



The Beacon

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

Trinity
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Fort Loudon



JUNE 2016

“Create
in me a
clean heart,
O God,
and put a
new **and right**
spirit
within me.”
Psalm 51:10



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

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Pastor's Message:

Summer is here and with the season many of us will be travelling. It is the perfect time to enjoy the warmer weather, the longer daylight, family and friends.

As summer begins I want to thank a number of folks at St. Paul's and Trinity for practicing the ancient Christian art of "Hospitality".

St. Paul's UCC:

- A thank you to Pam Carmack our church secretary and Donna House who keeps the parsonage clean. Both make my life easier.
- A thank you to the Joyful Noise Band for leading our music the first Sunday of each month. Your enthusiasm is uplifting and you bring genuine joy to the celebration of our Lord Jesus Christ. To guitarists Richard Sheffield and John Duffey; to drummer Denny Buterbaugh and pianist Denise Grissinger; to lead singer Lynn Miller.....a big thank you for your contribution to our worship. In my opinion, music celebrates the "Holy" in a way that touches all of us.
- A thank you to all who bring delicious dishes to the potluck lunches following worship the first Sunday of each month. Fellowship is an important part of the Christian experience.
- A thank you to all who organized and participated in St. Paul's Yard Sale. The results were outstanding! We all know how much work goes into the sale, so a special thanks to Donna House and all who made it such a successful event.

Trinity UCC:

- A thank you to all at Trinity who organize and participate in the ongoing life of the congregation in worship, outreach and maintenance of our building.
- A thank you to all who organized, cooked and participated in the Spring BBQ. The event was a success and continues a long-list of special "meals" provided during the year. The dinners are a lot of work but bring together people from the Ft. Loudon community and provide a wonderful opportunity for "Hospitality" in the best Christian tradition.
- A thank you to all at Trinity who participated in the semi-annual clothing and food giveaway. Truly this is a ministry that our Lord commanded, "feed the hungry, clothed the naked, care for those whom God loves".
- A thank you to Jerry Armstrong and Roy Hornbaker for the new sign outside the church that welcomes folks to our faith community. It's easy to read and provides a reminder to all who pass that the work of our Lord is continuing at Trinity.

St. Paul's and Trinity:

- A thank you to all who worship with us and provide a genuine sense of warmth and hospitality to all who gather, those who participate in Sunday School, those who lead Sunday School classes, prayer groups, serve on Consistory and Committees and the Trinity Choir for their anthems and special contemporary hymns.

Enjoy your summer and if you are in the area, don't forget the McConnellsburg Strawberry Festival, the Trinity Church Picnic at Cowan's Gap (all from St. Paul's are invited and the Ft. Loudon Peach Festival.

Pastor Tussing

Trinity UCC Consistory May 10, 2016

The Search Committee reported that several resumes have been received and the committee is working on the next steps in the process.

Rev. Tussing has renewed his contract through September 2016.

A new sign at the front of the church should be put up soon. Jerry Armstrong is coordinating this project.

We are waiting for the donation of more funds for the electrical work before it can be started.

Money has been sent to Global Ministries for the Elder Sponsorship. We expect to send in our pledge quarterly. It was noted that some months we do not get in enough money donated to cover the cost of \$30 per month but other months bring in more than enough so it has evened out so far.

The sinkholes in the cemetery will be filled in as soon as the ground is drier.

The organ tuner will be contacted to set up a time when he can be let into the church to do the work.

Church records will be reviewed to see if we have a policy in place on the compensation paid to Supply Ministers.

Volunteers are needed for the monthly trash collection.

Linda Best

Did You Know About Pennsylvania ??



Most of us have lived our entire life in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. And when we travel outside its borders, and then come back again, we might find ourselves thinking: “It’s great to get back home”. And yet, even though God has blessed us with being here in this beautiful place, we may not know some important and unusual facts about Pennsylvania. Here’s a few bits of information to think about, and even mention around the dinner table, and make you feel proud to live in the good-olde Keystone State.

Hershey Kisses were first created in 1907

There are six potato chip companies nearby: Herr’s, Martin’s, Utz, Bickles’s, Gibbles, and Snyder’s of Hannover.

The Crayola Factory is located in the Lehigh Valley, and produces nearly three-billion crayons each year.

Pennsylvania leads the nation in the number of licensed hunters, pretzel bakeries, sausage production, covered bridges and rural population.

The oldest “Leap-the-Dips” (roller coaster) is in Lakemont Park, Altoona. It was built in 1902. If a baseball player hits a home run over the right field fence in Blair County Stadium (home of a Pittsburgh Pirate minor league team), that ball will bounce off the old wooden roller coaster.

The town of Indiana, PA, is the Christmas tree capitol of the world.

The first daily newspaper was published in Pennsylvania on September 21, 1784.

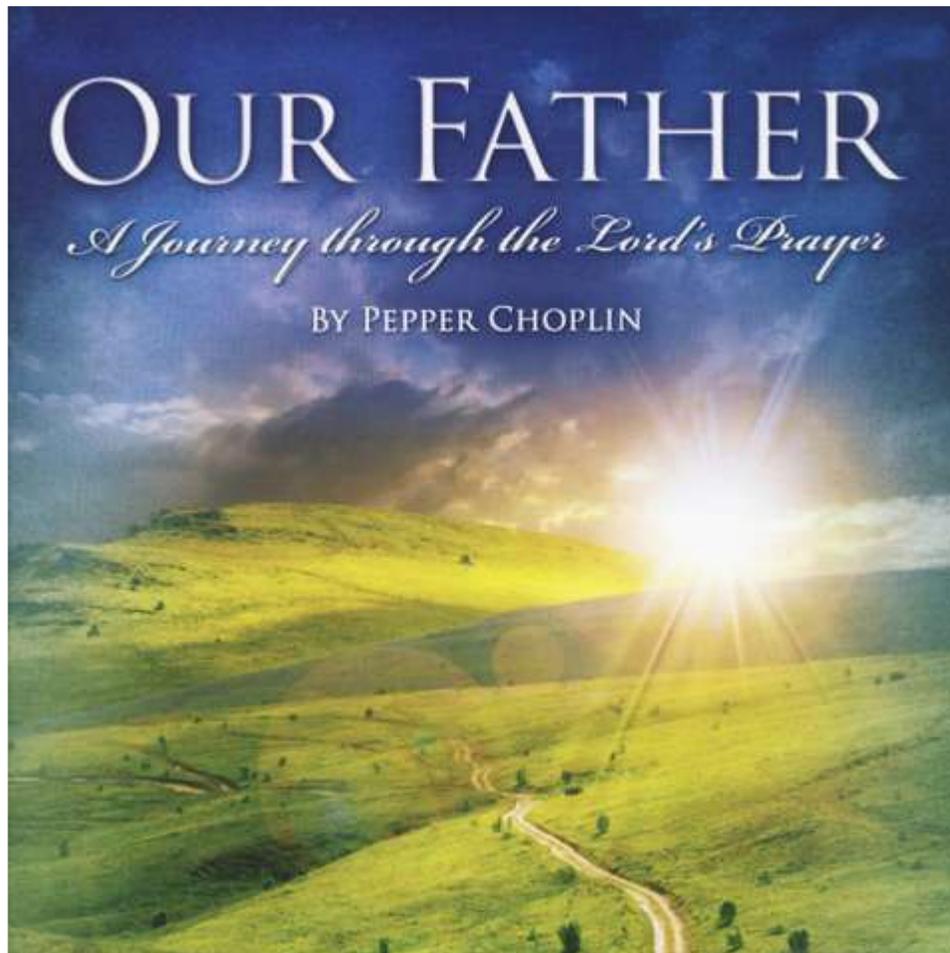
In 1893 the first Ferris Wheel was built and operated in Pittsburgh.

So, if you need a few bits of information to help you strike up a conversation, try some of the above facts about the great State of Pennsylvania. And you just might take a moment to thank the Good Lord that you are living here.

Submitted by: Loy Garber

Join us at Trinity United Church of Christ

June 5, 2016 @ 2pm



A choral interpretation of "The Lord's Prayer"

Accompanied by orchestra, featuring 50+ singers

From local churches

Trinity UCC

30 W. North Street

Waynesboro, PA 17268

All Are Welcome

Free Will Offering

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

McCONNELLSBURG, PA

Benefits the Ministry of CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

TICKETS: \$1.00 EACH 6 FOR \$5.00



THE WINNER IS...

SEE US AT TRINITY'S PEACH FESTIVAL IN AUGUST



- 1 Longaberger Basket * Pink**
- 1 Longaberger Basket * Red**
- 1 Longaberger Basket * Green**
- Locally Made Bench & Desk Set & MORE.....**



The History of the United Church of Christ

The religious heritage of the United Church of Christ stems from the great traditions of four unique groups of people as a result of the Protestant Reformation back in the 16th Century. These religious traditions were brought to America as the protestants were fleeing persecution in Europe.

German immigrants established congregations in America known as the German Reformed Church in 1725. The name “German” was dropped from their name in 1867, and these worshiping congregations were then called the Reformed Church.

In the early 1800’s other German immigrants began to establish churches in the Midwest. These congregations organized themselves as the German Evangelical Churches of North America. In 1927 the name “German” was dropped from their title, and they became known as the Evangelical Church.

Stressing liberty of conscience and the authority of the Scriptures, and recognizing their common German Protestant heritage, these two denominations united their resources in 1934 to form the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Often referred to as the E & R Churches.

In the 1620’s the Pilgrims and Puritans came to Massachusetts with their strong belief in the Scriptures and the importance of a congregational form of church government. Over the next two centuries these protestant believers became known as the Congregational Christian Churches.

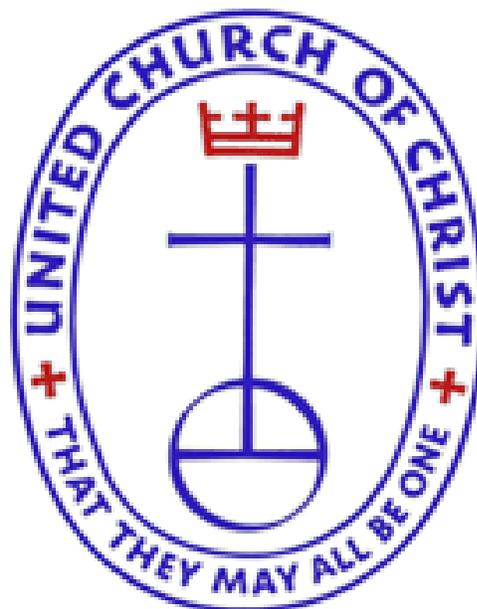
Then in 1793 a group of worshiping churches in North Carolina formed what they called the Christian Church. In the early 1800’s similar congregations in Vermont and Kentucky united with the North Carolinians and organized under the name of the Christian Church.

Finding common religious beliefs and stressing the importance of congregation freedom of governing themselves; the Congregational Christian Churches and the Christian Churches united in 1931 and assumed the denominational name of the Congregational Christian Churches.

Then in 1957 these denominations, recognizing their common heritages as Protestant immigrants and their shared Scriptural beliefs, joined together to form the United Church of Christ.

Today the United Church of Christ offers unity, action, and freedom through word and deed with the guidance of the Lord Jesus. The UCC has a proud history and diverse heritage thanks to God the Father.

Submitted by: Loy Garber



TRINITY'S FINANCIAL UPDATE

Month	Received	Budget to Date	Expended
Jan.-March	\$14,104.18	\$18,018.00	\$11,836.25
	\$	\$	\$
Year to Date	\$25,801.45	\$	\$18,551.40



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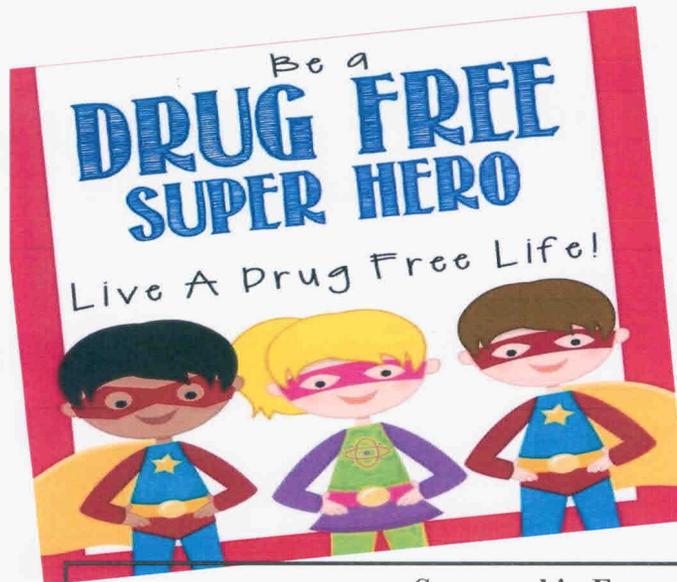
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SUMMER KICK OFF

June 17 •

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

At the FCMC Campus
(214 Peach Orchard Road,
McConnellsburg, PA)

**TONS OF FREE
ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS**

******VENDORS ARE
ASKED TO JOIN IN
THE THEME AND
DRESS LIKE
SUPER HERO'S!**

Sponsorship Form

- Lead Sponsor - Tent Sponsor \$1,000
- Grand Prize Sponsor \$500 (Family Fun Package to Great Wolf lodge)
- Grand Prize Sponsor \$300 (Family Fun Packages) (2 available)
- Inflatable Bounce Houses —Sponsored by Palmer Construction
- Food Stand Sponsor \$250 (hotdogs, snow cones, popcorn) (3 available)
- Station Sponsor \$50 (obstacle course, face painting, etc.)

Business Name: _____ Contact: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

If providing a screening and or service, what will your display table consist of: _____

Will you need outlets for audio/visual equipment: Yes No

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*Birthdays
of the Month* **JUNE**

6	Lory Mester
9	Dorothy Stevens
14	Chase Buterbaugh Mason Buterbaugh Tony Shives
15	Ross Weller Elsie Bricker
16	Sharyn Zeis
19	Justin and Blaze Hege
20	Roy Hornbaker
23	Blaire Shives
24	Ruth Brubaker
28	Jody Buterbaugh Amy Headley
30	Cathy Buterbaugh

Trinity's Ushers:

Zereau Higgins and Jeff Lawyer

St. Paul's Ushers:

Dave and Ruth Brubaker

St. Paul's Flowers:

Linda Garber



*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*

Bertha Byers
Betty Daniels
Dorothy and Paul Stevens
Gary Stevens
Gerald Peck
Gene, Elsie and Barb Bricker
Joyce and Thurman Hassler
John Hornbaker
Military and families
Sponsored Children: Adrianus, Marc Philip,
Thierry, Marcela
Zeis family
Jean McLucas
Diane Baxter
Rosie Shives and Family
Elaine Armstrong
Nancy Barmont
All individuals and families affected by
cancer
All Sunday school classes
Our Church & it's ministries

***If you have any additions or corrections to the
prayer list or the birthday list, please contact the
church office.***



June 2016

Wednesday, June 1

Trinity Praise UP (Under the Pavilion), 6:30 pm

Sunday, June 5

Trinity Blended Worship, 9:00 am, Sunday School, 10:30 am

Sunday, June 5

St. Paul's Praise Worship, Graduation Celebration fellowship lunch following worship

Wednesday, June 8

St. Paul's Church Women United meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, Saturday, June 10,11

Strawberry Festival

Sunday, June 12

Trinity Holy Communion, 9:00 am

Trinity Sunday School, 10:30 am

Picnic at Cowan's Gap Pavilion 1, (accessible), 12:30 pm

Trinity Collection for Elder Sponsorship

Tuesday, June 14

Trinity Consistory meeting, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, June 15

Trinity Praise UP, 6:30 pm

Sunday, June 19

Father's Day

Trinity Blended Worship, 9:00 am

Trinity Building Fund Offering

Trinity Sunday School, 10:30 am

Tuesday, June 21

St. Paul's Consistory meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 22

Deadline for newsletter articles

Sunday, June 26

Trinity Picnic at the Pavilion, 12:30pm



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