

The Beacon

The Newsletter of
St. Paul's
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**
McConnellsburg, PA
Trinity
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**
Fort Loudon, PA
August 2023

And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." ~ [Luke 10:27](#)



Kids' Summer Hang Out
Gr. 4-10
at Trinity UCC

Every Tuesday
(June, July, & August)

3:00 – 4:30pm

Pavilion behind the church

Snacks & Games!

FREE

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CHECK THESE EVENTS OUT! !!!!!!!!!!!!!!! TRINITY IS THE PLACE FOR SUMMER FUN

80 PLUS CRAFT & HOME BASED BUSINESSES

Entertainment:
Tresa Day 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Cody Wilt 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Devin Fields 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
DJ Eric Piper (all day)
The Sunken Axe - ALL 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.
~ ALL DAY ACTIVITIES ~
Dinosaur Man
Moon Bounce & Pony Rides

Food:
Peach Filled Donuts
Peach Pies, Peach Cobbler,
Peach Ice Cream Sundaes,
Firmel Cakes, Snow Cones,
Sandwiches, French Fries,
Kettle Corn & B-BQ Chicken

Cotton Candy Face Painting

Fort Loudon PEACH FESTIVAL Saturday August 19, 2023 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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

No Admission

Free Parking

COUNTRY

Sponsored by Trinity United Church of Christ Fort Loudon

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

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Dear church,

Last month we discussed “friends that are so close, we think of them as family,” and somehow, dogs were never mentioned. (Woof! How inconsiderate.) Fortunately, this month is International Dogs Month—right in the middle of the dog days of summer. I certainly think of *our* dog, Marcy, as a member of our family. She always greets us with an excited joy that spills over from her heart to ours, and yet she’s gentle with Rosemary and the cat. What a good girl! I’ve heard it said that “we don’t deserve dogs.” They’re just too good for this world. And a friend once told me angels *are* among us, but they have four legs and wagging tails.

There certainly does seem to be a lot of overlap between the divine qualities we recognize in God and those we appreciate about of our canine companions: they’re consistently *loyal, loving, trusting, patient, and protective*. Come to think of it, a good dog reveals *all* the “Fruit of the Spirit” (Gal 5:22-23) don’t they? Oftentimes, that’s more than we can say for ourselves! However, God gave us the ability to learn and repent—to change our ways. This month, consider how you might be like an angel in someone’s life. Not just by demonstrating the Fruit of the Spirit, but by doing it *consistently*.

In peace,
-Pastor Peter

P.S. A good opportunity to demonstrate the Fruit of the Spirit might be to bring school supplies to donate to our collection. Don’t delay—school starts soon!

-I will hold open office hours 10am-2pm at Trinity on Tuesdays, and at St. Paul’s on Thursdays.
-My cell phone is (609) 477-9194. Please feel free to call or text. I may not reply on Friday. (My day off.)



St. Paul’s ACCOUNT SUMMARY:

General Fund

Total Income June, 2023	\$4,961.89
Total Expenses June, 2023	\$7,922.09
Interest Earned GF June, 2023	<u>\$253.06</u>
Net LOSS	-\$2,707.14
January-June 2023 - Net GAIN	\$ 4,771.00



Dear Father God, we come hopefully to you and lift up our Brothers in Christ, Glenn and Loy. We ask that you would bring them healing, comfort and peace in both mind and body. Calm all fears that they and their family may have, covering them with your peace that passeth all understanding. Give them the healing power of loving you.

Guide all those that are caring for our brothers and hear ALL the prayers that are being lifted up for their healing.

In Jesus Christ, your Son we pray. Amen.

Heidi Myers is posting her father's updates on Face Book

July 2nd. Face Book post from Linda Garber
"Our first visitors, besides our family, at Penn State Rehabilitation Center in Hershey area.

Loy is now at Fulton County Medical Center



Glenn's absence and support at this years Peach Festival will surely be missed. Trinity could use all help you can offer up. Contact Linda Best at Imb402@comcast.net



*Our thoughts
And prayers
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⁵ Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?

⁶ I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

⁷ So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

⁸ Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

⁹ For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

THE HARVEST IS PLENTY BUT THE WORKERS ARE FEW AND MORE ARE NEEDED!

IF YOU CAN HELP IN ANY WAY FOR ANY AMOUNT OF TIME PLEASE Contact Linda Best at

lmb402@comcast.net OR ANY MEMBER, THEY CAN GET YOU TO THE RIGHT PERSON. THANKS!



- 2 John Glazier
- 4 Diana Rotz
- 9 Mary Haubrick
- 11 Jeff Best
- Mike Best
- Tara Will
- 14 Jessica Long
- 15 Carl Mellott
- 22 Junedale Weller
- 24 Edgar Hess
- 27 Molly Fox
- 30 Michelle Baker Lang
- 31 Sally Cover



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Emily Rotz
Leah Hamil
Loy and Linda Garber and family
Kathleen Pappas
Patrick McCarthy
Daniel Harper, grandson of Linda Best.
The Duffey family
Our Church & ministries, Sunday school classes
teachers and students



2023



Third Sunday each month: Trinity's Building Fund Offering

St. Paul's Church Women United **NO** meetings this summer.

PLEASE NOTE: Thursday afternoon book study online is canceled for now.

Sunday, July 30

Be blessed...Be a blessing!

Saturday, August 5

Vacation Bible School & Back to School at Freedom Light House from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Ages 3 years to 6th grade. Please bring school supplies for "Back to School"

Sunday, August 6

Holy Communion

St. Paul's \$100.00 of the morning offering will be sent to Truck Stop Ministry

Monday, August 7 -13

Pastor Peter on vacation

Saturday, August 19

Trinity's *PEACH FESTIVAL HELP IS NEEDED PLEASE!*



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