August 20	Sue Linkenhoker Scott Spaid
August 7	Natalie Krentz	August 23	Ed Oxenham
August 10	Rod Bowers	August 24	Adam (Lane) Litka
August 16	Roy Linkenhoker, Jr.	C	Kelly Gray
	Ken Hughes	August 27	Mike Narrigan
	Eva Dietrich	August 30	Kaitlyn Koehler

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Do You Need A Passport This Summer?

As of June 2017, Women's Book Club has read 25 different books during our monthly sessions. Check out the title list below with our group rating. Looking back, we realize we've covered a lot of ground. We've visited many countries around the world, met dozens (if not hundreds) of interesting characters of all ages with diverse backgrounds and marveled at how different authors spin their tales. If you're looking for new horizons and stimulating conversation, travel with us. Women's Book Club may be just the passport you need to expand your view and escape boredom. Book Club meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6 pm. We take turns choosing books and leading the discussion, as well as providing a light supper. The atmosphere is very relaxed and everyone enjoys each other's company. It's a great way to get to know fellow church members better on a personal basis outside of Sunday worship. All are invited to join. Including any (brave) men! If you're interested in coming, please contact Corie to find out the latest book selection. Submitted by Melanie Prudom on behalf of Women's Book Club

Book Title	Rating
Orphan Train	n/a
The Invention of Wings	4.5
The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared	4.5
The Songs of Willow Frost	3.5
The Thirteenth Tale	3.8
The Husband Secret	3.9
All the Light We Cannot See	4.0
The Life We bury	4.2
The Corpse That Walked	2.7
Icey Sparks	2.8
Baking Cakes in Kigui	3.0
The Glass Blower	3.6
Me Before You	4.3
The Light Between Oceans	4.1
My Grandmother Asked Me To Say Sorry	2.5
A Man Called Ove	4.0
Be Frank With Me	3.5
Lethal Beauty	3.4
Carrying Albert Home	4.0
The Girls of Atomic City	3.2
The Girl Who Chased The Moon	4.2
The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society	3.9
Us	2.1
I Liked My Life	July 2017
The Tower, The Zoo and The Tortoise	Aug 2017



Please come and join us on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 6:00pm for the "I Liked My Life" by Abby Fabiaschi. Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 6:00pm for the book "The Tower, the Zoo and the Tortoise" by Julia Stuart You must purchase your own copy of the book or get it at the Library.

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST



Come join us on the second Thursday of July at The Coconut Grove, see you at the St. Luke's table.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join the men of the church for a get together breakfast, the 4th Wednesday of each month at 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 (but not in July)

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, August 5, 2017 at 9:30**. Coffee and snacks will be available. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

275TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE



This year St. Luke's will be celebrating it's 275th Anniversary in November. John Kimmich and Nancy Claycomb-Morris are co-chairing the Anniversary Committee which also includes Betsy Fisher, Janet Kimmich, Corie Bowers and Bridgie Daller. Watch for the exciting events that the committee will be planning for 2017.

Check out the Bulletin Announcement page each week for interesting historical facts about St. Luke's If you have any suggestions for the committee please let them know.

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<u>"BUY A LETTER" CAMPAIGN</u>

...we are having the name of our church put on the top of the glass doors at the entrance way. We are asking if you would be interested in buying "into" this idea. The cost will be \$5.00 per letter. You can buy one you can buy two or you can buy many more. Check out the form in the newsletter. The signage will say: St. Luke's United Church of Christ

Established 1742.

CHURCH LIFE IS AT IT AGAIN



I know its early BUT our annual Fight'n Phillies game will be Sunday, August 6th. This year we will be going to an early game.

Mark your calendars to meet the bus leaving at **12:30pm SHARP**. Again we have the buffet and this year tables under the pavilion. Watch the bulletin board for the sign up sheet.

TONER CARTRIDGES THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR REBATE



July/August Sunday Leader Schedule



Church Access Volunteers - Volunteers are needed to open and close the church on Sundays. Please see **Janet Kimmich** to schedule and review tasks.

9:30 Blended Service

	Lay Reader	<u>Children's Time</u>	Nursery
July 2	Jim Narrigan	Sue Kelly	Sue Kelly
July 9	Corie Bowers	Nancy Leneweaver	Nancy Leneweaver
July 16	Sue Linkenhoker	Becci Richardson	Kim Gray
July 23	Scott Koehler	Scott Koehler	Brenda Koehler
July 30	Bev Spaid	Nancy Leneweaver	Carrie Krentz
August 6	Brenda Koehler	Sue Kelly	Leah Keyser
August 13	Sue Kelly	Scott Koehler	Sue Kelly
August 20	Becci Richardson	Nancy Leneweaver	Nancy Leneweaver
August 27	Kathy Narrigan	Kim Gray	Nancy Leneweaver
September 3	Tom Lloyd	Sue Kelly	Brenda Koehler

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.**

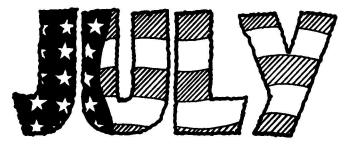
Articles for the Sunday bulletin are due in the church office by Wednesday. Newsletter deadline for the September Newsletter is August 25th and mailing is August 28th.

PRAYER LIST

<u>People in need of prayers:</u> Anne White, Al S., Alfred Kurtz, Bev Spaid, Harry Neiman, Linda Miller, Maureen T., Michele Basare, Shirley Prudom, Shirley Wanamaker, Susan Wenrick, Theresa, The Daily Bread Community Food Bank

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





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 Blended Service	3 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Cemetery	4 4 4 thoJuly 10:00 Old Trappe Church Celebration	5 7:00 Endowment	 6 12:30 Games 7:00 Finance 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 Gamblers 	7	8
9 9:30 Blended Service 10:30 Congregational Meeting Community Dinner	107:00 Boy Scouts7:00 Church Life	11 7:30 Council	12 6:00 Book Club	 13 9:00 Women's Breakfast 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 Gamblers 	14	15
16 9:30 Blended Healing Service	17	18 DRAMA	19 KIDS SUMME	20 R CAMP	21	22 11:00 Boy Scouts Eagle
11:00 Coffee Hour	7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Property		7:00 Green bar 7:00 College Woods	7:30 Gamblers		Ceremony
23 9:30 Blended Service	24 7:00 Boy Scouts	25	26 9:00 Men's Breakfast	27 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 Gamblers	28	29
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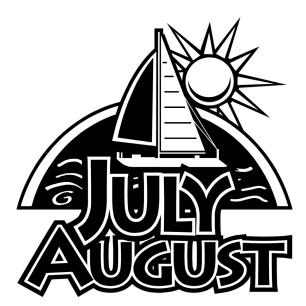


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		1	2	3 12:30 Games	4	5 11:00 Eagle Scout Ceremony
		7:30 Church and Ministry	7:00 Endowment	7:00 Finance 7:30 Gamblers		
6 9:30 Blended Service 12:30 Fight'n Phillies	7	8 9:30 Bible Study Breakfast @ 3sq's	9	10 9:00 Women's Breakfast	11	12 9-12 PSEC Conference
	7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Cemetery	7:30 Council	6:00 Book Club	7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 Gamblers		
13 COMMUNION 9:30 Blended Service	14	15	16 3:00 275th Anniversary Mtg.	17	18	19
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St. Luke's Mission Statement

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