



The Beacon

“Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy array.

Psalm 29:1-2

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

JULY 2019

Summer Fun for Youth

- Wednesday, July 3rd - Trinity Pool Party at the home of Ernie Gish and Denise Dunlap from 6-8 p.m.
- Monday-Thursday, July 8-11 - Cito United Methodist VBS ages 5-12, 1:00 p.m.—3:00 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.

GOD BLESS AMERICA



The Fort Loudon-McConnellsburg Charge
United Church of Christ
228 North 2nd Street
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STAMP

July 2019



Blessings from the Pastor

Throughout the summer, we will be hearing anew the stories Jesus told to his disciples to help them envision a new world, one in which God was at the center.

The parables, short stories with a moral or spiritual lesson, are considered "among the supreme literary creations of western literature" by scholars both inside and outside of the faith.

The purpose of the parables is to help us determine what *and who* ultimately matters in life, and how we are to live in light of that.

July worship will focus on these parables:

- July 7 "Mustard Seed and Yeast" (Mt 13:31-34)
- July 14 "The Good Samaritan" (Lk 10:25-37)
- July 21 "The Persistent Widow" (Lk 18:1-8)
- July 28 "The Tax Collector and Pharisee" (Lk 18:9-14)

Our summer study is an opportunity to discuss each parable after the sermon, and hopefully glean new insights that will help us to live out that Kingdom vision that Jesus taught us and that He wants us to make known to others.

Feel free to join us when you can, and may God bless you in your own hearing of the Word and doing of the Word!

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Summer Study Series:

The Stories Jesus Told

Mondays at 11 a.m.

Fort Loudon Community Center

June 24-July 29

Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

St. Paul's UCC in McConnellsburg

June 25-July 30

200TH AT

TRINITY

Send Us Your
Family Photos!

Our 200th Anniversary Commemorative booklet will include a directory of current members. Please send us the family photo you would like included by July 14, or we will take your picture during worship if you would prefer.

Send to:

*marleen.shepherd@gmail.com or
mail to PO Box 392, St. Thomas,
PA 17252*

BE IMPECCABLE WITH YOUR WORD

Speak with integrity. Say only what you mean. Avoid using the word to speak against yourself or to gossip about others. Use the power of your word in the direction of truth and love.

DON'T TAKE ANYTHING PERSONALLY

Nothing others do is because of you. What others say and do is a projection of their own reality, their own dream. When you are immune to the opinions and actions of others, you won't be the victim of needless suffering.

THE FOUR AGREEMENTS

DON'T MAKE ASSUMPTIONS

Find the courage to ask questions and to express what you really want. Communicate with others as clearly as you can to avoid misunderstandings, sadness, and drama. With just this one agreement, you can completely transform your life.

ALWAYS DO YOUR BEST

Your best is going to change from moment to moment; it will be different when you are tired as opposed to well-rested. Under any circumstance, simply do your best, and you will avoid self-judgment, self-abuse, and regret.

HOW ARE THE CHILDREN

[In a speech](#) to the Spectator's schools conference, Michael Gove said that "perhaps the most powerful lesson from abroad" came from Kenya, and the Masai people who live there.

Whenever one Masai greets another they ask a question - Kasserian Ingera? Not "how do you do" or "how's it going", but "how are the children"? It's wonderfully revealing about the values of Masai society - their first concern is the next generation.

And the hoped-for reply is equally revealing: "all the children are well". Not my children. Not some of the children. All the children are well. For the Masai, society cannot be well unless all the children are well.

The question the Masai ask each other is revealing not just of their society - but of ours.

Whatever tests we set ourselves - and whatever achievements we boast of - the question that goes to the heart of the health of our society should be the same - how are the children?"



THANK YOU THANK YOU...St. Paul's Church Women Yard Sale. The profit from the sale was \$1,315.79. Thanks to all who helped to make the fund-raiser a success.

WE ARE UCC

Penn Central Conference, where congregations passionately declare and demonstrate the courageous love of Christ: Actively Engaged in serving the needs of the local community and the world.



Short Course on UCC History

A Short Course in the History of the United Church of Christ tells our story beginning with our origins in the small community who followed Jesus 20 centuries ago and continuing to the present. Learn about the Reformation—a protest movement against the abuse of authority by church leaders; the rediscovery by Luther and Calvin of the Bible's teaching that salvation is not earned, but is a gift; the epic journey of the Pilgrims from England to the shores of North America; the waves of emigration by German and Hungarian Protestants seeking spiritual and political freedom; the beginning of the first Christian anti-slavery movement in history; the 20th-century movement to reunite the divided branches of Christ's church, and, as a result of that movement, the union of several traditions of Protestant Christianity into the United Church of Christ in 1957.

We invite you to use the Short Course for your personal study or as a resource for confirmation and new-member classes in your congregation. On every page, you'll find links to related resources on this website, links to other resources on the Internet, and ideas about books for further study. Also recommended: [Hidden Histories of the United Church of Christ](#). [Full Version in PDF](#)



Mandy Grace '15

ministry-to-children.com

2019 July

3	Stephanie Crouse
9	Jason Armstrong
10	Cheyenne Lake
13	Gracey Lake
14	Jeff Lawyer
17	Preston Mellott
21	Chelsi Burns
25	Todd Alexander
26	Thurman Hassler



Trinity's Ushers:

Heidi and Christopher Myers

St. Paul's Ushers:

Scott, Theo and Henry Arwood

St. Paul's Flowers:

Jo-Ann Sheffield



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**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
Denise Mellott's cousin Sandy's family
Carl and Carol Mellott
Evelyn Zeis
Bernice Crouse's Aunt Marie
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
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.

2019



JULY

July

St. Paul's, Fulton County Catholic Mission School Supply Project last year there were more than 470 children, from all three schools, served with a book bag filled with supplies. The book bags are obtained from The Salvation Army. A box will be in the upstairs SS room.

Monday, July 1

Peach Festival Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM.

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

Monday, July 29

St. Paul's Ice Cream at 2 p.m. Meet at The Cone Zone.

July 8-11

Vacation Bible School at Cito UMC from 1-3 p.m. for ages 5-12.

(Monday-Thursday)

Tuesday, July 16

Consistory meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 21

Swimming at the Garber's at 6:30 p.m. Bring a snack to share.

Monday, July 1-29

Trinity, Stories told by Jesus, summer study series 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, July 25

St. Paul's Stories told by Jesus, summer study series 6:00 p.m.

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!

Sunday, August 18

Swimming at the Garber's at 6:30 p.m. Bring a snack to share.



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