

Longswamp United Church of Christ

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Harvest Home Sunday

**Indicates to rise as you are able in body and spirit.*

MUSIC PREPARES US FOR WORSHIP

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God of honey and harvest, of grain and grape, of ocean and orchard:

People: We praise you for our abundance and pray that the harvest is not just shared, but shared justly.

Leader: God of beehives and breadbaskets, of living webs and the weaving of life, of ecosystems and economy:

People: We praise you for the wealth of the harvest and pray that this harvest is not just a promise but is full of promise for all.

Leader: God of bumble bees and blue whales, evolving and environment, ice-fields and star-fields:

People: We praise you for the sheer wonder of the world and pray that this harvest is not about our wealth but the wealth of our generosity. Amen.

*HYMN

Come Ye Thankful People Come

#381

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION

All: Gracious God, you sow good seeds in the field to make the world blossom and grow, but too often we lay waste to your crop. We toss other seeds into the field that only choke the life you share. We pull up the weeds when the time is not right and destroy the good wheat in our world. And sometimes we would rather even destroy the whole field than claim the good crops that you have

given us. Forgive us for tending your field with such carelessness and bad judgment. Show us your intentions for us and our world once again, and open us to the good harvest that you share with us and all creation. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God forgives us, and calls us to grow in his ways and follow his word.

People: We know God's grace and will follow him to the fields of his kingdom. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

All children are welcome to come forward for the Children's Message. Afterwards, kids of all ages can follow our Children's Church leaders to our Sunday School program in the Education Building for stories, games, crafts, and more. We also welcome families to remain in worship if that is what works best for you.

*HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King

#356

RESPONSIVE READING (BASED ON PSALM 65: 8-13)

Leader: The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders, O God.

People: Where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy!

Leader: You care for the land and water it, you enrich it abundantly.

People: The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain.

Leader: Lord, you drench the furrows and level the ridges, you soften the land with showers and bless its crops.

People: You crown the year with your bounty, God, and your carts overflow with abundance.

Leader: The grasslands of the wilderness overflow, the hills are clothed with gladness.

People: The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain.

Leader: And all God's people shout for joy and sing!

People: Alleluia and Amen!

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 8:1-15

CHOIR ANTHEM

We Bring Our Thanks

Williams and Schram

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING & MISSION MOMENT

***DOXOLOGY** #809
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above, you heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
All: God of Abundance, we thank you for the fruits of your earth. We give in hopes that the plenty we have known may be known by many. Gather these offerings, dedicated in your name, for the transformation of our community and world. Gather us in, for the transformation of ourselves and your creation. Amen.

***HYMN** *For The Fruit of All Creation* #379

BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC *We Plow the Fields and Scatter* *Schultz/Claudius*

Call to Worship adapted from Commitment Prayer by Roddy Hamilton on Mucky Paws. Confession written by Rev. Andy James.



WELCOME TO LONGSWAMP UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!

This is our Weekly Beacon- October 11th-17th, 2026

Thank you for worshipping with us on this Harvest Home Sunday! We follow in the footsteps of the German immigrants who started this community over 250 years ago, thanking God for our blessings and celebrating the season of agricultural harvest. Appreciation to the choir for providing special music for today's service.

Sharing Our Faith

Our sermon series, “Overflowing” will continue each Sunday throughout October. Join us next week, October 18th, for the Baptism of Jack Kresky (Nancy Snyder's grandson).

Some upcoming important worship dates (all at 10:15am):

-November 1st- All Saint's Day. We honor all those we've lost this year.

-November 8th- Veteran's Day. We will honor our Veterans and will be joined by the Boy Scouts and The Topton Legion Honor Guard.

-November 15th- Holy Communion & Family Sunday, Chance Strunk Baptism

We are still in need of a few items (highlighters, index cards, and assorted tea bags) to include in the care packages that we will be assembling for our 4 members who are currently furthering their education. Please put your donations for the care packages in one of the boxes on the front pew near the piano no later than next Sunday, October 18. Please see Jill Shade after the service today to sign up to donate one of the items that we still need for their care packages. If you haven't already done so, please sign the card (on a clipboard in the narthex) for our college students. The cards will be included in the care packages which will be sent/hand delivered to these 4 special members. Thank you very much for your support of our college students!

Mark your calendars for this year's Trunk or Treat, hosted by LUCC and Longswamp Learning Center! This year's date is on Friday, October 23rd starting at 6:30pm. We are still in need of some trunks for this year's event. If you're willing to decorate and host a trunk, please fill out the form in the narthex and return it to the office! Families are also welcome to just come and trick or treat around the parking lot that night!

We will be having a Nut Tassie baking day on Thursday, October 15th, and Saturday, October 17th, both starting at 9am. If you've ever wanted to learn how to make Nut Tassies, Shirley will be walking us through it.

Teaching What We Believe

Children's Church runs weekly during the church service. After the Children's Message, kids will follow the leaders to the education building for lessons, crafts, games, and more! Your child is also welcome to stay in church or take advantage of our Prayground, if that's what you'd prefer.

Our next Faithful Field Trip will be THIS Wednesday, October 14th. We will be meeting at 9:30am in the parking lot and driving together to the Historical Easton Cemetery, where we will learn about the significance and history of the grounds. We will be having lunch afterwards and will return to the church around 3pm. All women of LUCC are welcome to join us—just let us know if you'll be coming with us!

Acting on Jesus' Teachings

Please see the insert in today's bulletin for more info on our October mission for the benefit of Friend Inc.

Our “Cookies for a Cause” event for the benefit of Friend, Inc. Community Services' Food and Pet Pantries will take place at Ashi's Mertztown Market on Saturday, October 17, 2026 from 10 AM - 2 PM. This special event will be an extra way for our church to collect more items and monetary donations for our October 2026 mission. We are still in need of one or two volunteers to help from 12 PM - 1 PM and 1PM - 2 PM at our table. Please put your name on the sign-up sheet (on a clipboard in the narthex) or contact Jill Shade if you're willing to help at our “Cookies for a Cause” event on Saturday, October 17, 2026.

Longswamp UCC Business

October Newsletters are available in the narthex! Please take one to stay up to date with all of our upcoming events! If you'd like to be added to our mailing or emailing list, please let Maggie in the office know!

The 2026 Food Sale is live! You can take forms from the Narthex and return to the office or you can order online at our website. All orders are due by November 1st and the pickup date is Saturday, November 14th from 11am-1pm!