

# The Beacon

The Newsletter of  
St. Paul's  
UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST  
McConnellsburg, PA  
Trinity  
UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST  
Fort Loudon, PA  
May 2022



*Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life.....*  
Philippians 2:14-16a



## A Mother's Day Prayer

Lord, on this day in which we honor mothers, may we love and cherish the special women who have born us, who have nurtured us, and who have prayed for our well-being. May our hearts overflow with gratitude to you, who formed and knitted each of us in a mother's womb. We pray you give each mom strength. We ask you to be the daily bread of tired mothers. May each mother find rest in you.  
Amen.



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

**STAMP**



## *Blessings From The Pastor*

BY REV. MARLEEN SHEPHERD

*Our Sweet Kentucky Home*

Dear friends, by now most of you have heard the news. Zack and I are engaged, and we bought a home in Kentucky! We'll be moving there after my contract ends here August 31, 2022. We have an absolutely stunning location on the Ohio River with a big project attached as the house needs to be finished, but we're not afraid of some good old-fashioned hard work to build a life together. We're looking forward to finishing the house with our own touches. It will truly be a place of our own, and it's a dream come true for us.

I'm amazed at how the Holy Spirit walked with us through this entire process, opening doors that should have been closed, giving us the discernment to make good decisions, and showing so many little signs along the way that the Lord is with us. It was that same Spirit that led us to Pennsylvania in 2018, and that has sustained us through Covid, career changes, deaths of beloved family members and friends, and so many challenges in the three and half years we have been here. Trinity and St. Paul's played a big role in giving us safe harbor. You have so richly blessed us, and I pray we have blessed you too.

We have four months left to enjoy beautiful South Central PA, and we plan to make the most of it, visiting our favorite nature spots and cherishing our time with you. We have not only made friends here, we've made family, and as happy as I am for this new beginning in our lives, I've shed more than a few tears over leaving the last few weeks.

But I'm looking forward to spring and summer here, as they are filled with so much fun, and lots of great ice cream! We'll see you at the Cone Zone, the Twist & Shake, and the Milky Way, and of course, most importantly, at church. Our worship, our fellowship, and our faith in our wonderful God gives us the strength and the courage for whatever's next, and the recognition of the blessings all around us. Let us never take them for granted.

In God's Grace, Pastor Marleen

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

*Join us in person and online!*

9 a.m. Trinity UCC Fort Loudon

[www.facebook.com/TrinityFortLoudon](https://www.facebook.com/TrinityFortLoudon)

11 a.m. St. Paul's UCC McConnellsburg

[www.facebook.com/UCCMcCbg](https://www.facebook.com/UCCMcCbg)

## May Worship 2022

**May 1** The Way Forward

**May 8** Life-Giving Acts

Mother's Day

**May 15** Imagine

Mental Health Sunday

522 Youth Group helps lead in worship

**May 22** Disciples Together

Rural Life Sunday

**May 29** Breaking Chains

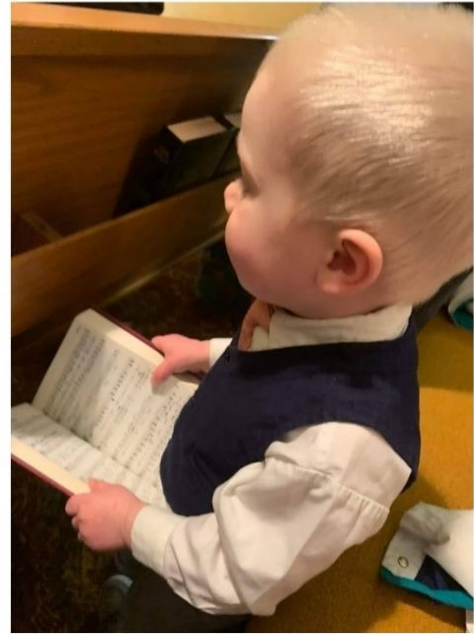


*June 5, 2022*

Join us at Cowan's Gap at 11 a.m. for a joint worship service and picnic. Let us celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit!

**"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."**

1 Cor 15:38



## GIVING

Thank you so much for your continued support of the mission and ministry of our church!

### St. Paul's United Church of Christ

**Seleen Shives**

208 Cooper Lane

McConnellsburg, PA 17233

Give online at:

<https://uccmccbg.weebly.com>

### Trinity United Church of Christ

**Jerry & Cindy Armstrong**

5453 Forest Lane

Fort Loudon, PA 17224





*Easter Sunday at Trinity United Church of Christ*  
 The beauty of Easter on full display

**In Memory of Ruth Guyer Mellott & Emily Knight**

**In Memory of Catherine Buterbaugh, Anna Rotz,  
 Ethel & Martha Fries**

**In Memory of our beloved Parents and Grandparents  
 who have passed before us.**

**In Memory of Justin Armstrong, Rich Hurst, Edward, Isabel,  
 Helen & Ronnie Armstrong, Ginger & Cory Jones,  
 & Helen Milhouse, Joseph and Pauline & Ruthie Rotz.**

**In Memory of Parents, Willard & Naomi Mellott**

**In Memory of Marvin D. Trott & Jerry Owings**

**In Memory of Jennie, Mary & Agnes**

**In Memory of "Mommy & Daddy & Ronnie",  
 Gene, Elsie & Ronnie Bricker**

**In Memory of Rich Hurst, Justin Armstrong  
 & Grandma Helen & Deceased Rotz Family**

**In Memory of Joe & Anna Rotz**

**In Memory of Clair & Zereau Higgins &  
 Rodney Richard Higgins**

**From: Barry and Linda Best**

**From: Sam and Corinna Rotz**

**From: Glenn and Bernice Crouse**

**From: Jerry & Cindy Armstrong**

**From: Denise Mellott**

**From: Rev. Marleen Shepherd**

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**From: Barb, Bonnie, Greg & Marcy Bricker**

**From: Barb Hurst**

**From: Diane, Matt, Zach, Danielle, Jessica,  
 Tyler, Graysen & Emersyn**

**From: Higgins, Hess & Rosenberry Families**

**FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH**



Bernice Crouse has graciously shared a few photos. from her Earth **Sunday** presentation at Trinity, to put in the newsletter for us to enjoy.

***Quake Lake, west of Yellowstone National Park in Montana***

***A juniper tree on the South Rim of the Grand Canyon in Arizona***



***Tower of Babel rock formation in Arches National Park, Utah***



# Learning & Growing in Faith

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Sunday School at Trinity

9 a.m. Children's Sunday School begins in worship.

10 a.m. Adult Sunday School follows worship.

### Sunday School at St. Paul's

9:30 a.m. Fellowship

10 a.m. In-person Sunday School for all ages, pre-K through Adult.

### "Ignite Teens"

10 a.m. In person and online

<https://meet.google.com/rgp-zudv-nfe>

### Adult Sunday School

10 a.m. In person and online

[Zoom.U.s](#)

Meeting ID: 817 1146 3313

Passcode: 17233

Updated info for St. Paul's at:

[uccmccbg.weebly.com](http://uccmccbg.weebly.com)



## ONLINE STUDY

*"The Way of Love: Practices for a Jesus-Centered Life"*

3:30-4:45 P.M. Thursdays online at

[Zoom.U.s](#)

Meeting ID: 828 9251 4169

or join by phone at 301-715-8592



A special thank you to the 522 Youth Group for the work they did for community members on Spring Clean-Up Day! You are a BLESSING!



To get involved with youth programs for all ages, contact Peter Billings at (717) 485-4815 x204 or [youthpastormumc@comcast.net](mailto:youthpastormumc@comcast.net).

The Faith & Fellowship Center Project Committee met with the CES Engineering Group and selected the date of April 6<sup>th</sup> for prospective bidders the opportunity to come and see the sight of the actual construction. Some members of the Project Committee and the Engineering Group were on hand to meet contractors. Many contractors and sub-contractors attended to tour the Morton building.



All potential bids were to be submitted by April 26<sup>th</sup>, at which time the Committee members will open the bids. However, because of supply chain issues for building materials, and because of the complicated process that will be necessary to remove the old building, contractors ask for an extension of time. The new bid opening is now scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. If a bid is selected, planning for the date of construction to begin will be worked out. If and when a construction date is determined, construction is to be completed within a 90 day period, if no unforeseen circumstances are encountered.

Some committee members have met with the Fulton County Commissioners and the owners of the former IGA building to obtain permission for the use of parking spaces to accommodate construction workers parking and building materials storage. Permission has been granted.

If you are considering a contribution toward the construction of the Center in honor of and/or in memory of a loved one, please contact a member of the Project Committee to discuss your wishes. (Scott Arwood, Todd Alexander, Joann Sheffield, Kirk Cover, Loy Garber, Denny Buterbaugh).



### **Plant Sale**

**The Fulton County Master Gardeners will be holding a plant sale on *Friday, May 6* from 9 a.m.-noon at 610 East North Street in *McConnellsburg*. Please see our calendar for more details.**

# Congratulations!!!

*To all of our newly baptized and confirmed members this Easter and their families. We are so happy for you!*



*April 17, 2022*





- 7 Eli Rotz
- 8 Charlotte Mester
- 9 Carrin McElhinny
- 11 Leighton Kulp
- 13 Millie Mester
- 14 Carol Mellott
- 17 John Daniels  
John Daniels, Jr.
- 19 Christie Dick
- 20 Denny Buterbaugh
- 21 Emily Dick
- 24 Sherry Disney
- 26 Susan Glazier
- 27 Scott Arwood
- 28 Kirk Cover



The healing of our nation + world

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.



# 2022



## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:

The first Tuesday of the month at 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM at the McConnellsburg United Methodist Church in McConnellsburg.

Third Sunday each month: Trinity's Building Fund Offering

Saturday, May 7

Trinity Chicken BBQ Fundraiser

Sunday, May 8

*Mother's Day*

Wednesday, May 11

Trinity Consistory meeting, 6:30 p.m.

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

St. Paul's Annual Yard Sale 8-4 in the Morton Building

Thursday/Friday

May 12 and 13

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

Tuesday, May 17

Have a safe and blessed *Memorial Day*

Monday, May 30

Joint Service and Picnic at Cowan's

Sunday, June 5

*Father's Day*

Sunday, June 19



**We remember** the many brave men and women who have given their lives through the history of our country to protect us from danger and harm. We remember all those who sustained injury in mind and/or body in the course of their service. We salute all those who served in the military.

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