

United Church of Christ of Trappe

March 2021 Newsletter



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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.

***“There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:”***

To be perfectly honest, I have had it with this season! It seems that all we get done lately is shovel snow or plow snow and there is a good reason I feel that way, because I get done is shovel snow or plow snow. But mark my word on this very day. This season is quickly coming to an end and soon, very soon, the sun will be warm against our faces. My thoughts will change from *“Why didn’t I buy chains for this tractor”* to *“Honey, where did you put the seed catalogue?”* Actually, by the time you read this article it will be way too late to be looking for a seed catalogue. I will be in the shopping mode for potatoes, onions, lettuce, carrots, and radish seeds. I CAN NOT WAIT, but I will have to wait. Why? Because *“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:”*

We will be in the season of Lent throughout the month of March. By months end, it will be Palm Sunday and my intentions are to be as celebratory and solemn as the pandemic will allow us. No doubt, we will be holding Palm/Passion service in the sanctuary. Until that day, I will journey in sacred hope and promise of a New Day, the day we celebrate an empty cross.

To that end, I have made Lenten Crosses for you if you desire to wear them during and after Lent. They are symbolic of the love of God, a love so strong that God sent his only son into the world for you and for me. You may pick your cross up at church. If you are unable to do so, let Cori know and we will mail you one. May the peace of Christ sustain you my beloved as we journey together during this sacred time.

Blessings,
Pastor Pat

Ghana Travel Dates have been Set!

Pastor Pat will be leading a group of 10 to Ghana, leaving on August 1 and returning August 21. Tom Lloyd will be joining the group as he and Pastor Pat represent St. Luke's in the cross-cultural journey. Pastor Pat will be presenting a program on his ministry there in the coming weeks. Until then, let us keep the Ghana Mission Team in our prayers!

February Scripture Readings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Mar. 7	Exodus 20:1-17	Psalms 19	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	John 2:13-22
Mar. 14	Numbers 21:4-9	Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22	Ephesians 2:1-10	John 3:14-21
Mar. 21	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Psalms 51:1-12	Hebrews 5:5-10	John 12:20-33
Mar 28	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalms 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Mark 15:1-39
Apr. 4	Acts 10:34-43	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	John 20:1-18

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS)

St. Luke's will celebrate One Great Hour of Sharing during our service on Sunday, March 14th. To prepare ourselves, here's a Q&A about OGHS. Please give generously and use the special offering envelope that was mailed to your home. Thank you!

Q1: What is One Great Hour of Sharing®?

A1: It's part of Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM), a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries a message of love and hope to people in crisis. UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water, food, education, healthcare, small business microcredit, advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, as well as emergency relief and rehabilitation. One Great Hour supports both domestic and global ministries for disaster preparedness and response.

Q2: Who participates in One Great Hour?

A1: Several Christian denominations including the American Baptist Church, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Church of the Brethren, UCC and Church World Service (CWS) work together to create common promotional materials, sharing ideas, costs and a commitment to service. However, each denomination receives and manages its respective offerings.

Q3: How does the UCC use its offering?

A3: 60% of the UCC offering supports international development initiatives including annual support for missionaries. Currently there are 2 supported missionaries and 1 global mission intern working in disaster relief, health care, education, sustainable agricultural development and refugee support. The offering also funds disaster preparedness and response and various disaster-related volunteer initiatives in the US.

Q4: How much is usually given to the UCC's One Great Hour of Sharing offering?

A4: In 2018 the OGHS offering was just under \$2 million. Nearly 65% of UCC congregations participate.

Q5: What percentage of OGHS donations are used for the missions?

A5: On average 95 cents of every dollar given to OGHS goes directly to mission programming. 5 cents goes towards interpretation materials. Any administration costs are paid for by OCWM national support. St. Luke's contributes every month to OCWM.



MISSIONS EASTER PIE SALE

There will be a Pie Sale Fundraiser for Easter through Missions. The order forms can be dropped off at the church, dates will be published for when the church will be open for drop offs, or you can mail in your form. The pies will be home made by a local woman, we are supporting a local business. See order form in newsletter.

March 6 Jasmine Aydin
March 7 Joan Keyser
March 9 Dottie Snader
Jim Narrigan



March 10 Susan Walsh
March 20 Keagan Davidson

ST. LUKE'S 2021 MISSIONS PLAN

The (small but mighty) Missions Team met for the first time in many months in January to make plans for 2021. Pastor Pat joined us to learn about our past activities. God wants each of us to be of service to others less fortunate and in need. And there are certainly plenty of needs. Many people have been and continue to be negatively impacted by the global pandemic. Now is not the time to be complacent by any means.

Missions' 2021 goals are to enable St. Luke's church family to continue to demonstrate our faithfulness through continued aid to our local community, country and the world. In spite of the COVID virus that requires social distancing precautions. We'll all have to remain safe, healthy and flexible this year for sure.

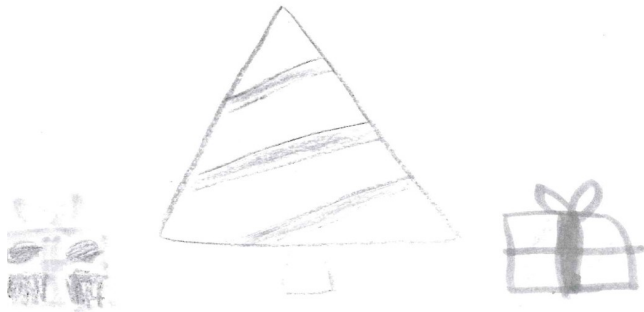
Please mark your calendars for the programs shown below. We are assessing the feasibility of a possible contact-less, drive-through fundraiser of some type. Plus an event to assemble disaster or hygiene kits which we'd envision doing with another church or non-profit organization.

Stay tuned for specific information in the coming months! As always, thank you for our continued support and generosity. Let us know if you have any questions or suggestions. We would love to welcome new members since we've lost a few recently. Many hands make light work as we share God's love with others.

Missions Team: Melanie Prudom, Kathy Narrigan and Linda Boyer

Timing / Date(s)	Program	Beneficiary
Month of February	Blankets & Tools	Church World Service
Sun, March 14 th	One Great Hour of Sharing	UCC
March 21 – April 4 th	Will Keyser's Food Drive	Daily Bread Food Pantry
Sun, May 23 rd	Strengthen the Church	UCC
Sun, Oct 3 rd	Neighbors in Need & Worldwide Communion	UCC
Mid-late November	Turkeys & perishable/fresh food collection	Daily Bread Food Pantry
Late Nov – early Dec	Angel Tags	Salvation Army
Month of December	Christmas Fund	UCC

From Tadin Dweik
Child's #371004785
To Friends at St. Lukes UCC



MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY NEW YEAR
2021

BRIAN PEDDLE, GENERAL
INTERNATIONAL COMMANDER

LARRY ASHCRAFT, LT COLONEL
DIVISIONAL COMMANDER



LAWRENCE SHURTLEFF, MAJOR
JENY SHURTLEFF, MAJOR
Corps Commanding Officers

THE SALVATION ARMY

FOUNDED IN 1865 BY WILLIAM AND CATHERINE BOOTH

POTTSTOWN WORSHIP AND SERVICE CENTER
137 KING STREET, PO Box 378, POTTSTOWN, PA 19464
PHONE: 610-326-1621 FAX: 610-326-8606

January 11, 2021

Dear Pastor and Congregation:

Thank you for your continued interest in and support of The Salvation Army of the Pottstown area and your recent donation of \$100.00 check #9731.

Gifts like yours help us continue to serve area residents who reach out for assistance and to carry out our promise of Doing the Most Good.

There is no reward equal to that of doing the most good to the most people in the most need.

*Evangeline Booth
General of The Salvation Army
1934-1939*

Lawrence Shurtleff KC
Lawrence Shurtleff, Major
Corps Commanding Officer
The Salvation Army, Pottstown PA

*"The Salvation Army Is A Worldwide Evangelical Christian Church"
Serving the Pottstown Community Since 1891*



December 4, 2020

St. Luke's United Church of Christ of Trappe
200 W. Main Street
Trappe, PA 19426

Dear St. Luke's United Church of Christ of Trappe,

Thank you so much for your very generous donation of \$104.00 (CK# 9718) on 11/12/2020.

We are now in the 9th month since COVID-19 began to impact every part of our lives, many new people have turned to the pantry for help. In the first week of November alone, we had more than 110 families come to the pantry for food. Normally we serve around 250 – 300 families per month.

One of our clients called us on 12/1/2020. He said I have tried for the past 2 years to do everything to feed my family myself but I was laid off and have no more food in our home to do that. I let him of your generosity and that he should come in. He was one of our former clients who had to come back but held out until there was no other choice but to come back.

We've had clients in tears when they see how much food we are giving them. They say no please share that food with your other clients but we let them know that it is your generosity that makes it easy for us to give to them. They ask us to please thank those who have donated the food.

We had one family who was flooded out this year with 8 people in their household and another of our clients took them into their home so they would not be homeless making the household balloon to 18+ people living under one roof.

These are the faces & hearts of our clients. They care for each other like you are caring for them.

Words our not enough - all we can say is Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all you do to help us keep going.

Loretta Stever
Director

No goods or services were provided in consideration of this gift.
Important: Federal law requires that you retain this receipt to substantiate your charitable deduction.
Daily Bread Community Food Pantry is a 501(c)3 organization registered in Pennsylvania.

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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, even more urgent during COVID-19. During this season of Lent, he is challenging each person to bring in ONE MORE (than last year) canned good or nonperishable food item each Sunday to help with this collection. He will personally deliver the collection to the Food Pantry, all while supporting our church's commitment to community outreach. Will's box will be in the Upper Narthex between March 21 and April 4. Look for dates to drop off at the church, Sat. and/or Sun. Thank you, in advance, for your participation in this challenge!



February 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 **Schedule if there is in church services**

	<u>Lay Leader</u>	<u>Children's Time</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
March 7	Sue Linkenhoker			
March 14	Bev Spaid			
March 21	Kathy Narrigan			
March 28	Tom Lloyd			
April 4	Jim Narrigan			

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 March Newsletter is February 19th and mailing is February 23rd.

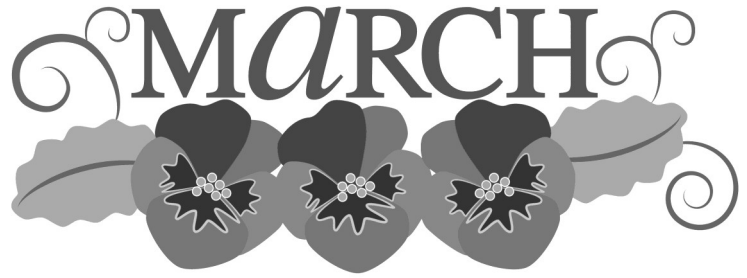
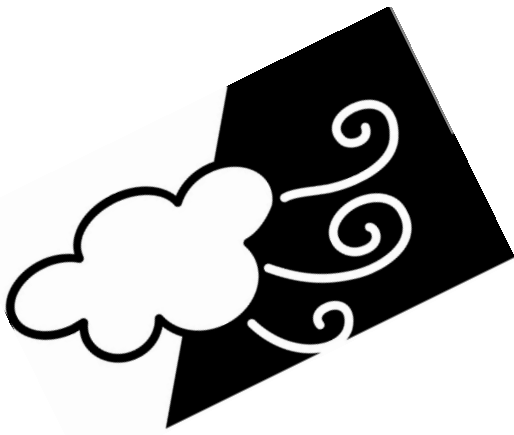
PRAYER LIST

People in need of prayers: Corie Bowers, Linda Miller, Nick Iacorinno,

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.

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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!



	1	2	3	4 7:30 GANON	5	6
7 9:30 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris And also on Zoom	8 7:00 Missions	9 6:30 Elders 7:30 Council	10	11 7:00 Finance 7:30 GANON	12	13
14 9:30 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris And also on Zoom	15	16	17	18 7:30 GANON	19	20
21 9:30 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris And also on Zoom	22	23 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	24	25 7:30 GANON NEWSLETTER MAINLING	26	27
28 9:30 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris And also on Zoom	29	30	31			

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St. Luke's Mission Statement

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