



The Beacon

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

He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; Thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, feed my sheep.
John 21:16 KJV

How can you tend to God's people?

APRIL 2019



Stop in at St. Paul's on Sunday Mornings for a cuppa and fellowship.

10:30 a.m. until the organ plays!

LAST Sunday of the month the youth will be having coffee and 'donuts' by Donation to benefit their Heifer Project.



St. Paul's FUELED Youth Group

Fueled Youth Group will be meeting Friday, April 12, 6-8:30 p.m. We will be watching the Passion of Christ movie. Teens are being urged to read Matthew 25:14—Matthew 28 and ask yourself what type of person is in the spotlight? Read the entire post on St. Paul's United Church of Christ Facebook page or check us out on Instagram. If you have any questions about the group, check in with Todd and Renee Earley.

The Fort Loudon-McConnellsburg Charge
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United Church of Christ
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STAMP



Blessings from the Pastor

New life is all around us as we enter the Easter season! Flowers are beginning to bud, baby animals are being born, and we in the church are called to proclaim new life in Christ Jesus.

Throughout our Lenten study we've had so many great conversations about who Jesus is: Messiah, Son of God, Lord, and Savior. One of the things we've discussed is what it means to be saved. Many people shared how salvation is something that is fresh each day. God has saved us in the trials and troubles of life through the gift of God's presence in worship, music and nature; through the gift of Jesus' teaching and healing; and through one another. Many of you recounted how the Holy Spirit has moved you to be that saving force for others in mysterious and beautiful ways. We serve an Amazing God!

We are spending our last two Sunday evenings of Lent looking at the meaning of the cross, and different ways to understand God's redeeming work through Jesus' death and resurrection. Our last session is April 7 at 6 pm at Trinity. It's family-friendly and a soup and bread supper is provided, which has been really delicious! We were treated last week with Linda Best's homemade bread, which if you know me, is my favorite thing in the world to eat. I will have to find more excuses for her to bake bread in the future.

I am looking forward to Holy Week and Easter services, which are among the most meaningful of the church year. Palm Sunday starts Holy Week with loud "Hosannas" as we welcome Jesus into Jerusalem. We commemorate the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, and we observe the crucifixion on Good Friday. It's a somber service where we recall the life laid down for us on the cross.

On Easter Sunday, we rejoice in Jesus' resurrection, and in a God who brings life from death, redemption from sin, and love from hate. I am excited to hear from many of our members, young and old, in these special services in which the whole church is invited to participate. I hope you can join us. I pray that your faith is refreshed, and that God's salvation is renewed in you each and every day!

May you be strengthened and revived by the saving power of God's love, now and always.

Rev. Marleen Shepherd



185 YEARS IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

St. Paul's will be celebrating 185 years of ministry!!! Come see what has changed and what is new. God has blessed our church (the people) over the past 185 years and we can feel God working in great ways among us today.



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www.ucc.org

www.mercersburgassociation.wordpress.com

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH WOMEN YARD SALE

Thursday, May 16th and Friday, May 17th

8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Huge selection of items priced to sell plus baked goods. Please gather good, unwanted items and clothes you would like to get rid of. You can bring your STUFF to the church starting after church on May 12th—Wednesday the 15th.



Thank You

To my church family, I want to Thank you for all you have done for me and my family during my soul-mates passing, Ronnie. He is at peace and not suffering anymore.

Donna House



St. Paul's Easter Lilies

Please complete a form for ordering Easter Lilies for decorating the church for Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019. The cost per lily is \$8.00. Any donation over \$8.00 is gratefully accepted by Church Women to fund their church activities. Thank You!

"Flat Jesus"
Has been
seen in our
area



Have you seen Jesus out and about?
Do you take Jesus with you?
Want to know more.....ask Reverend
Shepherd she can hook you up!



Coming Up for Worship

April 7 - Fifth Sunday in Lent - **John 12:1-8**

April 14 - Palm Sunday - **Luke 19:28-40**

April 21 - Easter Sunday **"Proclaiming the Resurrection."** (Several scriptures about the resurrection will be read and included in the bulletin - all pertaining to the resurrection.)

April 28- Second Sunday of Easter - **Acts 5:27-32**

May 5 - Third Sunday of Easter - **Acts 9:1-20**

May 12- Fourth Sunday of Easter- **Acts 9:36-43**

May 19 - Fifth Sunday of Easter - **Acts 11:1-18**

May 26 - Sixth Sunday of Easter - **Acts 16:9-15**

ALL YOU CAN EAT
**BEEF, HAM, & CHICKEN
POT PIE SUPPER**

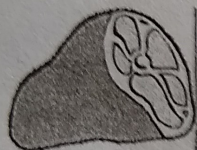
~BUFFET STYLE~

Saturday, April 27

3:30 PM - 6:30 PM (or sold out)

Fort Loudon Community Center

Hawbaker Drive & Mullen Street



Eat In or Carry Out



Adults - \$9.00

Children Ages 7-12 - \$5.00

Children Under 7 - Free

Takeout Quarts(\$7.00) & Adult Meals Available

Menu also includes:

Pepper Slaw , Apple Sauce, Pickles, Cake, Onions,
Vinegar, Coffee, and Punch

Benefits Trinity UCC Programs

Sponsored by Thrivent Financial

KIDS TAKE OVER SERVICE

03/03/2019

How Can We Be The Light In The World

—As little children, God’s light shines BRIGHT. Children have such a carefree spirit and a sense of innocence. Their fun, loving spirit shines bright for all to see. Through their smile, laughter and love, “that is God’s light shining through them.” They live in the moment.

—As children grow up, they, we, tend to fall in the trap of focusing more on looks, and how we should fit in according to the society trends, which are not very representable.

It is then, that we start to forget about the joy of our carefree spirit and letting God’s light shine. We forget to live in the moment.

—The same applies to adults. Adults get caught up in life, work, taking their kids to activities and making dinners. They sometimes fall in the same trap of letting the society issues influence them. This all dims God’s light.

—We all need to remember to let our childlike spirit shine for the world to see God through us.

—When Jesus was a little boy, I think He played and ran around like kids do. He had God’s light flowing through Him.

—As Jesus got older and others heard He was the Son of God, He was made fun of. He was spit on and tortured many times. Through all this, Jesus never let those bad moments dim His light. He didn’t give into society and the hate. He remained true to himself and shined bright for God.

—So we need to all remember the importance, that no matter our age, we need to allow the light of God to shine through us, regardless of the negative impacts we see in our daily lives.

—I would like to end with something I think we can all relate to. Have you seen the Christmas movie, Polar Express?

The children learn that if they truly have the Spirit of Christmas in them, they can hear the Christmas Bells ring.

So, if you truly believe in the importance of shining God’s light in the world, then you will Believe and Be The Light!



Nevaeh Earley

St. Paul’s youth lead our worship service on this Sunday. Please check out our web page to hear the singing and see our kids in action.

Youth

2019 April

2 Mark Washabaugh
Shaylee Kuykendall
6 Cindy Armstrong
Jenna Armstrong
8 Lori Rotz
Gary Shives
10 Amanda Daniels Neal
12 Jo-Ann Sheffield
17 Dody Hopkins
20 Denny Carmack
21 Tamela Mellott Bard
Jillian Lassen
23 Heidi Myers
26 Reanna Jo Richards
27 Meril Feters
28 Hayes Alexander
29 Glenn Crouse



Trinity's Ushers:

Corinna Rotz and Patrick Hennessy

St. Paul's Ushers:

Kirk Cover and Jack Glazier

St. Paul's Flowers:

Donna House



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Rich and Barb Hurst
Cindy Armstrong
Linda Best's grandson, Tony, and niece, Liza
Lana Pine and family
Karen Fox and family
Corinna Rotz and family
Crystal Ellsworth
Skip and Betty Daniels
Pam and Denny Carmack
Donna House and family
Denise Mellott and family
Carl and Carol Mellott
The Alexander family
Cheryl Morton
Dennis Hess
Robert Door
Jean McLucas
Nancy Barmont
Korbyn Rotz
Sawyer
Meril Feters
Military and families
All Sunday school classes
Our Church & ministries



If you have any additions or corrections to the prayer list or the birthday list, please contact the church office.



2019 Victory Garden

Thursdays 9-11am

May 2 – September 26, 2019

Garden knowledge, Fresh Vegetables,
New Friends!

Only \$35/person, \$45/family.

2nd Street behind the McConnellsburg
firehall.

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2019 Victory Garden

Fulton County Master Gardeners Invite YOU to our garden for Fun, Friends and Fresh Veggies!

The Victory Garden Program is an award-winning educational program for those interested in gaining the skills on how to get the most from a vegetable garden. Weekly mastery lessons, comradery of gardeners, special garden projects and shared bounty of fresh vegetables. From seed to harvest, you share the season with Master Gardeners who support you during the entire growing process.



2019



Sunday, March 31

Trinity Worship, 9:00 a.m., One Great Hour of Sharing offering
Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

St. Paul's \$100.00 of the morning offering will be donated to *One Great Hour of Sharing*

Trinity and St. Paul's Lenten Study with soup, 6:00 p.m., St. Paul's

Tuesday, April 9

Trinity Consistory meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 10

St. Paul's Church Women United, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 12

Fueled Youth Group 6:00—8:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 14

Palm Sunday

Tuesday, April 16

St. Paul's Consistory meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Please see attached Holy Week page

Thursday, April 18

Maundy Thursday at Trinity, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 19

Good Friday Services, check locally

Sunday, April 21

Blessed Easter

Trinity Easter Worship with Communion, 9:00 a.m., turn in "Tiger Totes" offering envelopes



Holy Week & Easter Services

Holy Week

Palm Sunday

April 14, 2019

"Hosanna in the Highest"

9 am Trinity UCC

11 am St. Paul's UCC

Maundy Thursday

April 18, 2019

"At the Table with our Lord"

7 pm at Trinity UCC

Good Friday

April 19, 2019

"The Seven Last Words of Christ"

12 pm at St. Paul's UCC

7 pm at Trinity UCC



Great Vigil of Easter

April 21, 2019

Community Easter Sunrise

6:30 am in Fort Loudon

Easter Sunday Services

Proclaiming the Resurrection

9 am at Trinity UCC
with Holy Communion

11 am at St. Paul's UCC
with Holy Communion



Alleluia! Alleluia!

What a joy it is to celebrate new life together!

We start Holy Week on Palm Sunday with a palm processional led by our children that reenacts Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday we share communion around our tables in commemoration of Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples.

Good Friday is a solemn observance of the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ. This service of sorrow and penance focuses on "The Seven Last Words of Christ" on the cross. Our sadness bursts into joy on Easter Sunday when we discover the empty tomb.

Easter Sunday is filled with joyous music and scriptures proclaiming the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. We join the church throughout the ages as we affirm:

Christ is Risen!
Christ is Risen Indeed!

