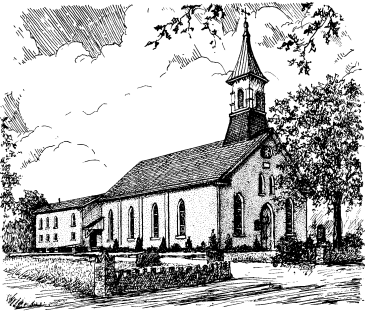


Saint Luke's

United Church of Christ of Trappe

May 2019 Newsletter



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Blended Service 9:30 AM

3rd Sunday of Mo. Healing Service 9:30 AM

Sunday school 3rd Sunday of the month.

REV. JOHN'S MUSINGS.

I wish to be frank with you. I need your help. St. Luke's UCC needs to step up and spread the good news. The best evangelism is sharing and talking about St. Luke's!

Once you receive this newsletter, we will be talking about the seven churches in Revelation as sermon topics leading up to our congregational meeting on June 9th. Each church in the book of Revelation had their strengths and weaknesses. How true the Revelation correlates to our times! We must assess our strengths and weaknesses and build our 'brand'. At council, we started talking about our brand. Suggestions have been our Wednesday Wavers. Yes, we are known for this however, it needs to be bigger and catch on to a wider community.

Another observation is our brand in missions. For our congregational meeting on June 9th, I hope everyone looks at this following statement and begins to pray about how you see God wanting to fill in the blanks. What is our Why Statement? What is it? Excellent question!

St Luke's exists to _____ (contribute) SO THAT _____" (impact).

The first blank is what are we contributing? and the SO THAT is what is our IMPACT? This will become our brand and vision for the church. It will become our living document in our walk with God and Jesus.

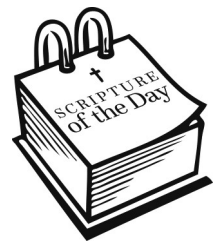
We need to be honest about how to become more meaningful in our committees. Some of our committees are not functioning or are weak. Like stewardship and Evangelism. We need to address how to meet the spiritual needs of the people in our community. People are NOT going to come on Sunday morning at 9:30a.m. due to errands they must run, sleeping in, soccer games, shopping, which is the biggest shopping day of the week, and the list continues. We can no longer afford to lament about the 'good old days' nor complain "why don't they come to us." We need to reverse this. We need to meet them. Build relationships. In June's "Rev. John's Musings," I will share some thoughts on all the research and the vitality workshops that have been exploring these concepts for vision and outreach into our community. Please look at the sermons and scriptures for the month of May as we tackle biblically portion of the strength and weakness of each church and how it relates to us. Above all, pray for St. Luke's and that the Holy Spirit will rain down on us on June 9th!

Pastor John

May Scripture Readings

Date	Old Testament	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
May 5	Acts 9:1-6,	Psalms 30	Revelation 5:11-14	John 21:1-19
May 12	Acts 13:36-43	Psalms 23	Revelation 7:9-17	John 10:22-30
May 19	Acts 11:1-18	Psalms 148	Revelation 21:1-6	John 13:31-35
May 26	Acts 16:9-15	Psalms 67	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5	John 14:23-29
June 2	Acts 16:16-34	Psalms 97	Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	John 17:20-26

SERMON SERIES



The series on 7 churches will lead up to our important Congregational Meeting on June 9th and that is why this meeting is so critical to the next phase of life for St. Luke's UCC.

May 5	Revelation 2:8-11	'Do We Deny the Trinitarian God to Save Our Own Needs?' (Smyrna)
May 12	Revelation 2:12-17	"Can We Lose Our Spiritual Foundation?" (Pergamum)
May 19	Revelation 2:18-29	"Let's Compromise, OK?" (Thyatira)
May 26	Revelation 3:1-6	"Have We Become too Comfortable?" (Sardis)
June 2	Revelation 3:7-13	'Does the Size of the Church Matter?' (Philadelphia)
June 9	Revelation 3:14-22	'Are we Spiritually Dead?' (Laodicea)

3 SIPS CAFÉ AND BIBLE STUDY

Please join me the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 8:15 - 9:15am before Sunday worship. We will be meeting May 12th and May 26th. Please mark your calendars and open your hearts and minds for a new learning adventure!!! If you have any questions or comments please contact Veronica Hogue at 402-801-9301 or teapotlady3@gmail.com.

LOOKING FOR DELEGATES

We are still looking for delegates to attend the PSEC Conference from May 31-June 1. It will be in West Chester University. Pastor John will be traveling to save cost of a hotel. Please inquire at the office. Thanks

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE OF LIFE

Young Ernie and his family were invited to have Sunday lunch at his grandmother's house in Monkey's Eyebrow, Arizona. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Ernie received his plate he started eating straight away. "Ernie, wait until we say grace, demanded his father. "I don't have to," the five year old replied. "Of course you do, Ernest," his mother insisted rather forcefully. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house." "That's at our house," Ernie explained, "but this is Grandma's house, and she knows how to cook."

May 5	William Leopold
May 9	Cynthia Brown
May 9	Robert Keyser
May 10	Linda Boyer
May 11	Donald Wanamaker



May 20	Pete Leneweaver
May 22	Bonnie Neiman
May 26	Linda Miller
May 28	Leah Keyser
May 29	Amanda Conrad

FINANCE CORNER (as of 04/15/19)

OFFERING YEAR TO DATE: \$27,231.00

ACTUAL EXPENSES YEAR TO DATE: \$41,158.00

BUDGET YEAR TO DATE: \$57,729.00

If you have questions, please contact a member of the Finance Committee

DAILY BREAD - SPECIAL FOCUS

We all sure do love our pets; they truly become members of our family. We're asking that you keep pets in mind for your donations to the Daily Bread for the next quarter. Feel free to bring in dry and canned pet food, kitty litter, treats, toys or grooming supplies for furry and feathered friends alike. The needy pets and their human companions thank you!

PANCAKES FOR NEBRASKA

Many thanks to everyone who supported the pancake breakfast on Palm Sunday. We raised \$600, which will go to Church World Services to help individuals and families recover from the recent floods in Nebraska. A special shout out to Kathy Narrigan, Linda Boyer, Veronica Hogue and Pastor John for organizing and cooking. The Missions Team is also grateful to those who helped clean up. We are making plans to do it again in the fall. Please bring a friend, neighbor or family member along for the fun and good eating next time!

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

St. Luke's will ask for the annual Strengthen the Church offering on **Sunday, May 19th**. Strengthen the Church helps expand the ministry and growth of local congregations. Unlike other donations that might help natural disaster victims across the US or provide shoebox gifts to children in other countries, this program is directed to our own Southeast Conference and local UCC churches. Your support helps the UCC fulfill on its commitment to create a just world for all by investing in new programs that meet the emerging needs. As God calls our congregation to more actively "be the church" in creative ways in our own backyard, we can create new visions and awaken ideas within existing churches and develop spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Please give generously! Thank you.

SPECIAL NOTE ON THE PASTORAL OFFICE

Pastoral Office and other positions of staff leadership, exist for the up-building of the congregation and equipping the saints to be about the mission of the church. Pastors are called to equip and embody the faith and faithfulness of the church and its members in church and society. As such, pastors do not do the ministry of the body of Christ: they share in and support that ministry which all are called to by virtue of their baptism. The health of the relationship between the pastor and people cannot be taken for granted. Each entrusts the other; each complements the other. The stewardship of this relationship is threatened if it is not seen as that, a stewardship of the relationship between a pastor and a people. The Pastoral team is Jim Narrigan, Becci Richardson, Sue Gregory and Ryan Ruckle. If any concerns are noted, they must be typed with a detailed description and with the person's signature. (From the April 2019 Council Meeting)

COVENTRY SINGERS

THE HEART OF MUSIC

Covenetry singers Concerts being held:

April 27th at St. Mark's Lutheran, 5 Brooke Manor, Birdsboro at 7:00pm and

April 28th at Cedarville United Methodist, 1092 Laurelwood Rd, Pottstown, PA at 3:00pm

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Are you interest in some of the behind-the-scenes working of the church and our services?

Would you like to help plan the services?

Would you be able to help with preparing the sanctuary for our services?

Are you interested in the music we sing?

Our worship committee meets once a month to plan and prepare for the services and make plans for "who will do what."

If you would like to know more about this committee and what we do and want to be a part of it, please talk with me and we would welcome you at our meeting any time.

Beverly Spaid, Chr.

***St. Peter's United Church of Christ
57 Spring St.
Tremont, PA 17981
Rev. Claude Schach, Supply Pastor***

Dear Friends:

The congregation of St. Peter's sends sincere appreciation for your kind gift toward our flood recovery efforts. Additionally, please accept our apologies for the delay in expressing our thanks. The business of our church has been impeded due to the impact the floods have had upon many of our church family members including that resulting from damage to the homes of both our secretary and our treasurer.

Several years ago the UCC Insurance Board advised that we would not be eligible to purchase flood insurance through it. As the costs proposed by third party carriers were prohibitively high rendering it too expensive to obtain, we can depend on no insurance funds to cover our flood losses. Our building insurance does not cover the roof/sanctuary damage either.

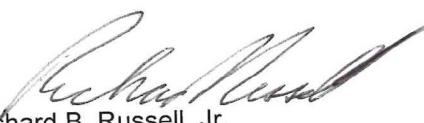
Thanks to contributions like yours we have begun our recovery efforts. Our organ blower motor has been replaced and repairs to the heating system to the church and parsonage have been undertaken. We now are fielding proposals for the roof, steeple and ceiling repairs. Ahead we desire to relocate our heating and electrical controls from the basement which was flooded three times so we are not faced with the possibility of suffering those damages again. Hopefully, still possible will be repair of the damage to our parking lot and basement structural components caused by the flooding.

In the future we intend to send follow-up letters to all who kindly contributed to provide an update of the progress of our recovery.

Please know we are very grateful for and will be good stewards of the contributions we received in our restoration endeavor.

With sincere gratitude,

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Email: stpetersucctremont@yahoo.com


Richard B. Russell, Jr.
On Behalf of the Congregation
St. Peter's UCC, Tremont

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join the men of the church for a get together breakfast on Wednesday, May 22,
9 am at Café 29 in Collegeville PA .



WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Come join us on Thursday, May 9 at
The Spring Ford Diner in Spring City.



DO YOU LIKE TO SHOP?

St. Luke's UCC is now registered for [smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com). Go to www.smile.amazon.com and type in "St. Luks 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!

MISSIONS NOISY OFFERING

The month of April "noisy" offering was \$126.53 for Laurel House.

This will be matched by Missions.

May 10th "noisy" offering will be for Bethany Children's Home

BETHANY CHILDREN'S HOME

The mission of Bethany Children's Home is to continue a Christian ministry, begun in 1863, to serve children and families within our care. Bethany Children's Home strives to provide a safe place of nurture, protection, and supportive care to aid our residents in their self-understanding, growth, and healing toward a brighter, healthier future.

Their vision is of a community where all youth and staff are safe in their environment and feel safe within themselves. To bring this vision into reality, they provide the resources needed to children and families to work through their losses, enabling them to have a brighter future.

Bethany Children's Home was founded and is part of the United Church of Christ. They are located at 1863 Bethany Road, Womelsdorf, PA 19567.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

We will be honoring Veterans in our Trappe Memorial Day Parade that begins at 10:00 a.m. on May 27. **We are in need of candy donations for the children in the crowds. We have around 3-4 thousand spectators at this event. It is a great day to make St. Luke's visible.**

DERBY DAY OF ST. LUKE'S UCC - May 5, 2019



On May 5 we are having a fun-day at church to which we will wear hats in church, including men! Have fun! Bring your favorite hat to church and hopefully we can see a wave of colors throughout worship!

Did you know there is a Kentucky Derby Hat Museum? The image to the left is part of the museum.



May 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>
May 5	Kathy Narrigan	Pastor John	Leah Keyser	Isaac and Nethanel Hogue
May 12	Tom Lloyd	Pastor John	Nancy Leneweaver	Isaac and Nethanel Hogue
May 19	Jim Narrigan	Pastor John	Carrie Krentz	Melanie Prudom and Drew Crafton
May 26	Corie Bowers	Pastor John	Leah Keyser	
June 2	Veronica Hogue	Pastor John	Carrie Krentz	

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 June Newsletter is May 22nd and mailing is May 24th.

PRAYER LIST

People in need of prayers: Corie Bowers, Joan Z., Linda Miller, Nick Iacorinno, Russell and Nancy Claycomb.

People with on-going conditions and prayer needs: Barbara and Mark Nieweg, Betty Murphy, Debbie Parker, Eli and Ella Vivian, Elsa and Victor Thomas, Evelyn and Jimmy, Greg Kimmich, Jack Murphy, Mike Richardson, Mitzie Oxenham, Nancy Lewis, Randy and Sue Davidson, Rod Bowers, Tim Heiser and Tricia White Heiser, Tom Hairston.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:00 Endowment 7:00 Choir 7:30 Orchestra	2 12:30 Games 7:30 GANON	3	4
5 DERBY DAY SUNDAY 9:30 Blended Service 11:00 Private Party 3:00 Boy Scouts	6 7:00 Cemetery 7:00 Boy Scouts	7 6:30 Worship & Music	8 6:00 Book Club 7:00 Choir 7:30 Orchestra	9 9:00 Women's Breakfast Mother's Day Tea (Bright Spot) 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 GANON	10 Mother's Day Tea (Bright Spot)	11
12 MOTHER'S DAY 8:15 Bible Study 9:30 Worship Service Noisy Offering	13 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Church Life	14 9:30 Bible Study 6:30 Elders 7:30 Council	15 7:00 Choir 7:00 College Woods HOA	16 7:30 GANON	17 8:00 Audubon Concert	18
19 9:30 Blended Service (Healing Service)	20 6:30 Missions 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Property	21	22 9:00 Men's Breakfast 7:00 Choir NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	23 7:00 Toastmasters 7:30 GANON	24 NEWSLETTER MAILING	25
26 8:15 Bible Study 9:30 Blended Service	27 MEMORIAL DAY 10:00 Parade	28 9:30 Bible Study	29 7:00 Choir	30 Ascension Day 8:30 Donut's for Dad (Bright Spot) 7:30 GANON	31 8:30 Donut's for Dad (Bright Spot)	

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St. Luke's Mission Statement

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