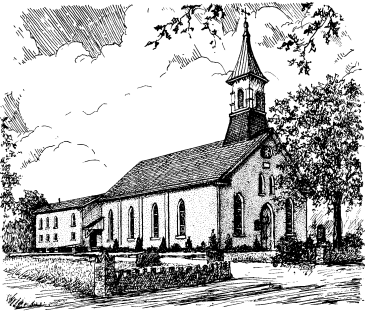


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March 2020 Newsletter



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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

With St. Patrick's day in March, I thought an article on Irish culture would be appropriate. I have been rereading Thomas Cahill's The Hinges of History series, How the Irish Saved Civilization. It is a fascinating book drawn on the notion of illiterate, semi-nomadic warrior barbarians become an emerald isle of saints and scholars who saved Western civilization? In How the Irish Saved Civilization, Cahill tells us to look to men like Patrick, who was brought in chains to Ireland. He dedicated himself to making sure nobody would ever arrive that way again. Grafting traditional Christian teachings to the positive elements of Irish myths and magic rooted in nature, Patrick planted a message that spoke directly to the Irish psyche and heart. Patrick brought a non-Roman form of Christianity to an island of people fierce in their traditions of loyalty, poetry, courage, and violence. Which I have argued for years that Ireland is more of Celtic Christianity vs Roman Christianity. Cahill argues the Irish scribes, monks who copied the great literature of the world, who approached their work with pride and playfulness, turning a task that many would consider dronelike into an art form. When the monks take off to establish monasteries and spread Christianity throughout the world of early medieval Europe, they bring their books. The monks replant the seeds of learning and scholarship in lands barren of these since the fall of the Roman Empire. So, thanks to the Roman Legions and Emperor who could not be bothered with the Emerald Isle due to facing the Franks and Goths on the banks of the Rhine. More and more I have discovered fascinating information on Ireland from the perspective of history and personal genealogy. Did you know one of the oldest composed hymns is an Irish hymn 'Be Thou My Vision'? One of my favorite Celtic blessings is :

Nár laga Dia thu which means 'May God never weaken you' These words say volumes about one's faith!
See you in Church, Pastor John

March Scripture Readings

Date	Old Testament	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
Mar. 1	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	Psalm 32	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11
Mar. 8	Genesis 12:1-4a	Psalm 121	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	John 3:1-17
Mar. 15	Exodus 17:1-7	Psalm 95	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
Mar 22	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Psalm 23	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
Mar 29	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Psalm 130	Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45
Apr. 5	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29	Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 26:14-27,66



SERMON SERIES

March 1, 2020	“The Number 1 Killer”	Genesis 2:15-17; Matthew 4:1-11
March 8, 2020	“Paradox Of Life”	Genesis 12:1-4a; John 3:1-17
March 15, 2020	“Amazement, Opportunity and Challenge”	Exodus 17:1-17; John 4:5-42
March 22, 2020	“Tak’ Tent Of Time ere time be Tint”	John 9:1-41
March 29, 2020	“What Are The Revealing Gifts”	Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 11:1-45



WOMEN’S BREAKFAST

Come join us on March 12, 2020 at 9:00 at the Spring-Ford Diner,
ask for the St. Luke’s table.

MEN’S BREAKFAST

Join the men of the church for a get together breakfast on
Wednesday, March 25, 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, March 1 - Brenda Kurtz

Sunday, April 5 - Corie Bowers

Sunday, May 3 -

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.

COME ONE COME ALL

Our Music Director Bob Carpenter will be leaving us to move to Delaware (Boo hoo). We will be celebrating his last Sunday with St. Luke’s on Sunday, March 15, 2020. We will be having a farewell luncheon after church service on that day. There is a sign-up sheet if you care to make something to bring but if not please come out anyway and wish the Carpenters a fond and cheery send off to their new adventure in life.

We will wish them well.

March 7 Joan Keyser
March 9 Dottie Snader
 Jim Narrigan



March 10 Susan Walsh

CHURCH LIFE IS ON THE MOVE

Third event will be our **Green Baked Goods Bingo Night on Saturday, March 21st starting at 6:00pm.**

You can have as many cards as you can keep track of and still shout BINGO!!!!

We are planning a bus trip on **Saturday, September 19th.** It will be a trip to Hummelstown, a boat ride, a train ride and after all this excitement there will be dinner, cost to be forth coming closer to the date.

Are you looking for a new hobby? Linda Boyer is generously giving her time to teach Crocheting to anyone who wants to learn and when we get really good at that we might learn something else. Let her know if you are interested and what day and time would be good for you. Sign up sheet on bulletin board.

There will be more and more events coming during the year, come out and have fun and relax after a hard work week.

TRIVIA RECAP

Five teams battled out for bragging rights with the following categories:

ACRONYMS, ON THE MAP, MUSIC, ONE LETTER LOGOS, COMMERCIAL SLOGANS AND GRAND SLAM PHILLIES TRIVIA.

There were a lot of laughs shared and everyone learned a few new fun facts. A sample of questions from the first ever St. Luke's Trivia Night:

- What does QVC stand for? Quality, Value and Convenience.
- What does "ZIP" in Zip Code stand for? Zone Improvement Plan
 - What is the largest country in the world? Russia
 - Who won the first American Idol? Kelly Clarkson
 - Where's the beef? Wendy's
- What were the Phillies first known as? Philadelphia Quakers

In the end it came down to a tie breaker question between the Clever Cookies and the CORTRICK. The winning team was the CORTRICK. **Stay tuned for the next Trivia Night!!!**

REMINDER - BINGO NIGHT IS COMING UP ON MARCH 21ST!!!!

EASTER CANDY SALE

Gertrude Hawk candy will be on sale again so the Easter Bunny can deliver all those goodies for your Easter Baskets.

Candy will be on sale starting Sunday, **February 2, 2020** and go until Sunday, **March 8, 2020.**

All orders **MUST** be in to Gertrude Hawk by Monday, **March 9, 2020** in order for the candy to be delivered to the Easter Bunny the week of March 30, 2020.

See any Church Life member on a Sunday in the Narthex.



Easter Candy

FINANCE CORNER 01/20

January Income \$21,678.00

January Expense \$17,450.00

January Budget \$19,296.00



LENTEN SERVICES 7:30 PM

March 4, 2020	St. James Text: Isaiah 53:7-12	Rev. John Hogue "Ponderings Of Suffering"
March 11, 2020	Lower Providence Baptist Text: John 12:31-36a	Rev. Suzanne Schwarz-Green
March 18, 2020	Trinity UCC Text: Mark 11:1-10	Rev. Catherine Bowers
March 25, 2020	Evansburg UMC Text: John 18:33-19:11	Rev. Mike Sowards
April 1, 2020	Augustus Lutheran Full Cantata (all voices welcome)	No Sermon

BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR THE LENTON SEASON!

Williamson Keyser would like to, once again, challenge the congregation for his birthday this year. After continued conversations about how lucky we are to have food on our table every day, he feels there is still a need for our congregation to collect food for those that don't have the same fortune. During this season of Lent, he is challenging each person to bring in ONE MORE (than last year) canned good or non perishable food item each Sunday to help with his collection. He will personally deliver the collection to the Food Pantry, all while supporting our church's commitment to community outreach. Will's box is in the Upper Narthex.

Thank you, in advance, for your participation in this challenge!

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.



EASTER FLOWERS

Orders MUST be in by April 1st.

Lilies 4-5 blooms \$10.00

Azaleas 7 1/2" pots \$14.00

Daffodils 6 1/2" pots \$10.00

Geraniums 8" pots \$13.00

Potted Mums 4 1/2" pots \$6.00

REDNER TAPES

We thank you for your tapes when you shop at Redner's Market.
in the month of February we garnered \$117.35.

ANOTHER CHANCE TO EAT OUT AND NOT COOK!

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020

We will have a **Pancake Breakfast** for \$10 a person, \$5.00 for 6-10, under 5 are free. Pancakes, egg quiche, sausage, fruit and the monies will go to the Disaster Fund of One Great Hour of Sharing to help folks recover from catastrophes. Breakfast to start after worship service.

Come and get your fill and help fill other peoples lives with help.

A BLESSINGS BOX

We will be initiating a Blessings Box where you can donate a monetary gift for a Blessing you have had in your life. It could be a blessing that you have each week or a blessing that came to you all of a sudden and you would like to be thankful for the event. The monies will be placed in an account that at the end of the year the Council will designate where the funds will go; someone needy or to an organization that is doing good for the community.

MISSIONS NOISY OFFERING

The month of February we collected \$172.75

Thanks to your generous support the Missions Team will be sending a check to SuperKids. Please note that April's Noisy Offering will be held on the 4th Sunday, April 26 due to Easter.

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!

MARCH 8 NOISY OFFERING

Coming Home With Grace. This group helps children with special needs. They send them on trips, they remodel bedrooms and bathroom to make their life easier. They are a local Group stationed in Limerick.

A local representative will be here on Sunday, March 8th to speak on the organization.

OGHS MATCH 22 SPECIAL OFFERING

No one is left to face the ravages of natural disaster alone—neighbor helps neighbor, stranger helps stranger—for we are the church together Even if things will never quite be the same after a disaster, God can work through all events to bring new life, new hope, and even more resilience Clean and abundant water and ample sanitation facilities are available to every person. Work brings security from hunger and the land is treated with respect Families displaced from their homes are able to build new lives. Women are no longer subject to discrimination and gender-based violence. And God also imagines Christians of many traditions, coming together to help make these things ever more a reality for more and more people! For you see, our imagination of what might be is founded and grounded in what God envisions and hopes for. We can help—through our gifts of treasure and talent, prayer, and presence to make this world ever more like the way God imagines it would be! Please, give generously to the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering, so that your imagination might indeed be ever more joined with God's! OGHS out of all the special offerings, 96% of our giving goes straight to the source!

Grace and Peace, Pastor John



MARCH

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

	<u>Lay Leader</u>	<u>Children's Time</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Mar. 1	Beverly Spaid	Pastor John	Carrie Krentz	Isaac & Nethanel Hogue
Mar. 8	Kathy Narrigan	Pastor John	Leah Keyser	Joan & Bob Keyser
Mar. 15	Tom Lloyd	Becci Richardson	Nancy Leneweaver	Nancy Lewis & Carl Watters
Mar. 22	Jim Narrigan	Pastor John	Carrie Krentz	Sue & Roy Linkenhoker
Mar. 29	Corie Bowers	Pastor John	Leah Keyser	
Apr. 5	Veronica Hogue	Pastor John	Nancy Leneweaver	

Sunday Leader Scheduling Note

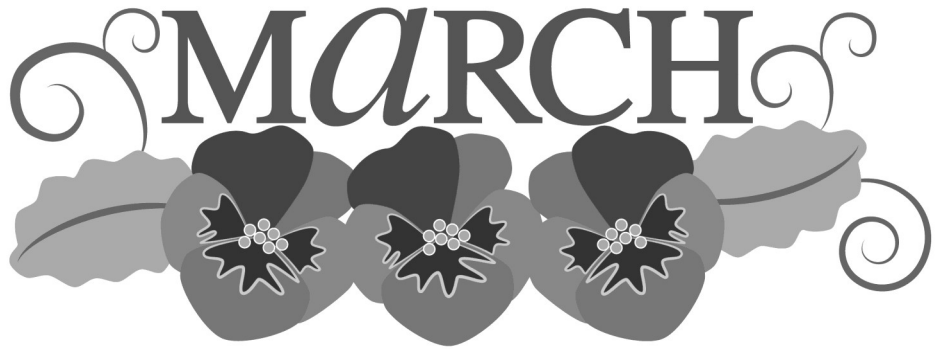
If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, **please find a replacement** by switching dates with someone on the schedule and contact the church office as soon as possible so we may make note of the change. **If you are unable to find a replacement, please contact the church office and we will be happy to do so.**

Articles for the Sunday bulletin are due in the church office by Wednesday. Newsletter deadline for the April Newsletter is March 20th and mailing is March 24th.

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, 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.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 7:00 Boy Scouts	3	4 PJ - Boundary Training 7:30 Lenten Service St. James Pastor John 7:00 Endowment	5 12:30 Games 7:00 Finance 7:30 GANON	6	7
8 9:30 Blended Service Noisy Offering	9 7:00 Church Life 7:00 Boy Scouts	10 9:30 Bible Study PJ - Boundary Training 6:30 Elders 7:30 Council	11 6:00 Book Club 7:30 Lenten Service Lower Providence Baptist Rev. Suzanne 7:30 Orchestra	12 9:00 Women's Breakfast 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 GANON	13	14
15 9:30 Worship Service Healing Service 11:00 Carpenter Farewell Luncheon	16 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Property	17	18 7:30 Lenten Service Trinity UCC Rev. Cathy Bowers 7:00 College Woods H.O. 7:30 Orchestra	19 7:30 GANON	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 6:00 Bingo Night
22 9:30 Blended Service	23 7:00 Boy Scouts	24 9:30 Bible Study NEWSLETTER MAILING	25 9:00 Men's Breakfast 7:30 Evansburg UMC Rev. Mike Sowards 7:30 Orchestra	26 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 GANON	27	28 9:00 Property Work Day
29 9:30 Blended Service 1:00 Eagle Scout Ceremony	30 7:00 Boy Scouts	31	April 1 7:30 Augustus Lutheran Full Cantata			

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