



The Beacon

"For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do."

Hebrews 6:10



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

November 2019



Veterans DayNovember 11, 2019

As Veterans Day approaches, take a moment, if even in your own thoughts, to consider the sacrifice of our military men and women, and their families. If you see a veteran (lots of vets

wear their 'Vietnam Veteran' hats proudly, all year round! And it's a safe bet that someone's a member of the military if you see them wearing camo) stop them and say 'Hey, thanks for your service.' Proudly fly your American flag at home (and take it down at night, unless you've got a light shining on it!). Consider adopting a soldier. No matter what you do, remember that even the smallest of actions have an impact. (MilitarySpot.com)



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

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NOVEMBER 2019

RENEWED FAITH

Blessings from the Pastor



Your Journey of Faith

CHARTING AND STAYING THE COURSE

Our November scriptures inspire us to take a closer look at our spiritual journey, those ups and downs of life, and those ups and downs in our faithfulness through them. In worship this month, you will have an opportunity to consider the high points and low points, the moments of inspiration, the moments of despair, the leveling-off times, and where you are now.

One way to do this is by creating a faith timeline. A progressive timeline allows you to see exactly where you are in the process, and just how far you've come. It shows those moments where your faith wavered and where it was renewed.

The example provided on the next page is a straight line, but a line graph representing your life would probably be a mixture of straight, slanted, jagged and curved lines.

Proverbs 3:5-6

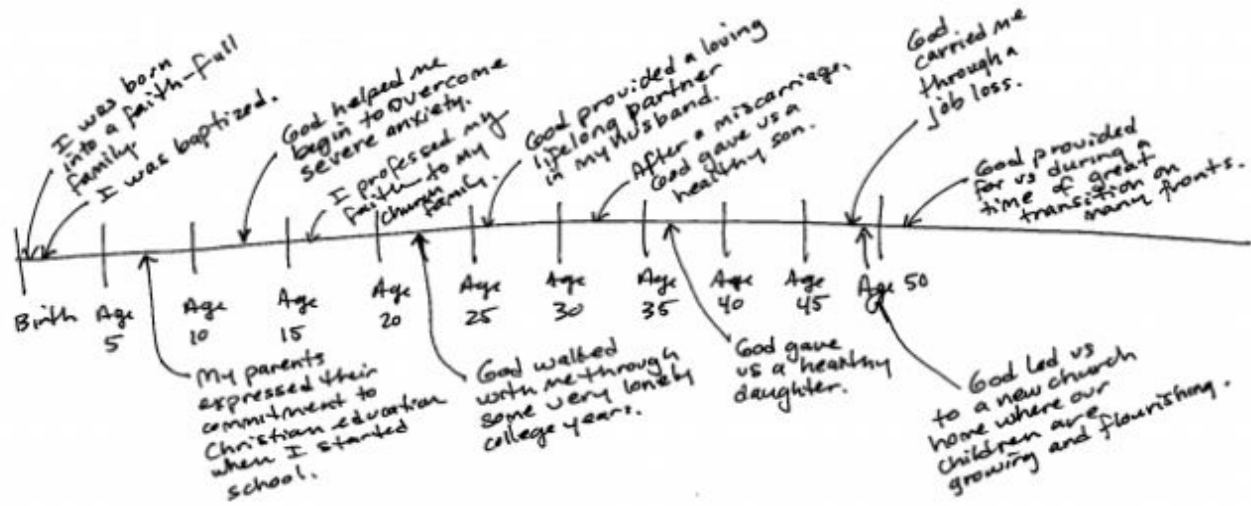
TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND DO NOT LEAN ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING. IN ALL YOUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND HE WILL MAKE STRAIGHT YOUR PATHS.

The timeline exercise helps you to notice the patterns, and to see where God lifted you up and sustained you in the good times and in bad. In worship, we'll be exploring ways we can grow and strengthen our faith especially through those bumps in the road.

I hope you can take a few quiet moments this month to reflect on the course of your own life, and to thank God for every blessing along the way.

Rev. Marleen Shepherd
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MY FAITH TIMELINE



Use the space below to create your own timeline

The Financial Situation At St. Paul's

Each month the Consistory members receive a complete and thorough Treasurer's Report from church treasurer, Denise Mellott. That report reveals either the "net gains" or the "net losses" for the past month, and also for the year -to-date for the church's General Fund.

Each month in 2019 has registered a "net loss", which means we are spending more (paying our month expenses) than we are receiving. The year-to-date shows that our "net loss" amounts to \$13,917.22. This should be a concern to all persons who are associated with St. Paul's. We cannot continue at this rate of deficit spending.

Traditionally, the church receives funds to pay their bills and continue their ministry through the Sunday morning offerings. The funds in the collection plate are your way of helping the church stay on a firm fiscal basis.

Just like in your household, here at the church the bills keep arriving each week of the month. Since church attendance (at Sunday worship services) has been down and sporadic, the opportunities to receive personal giving in the collection plate is missed. Consequently, the monthly treasurer's report reveals a "net loss".

Realizing there are many conflicting activities and reasons why persons cannot attend our weekly worship services, the Consistory has taken steps to set up an on-line method of receiving contributions and offerings. It's called GIVELIFY. It is a way for you to keep financially supporting St. Paul's using modern technology, just like many persons pay their household expenses on-line. (There is an accompanying article in this Newsletter to inform you how it works). GIVELIFY is up and running.

Of course, there are other ways to help the church financially: 1) Send your offering to Seleen Shives (church Benevolent Treasurer) 2) Try to attend more worship services during the church year. 3) Use the GIVELIFY.

Consider this a 'reality check'. St. Paul's has an exciting and spiritually driven ministry. The many different opportunities to share the good news of Jesus Christ is right now, and is also developing for the near future. But it takes funding to keep our doors open and nurturing our spiritual growth. This congregation is celebrating 185 years, and we want to keep celebrating many more. I encourage you to give this important matter your prayerful consideration.

Blessing to you all.

Loy Garber, Consistory President

St. Paul's has entered a new era: the age of anytime, anywhere giving. We are now signed up with Givelify, the mobile giving app for places of worship and charities.

To make your first mobile donation the best experience possible, we recommend you download the Givelify app for [Android](#) or [iPhone](#) **OR go online to <https://ucmccbg.weebly.com> and donate from our website.**

Givelify gives you a beautiful, easy giving experience using your smartphone, table or computer. There are no frustrating web forms or text-to-give codes to memorize. Even better, it's free to download and use. It's totally safe and secure, and *for tax time you have one-tap access to your complete donation records.*

Make your offerings, tithes, and gifts to special envelopes right from the palm of your hand. You can give to St. Paul's wherever you are, whenever you want. Make us your home place of worship for quick one-tap access.

Want to see how it works? [Watch the demonstration video](#) on our website that shows you all about how to make and track donations.

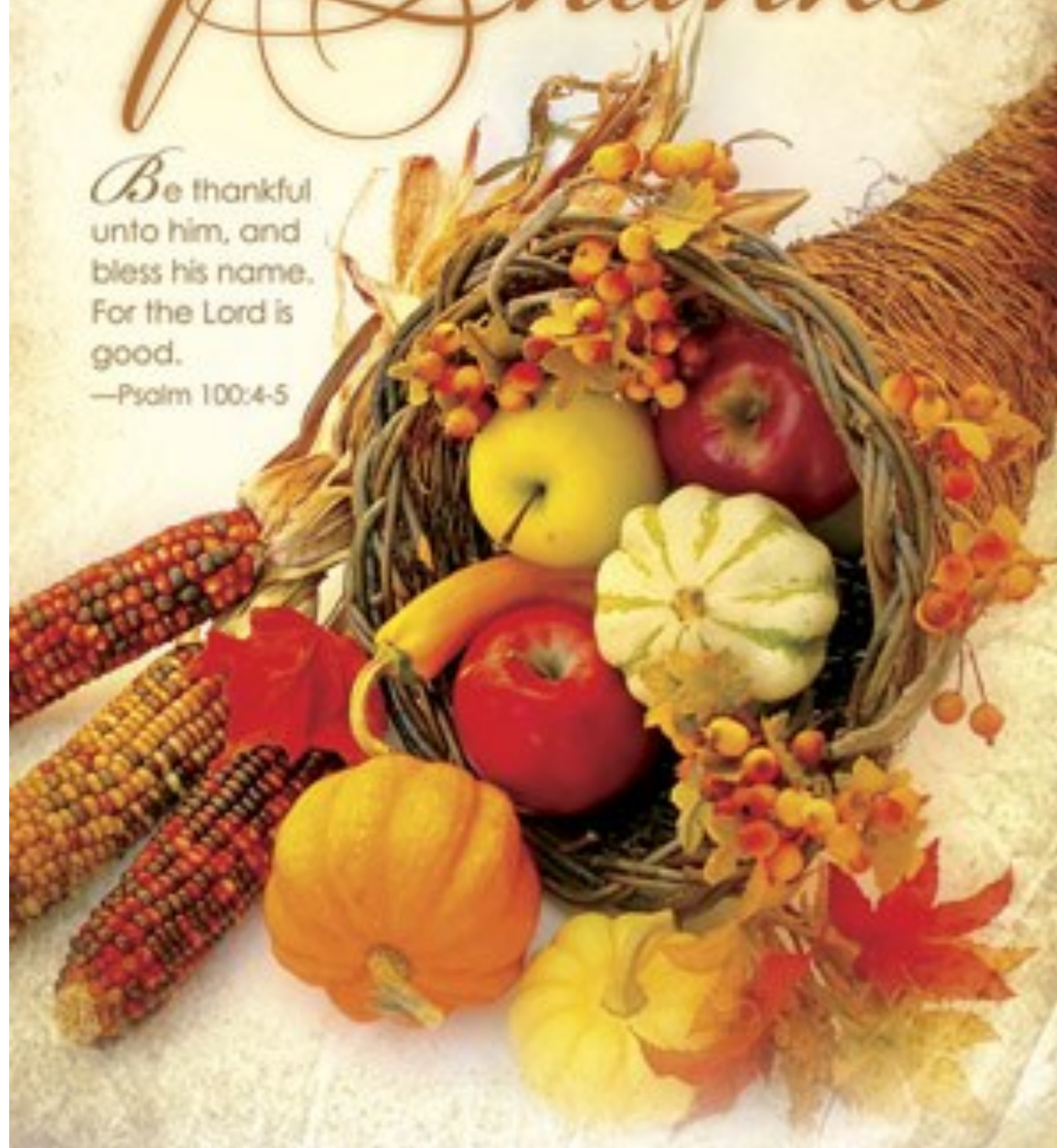
Givelify
Tap. Give. Done.



LET US ALL
Give Thanks

*B*e thankful
unto him, and
bless his name.
For the Lord is
good.

—Psalm 100:4-5



WORSHIP

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Our celebration of "All Saints Sunday" Oct. 27 commemorated two important milestones for our congregations. In recognition of Trinity's 200th anniversary, Linda Best and Bernice and Glenn Crouse shared with the congregation a little about those special family members and friends who had inspired their own faith. For St. Paul's 185th, four members talked about their own historical family connections to the congregation: Mary Haubrick, John Glazier, Skip Daniels, and Todd Alexander. It was a wonderful memorial to all of those saints who have kept our congregations strong over the years, and a reminder of whose shoulders we stand on. Here's to many more years of faith-filled ministry to our communities!

If you weren't able to get a copy of the St. Paul's history booklet on Sunday, you can still pick one up at church or let us know. A 200th yearbook is also in the works for Trinity. The special bulletin insert listing the names of cherished members we have lost will be included in the publication, so if you would like to add names of loved ones, relatives and friends to have honored, please let the pastor know. Copies of the memorial list are still available to pick up at the church.

A special thank you to Loy Garber for gathering materials for St. Paul's commemorative booklet and for arranging such a special program; the Hann family for hosting the hayride pilgrimage to Nazareth cemetery; Mary Haubrick for the wonderful history display in St. Paul's sanctuary; Linda Best for helping to organize, and to all those who spoke or lent a hand to make these services so special. God bless you!



Mary Haubrick

NOVEMBER SCRIPTURES

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| Nov 3 | "Living by Faith" | Hab 1:1-4; 2:1-4 |
| Nov 10 | <i>Pastor Marleen is on vacation.
Rev Loy Garber will bring the Word.</i> | |
| Nov 17 | "Holding on to Faith" | 2 Thes 2:1-5; 13-17 |
| Nov 24 | "A Joyful Faith" | Phil 4:4-9 |

TRINI-TEA

NOON SATURDAY, NOV 9 AT TRINITY

Please RSVP to Linda Best if you are planning to attend the tea. The cost is \$20. Also, if you are able to contribute any goodies, please let Linda know. We look forward to seeing you there!



*St. Paul's Hayride Pilgrimage
to Nazareth Cemetery*





Fun
Fall

Trinity Youth Fall Fun Night



Fulton County Food Basket Inc.
PO Box 512
McConnellsburg, PA 17233

Your Local Food Basket is in Need of Your Support

Dear Friends,

We are conducting our Annual Fund Raising Appeal to let you know your help is needed. The Fulton County Food Basket is an extension of your hand reaching out to help your neighbor. The Food Basket established in 1982 is a non-profit human service agency providing food, in emergencies, to people in Fulton County.

The Food Basket remains much needed for many families in our County. We are asking for your donation of foods or funds. Monetary donations are particularly helpful since the Food Basket can obtain food at 19 cents per pound.

Last year the Food Basket distributed 2,127 emergency food orders and 871 Senior CSFP Food Commodity boxes to individuals and families in need of food help. Your support is very important to help provide these nutritionally balanced food packages to those in need in Fulton County.

The Food Basket has expanded beyond direct food help by providing SNAP-ED, a community based nutrition education program for adults, seniors, school age, and preschool children in our county. The Food Basket also sponsors the Community Garden Program by providing plots, seeds, fertilizer to those interested in growing their own food which helps to establish self-sufficiency. The participants in the garden program grew food for not only their families but also gave to help others at the Food Basket.

*In 2018-19 school year, the **Back Pack Program** called **Grow Eat Move (GEM)** provided **9,872 nutritionally balanced backpacks** as well as **weekly SNAP-ED Nutrition lessons** to **298 school-age children** in all three Elementary Schools in Fulton County. With your support, we were able to address the hunger needs of our children and introduce healthy choices through the evidence base SNAP-Ed nutrition education Program.*

*The Food Basket has adopted the **Health Pantry Initiative**. A three-year progress which provides more access of healthy food choices especially fresh fruits and vegetables. **This past year we were able to distribute 44,962 pounds of fresh fruits and produce.** This Initiative will continue and allow us to provide healthier food choices to those in need.*

Your help keeps the Fulton County Food Basket a reliable and accessible resource for Fulton County Residents. We give thanks for all the support, which enables us to encourage our neighbors with the quality and quantity of food needed for healthy living.



Please send your tax-deductible contribution to: Fulton County Food Basket Inc., PO Box 512, McConnellsburg, PA 17233. Food Donations are also welcomed and can be delivered to the Food Basket behind the Senior Citizen Center at 100 Woodside Dr., McConnellsburg 9am-3pm, Mon-Thurs. **If you or your organization would like to volunteer or arrange a tour you may contact us@ 717-485-5688.**

Thank You for your consideration.

Fulton County Food Basket, Board of Directors

2019

NOVEMBER

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- 3 Jonna Baker
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- 4 Eric Buterbaugh
- 6 Rebecca Souders
- 7 Andy Washabaugh
- 9 Lisa Harris Skiles
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- 10 Joey Rotz
- 12 Tesha Keefer
- 17 Richard Hurst
- 19 Kylene McLucas Arwood
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- 23 Russell McLucas, Jr.
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- 28 Michael Dietrich
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Trinity's Ushers:

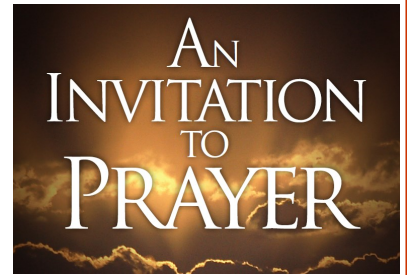
Lana Pine and Karen Fox

St. Paul's Ushers:

Donna House and Pam Carmack

St. Paul's Flowers:

Jo-Ann Sheffield



- Cannon DeShong**
- Evelyn and George Zeis**
- Linda Best's family**
- Bill Anderson**
- Chase Andrews**
- Hunter Buterbaugh**
- Tyler Long**
- Bill and Ann Hays**
- Donna Keefer**
- Betty Keefer**
- Barb Hurst and family**
- Korbyn Rotz**
- Mary Haubrick**
- Skip and Betty Daniels**
- Nicole Hummel**
- Carl and Carol Mellott**
- Evelyn Zeis and family**
- Dennis Hess**
- Robert Door**
- 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**
- Amanda Zeis**
- Kara Hess**
- Rebecca Souders' family**
- Doug Shafer**

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



*If you would like to get your newsletter emailed to you,
please send an email with your name to:
mcbucc@embarqmail.com and help us save paper and postage. Thank
You!*

2019



November

Sunday, November 3

Mercersburg Association Meeting at St. Paul's, McConnellsburg, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 6

Trinity Choir Practice, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 9

Trini-Tea, Noon, please RSVP to Linda Best

Friday, November 8

St. Paul's Fueled Youth 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 10

Pastor Marleen on vacation, Rev. Garber will substitute

Trinity ElderCare Collection

Tuesday, November 12

Trinity Consistory Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 13

St. Paul's Church Women meet at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 17

Holy Communion both churches, Trinity Building Fund Offering

Joint Consistory Meeting at St. Paul's, 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 19

St. Paul's Consistory meets at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 27

Trinity Community Thanksgiving Eve Service at Freedom Lighthouse, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 1

Trinity Packing cookies for the Carlisle Truckstop Ministry, 11:30 p.m.

TRINITY.....

******Poinsettias will need ordered for Christmas by November 11th. Colors are same as last year. Price is \$8.75 each. Please contact Corinna Rotz to order your beautiful poinsettia. They will be placed in church Sunday prior to Christmas and can stay there thru New Year's.***

Things to be on the look out for...

December 24, Christmas Eve Services, St. Paul's @6:00 p.m. and Trinity @ 8 p.m.

St. Paul's will be revealing "Secret Pals"!?!?!?



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