



The Beacon

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and sound judgment.

2 Timothy 1:7 (CSB)

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

July 2020

Some things to Think About ...

During these times of uncertainties, worries and unknowns, it is often helpful to pause (count to ten...take a deep breath)...and consider that God could still be speaking to us through the words of others:

“We can complain because rose bushes have thorns; or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses” –

Abraham Lincoln

“Worrying won’t stop the bad stuff from happening; it just stops you from enjoying the good stuff”

– *(Peanuts) Charlie Brown*

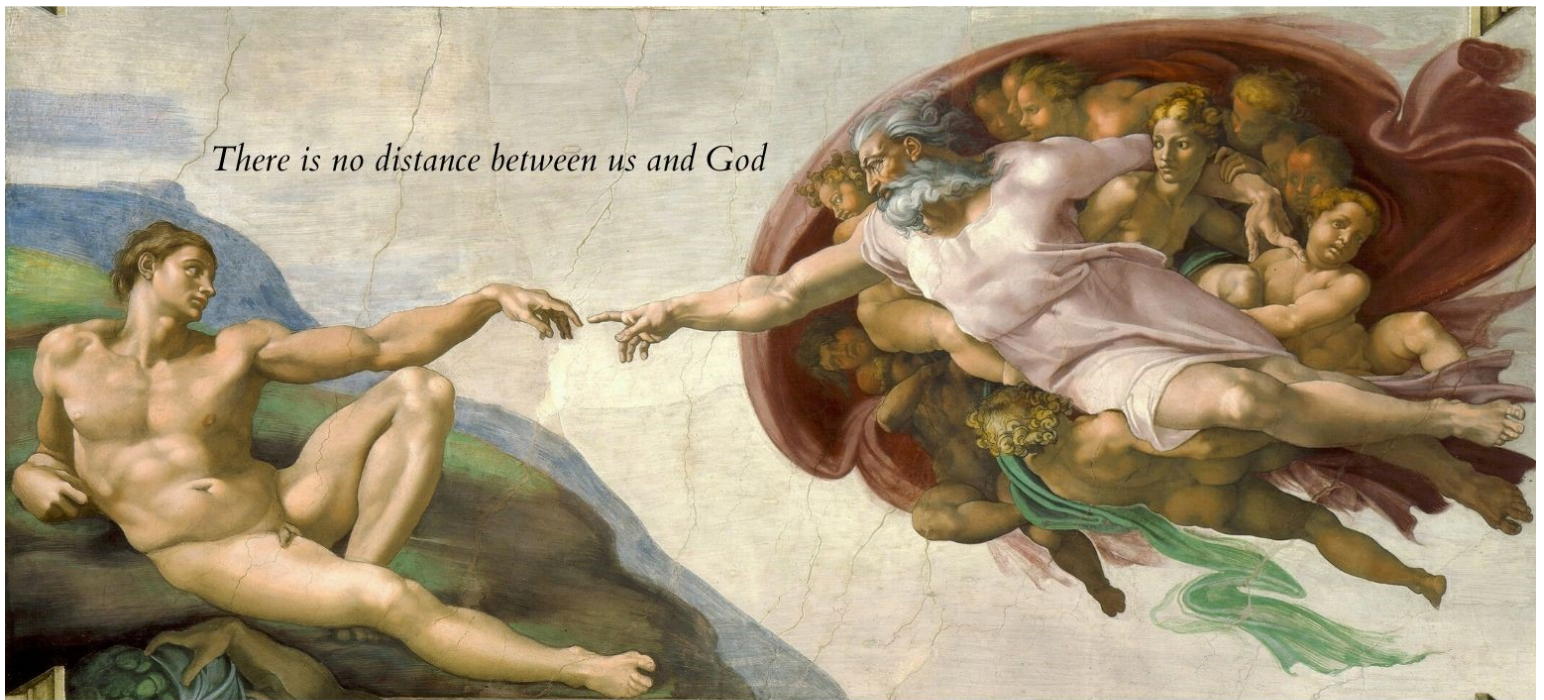
The Fort Loudon-McConnellsburg Charge

United Church of Christ

228 North 2nd Street

McConnellsburg, PA 17233

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There is no distance between us and God

"The Creation of Adam," Sistine Chapel

Blessings from the Pastor

How great it is to be back together in worship! But also so hard as we are still asked to keep a distance.

As I write this, new cases of Covid are increasing around the country just as we're all so sick of the changes. Masks and stay-at-home orders, closed businesses, separation. It has been an uncomfortable three months for the lucky among us, and a deadly three months for too many.

The good news is that where people have followed strict guidelines the virus is being defeated. We know how to beat this, or at least how to slow it down until a cure is found.

In the meantime, our churches are taking the recommended precautions. Since Covid is most deadly to the most vulnerable among us, we especially want to make sure these beloved members feel safe and welcome. In the weeks ahead, we will reevaluate as we learn more.

Rest assured, we will worship God wherever, whenever and however until this plague passes over our doors. We know this too will pass, and that God is with us all the way.

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Summer Worship: Covid Precautions

In an effort to keep everyone safe, we have made the following changes.

- Alternate pews will be used.
- Offering plates will not be passed during worship. They are located at the front and back of the sanctuary.
- Sanctuary doors will be propped open to minimize touch.
- Frequently-touched surfaces will be disinfected as a part of regular church cleaning.
- Hand sanitizer is available. Limited supply of masks and gloves.

Please continue to follow the recommended guidelines of maintaining distance, wearing a face covering, and washing hands often. Please stay home if you are feeling ill or have any symptoms.

For those who cannot join us in person, St. Paul's will continue to broadcast the Sunday service at 11 a.m. on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/UCCMcCbg>.

Please feel free to contact your consistory members if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to seeing everyone in worship!

Outdoor Worship

11 a.m. Sunday, August 16, 2020

Join the congregation of St. Paul's for a special outdoor worship service at the Hann home on Sunday, August 16 at 11 a.m. We will also be Blessing the Backpacks of our youth.

You can park and watch from your car, or bring your lawn chairs and worship outside. The location is big enough to maintain 6 feet of distance.

The Hann home is located at 1082 Johnstons Road, McConnellsburg in the Knobsville area. Take US-522N to Barmont Road and follow it onto Johnstons Road. Stay on Johnstons Road to House #1082 on the right. Look for the signs!

Fort Loudon VBS Family Fun Day

10 a.m.-2 p.m. August 1, 2020

Join us for a day of family fun sponsored by the congregations of Trinity UCC, Fort Loudon UMC, and Freedom Lighthouse Ministries. We'll gather at the Community Center for outdoor games, stories and more as we seek to connect the kids in our community with the love of God.

If you can help out that day, either as a volunteer or to provide snacks or supplies, please let us know. We can't wait to see you there!

BBQ! YUM!

August 15, 2020

September 12, 2020

Get your delicious Chicken BBQ at Trinity UCC in Fort Loudon from 10:30 a.m. until sold out. To pre-order, call or text Heidi Myers at 717-360-6582. Thank you for your continued support of Trinity!



Summer Swim Parties

August 5, 2020

September 2, 2020

Join Trinity UCC on the first Wednesday of August and September at 5:30 p.m. for some fun in the sun! Bring your suit or just sit poolside and visit. You can bring a dessert, snack, or drink to share.

The address is 5625 Path Valley Road, Fort Loudon. Coming from Fort Loudon, the home is on the left side of the road just past Stumpy Lane. Thank you to Ernie Gish and Denise Dunlap for hosting!

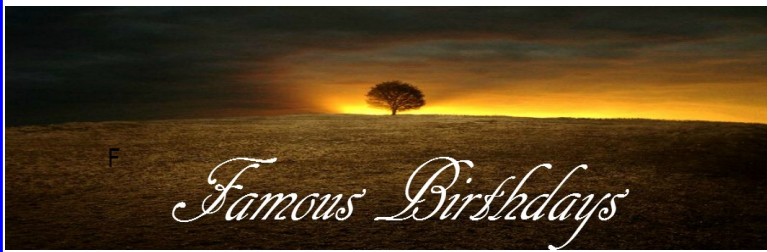


Summer 2019



Drive-In Worship Service June 2020





Famous Birthdays

July

- 3 Stephanie Crouse
- 9 Jason Armstrong
- 10 Cheyanne Lake
- 13 Gracey Lake
- 14 Jeff Lawyer
- 17 Preston Mellott
- 21 Chelsi Burns
- 23 Colin Warren Neal
- 25 Todd Alexander



Prayer Requests

- Kylene McLucas Arwood
- Rosie Shives family
- Lana Pine
- Elizabeth Kerlin
- Alex, Bethany and Eleanor Wynn
- Bill Anderson
- Chase Andrews
- Bill and Ann Hays
- Korbyn Rotz
- Mary Haubrick
- Skip and Betty Daniels
- Nicole Hummel
- Carl and Carol Mellott
- Dennis Hess
- Robert Door
- Nancy Barmont
- Sawyer and Jan Bye family
- Meril Fetters
- Mary Lou Fritz
- Zeis family
- Corinna Rotz
- Zereau Higgins and family
- Sarah Baker
- Military and families
- All Sunday school classes
- Our Church & ministries
- All affected by Covid-19



If you have any additions or corrections to the prayer list or the birthday list, please contact the church office, mcbucc@embarqmail.com

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July

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Sunday, July 12

Trinity Eldercare Collection

Tuesday, July 14

Online Bible Study on Zoom 3:00 p.m. "Discipleship in Uncertain Times"

To join us via computer or smartphone, go to Zoom.us. Enter the Meeting ID: 897 1765 4853 and Password: 011559. To join by phone, call 1 301 715 8592 and enter the same ID and password.

Tuesday, July 14

Trinity Consistory Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 19

Trinity Building Fund Offering

Tuesday, July 21

St. Paul's Consistory, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 25

Ruritan BBQ chicken at Trinity 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, August 1

10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Fort Loudon VBS at the Community Center

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SAVE THE DATE: Joint Worship Service at the Garber's' 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept 6, 2020 DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Newsletter articles deadline is July 28, 2020

Kylene Arwood fell and fractured her right leg on Monday. She has had x-rays and will be seeing Orthopedic doctor July 8. Due to COVID and Kylene's compromised immune system, the family has **kindly asked no home visits**. A get well card, and notes of encouragement would help cheer her days as she heals. **Most importantly, prayers are appreciated for Kylene's healing.** Address is: **Kylene Arwood 1244 Narrows Road McConnellsburg, PA. 17233.**

Fulton County Chamber Golf Tournament – July 24

The Chamber will be holding its 24th annual summer golf tournament as planned. If you are interested in playing or in sponsoring this event, see the attached form for registration and sponsorship details. If you had planned to participate in or sponsor the spring tournament, we still hope to have a date available in late summer or early fall to hold that event as well. If you have any questions or require further information, call the Chamber office at 717-485-4064.

Car Wash – All Things Automotive

All Things Automotive, 21518 Great Cove Road, McConnellsburg, will be holding a car wash on Saturday, July 18 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. to benefit Milestone Wellness Outreach. Please see the attached flyer or the chamber calendar for more information.

Fulton County Health and Wellness Notice

The FCMC Community Health and Wellness Center, the 6:15 A.M. Core Strength and Kickboxing/Cardio Class will be cancelled on July 6th, 7th, and 8th.

Check out our Facebook page for the giving of the Blessing Boxes 06/05/2020

Fueled Youth Group has been hands on during the last couple of months. Their hands and feet have surely been discipling to our community. What a blessing and example this group of youth and their leaders are to each and everyone of us!!!

