

It is the season for the crops to change from growing to finishing and a time of harvest. Hopefully and prayerfully, we will have enough time of sun and time of rain to finish the season of growing and prepare for the time of harvesting. Covid-19 cannot stop the seasons of life. Children will be born. Parents and grandparents will be thrilled at this miracle of life, this gift of love and joy which opens the heart to love more than a person thought possible. It is a time of growing and changing. It is a season for every matter under the sun.

Yet in the midst of this time of growing, we are experiencing more of a time of change than usual. The words from Ecclesiastes give us hope. Ecclesiastes reminds us that there is a season for every matter under the sun. There is a promise holding up the seasons. The Lord promised Noah and creation, "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall not cease." Our Lord who promises the season also brings blessings within the seasons. Our Lord blesses us with the gift of new life born into the world. Our Lord blesses us with the wonder of the miracles of children born into our lives. Our Lord blesses us with the joy of learning and discovery of new information, the discovery of a new gift, a new talent that is learned. Our Lord blesses us with family to support, to love and uplift us. Our Lord blesses us with friends to share and enrich our lives. (cont. page 2)

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Our Lord blesses us with our creativity to take on new challenges and overcome them. Our Lord blesses us with sun and rain. Our Lord blesses us with his unconditional love and presence. Our Lord walks with us so we never face a moment of the day alone. Our Lord walks with us, so when we fall, He places his hand in ours and lifts us up. Our Lord is with us so when we sin, He draws us into his arms, removes our sin and whispers, "I forgive you."

We are living in a difficult time. There is a season for everything. We wonder when the season of the pandemic will come to an end. We don't know the answer. But what we do know, is our Lord is above time, our Lord is eternal. Our Lord is the

Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. Jesus holds our beginnings, our present and our future in his hands. No matter what the season, what time it is, our Lord is present with you. It is a different time, but God is with us all the time, every season.



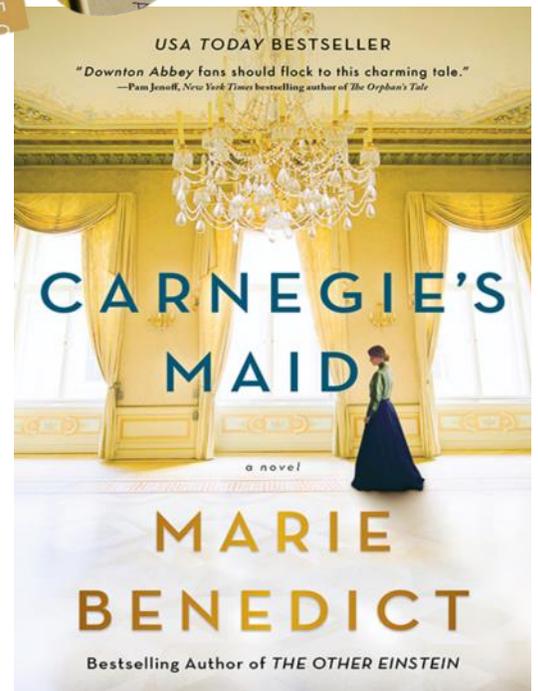
Pastor Camp

BOOK CLUB

CARNEGIE'S MAID

by Marie Benedict

Emigrating to America from Ireland in the 1860's, Clara Kelley is not who they think she is. She's not the experienced Irish maid who was hired to work in one of Pittsburgh's grandest households. She's a poor farmer's daughter with nowhere to go and nothing in her pockets. But the other Clara Kelley has vanished, and pretending to be her just might get Clara some money to send back home. If she can keep up the ruse, that is. Serving as a lady's maid in the household of Andrew Carnegie requires skills she doesn't have, answering to an icy mistress who rules her sons and her domain with an iron fist. What Clara does have is a resolve as strong as the steel Pittsburgh is becoming famous for. That may be more valuable to her than all the Carnegies' money. Carnegie's Maid is a tale of the brilliant woman who may have inspired Andrew Carnegie's transformation from ruthless industrialist to the world's first true philanthropist.



Join us on Monday, September 26 @ 7 pm in the library to discuss the strength of women as they navigate the new world no matter what their station in life.

A "note" from Mrs. Frickert

Dear Parents, With the current alarming increase in cases of Covid in our community, the fact that there is no vaccine available for children under the age of twelve, and the fact that singing is one of the most dangerous ways of spreading the virus, I have decided to delay starting choirs for our children and teens until November. Your children are very precious to me and keeping them safe is my top priority! I'm very disappointed, but I'm hopeful that by November conditions will have improved enough that we can prepare to sing for Advent and Christmas Eve.

God bless!

Mrs. Frickert

Wow Bible Study

WOMEN OF THE WORD

“I AM THE WORLD’S LOUSIEST PRAY-ER!!” says the Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen a freelance theologian who works for the OMG: Center for Theological Conversation and author of “Dear God, thank you for . . . Look! A Bird!” in the July/August issue of GATHER magazine.

Come join us for a discussion on prayer on Saturday, September 4, 8 a.m., in room 202.

Bring your coffee, etc., if you’d like. Please also wear a mask for entering church and participating safely in our discussion.

Questions? Call Linda Rebeck at 610-613-6196.

Financial Update -

Givings for July were higher than last year by 20.8%. Total giving for July YTD 2021 is higher than last year by 6.0%. Last May we recognized \$44,538 in miscellaneous income due to the PPP program. As a result, total income for the month of July YTD 2021 is lower than last year by 8.6%.

Expenses for the month are higher than last year by 9.2% and YTD expenses are higher than last year by 12.0%. YTD personnel expenses are much higher than last year due to a full complement of salary personnel.

As a result, July experienced a gain of \$3,650 vs. last year's gain of \$770. YTD 2021 gain of \$9,762 is lower than last year's gain of \$48,128 due to PPP income recognized in May 2020.

Klotz Scholarship awarded to Bailey Miller & Sarah Lang.

Reopening Team – Due to rising Covid-19 rates, they are strongly suggesting that folks wear masks. All community groups will be notified of this update. Singing masks will be worn by the Union Chorale and Praise Band.

Due to the increased use of technology in Katie Stauter's job, her hourly rate will be increased from \$15 to \$18.75 effective Aug. 1, 2021 with an additional increase to \$20/hour effective January 1, 2022. Katie's title will change to Communication Specialist.

Basket Party Team decided to hold a virtual basket raffle this year to ensure safety.

Christian Education – Children's Sunday School, Happy Hour and Cat Class will begin on Sept. 19th from 9:45 – 10:30 AM.

Christian Life – Completed series of 3 videos encouraging contributions to the Future Building Maintenance Fund.

Fellowship Committee served ice cream sundaes in August and will be hosting a birthday celebration for one of our members who is turning 100 years old. Food is served following Covid safety protocols.

Library Committee – Book Fest will be held Sept. 12th. Designing book swap box to be located near Lil Food Pantry box.

Property Committee – repaired Lil Food Pantry, pursuing quotes to seal parking lot

Social Ministry – ULC will be organizing the Christmastime Ingathering collection; Trunk or Treat scheduled Oct. 23rd from 1-3 pm; fabric & thread will be collected for Lutheran World Services for God's Work Our Hands Day.

Worship/Music – Sponsorships for worship bulletins will be offered; Organ Committee will schedule a meeting



Join us for

Faith, Fun & **FRIENDS**

First day of Sunday School is
Sunday, September 19, 2021

3 years old—6th grade

Meet in the Family Life Center

Book Fest 2021
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH
10-NOON IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

9/7 @ 6:30pm-8pm
9/9 @ 6:30pm-8pm
9/11 @ 9am - Noon

Book donation times
OR
deliver to church office

Set up
volunteers needed:

9/7 @ 6:30pm-8pm
9/9 @ 6:30pm-8pm
9/11 @ 9am - Noon

Event
volunteers needed:

9/12 @ 10am-Noon
9/12 @ Noon - 12:30pm

Can you help with a volunteer shift?
email bjsm2@ptd.net or office@ulclv.org

ELCA WORLD HUNGER

Washington, D.C.



In our nation's capital, the Beloved Community Incubator is based on the idea of investing in both people and the Logan Circle neighborhood.

The project began with a listening campaign by Luther Place Memorial Church with support from **ELCA World Hunger**. In this campaign, residents of the community expressed their desire for cooperatives that would allow them to use their skills and talents to build wealth and income that would stay in the community.

The first cooperative incubated by Luther Place was *Dulce Hogar* (Spanish for "Sweet Home") a cooperative of women who provide cleaning services for homes and businesses. Together, the women learned how to run a business, how to do it with fairness and how to develop their own skills as leaders.

The group describes itself this way: "When you book a cleaning with us, you know that you're supporting a company that is committed to paying a living wage, and provides benefits like paid time off and flexible schedules that allow us to spend time with our families. And, you're helping local women, long-term residents, and immigrants build wealth, so that we, and our families, can afford to stay in DC. We take pride in our work – and we commit to doing every job until it's done right!"

The cooperative members were paid for the time they spent in meetings and trainings. They learned together that their time and labor had value that far exceeded the wages they had been offered before. And now, with an investment in them, they will be able to invest in others.

Projects such as the Beloved Community Incubator offer a counter-witness to the policies and practices of disinvestment that have created communities with high rates of poverty and food insecurity across the United States. These policies and practices are rooted in the misperception that some communities are worth investing in and others are not.

The residents of Logan Circle know, despite the challenges they face, their community is worth the investment, and a better future is worth pursuing. With your support, **ELCA World Hunger** can continue to invest its resources in communities such as this one.



On September 17th,
Anna Reitz

turns **100!!!**

Lorraine Schneck
Larry Snyder

Let's show her some of our church family love by showering her with cards!

3743 Sand Spring Rd.
Schnecksville, Pa 18078



Sunday, September 12, 2021
9:45 am - 10:30 am
Youth Group Room
7th — 12th Grades Welcome



Catechetical Class

Any youth, 7th grade or older, is invited to join our First Year Catechetical Class. This 2 year program will teach all the basics of the Lutheran faith

(Sacraments, Apostles Creed, Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer and more.)

**Sessions will meet
monthly
on the 3rd Sunday from
9:45-10:30 am
in the Nave**

Servant events and retreats will be added as Covid-19 guidelines allow. Please contact the church office to register your youth.

Bible Distribution –

Calling all 3 year old and youth in 5th grade this school year. Your church family would like to gift you with a Bible. Bibles will be distributed at worship on Sunday, September 19th. Please contact the church office if you have a child meeting these criteria and you would like them to receive a Bible.

Volunteer Ombudsman - Are you interested in making a difference in the life of a person residing in a nursing home or personal care/assisted living facility? Consider becoming a Volunteer Ombudsman. Training will be provided. To volunteer, please contact Jennifer Arciere, Ombudsman Program Supervisor, at 484-619-3337, or

2021 Klotz Scholarship Recipients



Sarah Lang



Bailey Miller



It's been a long time since we met. I hope you have been busy creating some wonderful prayer shawls. I am scheduling a meeting for Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 1:00 in room 202. If you are not a member and would like to join us, we are always looking for new members and can even teach you how to knit or crochet. If you can attend, please give me a call at 484-262-0425.

Your prayer Shawl Ministry Coordinator-Sandy Castaldi



September 17th

6pm

Stay tuned for location



Thank you for all of the cards, prayers and love that our church family shared following the loss of Larry.

Carol Snyder and Cathy Shaffer

Join us the 2nd
Saturday of each
month at the
Parkland Diner!

7am— first breakfast
is FREE!

No obligations, ONLY
food, fellowship and
outreach

(planning and program-
ming
optional!)



YOU ARE CALLED TO LEAD

Future Building Maintenance Fund

I hope that you had the opportunity to see Pastor Camp's 3 "commercials" featuring his nightmare.... If you missed them, click to watch!



[Video #1](#)



[Video #2](#)



[Video #3](#)

What if the HVAC unit in the Nave dies before worship one Sunday?

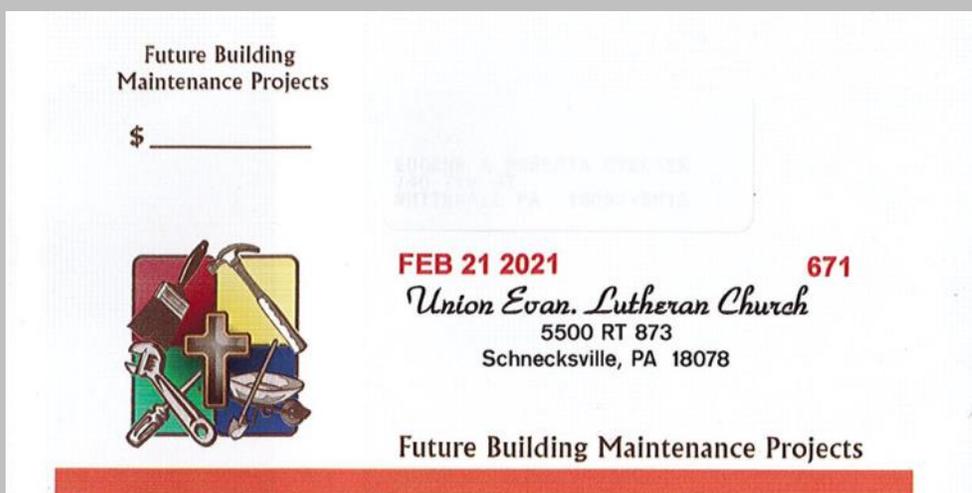
What if the lights start flickering or the pipes start leaking?

LET'S KEEP OUR BEAUTIFUL FACILITY IN tip-top SHAPE.

How can you help?

Make contributions to the Future Building Maintenance Fund. There is an offering envelope in your packet or you can make a contribution by clicking this link:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/YK49/campaign/C-YVB4>



TRUNK or TREAT

For all of you ghosts, goblins, princesses and pirates it's that time of year to plan our annual Trunk or Treat. It will be held Saturday, October 23 from 1-3 in our lower parking lot. This is a free, fun, family event for the community providing a safe alternative from door to door trick or treating. Neff's UCC Church will also be hosting a trunk or treat in the Grove at the same time so families can go between the churches through the cemetery. We are hoping to make this the year of the most decorated trunks. They don't have to be elaborate just some Halloween decorations will do. If you are decorating a trunk we ask you be there at 12 so you can get it decorated before the families come. We need your help to make this a success. We need volunteers to donate candy, decorate their trunks, hand out candy or treats and of course LOTS of trunk or treaters. You can call Cathy Smith 215-872-4013 to sign up or if you have any questions.

Food Bank Needs:

Northern Lehigh: Crackers

Parkland Cares: boxed Mac & Cheese, canned corn, Ramen Noodles, Oatmeal Packets, Applesauce cups or pouches, canned Spaghetti's or Ravoli, small cans Tuna or Chicken, small boxes Cereal

Our Li'l Pantry - Entrees containing meat, stews, canned pastas and chicken noodle soup.



VIRTUAL
Basket Party
5500 Rt. 873 Schnecksville, Pa



October 13 - October 29

Winners announced October 30th



Minimum
Basket values
of \$25



View our
event



Purchase
Chances
and play



Pick up your
lucky winnings

www.unionlutheranchurch.ourraffle.org



610.767.6884 office@ulclv.org
or Patti Hoffman 484.223.5760

Pick up
Baskets

Oct. 30 1pm-4pm
Oct. 31 10am - Noon
Nov. 1 and 2 4pm - 7pm

Event details have all been altered to adhere to physical distancing. Contactless payment options available.

ULC, we need **YOU to help make the basket social a success.**

We are accepting donations from now
until September 27th:

- ◊ Assembled Baskets (minimum \$25 value)
- ◊ Basket contents (we will assemble)
- ◊ Cash (we will shop)
- ◊ Gift Cards
- ◊ Local Business Gift Cards (help our neighbors)
- ◊ Empty Baskets (particularly large)

**Kindly bring all donations to the church
office during office hours or to a Sunday
Worship service.**



Join Our Church Family

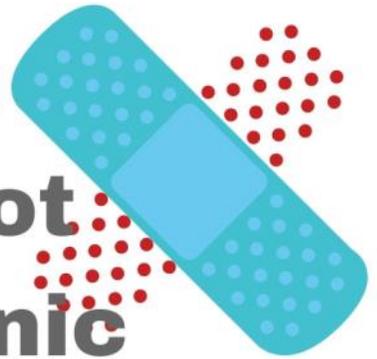
- Have you been worshipping with us via virtual worship?
- Have you been attending our parking lot worship services?
- Have you been attending our inside worship services?

*Become a member of our
Church Family!*

September 12th
9 AM worship service
or via the virtual service.

Please contact the church office for more information!

Flu Shot Clinic



Where: ULC

When: 10/17/21

Time and details TBD

Blessing
- of the -
ANIMALS



OCTOBER

17TH

1-2PM

Drive Thru Event

Happy Hour

We will come together again
Sunday, September 19, 2021

9:45 am — 10:30 am

Room 206-207





5500 Route 873 Schnecksville, PA 18078

610-767-6884 Church Office

Website: www.ulclv.org **email:** office @ulclv.org

Facebook.com/ulclv

Miller-Keystone Blood Center #1258 - ULC

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Communications Specialist	Katie Stauter
Sexton	Terry P. Hoffman
Parish Nurses	Dorothy Bealer
	Jane Borbe

Congregation Council Members			
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Secretary	Kandy Lang	Property Committee	David Geiger
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Alternate 2	Debra Grundstrom		

"Our Mission is to follow Jesus and serve as He would."