

The Beacon

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

Trinity
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Fort Loudon, PA

September 2021

*"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid,
do not be discouraged. For the LORD your God
will be with you wherever you go."*

Joshua 1:9 (NLT)

TRINITY UCC

There will be a yard sale held at Trinity on **September 11, 2021**. Items will be accepted until Sept. 8th. This yard sale will be held in memory of Rosie Shives and John Hornbaker and the proceeds will be for the benefit of the community. **Please do not bring items that are not saleable including toys missing parts, dirty or torn clothing or broken items.**

Thanks,
Linda



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

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SEPTEMBER 2021

BLESSINGS FROM THE PASTOR

REV. MARLEEN SHEPHERD

As you can see this is a jam-packed issue, because we have had so much going on. What a great summer! A special thanks to all those who volunteered to make Trinity's VBS and the Fort Loudon Peach Fest such great successes! We couldn't do it without you.

As we look forward to fall, we are so happy to see our kids return Sept. 12th for Sunday School at St. Paul's! And there are so many ways for all ages to plug in to church through activities, events, worship, and study. I know all of us won't have time for all of them (even the pastor!) but I encourage you to get involved with something that will refresh your spirit. Feel free to drop in when you can. You don't need to make a lifelong commitment. Stop in for a cup of coffee before worship or hop into an online class every now and then.

I know there will be many tough decisions to navigate. Some of us will be in public, and some of us will still need to stay home. But wherever you find yourself, I hope you will commit to one touchpoint with the church per week, whether that be study or simply praying with a friend over the phone. It's vitally important to gather as the body, to learn from one another, and to lean on one another. Particularly in these turbulent and confusing times, we need each other and we need God.

So come to church for a shot of Hope! Come to study for a word of Life! Come to an event and reach out in Love! Come to youth group and have some Fun! Come to worship to renew your Heart, Mind, and Spirit! Come here as a gift to yourself, your neighbor, and your God! We are so grateful that you are the church, here and now, when and where you are needed.

May God bless you and keep you safe,
Pastor Marleen

GET INVOLVED!

Talk to the Pastor about
volunteer opportunities



VBS JULY 2021

"for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

MATTHEW 6:21

SEPTEMBER 2021



WORSHIP & STUDY

We love to see you online and in person!

Join Us for Worship!

9 A.M. TRINITY UCC FORT LOUDON

13189 Main Street

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

St. Paul's Sunday School

KIDS (PreK-7th)

Begins at 10 am. Snack & Chat with friends starting at 9:30.

IGNITE TEENS (8th-12th)

10 am in person and online

Join by phone, tablet or computer:

<https://meet.google.com/>

Enter Code: rgp-zudv-nfe

ADULT

"Simon Peter" by Adam Hamilton

Begins at 10 am. Join us for coffee before class at 9:30 am

In-person and online at [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us)

Meeting ID: 876 0047 5397

Passcode: UCC17233

Phone: 301-715-8592

Online Study Group

WHITE FRAGILITY

330-430 pm Thursdays

[Zoom.us](https://zoom.us)

Meeting ID: 828 9251 4169

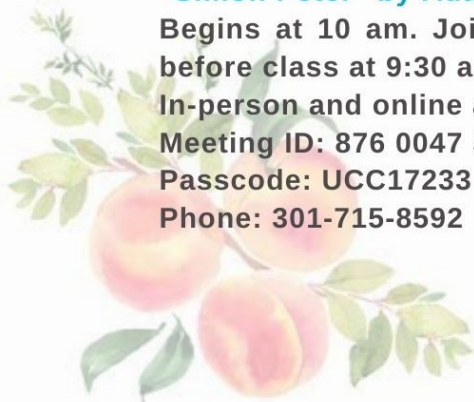
or join by phone at 301-715-8592

Bible Release

JOY EL MINISTRIES

Heads up parents! Kids can be released from school for one hour per week to learn about the Bible.

"Bible Adventure" is an opportunity for 3rd-5th graders. Christians In Action (CIA) is the program for middle-schoolers. Learn more at joyelgeneration.org



WELCOME BACK TO
SUNDAY SCHOOL!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th

9:30 AM -10:00 AM: Have a snack & chat with friends! Sunday School classes start at 10:00 AM!

We're kicking off our return to Sunday School with **LUNCH** following worship service! Bring your family and a favorite dish to share! Peter Billings from the McConnellsburg United Methodist Church will be joining us to talk about his Youth Group activities this fall.

CLASSES by grades:

Donna - PreK to 1st

Linda - 2nd to 5th

Loy - 6th and 7th

JoAnn - 8th to 12th



We miss
you!

PARENTS: Join us for adult class! Enjoy a cup of coffee at 9:30 - class starts at 10:00!



**did
YOU
know**

★ **The Fort Loudon Peach Festival was founded and is hosted by Fort Loudon's Trinity United Church of Christ.**

★ **This year is the 10 year anniversary of the Peach Festival.**

★ **The Peach Festival is the church's biggest fundraiser of the year.**

Fort Loudon

Peach festival

Thank
you!



Happy 10th Anniversary!

August 21, 2021

The Faith & Fellowship Center

Up Date



Recent conversations with our Engineering consultants revealed building material costs are starting to come down (supplies are catching up to demands). As a result of this positive trend, the F&F Center Project Committee is planning to begin meeting again in September. Its main task will be to evaluate plans to restart the campaign to raise funds and set a time-line for the construction of the Center.

When the time comes to move ahead, the Engineering firm will handle all aspects of the construction phase once a general contractor is selected. The general contractor's bid would include the removal of the old building; and of course, the construction of the new one. There would be periodic "contractor meetings" during the construction phase consisting of the engineering representative, the contractor and member(s) from our project committee.

Also, the Committee wishes to thank all of those families and individuals who have generously contributed and pledged their support. Pledge commitments are welcomed at any time between now and the close of the year.

There are still opportunities for persons to contribute or pledge their support. Contact Loy Garber for detailed information (485-4902).



FALL fun list

- WATCH THE THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE
- WATCH ITS THE GREAT PUMPKIN CHARLIE BROWN
- MAKE HOMEMADE SOUP OR CHILI
- VISIT THE PUMPKIN PATCH
- MAKE CARAMEL APPLES
- MAKE APPLE PIE
- TAKE WALKS
- GO ON A HAYRIDE
- WATCH A FOOTBALL GAME
- VISIT AN APPLE ORCHARD
- JUMP IN RAIN PUDDLES
- RAKE LEAVES (AND THEN JUMP IN THEM!)
- GO TO A HALLOWEEN PARTY OR TRICK OR TREATING
- ENJOY THE SEASON!



(6th – 12th grade)

MUMC YOUTH GROUP

Meeting Schedule

2 Sundays/month typically 3pm-5pm* Meet @MUMC's main lot / youth room

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	  (Church / Out)
Sunday, Aug 29	Youth Group kick off	
Sunday, Sept 12	Board Game Olympics	
Sunday, Sept 26	Explore Abandoned Tunnel	
Sunday, Oct 10	Pumpkin Carving	
Sunday, Oct 24	Outdoor Movie Night (7pm)	
Sunday, Nov 7	Packing Christmas Boxes	
Sunday, Nov 21	Lincoln Caverns	
Sunday, Dec 5	Sound Track of Your Life	
Sunday, Dec 19	End-of-Year Christmas Bash!	

Heads Up!

After School Program will be held at MUMC gym. Begins Sept 21, Tuesdays 3-5pm. All youth welcome! (5th-12th)

More to come!

*Any changes will be communicated

Contact information:
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 (717) 485-4815 x204

Thank You Volunteers





- 1 Linda McLucas
- 7 Amber Myers
Jason Fox, Jr.
- 8 Sam Rotz
Shari Washabaugh
- 10 Leah Hamil
- 14 Reese Alexander
- 17 Sam Burns
Jeff Zeis
- 18 Elizabeth Kerlin
Holden Will
- 23 Barb Bricker
- 24 Kathy Hess
- 25 Jerry Armstrong
- 26 Ricky Lake II
- 28 Troy Ott
Richard Sheffield
- 29 Ryan Koontz
- 30 Linda Weller

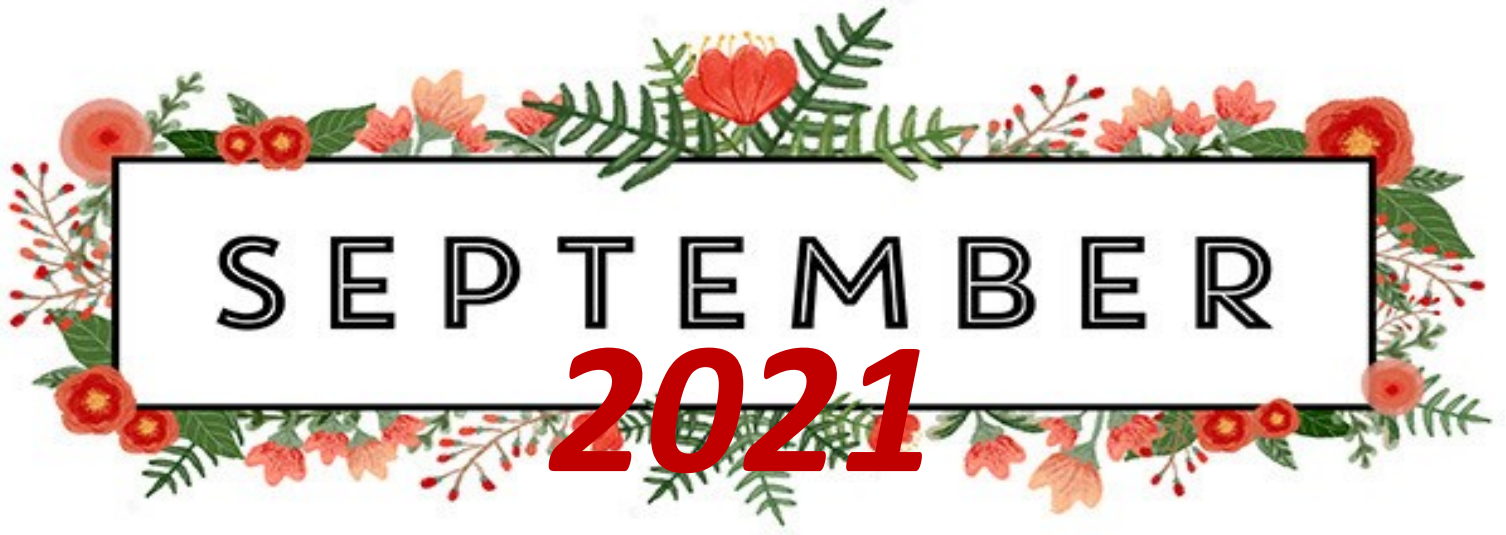


The healing of our nation+

- Cathy Buterbaugh
- Amanda Mitchell
- Linda Sowers
- Ed Hayes
- 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
- 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
- Daniel Hopper
- Eileen Troutt-Ervin and Bob Perry
- Kathleen Pappas
- Patrick McCarthy
- Summer Hoover and daughter Ruby
- Daniel Hopper, grandson of Linda Best. (He has left for basic training for the Marines)

Please send additions and corrections to the church office.

*Our thoughts
and prayers
are with you*



NOTE: 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

September joint picnic is CANCELLED

Thursday, September 2 St. Paul's Christian Education Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Monday, September 6 Have a safe and restful Labor Day Holiday
Sunday, September 12 St. Paul's Youth Sunday School Starts
Tuesday, September 14 Trinity Consistory meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, September 19 Scholarship offering
Tuesday, September 21 St. Paul's Consistory meeting 7:00 p.m.

SUMMER ONLINE STUDY.....

3:30-4:45 P.M. Thursdays Meeting ID: 828 9251 4169 or by phone at (301) 715-8592

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HAPPY SEPTEMBER!

Let the sunshine in and a new month begin!

