

## United Church of Christ of Trappe

## July 2022 Newsletter



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**Worship Schedule**

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Blended Service 9:00 AM

3rd Sunday of Mo. Healing Service 9:00 AM

2nd & 4th Sunday of Mo. Children's Sermon 9:00 AM

*Trust*

My sister Carol and her husband Ray visited with us the middle of June. Their first comment as they pulled into our drive was how green everything is. Unfortunately, they have not received the rain in North Carolina as we have had and their brown yards are a testimony. New plants that were just planted will most likely die. The opposite has been true for this part of Berks County. It has been perfect grass-growing weather and I have a newly planted yard to prove it!

It's the farmer in me that keeps me fixated on the weather, I just can't help myself. "Weather can make you or break you," as the saying goes. There is another saying that proclaims "you can talk about the weather but you can't do anything about it." Truer words were never spoken!

During times of heavy rains the name "Noah" and the idea of "ark construction" comes to mind. The story of Noah is perhaps the most well known of all Bible stories. You cannot go into a craft shop without seeing some reference to Noah, a dove, or the rainbow.

The one take away for me when I think of the story is "trust." The story of Noah is about a man doing something totally ridiculous simply because God asked him to. I know I am over simplifying the story, but when you boil the story down to its most minute particle, "trust" is the message.

Faith is another word we use to talk about trust. I have faith in God. As New Testament believers we are called to have faith in Jesus, God incarnate. That faith will be tested from time to time; you may be in the midst of that testing this very day, but this is what I believe. God may have created the world but God does not control the world. The planet that we live on is alive and sometimes rain comes and sometimes it does not. Fires will burn out of control and if we are not careful we will get in the way. Volcanoes erupt, sea winds ravage the coast, and the blustery winter winds will blow. And all of the weather-related phenomena can also be used metaphorically to talk about life.

But here, my beloved, is the bottom line; the dove will always, always, return with a branch of life in its beak and the rainbow will always, always be a sign of God's promise. It is where I place my trust. To coin a phrase of a friend Ernest Ephriam, ***The God I worship is not a liar!*** Amen and Amen

Blessings,  
Pastor Pat

**July Scripture Readings**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
July 3	2 Kings 5:1-14	Psalm 30	Galatians 6:(1-6)7-16	Luke 10:1-11,16-20
July 10	Amos 7:7-17	Psalm 82	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
July 17	Amos 8:1-12	Psalm 52	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42
July 24	Hosea 1:2-10	Psalm 85	Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)	Luke 11:1-13
July 31	Hosea 11:1-11	Psalm 107:1-9,43	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21
Aug 7	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20	Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40

## **CHURCH LIFE !!!!**

**Church Life has planned (rescheduled) an event.** The cancelled **White Elephant Breakfast** will be held on Saturday July 16th, at O'Gradys in Phoenixville at 10:00am. Remember your items that you put away for the January White Elephant that was cancelled, well get them out again so you can now get rid of them!!!.

**Our Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 18th.** The church service will begin at 10:00, with the picnic to follow. Bring your own place settings to the Pavilion on Black Rock Road  
Remember this is a St. Luke's eating event, bring your appetite!!!

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## **THANK YOU ALL**

Thank you to all who took the time to send cards, for your visits, for the phone calls and most importantly your prayers for Don Wanamaker. Thank you again, Shirley Wanamaker and Family.

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## **A Word About Worship** from the Worship Committee

### The Paraments

The easy definition of parament, from Webster's Dictionary is simply, "an ornamental ecclesiastical hanging or vestment." Basically, in the sanctuary, it is the material that covers, and hangs in front of, the altar, the lectern and the pulpit. The most interesting part of the church's paraments is the various colors that are used during the church year and what those colors represent.

Color plays an important role in the life of God's worshiping people. Liturgical colors are those specific colors used for vestments and paraments in the sanctuary. Liturgical color complements the message of the seasons and occasions during the church year.

The use of colors to differentiate liturgical seasons became a common practice in the Western church in about the fourth century. At first, usages varied considerably but by the 12th century Pope Innocent III systematized the use of five colors: Violet, White, Black, Red and Green. The Lutheran and Anglican churches that emerged from the Reformation retained the traditional colors but they mostly disappeared from the worship services of the Reformed churches. During the 20th century, however, the ecumenical Liturgical Movement prompted the rediscovery of ancient Christian traditions which included the traditional colors of the western churches.

The third Sunday after Pentecost the parament covers were changed to green, which the UCC calls, "Time of the Church." Traditionally, the green paraments symbolize a time of growth in the Christian faith. It is the time for the renewal of vegetation and generally represents the promise of new life. It is a time that the congregation continues to learn and practice the teachings of Jesus.

The other colors of the paraments and church seasons will be the topic of future newsletter articles.

July 3	Ashley Marie Salerno
July 5	Roy Linkenhoker, Jr.
July 5	Mike Duncan
July 5	Janet Kimmich



July 7	Jacob Conrad
July 23	Rebecca Richardson
July 23	Lauren Brand

### ATTENTION MEN

The men of St. Luke's meet the 4th Wednesday of each month for breakfast at Café 29 on Route 29 in Collegeville. Join them for a discussion of your choice. They would be glad to see you.

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### Gospel for Ghana.

Save the date! Mark your calendars for Saturday evening, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm for the Gospel for Ghana concert with The Guiding Lights. Don't miss the warm harmony of these doo-wop gentlemen from Philadelphia right here at St. Luke's. Discounted advance sale tickets will go on sale in August.



**Gas cans for Ghana.** Noisy Offering continues to help reach our mini-van goal. We've raised about \$600 to date with all the spare change in the cans. We'll pass the cans on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month but the gas cans will be out every Sunday in case you forget or are away this summer. Those of you who Zoom or may not be in the sanctuary in person can also participate. Just use the memo line on your check so the funds can be tracked correctly. Our many friends in Ghana are ever grateful for your continued support.

**Teacher Sponsorship.** You/your family can now be a sponsor of the teachers at the St. Luke's Day Care center. Write St. Luke's a check for any amount and designate "Ghana teacher sponsorship" on the memo line. As of early June and halfway through 2022, we have raised \$650 of the \$1200 goal. WOW-- we are more than half the way there!! Let's keep it going.



# July 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.

## 9:00 Blended Service

	<u>Lay Leader</u>	<u>Children's Time</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
July 3	Jim Narrigan			
July 10	Corie Bowers	Pastor Morris		
July 17	Sue Linkenhoker			
July 24	Bev Spaid	Nancy Leneweaver		
July 31	Kathy Narrigan			
Aug 7	Tom Lloyd			

## 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 July Newsletter is July 22nd and mailing is July 26th.**

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## PRAYER LIST

**People in need of prayers:** The Dallar Family, Linda Miller, Don Wanamaker, 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, The Kimmich Family, Jack Murphy, Mitzie Oxenham, Nancy Lewis, Rod Bowers, The Evans Family, Tim Heiser and Tricia White Heiser.

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## 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. 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.



July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:00 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris And on Zoom	4 <b>4<sup>TH</sup> of JULY</b>	5 10:00 Bible Study	6 7:00am Wednesday Wavers	7  7:30 GANON	8	9
10 9:00 Service in Sanctuary, Children's Sermon with Rev. Morris And on Zoom	11  7:00 Missions  7:00 Church Life	12  6:30 Elders 7:30 Council	13 7:00am Wednesday Wavers	14  7:30 GANON	15	16 10:00 Christmas in July White Elephant Breakfast at O'Grady's
17 9:00 Healing Service in Sanctuary Rev. Morris. And also on Zoom.	18	19 10:00 Bible Study	20 7:00am Wednesday Wavers	21  7:30 GANON	22	23
24 9:00 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris Children's Sermon And also on Zoom.	25	26 10:00 Bible Study	27 7:00am Wednesday Wavers  9:00 Men's Breakfast	28  7:30 GANON  7:30 Toastmasters	29	30
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## **July Newsletter**

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**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY,  
AMERICA!**

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

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