

## United Church of Christ of Trappe

## May 2023 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

**NOT AN EASY THING TO DO!!!!**

It has never been easy for me to say good-bye to the congregations I have served. St. Luke's is no exception. As many of you have heard, I have taken a new position at Zion (Blue Mountain) United Church of Christ, Strausstown, Pennsylvania. Strausstown is right off Interstate 78, 10 minutes south of Hamburg. I am not new to Zion, Sharon was their pastor from 2008 to 2013. It is a half-time position and my primary reason for taking this position is the commute from Womelsdorf to Trappe. The trip was starting to wear on me. Zion is only 13 miles from our home.

I hope you know how much I enjoyed serving you as your interim minister. You are good people and so appreciative of my ministry among you. I believe that you have a future and when you find a settled pastor you will blossom. I do not know who that person is but God does. Your search committee is hard at work finishing your profile. I believe once it is in circulation you will find interested candidates. I encourage you to take your time and find someone who has the capacity to love you as I have loved you.

You have a lot going for you. I know your leadership base has dwindled but the leaders serving the church are committed Christian eager to serve the Lord. You are also blessed with a healthy endowment which, if used faithfully, will sustain you for a very long time.

My last Sunday is May 28, Pentecost Sunday. What a perfect Sunday to bid you farewell. Both you and I will avail ourselves to the life giving breath of God as it blows across our spirits preparing us to do a new thing. I will always hold you in my prayers and I will remain a constant cheerleader as I pray for you daily. That will be my commitment to you.

Thank you for your kindness and love.

Pastor Pat

**May Scripture Readings**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
May 7	Acts 7:55-60	Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
May 14	Acts 17:22-31	Psalms 66:8-20	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
May 21	Acts 1:6-14	Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	John 17:1-11
May 28	Acts 2:1-21	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	John 20:19-23
June 4	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	Psalms 8	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20

## MISSIONS NEWS

Coming to your mailbox soon..... your special donation envelopes for 2023 will be arriving to your homes shortly. Please remember to use these envelopes throughout the year and don't forget to make a designation on the memo line of your check.

Thank you for your generosity.

	Promotion	Offering
One Great Hour of Sharing	Sun March 12th	Sun March 19th
Strengthen the Church	Sun May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Sun May 21st
Neighbors in Need	Sun Sept 24 <sup>th</sup>	Sun Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>
Christmas Fund	Sun Dec 17th	Sun Dec 24th

CWS Blankets and Tools collection date is Sunday, February 12, 2023. We are so grateful for your kindness and desire to share love and compassion with others.

Every day someone in the world experiences hard times. When difficulties happen, a simple act of kindness can make a difference and you can be the miracle someone was praying for. Be part of that miracle and make a donation. Thank you.

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## A BIG THANK YOU

I want to thank the families that have been providing meals for us. Everything has been delicious! The cards and prayers are greatly appreciated as well. It's nice to have such a caring church family. Sincerely, Linda Miller and family

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

Meet at Grace's Café on Wednesday, May 24th at 9:00am. Join us to catch up on news of things that are going on in your life.

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May 5 William Leopold  
May 9 Bob Keyser  
Cynthia Brown  
May 10 Linda Boyer



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

## WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

We are back at the Spring Ford Diner on Thursday, May 11th  
See you there at 9:00am to check up on everyone.

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### A Word About Worship

**Hold On: Easter isn't over yet.**

Although Easter Sunday was back on April 9<sup>th</sup>, don't put away those decorations quite yet, because the church season of Easter isn't over. In the church year, the Easter season lasts for 50 days: From Easter Sunday until Pentecost.

Pentecost, also called Whit Sunday, is the Christian holiday which takes place on the 50th day (the seventh Sunday) after Easter Sunday. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles 2:1–31. This year, Pentecost will be celebrated on May 28.

During this entire Easter season, the parament color in the chancel area, including the Lord's Table, will be white. **White** symbolizes purity, holiness, and virtue, as well as respect and reverence. White is used for the holiest days of the church year, including Christmas, the Easter season, as well as during baptisms and marriages.

Happy Easter, everyone!

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Remember the DATE!!!!





# May 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**

	<b><u>Lay Leader</u></b>	<b><u>Children's Time</u></b>	<b><u>Nursery</u></b>	<b><u>Ushers</u></b>
May 7	Bev Spaid			
May 14	Kathy Narrigan	Pastor Pat		
May 21	Tom Lloyd			
May 28	Jim Narrigan	Nancy Leneweaver		
June 4	Sue Linkenhoker			

## **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 May Newsletter is April 24th and mailing is April 26th.**

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## **PRAYER LIST**

**People in need of prayers:** The Dallar Family, Linda Miller, Wanamaker Family, Nick Iacorinno, The Family of Amy Miller, Boyer Family, Richardson Family.

**People with on-going conditions and prayer needs:** Linda Miller, 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?**



**Amazon Smile Update!** **Dear customer,** In 2013, we launched AmazonSmile to make it easier for customers to support their favorite charities. However, after almost a decade, the program has not grown to create the impact that we had originally hoped. With so many eligible organizations—more than 1 million globally—our ability to have an impact was often spread too thin.

We are writing to let you know that we plan to wind down AmazonSmile by February 20, 2023. We will continue to pursue and invest in other areas where we've seen we can make meaningful change—from building affordable housing to providing access to computer science education for students in underserved communities to using our logistics infrastructure and technology to assist broad communities impacted by natural disasters.

To help charities that have been a part of the AmazonSmile program with this transition, we will be providing them with a one-time donation equivalent to three months of what they earned in 2022 through the program, and they will also be able to accrue additional donations until the program officially closes in February. Once AmazonSmile closes, charities will still be able to seek support from Amazon customers by creating their own wish lists.

As a company, we will continue supporting a wide range of other programs that help thousands of charities and communities across the U.S.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 9:00 Music Service in Sanctuary w/Rev. Morris, and Zoom Sunday Music Singing	8 7:00 Troop 113	9 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 Elders 7:30 Council	10 7:30 Orchestra	11 9:00 Women's Breakfast 7:00 Troop 39 7:00 Finance 7:30 GANON	12	13
14 9:00 Service in Sanctuary, with Rev. Morris Zoom Children's Sermon <b>Mother's Day</b> 	15 7:00 Troop 113 7:00 Missions 7:00 Church Life	16 7:00 Historical Society Speaker	17 7:30 Orchestra	18 7:00 Troop 39 7:30 GANON	19 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	20 7:30 Audubon Symphony Orchestra Concert
21 9:00 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris And on Zoom 10:30 Crochet Class	22 7:00 Troop 113 7:30 Property	23 10:00 Bible Study	24 7:30 Orchestra	25 7:00 Troop 39 7:30 GANON	26	27
			Corie Bowers on Vacation			
28 9:00 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris COMMUNION and on Zoom & Children's Sermon	29 7:00 Troop 113  Memorial Day <i>Remember Those Who Gave Their Lives</i>	30 10:00 Bible Study NEWSLETTER MAILING	31 7:30 Orchestra			
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## **May Newsletter**

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

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