


# The Beacon

The Newsletter of  
St. Paul's  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**  
McConnellsburg, PA  
Trinity  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**  
Fort Loudon, PA  
**August 2021**



[2 Chronicles 7:14](#) if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

**IF WE ARE GOING TO  
GROW AS AUTHENTIC  
FOLLOWERS OF JESUS,  
IT WILL BE AS PARTNERS  
BELONGING TO A LOCAL  
CHURCH.**

“There is no such thing as perfection in a church. Instead, what you should be looking for is a covenanted body, a leadership team that has the goods for coaching you in Christ, and a place where you can invest yourself - from cleaning toilets to teaching what you know to ministering in song.”  
— [Stephen Mansfield](#),

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

STAMP



Congrats Myers Girls! Taylor came away with Little Miss Alternate (2nd place) at the Franklin County Fair and Amber won the Princess title (1st place) after carrying the Little Miss Crown herself last year. WTG!!!

## BLESSINGS FROM THE PASTOR

**REV. MARLEEN SHEPHERD**

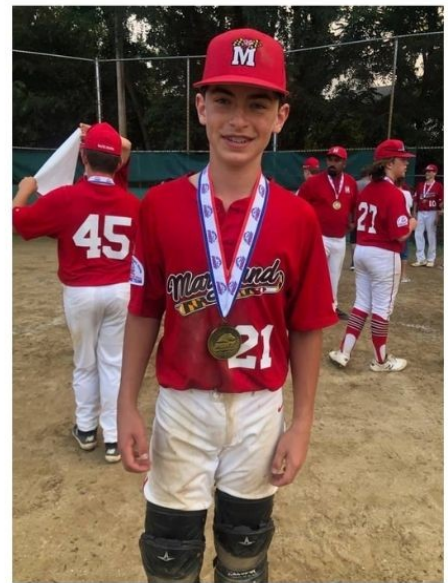
Let's call this month's installment "Blessings from our Kids!" They are up to so much good in the church, in the community, and far beyond, as you can see from the pictures I shamelessly steal from social media. One of the real blessings for me is getting to see all the things they are up to, both online and at church. It is a privilege to watch our kids grow, mature, and succeed.

As many of them will be returning to school and Sunday School soon, we look forward to hearing about all their summer adventures! As proud of as we are of their accomplishments, we are prouder still that they are growing in faith.

Parents and grandparents, family and friends, please feel free to send us pics to share here in the newsletter. We hear from so many people, especially our folks at home, just how much they appreciate being able to see your smiling faces.

I pray that this last precious few weeks of summer that you are all making wonderful memories, breaking new records, and reaching new milestones. Let us also pray for all those who are having a harder time of things. Those who don't make the grade, and those who are stuck at home due to illness or injury.

In imitation of Jesus Christ, let's reach out to those who may need a word of hope. Let them know just how much God loves them, and just how much they have to bring to this world! And bring them to church. We love to lift each other up ! Yours In Christ, Pastor Marleen



Congratulations to Reese Alexander, headed to the Pony League World Series in Modesto, CA in July.



Jake Hann "makes a basket" at Tuesday Hangouts at McConnellsburg United Methodist Church. Join in for open gym and free lunch every Tuesdays from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Open to grades 6-12. For more information, contact Peter Billings, MUMC Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries, at 717-485-4815 x204.



# WORSHIP

St. Paul's UCC McConnellsburg  
Trinity UCC Fort Loudon

**AUGUST 2021**

## Join Us!

**In person or online!**

### 9 A.M. TRINITY UCC FORT LOUDON

13189 Main Street

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

*Adult Sunday School follows worship.*

### 11 A.M. ST. PAUL'S UCC MCCONNELLSBURG

228 North Second Street

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

*Adult Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. in person and  
online at: [Zoom.U.S](https://www.zoom.us)*

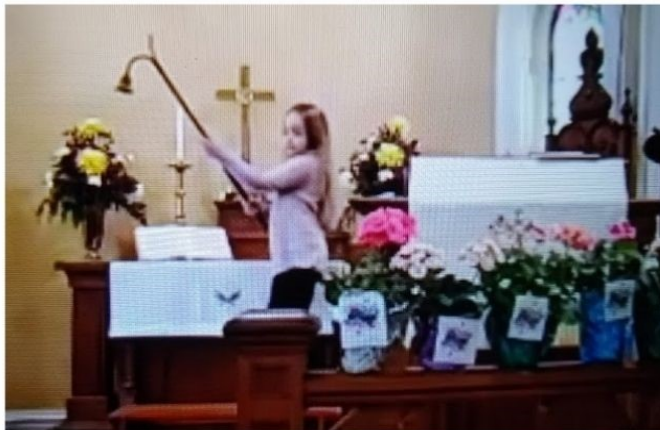
Meeting ID: **876 0047 5397**

Passcode: **UCC17233**

Phone: **301-715-8592**



Pastor Emeritus Rev. Loy Garber baptizes Henry Arwood, June 13, 2021 at St. Paul's. Congrats Henry!



Grateful for all our acolytes, young and old!  
Thank you to Brynley Buterbaugh for lighting up  
the sanctuary on Mother's Day.

## Summer Online Study

“White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White  
People to Talk About Racism” by Robin Diangelo

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

**[Zoom.U.S](https://www.zoom.us)**

Meeting ID: **828 9251 4169**

or join by phone at **301-715-8592**

## HOLY BAPTISM



### Are You Ready?

Talk to the pastor for more  
information about baptism and  
membership. Reach Rev. Marleen  
Shepherd at 618-521-3541 or  
[marleen.shepherd@gmail.com](mailto:marleen.shepherd@gmail.com)

**Lean into Love!**

Everyone Is  
Welcome In



Ft. Loudon Community  
Vacation Bible  
School 2021

at  
Trinity UCC

Wed, Thurs, Fri  
July 28, 29, 30

6:30-8:30 PM

Join us for  
Three Evenings of  
FANTASTIC  
Faith-Filled Fun!

We'll dig deep into Three  
Bible stories about how  
*God welcomes everyone  
and God calls us  
to do the same.*

Come learn how God's  
story is our story,  
through Bible Stories,  
games, and the arts.

Ages  
Preschool through  
5<sup>th</sup> grade

Location  
13189 Main St.  
Fort Loudon, PA

Sponsored by:  
Trinity UCC  
Freedom Lighthouse  
Ft. Loudon UMC





## **BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ FORT LOUDON COMMUNITY GROUNDS JULY 31**

The Fort Loudon churches are inviting EVERYONE in the area to a FREE Summer Celebration Barbeque on Saturday, July 31 at the Fort Loudon COMMUNITY GROUNDS (next to the Fort Loudon Community Center, behind the post office)!

The Bible School closing program will take place at the BBQ starting at 3 p.m. and festivities will last until 7 p.m. Come and go as you please. Bring your friends, family, and neighbors to enjoy community conversation, free food, free games, and free entertainment. Williamson Ruritan's ice cream will also be available for purchase! We want everyone to come and enjoy some relaxed time together before school starts.

Bring lawn chairs! RAIN OR SHINE!

## **FORT LOUDON VBS TRINITY UCC JULY 28-31**

This year's Fort Loudon Community Vacation Bible School will be held at Trinity United Church of Christ in Fort Loudon on the evenings of Wednesday, July 28 through Friday, July 30, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Ages Preschool through 5th Grade are welcome! Come for one or all days. Crafts, games, snacks, and good memories will be provided for FREE.

Registration will take place each night between 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the back parking lot entrance of the church. The Bible School closing program will take place starting at 3 p.m. at the Community BBQ Saturday, July 31 and festivities will last until 7.


Check out the link to the VBS event:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/861017171200347>



**Free Admission**

**Food;**

 Peach Filled Donuts  
Peach Pies, Peach Cobbler,  
Peach Ice Cream Sundaees,  
Funnel Cakes, Snow Cones,  
Sandwiches, French Fries,  
Kettle Corn & B-BQ Chicken

Fort Loudon  
**PEACH FESTIVAL**  
**Saturday**  
August 21, 2021  
9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
10th Year

Sponsored by Trinity United Church of Christ  
Fort Loudon Community Church

**Free Parking**


**80 PLUS CRAFT & HOME  
BASED BUSINESSES**

**Cotton Candy  
Face Painting**


Bring your lawn chair and spend  
a relaxing day in the...



**Entertainment;**

 Bradley Bomberger 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
Kenny Fetterman 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Dee Straley 1:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Rick & Dee Straley will be DJing throughout the day

**Shows;**

 Reptile Show 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Puppet Show 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Magic/Balloon Twisting Show 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Dinosaur Man - all day activities





**Guidelines for Applicant Selection**  
**For the Retha Glazier Memorial Scholarship Fund**  
***St. Paul's United Church of Christ – McConnellsburg – Pa.***

- 1) The student applicant must be a member, (as defined by the congregation's By-Laws of Incorporation: see attachment #1) of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, McConnellsburg, PA.
- 2) The time each calendar year to apply for the scholarship will begin on January 1<sup>st</sup> and conclude on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Applications can be obtained from the minister, President of the Consistory, or the church secretary.
- 3) The applicant must show proof of having been accepted as a full-time undergraduate or graduate student at one of the following types of educational institutions:
  - a. Four year college or university
  - b. Two year junior college/community college
  - c. Vocational/Technical school/institution
  - d. School of Nursing (LPN or RN)
  - e. Business College
  - f. School of Cosmetology
- 4) Scholarship money can be distributed among as many qualified applicants as is deemed feasible by the Scholarship Fund Formula of the money market investments.
- 5) Funds are available for first year students as well as students who wish to renew their scholarships.
- 6) If a student drops out of school because of family or personal hardship before the semester is completed, grant money will be held for the next semester, otherwise funds will be returned to the Trust. However, if a student drops out of school for other than a hardship situation, the funds he/she received should be repaid.
- 7) Money will be paid directly to the student(s) for tuition, room, board, and/or fees. Except in the case where it has been demonstrated that these education expenses have been paid by other grants, then funds would be applied to other college expenses.
- 8) No grade point average (GPA) will be required to be eligible for the renewal of the grant. The educational institution shall determine if the student should continue his/her education.
- 9) The grant shall be for two semesters, Fall and Spring semesters. No money awards for the Summer semesters.

Consistory is responsible for the administering of the scholarship funds. This body shall appoint one of its members to manage the scholarship application process.

The final selection of the applicant(s) will be by majority vote of the Consistory. The amount of each scholarship will be determined by the Consistory members.





- 2 John Glazier
- 4 Diana Rotz
- 9 Mary Haubrick  
Nancy Walker
- 11 Jeff Best  
Mike Best  
Tara Will
- 13 Jody Shimer
- 14 Jessica Long
- 15 Carl Mellott
- 20 Laura Burns
- 21 Angie Wood
- 22 Junedale Weller
- 24 Edgar Hess
- 27 Molly Fox
- 30 Michelle Baker Lang  
Misty Strait
- 31 Sally Cover



# Prayer Request

**The healing of our nation+**  
**Cathy Buterbaugh**  
**Amanda Mitchell**  
**Linda Sowers**  
**Ed Hayes**  
**Denise's sister Connie**  
**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**  
**Sawyer and Jan Bye family**  
**Meril Fetters**  
**Jessica Truax**  
**Corinna Rotz**  
**Bernice's friend Christa**  
**Zeis family**  
**Chris Myers uncle..... Ed Vance**  
**Military and families**  
**Our Church & ministries, Sunday school classes**  
**Teachers and students, front line workers**  
**All affected by Covid-19, health, life, livelihood**  
**Emily & Brad Rotz**  
**Ann Hays and family**  
**Leah Hamil**  
**Kathleen Pappas**  
**Dee & Ken Hupp**  
**Summer Hoover and daughter Ruby**

*Please send additions and corrections to the church office.*

*Our thoughts  
and prayers  
are with you*



# 2021

# hello AUGUST

**NOTE:** Trinity's swim parties have been cancelled for the year!  
St. Paul's Church Women United meetings done until October

Second Sunday each month Trinity Eldercare Offering  
Third Sunday each month Trinity's Building Fund Offering

July 28, 29 and 30 Trinity Vacation Bible School  
Saturday, July 31 Community BBQ 3-7 p.m. at Fort Loudon Community Center Grounds

Tuesday, August 10 Trinity Consistory meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, August 17 St. Paul's Consistory meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday, August 21 **PEACH FESTIVAL 9 a.m.—3 p.m.**

**SUMMER ONLINE STUDY.....**  
3:30-4:45 P.M. Thursdays  
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I Corinthians 16:14

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