



The Beacon

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

Trinity
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Fort Loudon, PA

November 2022

The point of this is: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

2 Corinthians 9:6 RSV



Orders for Christmas Poinsettias for Trinity need to be placed by November 14, 2022. Each plant is \$9. The colors available are: Red, White, Burgundy, Marble (Pink/White), Monet (white sprayed with red). The order form is available at Trinity or you may call Corina Rotz at [717-369-4804](tel:717-369-4804) to order. Please make checks payable to Trinity UCC. You may give payments to Corinna Rotz or Linda Best or mail to Trinity UCC, P.O. Box 253, Fort Loudon, PA 17224. If ordering by mail be sure to include the name(s) of the persons you wish to dedicate the flowers to either In Memory Of or In Honor Of. Remember orders **MUST** be received no later than **Nov. 14** to be included.

A big thank you to Justin and Blaze Hege for their donation of \$311.50 to Trinity. After their family yard sale was held the boys decided that they wanted to donate their money to Trinity in memory of Rosie Shives and John Hornbaker to go into a fund which helps local people in need. How great is that! Their generosity is greatly appreciated both by Trinity and also by the people who will benefit from it. Thank you so much.



GOD & Dog by Wendy Francisco

I look up and see GOD. I look down and see my dog.
Simple spelling...GOD. Same word backwards...DOG.
They would stay with me all day. I'm the one who walks away.
Both of them just wait for me.

And dance at my return with glee.

Both love me no matter what. Devine GOD and canine mutt.
I take it hard each time I fail. But God forgives. Dog wags his tail.
God thought up and made the dog. Dog reflects a part of God.
I've seen love from both sides now. It's everywhere...Amen...Bow wow.
I look up and I see GOD. I look down and see my dog.
And in my human frailty, I can't match their love for me.

Submitted by: *Loy Garber*



St. Paul's: November Speakers *(always subject to change)*

November 6 - Joann Sheffield
November 13 - Loy Garber
November 20 - Pam Carmack
November 27 - Peter Billings

Please know that your church needs you! Hope it is still here when you need it!



St. Paul's donated the remaining shoes from the yard sale to Peckin' Thyme Farms for their fund raiser. Peckin' Thyme Farms (peckinthymefarms.org) is an animal rescue farm located in Mercersburg, PA. They also have a face book page.

The yard sale that keeps on giving!

THANK
YOU!



Trinity will be participating in the Carlisle Truck Stop Holiday Cookie Drive this year. Cookie collection and bagging will be Sunday, November 27. The truckers just love our homemade cookies, so bring them on!



St. Paul's Church Finances

General Fund General Fund

Total Income September, 2022	\$4,986.97
Total Expenses September, 2022	\$11,664.59
Interest Earned GF September, 2022	\$18.10
Net LOSS	-\$6,659.52

January-September, 2022 - **Net LOSS** - \$ 11,172.82

As you can see above, the church is running in a net loss for the year. At a recent consistory meeting, Seleen presented a category overview of giving, comparing January thru September of 2021 to 2022. That overview reflects that giving is **down in 2022 by \$ 8,493.00.**

While expenses are increasing, giving is not. The consistory is very conscientious of expenses at the church and parsonage. However, we are experiencing rising costs in liability insurance, which increased by \$1,159.00 in 2022, as well as electric and fuel oil cost. The church has not had any unusual expenses this year.

Finally, keep in mind that figures above reflect **General Fund only** and do not include the Faith and Fellowship building project.



Fort Loudon community Thanksgiving Eve service and meal will begin at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, November 23. The meal will be soup, bread, and dessert. Trinity members are encouraged to bring desserts to share. Worship will follow the meal at Freedom Lighthouse Ministries (across from the Milky Way), Everyone is welcome.





- 1 Bryan Rosenberry
- 3 Jonna Baker
- 4 Eric Buterbaugh
- 6 Rebecca Souders
- 7 Andy Washabaugh
- 9 Lisa Harris Skiles
Ed Weller
- 10 Joey Rotz
- 12 Tesha Keefer
- 19 Kylene McLucas Arwood
- 20 Robert Koontz
- 23 Russell McLucas, Jr.
- 26 Mindy Headley
- 29 Nancy Barmont



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The healing of our nation + world
Seleen Shives and family
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
Emily Rotz
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



(Gr. 9-12)

SR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Meeting Schedule



Season 1: Basketball

(Each regular meeting includes dinner)



Every other Sunday, 4:30pm-6:30pm

Meets @MUMC's youth room

Date

Topic

Sunday, Oct 16

Excellence

Sunday, Oct 30

Strength & courage

Sunday, Nov 13

Rules of the game

Sunday, Nov 27

Sportsmanship
(Sr High Tournament!)

Off Season Activities

Sunday, Dec 4

Fundraiser

Sunday, Dec 18

Christmas Party

Breakfast Club

2nd Tuesday ea. month

Contact information:

Youth Pastor - Peter Billings
YouthPastorMUMC@comcast.net
(717) 485-4815 x204

(Gr. 6-8)

JR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Meeting Schedule



Season 1: Ultimate Frisbee

(Each regular meeting includes dinner)



Every other Sunday, 3pm-5pm

Meets @MUMC's youth room

Date

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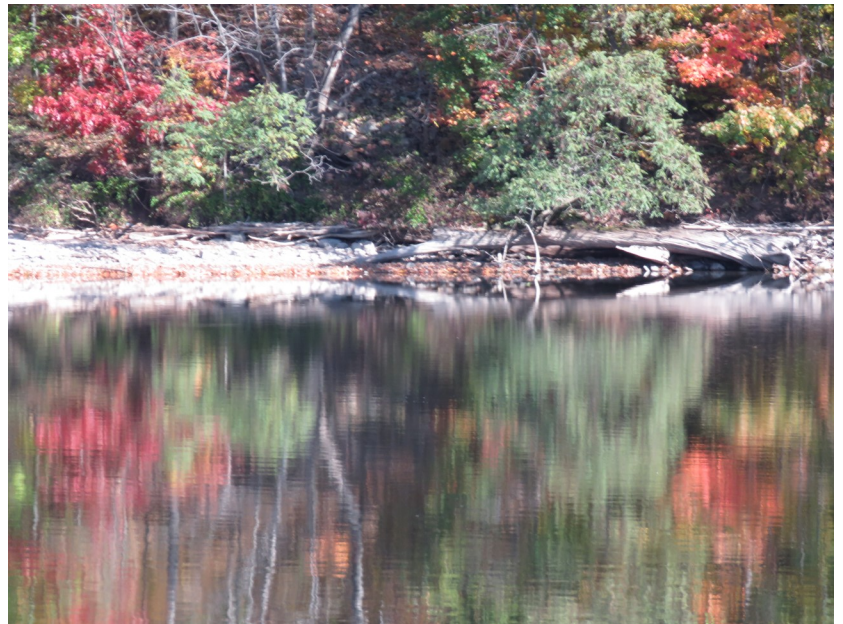
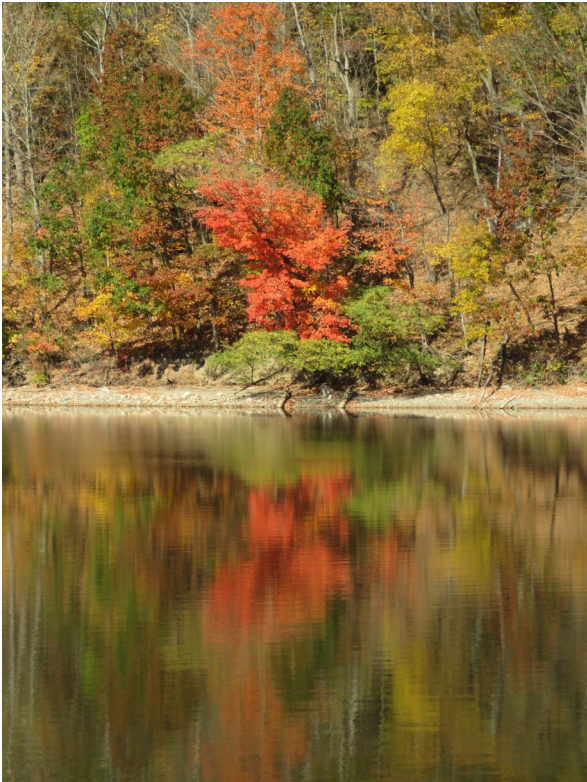


Sunday, December 4, 9:00 a.m.
McConnellsburg UMC

Who doesn't love a warm,
chunky cookie, or a homemade
pie?



No one, that's who! That's why the 522 Youth Group is going to raise some moolah by hosting a Bake Sale! You can help by donating some baked goods, and helping to sell them. Do you know a good baker? You can also help by encouraging friends or family to bake and donate an item! (The money raised will help replace some of our old youth room furniture.)



I am attaching some Raystown Lake cruise photos.
Our PA backyard in God's fall colors.

Submitted by *Bernice Crouse*



2022



Third Sunday each month: Trinity's Building Fund Offering

Sunday, November 6

Daylight Saving Time Ends!

**Joint Consistory meeting @ St. Paul's 1:00 p.m.
St. Paul's Sunday school classes will be filling Christmas Shoe boxes during Sunday school, downstairs**

Tuesday, November 8

Election Day

Wednesday, November 9

**Trinity's Consistory meeting, 6:30 p.m.
St. Paul's Church Women United meeting 7:00 p.m.**

Friday, November 11

Veterans Day

Tuesday, November 15

St. Paul's Consistory meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving Day

Sunday, November 27

***First Sunday of Advent*
St. Paul's fellowship/covered dish lunch following service
Followed by *Hanging of the Greens***

Saturday, December 3

Trinity Decorating of the church check for time



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