


# The Beacon

The Newsletter of  
St. Paul's  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**  
McConnellsburg, PA  
Trinity  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**  
Fort Loudon, PA  
**August 2022**



*"Summer declines and roses have grown rare,  
But cottage crofts are gay with hollyhocks,  
And in old garden walks you breathe an air  
Fragrant of pinks and August-smelling stocks."  
—John Todhunter (1839-1916)*



 August's primary birthstone is **peridot**, which is said to symbolize strength and healing power, protecting its wearer from nightmares and evil, ensuring harmony and happiness. Babies born in August are lucky to be guarded by peridot's good fortune.

August's birth flowers are the gladiolus and the poppy.

The **gladiolus** symbolizes strength of character, sincerity, and generosity.

The **poppy** symbolizes eternal sleep, oblivion, and also imagination.



**The Fort Loudon-McConnellsburg Charge**  
**United Church of Christ**  
**228 North 2nd Street**  
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# BLESSINGS FROM THE PASTOR

REV. MARLEEN SHEPHERD

Save, give, or throw away? In the moving process, every item gets a decision. I want to hold onto everything, whether or not there is use or space. It is not easy for me to let go. Every item has a memory, of a person or a place, or a time in my life. Or, I think, this may come in handy. Maybe one day I really will use this mellon-baller. That day has yet to come.



What we hold onto and what we give up is part of our spiritual growth as well. God asks us to make decisions about what really holds value and what's just in the way. Jesus tells us to focus on those things that have eternal value.

What is it that lasts? Truly lasts in this world?

The Bible teaches us that our God is eternal. When this earth passes away, our God lasts. When all has crumbled to dust, everything we have done in Jesus' name will have endured. After we take our dying breath, we too will last, eternally in the Love of God, a love so profound, it could never be measured. The rest is just window dressing.

As we move into this new season, let's consider what holds real and lasting value in our lives. Is there a relationship that needs mended? A friend that needs an encouraging word? A tug at the heart to try something new? A realization that we need to give something up? Let's listen and look for the new thing God is doing in our lives and let go of the rest. Life's too short to carry around a lot of old baggage. God has something better in mind.

Your Friend in Christ,  
Pastor Marleen

*I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish;  
no one will snatch them out of my hand.*

JOHN 10:28



# WORSHIP

We love to see you online and in person!

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## Join Us for Worship!

**9 A.M. TRINITY UCC FORT LOUDON**

13189 Main Street

[www.facebook.com/TrinityFortLoudon](http://www.facebook.com/TrinityFortLoudon)

Adult Sunday School follows worship

**11 A.M. ST. PAUL'S UCC MCCONNELLSBURG**

228 North Second Street

[www.facebook.com/UCCMcCbg](http://www.facebook.com/UCCMcCbg)

Adult Sunday School precedes worship

## Online Share & Prayer

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**Thursday, August 11, 2022**

We'll gather online at 3:30 p.m. for a time of sharing and praying together.

**Zoom.US**

**Meeting ID:** 876 4647 1304

**Passcode:** C9E4kz

**Direct Link:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87646471304?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87646471304?pwd=WUVFWDB3ZHVhSERKN0wwdHRGWIVMdz09)

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*"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."*

ROMANS 12:12





- 2 John Glazier
- 4 Diana Rotz
- 9 Mary Haubrick
- 11 Jeff Best  
Mike Best  
Tara Will
- 14 Jessica Long
- 15 Carl Mellott
- 20 Laura Burns
- 21 Angie Wood
- 22 Junedale Weller
- 24 Edgar Hess
- 27 Molly Fox
- 30 Michelle Baker Lang  
Misty Strait
- 31 Sally Cover



*Please send additions and corrections to the church office.*



The healing of our nation + world

Amanda Mitchell  
Linda Sowers  
Lana Pine  
Kylene McLucas Arwood  
Elizabeth Kerlin  
Chase Andrews  
Bernice Crouse's 96 yr. Aunt Marie and family  
Korbyn Rotz  
Skip and Betty Daniels  
Nicole Hummel  
Carl and Carol Mellott  
Dennis Hess  
Robert Door  
Nancy Barmont  
Ann Hays  
Jessica McLucas Truax  
Bernice's friend Christa  
Chris Myers' uncle..... Ed Vance  
Military and families  
Our Church & ministries, Sunday school classes  
Teachers and students, front line workers  
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Leah Hamil  
Linda Garber  
Eileen Troutt-Ervin and Bob Perry  
Kathleen Pappas  
Patrick McCarthy  
Summer Hoover and daughter Ruby  
Daniel Harper, grandson of Linda Best.  
Ed Stonecipher



The background of the entire page is a vibrant illustration featuring various peach-themed elements. At the top center, a peach is sliced open to reveal its pit. To the right, a peach branch with several green leaves and a single peach is shown. In the center, a wooden basket is overflowing with several ripe peaches. To the left, a peach is being sliced, with a green snake-like creature (possibly a caterpillar or a small snake) crawling on it. Below the basket, a peach pie with a green lattice crust is visible. At the bottom, a peach is shown with a slice removed, revealing its juicy interior. On the right side, a tree with a brown trunk and green foliage is laden with several peaches. The overall color palette is warm, dominated by shades of orange, red, and green.

# Fort Loudon Peach Festival

9am-3pm

Saturday, Aug 20, 2022

Fort Loudon Community Center Grounds

\*Arts and crafts vendors

\*Free entertainment for adults and kids

\*Peach pie, peach cobbler, peach  
sundaes, peach ice cream

\*BBQ chicken dinners, hot dogs, country  
ham sandwiches

\*\*\*Event is hosted by Trinity United Church of Christ in Fort Loudon\*\*\*

# 2022



Psalms 113:3  
From the rising of the  
sun unto the going  
down of the same the  
LORD'S name is  
to be praised.

## **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:**

**The first Tuesday of the month at 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM  
at the McConnellsburg United Methodist Church in  
McConnellsburg.**

**Third Sunday each month: Trinity's Building Fund Offering**

**Sunday, August 7**

**Holy Communion  
Truck Stop Ministry Offering  
Luncheon at St. Paul's 12:00p.m. Celebrating  
Rev. Marleen *Chicken will be the meat provided  
Drink will be provided***

**Wednesday, August 10**

**Trinity Consistory meeting, 6:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, August 16**

**Consistory at 6:30 pm. **NOTE TIME CHANGE!!****

**August 20**

**Peach Festival  
*HELP is needed, please contact Heidi Meyers.***

**\*\*\*NO St. Paul's Church Women until September!**

## **The Faith & Fellowship Center Up Date**

Even though the Faith & Fellowship Center project is on-hold at the present time, the Project Committee will be meeting with a representative from the GRC General Contractor (Waynesboro - the lowest bidder on the first bid). The purpose of this meeting is to gain an understanding of the issues building contractors are facing during this time of changing material's costs and supply chain problems. Also, their input can help us to explore areas in the construction process where cost savings could be realized. This can help the committee members stay connected to a source of information that will keep them aware of trends in the construction industry as we move into the Fall months.



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