

# The Beacon

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” Luke 3:4b-6

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

**JUNE 2019**

## Summer Fun for Youth

- Third Sundays in June, July, and August - Swimming at the Garber's at 6:30 p.m. Bring a snack to share.
- Wednesday, June 12 - Bowling and Pizza @ Nellie Fox, leaving from St. Paul's at 10 a.m.
- Wednesday, July 3rd - Trinity Pool Party at the home of Ernie Gish and Denise Dunlap from 6-8 p.m.
- Sunday, July 14- Friday, July 19 - Fort Loudon Vacation Bible School at UMC. Volunteers Welcome!
- Monday, July 29 - Ice Cream at 2 p.m. Meet at The Cone Zone.
- Tuesday, August 13 - Pool Party at the Earley's - More info to come!



If you have any questions, check with your folks at church



**The Fort Loudon-McConnellsburg Charge  
United Church of Christ  
228 North 2nd Street  
McConnellsburg, PA 17233**

**STAMP**

*Wishing You a Spirit-Filled  
Pentecost!*



## Blessings *from the pastor*

What a time to celebrate the birthday of the church!

This Pentecost Sunday at St. Paul's we will be blessed with the dedication of Griffin Jack Baker Lang, son of Chris and Michelle Lang, and the baptism and confirmation of Theodore Russell Arwood, son of Kylene and Scott Arwood, and the confirmation of Hannah Grace Dick, daughter of Christie and Chip Dick.

At Trinity, we continue to celebrate our 200th anniversary, and I'm honored to attend the Penn Central Conference this month to receive recognition for this awesome achievement.

During Pentecost, we reflect on what it means to be the church -- past, present and future. In that Spirit, I invite people of all ages to share their testimonies this summer. Where has God spoken to you? Redeemed you? Given you new life?

Your testimony is a gift to the church and a light to all who hear. The time in our worship service dedicated to the Affirmation of Faith is when members are invited to give their own reflections. We know that it is not the creeds we say, not words we read off of a page, but our very lives that truly affirm our faith. I can't wait to hear the ways our amazing God is working in your lives!

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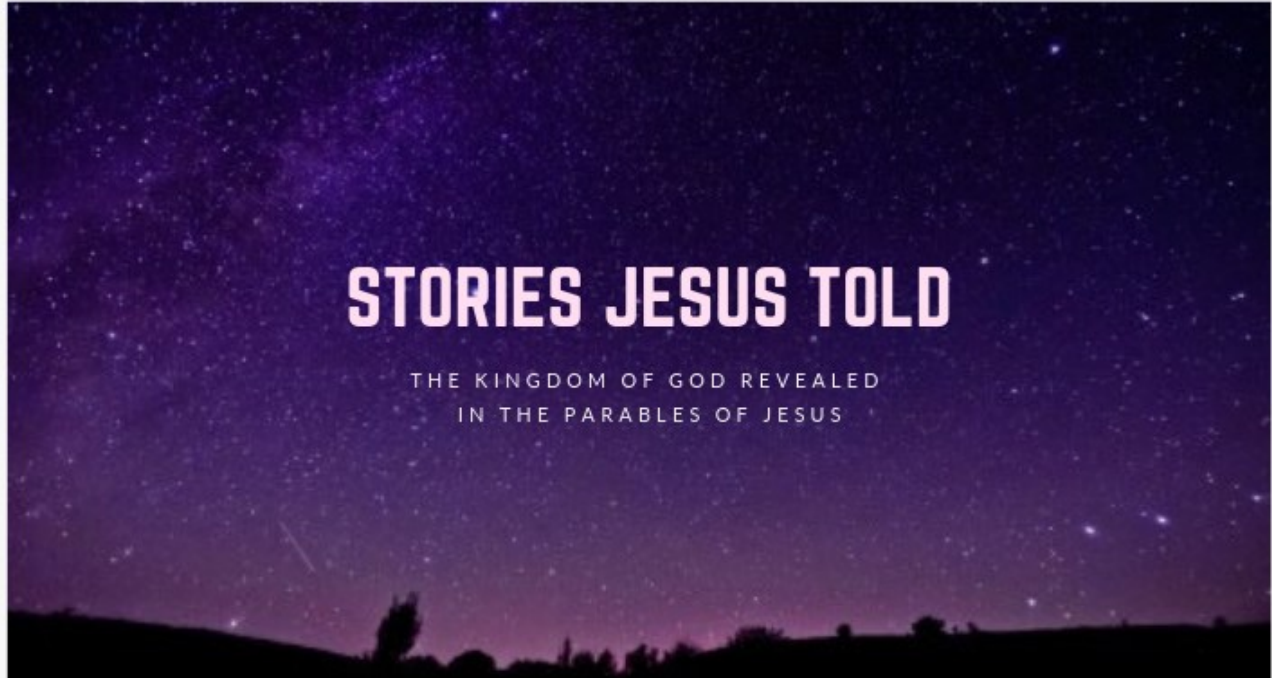
## THE CALL TO CARE

*If you or someone you know would like a visit, please let us know!*



*For I was hungry, and you fed me.  
I was thirsty, and you gave me a  
drink. I was a stranger, and you  
invited me into your home. I was  
naked, and you gave me clothing.  
I was sick, and you cared for me.  
I was in prison, and you visited  
me."*

*~Matthew 25:35-36*



## SERMON & STUDY SERIES

SUMMER 2019

Join us as we dive deep into the rich and wonderful stories of Jesus. Through parables, simple stories used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson, Jesus taught the disciples about the Kingdom of God and our place in it.

Each Sunday June 23-July 28 the sermon will focus on the Parables of Jesus. A simple supper study will provide a space to help us further unearth these treasures and the gifts they keep giving.

The book we will be using is "Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi" by Amy-Jill Levine. It is available for purchase online; however, we will only be using excerpts so it is not necessary to purchase it in order to participate.

All are welcome! Feel free to join us for one or all sessions. And as always, our studies are kid-friendly!

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*"It helps to have like-minded individuals who want to put Christ at the center of their lives."*

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If you would like to participate in the summer study, please let Pastor Shepherd know as we will be arranging times that will work best for all.

## TRINITY FINANCIAL REPORT

March 31, 2019 Balance	\$39,743.03
April Receipts	\$14,793.83
April Expenses	\$10,356.51
April 30, 2019 Balance	\$44,180.35
May Receipts	\$ 3,493.00
May Expenses	\$ 4,957.71
May 31, 2019 Balance	\$42,715.64

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**Sunday, June 9, 2019**

Pentecost Sunday Year C

### Focus Theme:

A Spirit Powered Faith

### Focus Prayer:

Living God, you have created all that is. Send forth your Spirit to renew and restore us, that we may proclaim your good news in ways and words that all will understand and believe. Amen.

### Focus Reading:

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

**From UCC.org check it out!**



# SEND US YOUR MEMORIES!

For Our 200th Anniversary  
Commemorative Booklet



Can you spot a young Rosie Shives?  
52 Years later, still going strong and serving the Lord!

**200 Years at Trinity**



**Behold, I do  
a new thing!**

now it shall spring forth;  
shall ye not know it?

Isaiah 43:19

**200 Years at Trinity... and Counting!**



**200 Years at Trinity**



# 200 Years at Trinity



## THE JUNIOR CHOR

### 1ST ROW:

Douglas St. Clair  
Deborah Flegle  
Winfred Hostler  
Ginger Lawyer

### 2ND ROW:

Mrs. Catherine Butts,  
Director  
Rusanne Barclay  
Greg St. Clair  
Mike Hostler  
Mrs. Peggy Dietrich,  
Director

### 3RD ROW:

Kathy Shuman  
Suzie Kay Dietrich  
Mrs. Thelma Miller,  
Director  
John Miller  
Rennie Shives



# 2019 June

6	Lory Mester
14	Chase Buterbaugh Mason Buterbaugh Tony Shives
15	Ross Weller
16	Sharyn Zeis
19	Justin and Blaze Hege
20	Roy Hornbaker
23	Blaire Shives
28	Jody Buterbaugh Amy Headley
30	Cathy Buterbaugh



### Trinity's Ushers:

Barb Hurst

### St. Paul's Ushers:

*Loy and Linda Garber*

### St. Paul's Flowers:

*Linda Garber*

# POWER of PRAYER

Rich and Barb Hurst  
Cindy Armstrong  
Linda Best's niece, Liza  
Lana Pine and family  
Karen Fox and family  
Corinna Rotz and family, Ryder, Korbyn  
Crystal Ellsworth  
Skip and Betty Daniels  
Pam and Denny Carmack  
Donna House's sister, Connie Bartlett and family  
Denise Mellott's cousin Sandy and family  
Carl and Carol Mellott  
Evelyn Zeis  
Bernice Crouse's Aunt Marie  
Dennis Hess  
Robert Door  
Family of Jean McLucas  
Nancy Barmont  
Sawyer and Jan Bye family  
Meril Fetters  
Military and families  
All Sunday school classes  
Our Church & ministries  
Prayers for the following pregnancies:  
Jenna (Armstrong) Wilhelm  
Bethany (Crouse) Wynn  
Jill Yaich (Bernice's friend)  
Amanda Zeis



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



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# 2019

# June



Sunday, June 9

Holy Communion

Tuesday, June 18

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

Wednesday, June 12

Trinity 6:30 PM Peach Festival Committee meeting

Wednesday, June 12

Bowling and Pizza @ Nellie Fox, leaving from St. Paul's at 10 a.m.

Sunday, June 16

Happy Father's Day!!!

Trinity 9:00 AM Worship, Fathers' Day, Eldercare Collection

10:30 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, July 3rd

Trinity Pool Party at the home of Ernie Gish and Denise Dunlap from Franklin County Fair at the Chambersburg Rod & Gun Club

July 7-13

Ft. Loudon Community Vacation Bible School at the Methodist Church (ages 3-14), volunteers age 19 and up needed, sign up on hall table

July 14-19

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*Vacation  
Bible School*

*SUMMER  
Vacation*

*Prayers for safe travels*