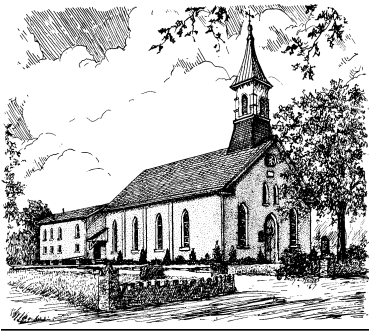


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United Church of Christ of Trappe

October 2015 Newsletter



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Worship Schedule

Blended Service 9:30AM

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

From the Interim Pastor

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing' now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? Isaiah 43:18-19

Are you familiar with those reality clean-house TV shows, where a team of experts helps a family cope with their clutter? Maybe you've seen an episode where the professional organizer spends as much time helping a person understand their attachment to things as he or she does reorganizing them. When organizers on "Clean Sweep" or "Enough, Already!" try to help people organize, their first step is to clear everything out of the room and spend time sorting it into piles of things they will keep, things they will donate or sell, and things they will let go of.

I was reflecting on how congregations (not just St. Luke's) are going through a similar sorting process. While God's mission and Christ's presence with us haven't changed, we are being challenged to clean out the ecclesiastical attics and the basements and the drawers and closets to make room for the new treasures God is giving us.

During this interim process we are being asked to imagine three slightly different sorting piles – the treasures we want to keep central in our life as a Christian community, the gifts and resources we can share with others, and the things that it is time to let go of (or at least set aside.)

"Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old." The prophet Isaiah wrote these words to the people of Israel when they were in exile and bondage in Babylon. They yearned for their familiar way of life and comfortable rituals of faith. Isaiah called God's people to not limit their vision to their current situation, but to trust in God's power to make all things "new". What does Isaiah say that has significance for us today? The prophet Isaiah doesn't tell us to reject everything old and embrace newness for its own sake. It is important to have living and shared memories in order to inform the present. But Isaiah's words caution us not to be so focused on looking back that we can't see what God is doing right in front of us.

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" Isaiah's message invites us to be on the lookout for what God is doing – not just in our own lives and in our life together at St. Luke's, but in the neighborhood and organizations around us.

May our eyes be opened to see what "new thing" God is doing in our midst.

Blessings on the Journey,
Pastor Kris

October Scripture Readings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Oct. 4	2 Chronicles 30:12	Psalm 133	Ephesians 4:1-6	John 17:20-23
Oct. 11	Job 23:1-9	Psalm 22:1-15	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
Oct. 18	Job 38:1-7 (34-41)	Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
Oct. 25	Job 42:1-6, 10-17	Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 10:46-52 Nov.
Nov. 1	Ruth 1:1-8	Psalm 146	Hebrews 9:11-14	Mark 12:28-34

SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR 2015-2016!

Our Sunday School year started off with great activities at our Rally Day event at the Church Summer Picnic at Upper Providence Park! We will continue with our Sunday School schedule this year on the third Sunday of each month, beginning with the Children's Sermon during the service. We will then gather for some awesome activities for all youth in our Sunday School room or Moyer Hall. On October 18, our gathering will be focused on the music we hear in church. We hope you can join us!

WORSHIP NEWS

At the September 8th meeting church Council voted to combine the Contemporary and Traditional Services into one Blended Service to be held at 9:30am. Stewardship of human resources, a drop in attendance and financial considerations were topics for discussion in this discernment process. This decision will be re-evaluated in the new year.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY: Why We Do It and How

This coming **October 4**, congregations around the globe will celebrate World Communion Sunday. Many have heard about this day, but may not know much about where the day originated. World Communion Sunday began in 1936 in the Presbyterian Church and was adopted by the Federal Council of Churches in 1940. Since then, the celebration has grown into an international ecumenical celebration.

The key word for World Communion Sunday is communion, or unity. It is a day when we mark the universal Christian practice of breaking bread with one another and remembering both the night of Jesus' betrayal – when Jesus instituted what we now call the Lord's Supper as a lasting remembrance – and of Jesus' sacrifice.

World Communion Sunday is a time for remembering that around the globe the Lord's Supper is celebrated in different languages, with different traditions and customs and in various forms of liturgy. It is both a joyous and meaningful partaking in Jesus' sacred meal with his friends and a reminder of our unity with other Christians throughout the world.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

October 4, 2015 AT 2 PM



To commemorate the Feast Day of St. Francis (October 4) there will be a Blessing of the Animals on **Sunday, October 4th at 2 pm** on the back lawn at St. Luke's. All of God's – dogs, cats, gerbils, hamsters, lizards, and other pets (real or stuffed) are welcome. There will be special treats for our "friends" and refreshments for their two legged companions. Francis was the son of a wealthy cloth merchant in Italy born in the 12th century. In a public confrontation with his father, he renounced his wealth and future inheritance and devoted himself to serving the poor. Francis had a spirit of gladness and gratitude for all God's creation. He is the patron saint of ecology. Many of the stories that surround Francis's life tell of his great love for animals and the environment.

October 1	Shirley Wanamaker
October 5	Esther Wolfram
	Donald Pry III
October 7	Brenda Koehler
	Gabrielle Ridge
October 14	Diane Gambone
October 15	Kitty Walker
	Bob Carpenter
October 16	Rachel MacElhenny
October 19	Chaz Kochel



October 22	Laura Ann Leopold
October 23	Jim Brown
	Sue Ellen Nolan-Greeby
	Allison Pry
October 24	Steve Gray
	Brian parker
October 28	Brenda Kurtz II
October 30	Pat Litka
October 31	Dawn Salerno

Thank God for... is a column for you to contribute outstanding achievements by our members in and out of the church or any other moment you want to Thank God for.... Please consider letting us know about your Thank God moment.



For our wonderful short order cook, Susan Wenrick and her helpers
Ryan Ruckle and Ed Oxenham.

To all the people who brought FOOD to the picnic. No one can ever say they go
away from St. Luke's hungry.

To Bob Carpenter for his traveling music for the Cake Walk.

A THANK YOU from Linda and Doug Miller for all of the cards, concerns and
prayers during our time of medical issues.



Condolences to Sam Kurtz III and The Kurtz Family on the loss of Sam III's wife Brenda.
May God grant eternal rest to Brenda, and comfort to her family during this difficult time.

Sam Kurtz III and family would like to thank the St. Luke's Congregation for all the support and prayers
during their time of need.

RADICAL WELCOME SEMINAR

Just what is radical welcome? Most people hear the term and think it's about having a warm, dependable welcome at the door of the sanctuary and a really good cup of coffee and snacks in the church hall. Radical welcome is the spiritual practice of embracing and being changed by the gifts, presence, and voices of "The Other"- the people left out of our churches.

Rev. Stephanie Spellers, an Episcopal priest and consultant on reimagining the mainline church and embracing new mission contexts will lead this seminar. It will take place on **October 20 from 9 am – 3 pm** at the **Hampton Inn and Suites in Oaks**. **Cost for the seminar is \$20** and registration can be made online at psec.org

WALKING WITH GOD RETREAT

The theme for this year's Walking with God Retreat is "The Beauty of Darkness . . . and Light." The retreat will be held **Oct 23-25 at Mariawald Renewal Center in Reading**. **Registration begins at 4 pm on Oct 23**. Workshops include Bible Study, Poetry, Creative Art, and Movement. There will be free time for massage, hiking, resting, and fellowship. **Cost for the entire weekend is \$165; one overnight is \$140; a Saturday commuter is \$70**. **Registration can be made online at pseco.org before October 9**.

CROP WALK

As you take each step in the CROP Hunger Walk, imagine that you're in Kenya, walking to get water that you'll carry back home in a 5-gallon jug balanced on your head. Your family needs this water for drinking, bathing, preparing meals or watering the garden of livestock. Whatever the reason, 5-gallons of water weighs about 42 pounds, and you may have to walk miles to get it. CROP Hunger Walks help Church World Service work with communities to determine the best solution to their challenges. It could be a sand dam to help provide water. Micronutrient packets to feed children. Or tools and seeds to help keep a family fed and healthy. The Collegeville-Trappe Ministerium **CROP Walk** will take place on **October 11, 2015**.

Registration begins at 12:30pm at Trinity UCC in Collegeville. Donation envelopes are in the Narthex. Thank you for helping and hungerone step at a time!

SPEAKER AT ST. JAMES

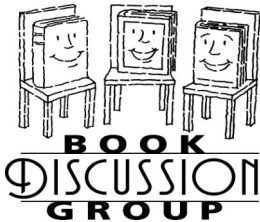
St. James UCC, Limerick, is sponsoring a speaker, Ariel Royer on **Tuesday, October 20th at 7:00pm**. She has just returned from the Middle East after spending two years as a Global Missions Intern there. She helped to provide relief for refugees in Jordan; she then traveled to Israel/Palestine and worked with a Quaker organization in Jerusalem advocating for rights to the Palestinians living in occupied territories.

She then moved on to Lebanon to work with refugees. She will have pictures and first hand information about what is going on there.

Everyone is invited, men as well as women. There will be light refreshments and a love offering taken. RSVP by Friday, October 16th to Sandy Koenig, 610-489-9652. This is a great opportunity to hear a first hand report on the Middle East.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Please come and join us on **Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at 6:00pm** to discuss the book "All The Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE OCTOBER 14th MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED. You must own a copy of the book or get it at a Library. We will then pick a new book to read for our next meeting.



WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Join the ladies of the church for a get together breakfast the 2nd Thursday of each month at Spring Ford Diner in Spring City. We meet at 9:00 am, just tell them you are with St. Luke's Church.



CHURCH LIFE HAPPENINGS

A great time was had by all, sorry you missed it. The Lord heard our prayers and the skies became clear for our Annual Church Picnic this year on Sunday, September 13th another year without rain. We had our first ever, and hopefully annual, Cake Walk. Cakes were won by Bob Keyser, Sammy Koehler, Bev Spaid, and Dave Carl. Hopefully they will be enjoyed by all. Remember next year one of those cakes could be yours.



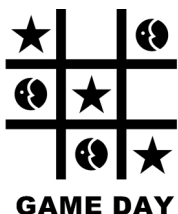
MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join the men of the church for a get together breakfast, the 4th Wednesday of each month at 9 am at Café 29 in Collegeville. Come and converse with everyone and find out what is happening in someone else's world.



GAME DAY IS HAPPENING

Join us the first Thursday of every month to play GAMES. We will pick out a game when we know how many people are here. Bring a brown bag lunch we will eat together and then play the afternoon away.



WELCOME TO WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

On October 27th we will begin meeting every second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 9:30am to 11:00am. We will be studying the New Testament Book of Hebrews. This Book is about Faith—God's faithfulness to us in giving us God's Son and our faithful response of looking to Jesus.

We will study this marvelous portrait of Jesus Christ as seen through the lens of the Old Testament. We will be encouraged and reassured that Jesus is truly the Way, the Truth and the Life. Come and bring a friend and join us as we open our hearts and minds and study God's Word together and as we enjoy coffee, snacks, good discussions and fellowship. If you have questions, please call me at 610-489-9770. Beverly Spaid

IF JESUS CAME TO TOWN

Did you ever wonder how folks found out about Jesus and his ministry in biblical times? The Bible is full of stories of crowds that formed when Jesus was in a particular setting. How did everybody hear about his presence? Fast forward to today. If Jesus were to appear today here in Trappe at St. Luke's how would people be notified? How would people find out about the presence of the Risen Christ?

In today's world, information can spread in seconds. Recently Pastor Kris, Bob Keyser and Nancy Leneweaver attended a seminar sponsored by the PSEC on Social Media. The main presentation included ways in which churches can use the technology of today — Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, to spread the news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the ministry God's Holy Spirit is doing through the church.

Fully two-thirds of American adults are active in social networking communities. Nearly 100% of teens are actively online and 80% regularly use social networking sites. The bulk of both teens and adults use their digital participation as a vital and vibrant part of their relationships with friends and families. Digital engagement is the reality of human experience in America and in most of the world.

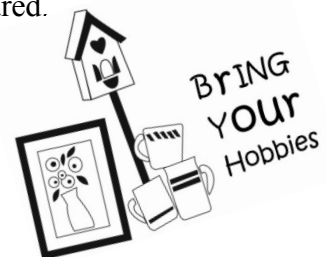
Very much at the center of the challenges facing the church is the challenge of communicating what the Gospel means—with new generations of seekers and believers. If you would be interested in being part of a discussion on how to incorporate social media into the life of the community, see Pastor Kris.

FALL GATHERING

Are you a collector? Coins...Plates...Stamps...Dolls...Tomtes...Music Boxes...Beer Cans...Miniatures...Crosses?? Do you have a Hobby that you create for pleasure or relaxation, that too can be shared.

During the Coffee Hour on October 18th members of St. Luke's will have the opportunity to share their hobby with the Congregation. Tables will be set up in Moyer Hall.

Sign-up to display your collections on the Lower Narthex bulletin board.





October Sunday Leader Schedule



Church Access Volunteers - Volunteers are needed to open and close the church on Sundays. Please see **The Worship Committee** to schedule and review tasks. Also Ushers are needed, see **Janet Kimmich** or sign up on the bulletin board.

9:30 Blended Services

	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Children's Time</u>	<u>Nursery</u>
October 4	Becci Richardson	Becci Richardson	
October 11	Jim Narrigan	Scott Koehler	Kim Gray
October 18	Sue Linkenhoker	Brenda Koehler	Brenda Koehler
October 25	Corie Bowers	Nancy Leneweaver	Leah Keyser
November 1	Scott Koehler	Sue Kelly	Sue Kelly

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 November Newsletter is October 20th and mailing is October 24th.

A NUN GRADING PAPERS.....PRICELESS

Here are a few more...

7. MOSES LED THE JEWS TO THE RED SEA WHERE THEY MADE UNLEAVENED BREAD, WHICH IS BREAD WITHOUT ANY INGREDIENTS.
8. THE EGYPTIANS WERE ALL DROWNED IN THE DESSERT. AFTERWARDS, MOSES WENT UP TO MOUNT CYANIDE TO GET THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.
9. THE FIRST COMMANDMENTS WAS WHEN EVE TOLD ADAM TO EAT THE APPLE.
10. THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT IS THOU SHALT NOT ADMIT ADULTERY.
11. MOSES DIED BEFORE HE EVER REACHED CANADA THEN JOSHUA LED THE HEBREWS IN THE BATTLE OF GERITOL.
12. THE GREATEST MIRICLE IN THE BIBLE IS WHEN JOSHUA TOLD HIS SON TO STAND STILL AND HE OBEYED HIM.
13. DAVID WAS A HEBREW KING WHO WAS SKILLED AT PLAYING THE LIAR. HE FOUGHT THE FINKELSTEINS, A RACE OF PEOPLE WHO LIVED IN BIBLICAL TIMES.
14. SOLOMON, ONE OF DAVIDS SONS, HAD 300 WIVES AND 700 PORCUPINES.
15. WHEN MARY HEARD SHE WAS THE MOTHER OF JESUS, SHE SANG THE MAGNA CARTA.



October

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2nd Annual

TEE IT UP

fore kids' sake!

October 10, 2015

GILBERTSVILLE GOLF CLUB

What: Join tournament golfers for a dinner social

When: 5:30pm (approximate)

Where: 2944 Lutheran Road

Gilbertsville, PA 19525

Cost: \$20 per adult / \$15 per child

Includes: buffet-style dinner, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages

Benefiting: Joel Keyser Children's Memorial Fund

Please mail registration fees with form to:

Jeff Wynn

107 Buckwalter Road

Roystersford, Pennsylvania 19468

Entry deadline: September 26th

For more information contact Jeff Wynn (wynn19@a.comcast.net; 484.429.4928) or Joe Christman

(joe golf24@aol.com; 610.721-2561)

Adult/Child 1: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

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Adult/Child 3: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Adult/Child 4: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Date Paid: _____ Amount Paid: _____ ☐ Cash ☐ Check

Please make checks payable to Jeff Wynn

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GILBERTSVILLE GOLF CLUB

When: 12pm (Registration from 10:30 to 11:45)

Where: 2944 Lutheran Road

Gilbertsville, PA 19525

Format: 4-man teams competing in an 18-hole scramble

Cost: \$100 per player

Includes: 18 holes with cart, dinner, beer, beverages, and prizes

Benefiting: Joel Keyser Children's Memorial Fund

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St. Luke's Mission Statement

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