

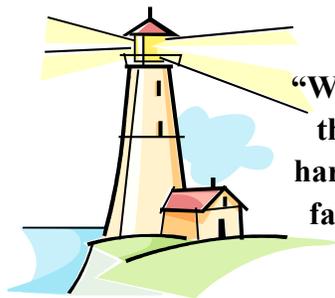
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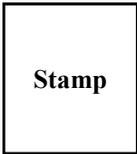
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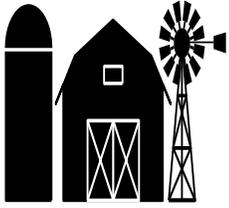
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Touring Amish Country In Lancaster County *October 16, 2012*

7:30 AM – 7:00 PM

Join us as we host our guests from two sister churches in Duesseldorf, Germany, for an exclusive bus tour of the Amish farmlands and attractions in beautiful Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Tentative Itinerary of the Professionally Guided Tour:

Tour of Lancaster County & Amish Farm Lands
Visit to an Amish Quilt & Craft Shop
Lunch in an Amish House
A Special Visit to the Famous Root's Farmer's Market
Other Lancaster County "Surprise" Visits



Transportation provided by Bollman Charter Service

Cost: (covers the cost of the 35-seat bus & lunch & gratuities) \$70 per person

Make Checks Payable to: *St. Paul's UCC*

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Mail Registration Form to: Rev. Valeria Schmidt, 203 E. Walnut Street, McConnellsburg PA 17233

Name(s) _____ **Phone** _____

_____ **Email** _____

Address _____ **Amount Paid** _____
(payment deadline: Sept. 30th)

THANK YOU FROM MARY

The Bible tells us in Thessalonians 5:18... *Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.*

When I fell on June 5 and broke my ankle and injured my back, it was very difficult for me to be thankful for my accident. However, after spending 62 days in a wheelchair, I have found so many things to give thanks and praise to God. I am so thankful for His healing and also for the love and prayers of my church family. The many cards, phone calls, visits and gifts of flowers, books and food was such a blessing to me. The most precious gift was the prayers that helped to heal my spirit as well as my body. It is so wonderful to be back on my feet again. Thank you everyone for your love and many acts of kindness. I have been truly blessed.

In His Name,

Mary Haubrick



SHOE BOXES NEEDED

It will soon be time to start filling shoe boxes for the Good Samaritan Christmas Gift project for children. Mary Haubrick reports that empty shoeboxes for adult size shoes are needed for this project. When you are doing any shopping at a mall or shoe store, ask the store clerks if they have any empty shoe boxes. Explain that this is for the Billy Graham Good Samaritan Christmas Gift project. Shoe boxes with a separate lid are easier to wrap; however the boxes with the lid attached can also be used. The "back to school sales" are also a good time to find bargains for filling the shoe boxes. If you have any questions, contact Mary at 987-3604 or email mhaubrick@embarqmail.com



Trinity United Church of Christ Fort Loudon Consistory Meeting August 14, 2012

Treasurer's report:

It was noted that the Share the Love special offering only received a \$5 from the congregation. In order to send \$50, the minimum decided upon by the consistory, \$45 needed to be taken out of the general fund. Since this shortfall happens with several special offerings every year we may need to review what special collections we decide to support. It was also noted that the monthly fuel cost has been lowered due to an overpayment last year.

Deacons Report:

There have been more children attending Sunday School making it necessary to buy additional materials.

Old Business:

The back outside stairway project has been started and should be finished this week.

The representative from Church Mutual Insurance met with Glenn and had a number of concerns in regard to our switching insurance. The representative pointed out that by switching we would lose any coverage for a lawsuit which may be brought against the church for past incidences of misconduct by current or former employees. There was also concern that although the St. Luke's property is covered for damages to the building it is not covered under any liability policy which could cause a concern for our church should an incident occur there. Because there is not much difference between the cost of our current insurance and the new policy the consistory decided to keep the current policy.

Pastor Valeria stated that we need volunteers to attend the Ezekiel Project meetings which will be held one Sunday afternoon a month from 2-5 pm., beginning in September, at the Conference office in Harrisburg. Volunteers do not need to be consistory members. Pastor Valeria will be unable to attend the September and October meetings so two persons are needed to attend each of those. The project's goal is to assess small churches to help them grow. Everyone is encouraged to attend at least one meeting this year.

New Business

Pastor Valeria has been searching the church for records before 1890 of births, deaths and other information to assist someone who called and is doing family research. She also called the archives in Lancaster but they only have copies of records there. It was suggested that all church records should be put together in order somewhere within the church. A further search for more records will be made.

Brochures about joining the church were ordered from UCC resources and are available to give out to persons interested in joining.

There was some question about whether the disposable communion cups were being reused. Only the cups which contained juice but were not handled are emptied and rewashed, the rest are disposed.

While looking for records, Pastor Valeria found a photo album which contains an inventory of items at St. Luke's church.

It was suggested that another picnic be held in the pavilion since the last one was successful.

Linda Best, Secretary

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY

- 1 Cindy Barley
- 2 Linda McLucas
- 3 Henry Isban
- 7 Amber Myers
- 8 Sam Rotz
Shari Washabaugh
- 10 Leah Hamil
- 14 Reese Alexander
- 17 Jeff Zeis
- 18 Elizabeth Kerlin
- 20 Imogene McLucas
Joe Rotz
- 23 Barb Bricker
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PRAYER LIST

Bertha Byers
 Betty Daniels
 Betty Grissinger
 Bob and Nancy Lawyer
 Dorothy and Paul Stevens
 Gene and Elsie Bricker
 Harold and Betty Keefer
 Joyce and Thurman Hassler
 Liberty Crouse
 Military and families
 Rev. Steve and Pat Robertson
 Roger and Lois Byers
 Sponsored Children: Yonatan, Marc
 Philip, Thierry, Marcela
 Sandy Richards
 Thelma Miller
 Zeis family
 Justin Hege
 Justin Jr. and Blaze Hege
 Malcolm and Lorraine Richardson
 Jean McLucas
 St. Paul's Care Team
 Diane Baxter
 Janis Cutchall
 Linda Best and family
 Linda Grissinger and family
 Mary Haubrick
 The people of Japan
 The people in the Middle East
 The people of Eastern Africa
 All individuals and families affected
 by cancer
 All Sunday school classes

St. Paul's Flowers

Denise Grissinger (485-4907)

Call the above person(s) if you wish to order
 flowers in memory/ honor of someone.

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Is it I, LORD?

Thank You for Serving!

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Thursdays	<i>Joyful Noise</i> Band practice at St. Paul's, 7:30 p.m.
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Tuesday, September 4	Trinity's Evangelism Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, September 9	Joint Worship and Picnic at the Garbers'
Monday, September 10	St. Paul's Care Team meeting, 7:00 p.m.
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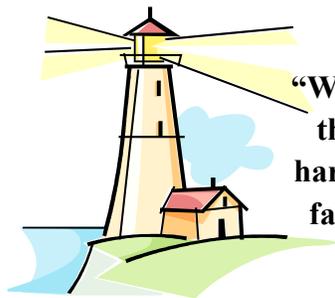
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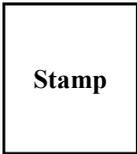
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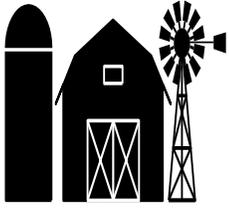
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Visitors from Germany

Plans are well underway for our German guests who will be staying with us from **Friday, October 12 through Wednesday, October 17**. We will have a welcome dinner for them at Trinity on Friday, and lunch after worship at St. Paul's on Sunday, plus a Bible study on Sunday evening. You are invited to join us for these events, as well as for our daytrips. This is an opportunity to learn "face to face" about German culture (everything your pastor may not have told you!), to show them your country, and to make new friends. A sign-up sheet will be available soon at both churches. We will need an exact count of participants in order to make reservations. **Please sign up by Sunday, September 30, or contact Pastor Valeria by Monday, October 1.**





Touring Amish Country

In

Lancaster County

October 16, 2012

7:30 AM – 7:00 PM

Join us as we host our guests from two sister churches in Duesseldorf, Germany, for an exclusive bus tour of the Amish farmlands and attractions in beautiful Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Tentative Itinerary of the Professionally Guided Tour:

Tour of Lancaster County & Amish Farm Lands
 Visit to an Amish Quilt & Craft Shop
 Lunch in an Amish House
 A Special Visit to the Famous Root's Farmer's Market
 Other Lancaster County "Surprise" Visits



Transportation provided by Bollman Charter Service

Cost: (covers the cost of the 35-seat bus & lunch & gratuities) \$70 per person

Make Checks Payable to: *St. Paul's UCC*

For more information please contact:

Rev. Valeria Schmidt, 485-3369

stpaulsparsonage@embarqmail.com

Mail Registration Form to: Rev. Valeria Schmidt, 203 E. Walnut Street, McConnellsburg PA 17233

Name(s) _____ **Phone** _____

_____ **Email** _____

Address _____ **Amount Paid** _____
 _____ (payment deadline: Sept. 30th)

THANK YOU FROM MARY

The Bible tells us in Thessalonians 5:18... *Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.*

When I fell on June 5 and broke my ankle and injured my back, it was very difficult for me to be thankful for my accident. However, after spending 62 days in a wheelchair, I have found so many things to give thanks and praise to God. I am so thankful for His healing and also for the love and prayers of my church family. The many cards, phone calls, visits and gifts of flowers, books and food was such a blessing to me. The most precious gift was the prayers that helped to heal my spirit as well as my body. It is so wonderful to be back on my feet again. Thank you everyone for your love and many acts of kindness. I have been truly blessed.

In His Name,

Mary Haubrick



SHOE BOXES NEEDED

It will soon be time to start filling shoe boxes for the Good Samaritan Christmas Gift project for children. Mary Haubrick reports that empty shoeboxes for adult size shoes are needed for this project. When you are doing any shopping at a mall or shoe store, ask the store clerks if they have any empty shoe boxes. Explain that this is for the Billy Graham Good Samaritan Christmas Gift project. Shoe boxes with a separate lid are easier to wrap; however the boxes with the lid attached can also be used. The "back to school sales" are also a good time to find bargains for filling the shoe boxes. If you have any questions, contact Mary at 987-3604 or email mhaubrick@embarqmail.com



Trinity United Church of Christ Fort Loudon Consistory Meeting August 14, 2012

Treasurer's report:

It was noted that the Share the Love special offering only received a \$5 from the congregation. In order to send \$50, the minimum decided upon by the consistory, \$45 needed to be taken out of the general fund. Since this shortfall happens with several special offerings every year we may need to review what special collections we decide to support. It was also noted that the monthly fuel cost has been lowered due to an overpayment last year.

Deacons Report:

There have been more children attending Sunday School making it necessary to buy additional materials.

Old Business:

The back outside stairway project has been started and should be finished this week.

The representative from Church Mutual Insurance met with Glenn and had a number of concerns in regard to our switching insurance. The representative pointed out that by switching we would lose any coverage for a lawsuit which may be brought against the church for past incidences of misconduct by current or former employees. There was also concern that although the St. Luke's property is covered for damages to the building it is not covered under any liability policy which could cause a concern for our church should an incident occur there. Because there is not much difference between the cost of our current insurance and the new policy the consistory decided to keep the current policy.

Pastor Valeria stated that we need volunteers to attend the Ezekiel Project meetings which will be held one Sunday afternoon a month from 2-5 pm., beginning in September, at the Conference office in Harrisburg. Volunteers do not need to be consistory members. Pastor Valeria will be unable to attend the September and October meetings so two persons are needed to attend each of those. The project's goal is to assess small churches to help them grow. Everyone is encouraged to attend at least one meeting this year.

New Business

Pastor Valeria has been searching the church for records before 1890 of births, deaths and other information to assist someone who called and is doing family research. She also called the archives in Lancaster but they only have copies of records there. It was suggested that all church records should be put together in order somewhere within the church. A further search for more records will be made.

Brochures about joining the church were ordered from UCC resources and are available to give out to persons interested in joining.

There was some question about whether the disposable communion cups were being reused. Only the cups which contained juice but were not handled are emptied and rewashed, the rest are disposed.

While looking for records, Pastor Valeria found a photo album which contains an inventory of items at St. Luke's church.

It was suggested that another picnic be held in the pavilion since the last one was successful.

Linda Best, Secretary

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY

- 1 Cindy Barley
- 2 Linda McLucas
- 3 Henry Isban
- 7 Amber Myers
- 8 Sam Rotz
Shari Washabaugh
- 10 Leah Hamil
- 14 Reese Alexander
- 17 Jeff Zeis
- 18 Elizabeth Kerlin
- 20 Imogene McLucas
Joe Rotz
- 23 Barb Bricker
- 24 Kathy Hess
- 25 Jerry Armstrong
- 28 Troy Ott
- 29 Ryan Koontz
- 30 Linda Weller



PRAYER LIST

Bertha Byers
 Betty Daniels
 Betty Grissinger
 Bob and Nancy Lawyer
 Dorothy and Paul Stevens
 Gene and Elsie Bricker
 Harold and Betty Keefer
 Joyce and Thurman Hassler
 Liberty Crouse
 Military and families
 Rev. Steve and Pat Robertson
 Roger and Lois Byers
 Sponsored Children: Yonatan, Marc
 Philip, Thierry, Marcela
 Sandy Richards
 Thelma Miller
 Zeis family
 Justin Hege
 Justin Jr. and Blaze Hege
 Malcolm and Lorraine Richardson
 Jean McLucas
 St. Paul's Care Team
 Diane Baxter
 Janis Cutchall
 Linda Best and family
 Linda Grissinger and family
 Mary Haubrick
 The people of Japan
 The people in the Middle East
 The people of Eastern Africa
 All individuals and families affected
 by cancer
 All Sunday school classes

St. Paul's Flowers

Denise Grissinger (485-4907)

Call the above person(s) if you wish to order
 flowers in memory/ honor of someone.

St. Paul's Ushers

Is it I, LORD?

Thank You for Serving!

Trinity's Ushers

Anna Hays & Barb Hurst

Thank You for Serving!

***Please let us know of any changes, additions
 or corrections to the Prayer and Birthday
 lists. Thank you!***



SEPTEMBER 2012

Wednesdays	Trinity's Choir practice, 7:00 p.m. Prayer and Praise, 8:00 p.m.
Thursdays	<i>Joyful Noise</i> Band practice at St. Paul's, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, September 2	Contemporary Worship at St. Paul's, 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, September 4	Trinity's Evangelism Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, September 9	Joint Worship and Picnic at the Garbers'
Monday, September 10	St. Paul's Care Team meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 11	Trinity's Consistory meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 12	St. Paul's Church Women United, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 15	St. Paul's Back to Sunday School Party, 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 16	St. Paul's kids' Sunday school classes resume, 9:45 a.m. Trinity's Special offering for the Building Fund Ezekiel Project in Harrisburg, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
September 17 – 30	Pastor Valeria on vacation. Contact Loy Garber for pastoral needs (485-4902).
Tuesday, September 18	St. Paul's Consistory meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 23	Special offering for the Scholarship Funds Trinity's change collection for Hartman Center