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# St. Luke's United Church of Christ, Trappe, Pa Collection, 1760-2002

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Finding Aid

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## SUMMARY INFORMATION

<b>Repository:</b>	Historic Trappe
<b>Creator:</b>	St Luke's United Church of Christ, Trappe, Pa
<b>Title:</b>	St. Luke's United Church of Christ, Trappe, Pa Collection, 1760-2002
<b>Object ID:</b>	2020.002.0060
<b>Date:</b>	1760-2002
<b>Extent:</b>	The total extent of the collection is 0.625 linear feet (2 document cases).
<b>Processors:</b>	Susan Makowiak
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Accruals:</b>	Further accruals are expected.
<b>Custodial History:</b>	Part of this collection was received by Historic Trappe as a gift from Victor Bergoon in 1985.
<b>Restrictions:</b>	This collection is open for research.
<b>Abstract:</b>	This collection includes the history and records regarding St. Luke's United Church of Christ, Trappe, Pa (formerly St. Luke's Reformed Church).

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTES

This collection documents the activities of St. Luke's Church United Church of Christ, Trappe, Pa. Included are history, constitution and by-laws, church registers and pastoral records (photocopies only), worship service bulletins, anniversary booklets and programs, correspondence, meeting minutes, financial records (checkbooks, ledgers and bills/checks), and newspaper clippings.

## PROVENANCE & ACQUISITION

This collection contains records received as gifts from various donors.

The following were received from Victor Bergoon in 1985:

- Two Cemetery Fund checkbooks (Box 1, Folder 17; Box 1, Folder 18)

- Account book of Sunday School Society, 1882-1891 & various loose bills, checks, etc. (Box 1, Folder 19)
- Sesqui-Centennial Celebration Booklet, 1905 (Box 2, Folder 2)
- Home Department Record Books, Sunday School (Box 2, Folder 1)

### **HISTORICAL INFORMATION**

The founding of St. Luke's Church began in 1742. On November 5, 1742, nineteen people gathered in a barn in Providence (as Trappe was known at that time) to form the congregation that received the first communion of the Reformed Church at Providence from Reverend John Philip Boehm. The barn was the meeting place until Spring 1747 when a log church was built in Providence on ground that is now the cemetery of St Luke's Church. The log church was also used as a hospital for sick and wounded soldiers encamped at Valley Forge. In 1835, a new church was erected on the site of the first log building and it was agreed that the church would be called St. Luke's. In 1867, the ground at the present church was purchased and the current church was subsequently built in 1874 during the pastorate of Dr. J H A Bomberger who also founded and served as president of Ursinus College.

### **PROCESSING NOTE**

Further accruals are expected. Any additional material related to St. Luke's can be added to this collection.

### **RESTRICTIONS**

This collection is open for research. Contact Historic Trappe for information about accessing this collection.

### **REPRODUCTION**

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## SEARCH TERMS

### Creator

- St. Luke's United Church of Christ
- St. Luke's Reformed Church
- Reformed Church at Providence

### Geographic Name(s)

- Montgomery County, PA
- Upper Providence Township, PA
- Providence, PA (Prior to Trappe)
- Trappe, PA

### Personal Name(s)

- Rev. John Philip Boehm (1<sup>st</sup> Pastor)

### Occupation Terms

- Pastors of St. Luke's Church, Trappe

### Subject(s)

- St. Luke's Cemetery
- Ursinus College Connection

## SERIES DESCRIPTION AND CONTAINER LIST

### Box 1: St. Luke's Church Documents (1760-1995)

This includes the History of St. Luke's Church including *Pennsylvania-German Magazine* (June 1908, p.255 History of); by-laws and constitution; directories (1934, 1956); church records; photocopies of parish and pastoral records including baptisms, communions, confirmations, marriages, and deaths; membership; council members; meeting meetings; worship service bulletins; and financial records – cemetery checkbooks, bills/checks, and Sunday School accounts.

Box      Folder

1	1	History
1	2	Pennsylvania-German Magazine, June 1908, History p. 255
1	3	By-Laws and Constitution
1	4	Directory 1934, 1956

1	5	Church Records, 1760-1826 (photocopy)
1	6	Baptism Records, 1897-1955 (photocopy)
1	7	Cemetery Records (photocopy)
1	8	Communion Records, 1887-1935 (photocopy)
1	9	Confirmation Records, 1923-1953 (photocopy)
1	10	Death Records, 1922-1955 (photocopy)
1	11	Marriage Records, 1896-1953 (photocopy)
1	12	Pastoral Records and Members, 1884-1966 (photocopy)
1	13	Church Council Members, 1994-1995
1	14	Meeting Minutes, 1981, 1991
1	15	Worship Service Bulletins
1	16	Bills/Checks, 1882-1891
1	17	Checkbook – Cemetery Fund, 1910-1924 (PLACEHOLDER – mold remediation)
1	18	Checkbook – Cemetery Fund, 1912-1927 (PLACEHOLDER – mold remediation)
1	19	Sunday School Society Accounts, 1882-1891

### **Box 2: St. Luke’s Church Documents (1905-2002)**

This includes Home Department Records – Sunday School (1919-1920, 1924-1930), Anniversary Booklets, (1905-2002), 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Information, Communications/Correspondence (1913-2002), Newspaper Articles, Miscellaneous

2	1	Home Department Records – Sunday School, 1919-1920, 1924-1930 (PLACEHOLDER – mold remediation)
2	2	Anniversary Booklets, 1905, 1915, 1937, 1940, 1943, 1948, 1967, 1992, 2002
2	3	250 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Information – Committee, Meetings, Plans, Notes
2	4	Communications / Correspondence, 1913, 1976, 1992, 1995, 1996, 2002
2	5	Newspaper Articles
2	6	Miscellaneous

### **FEEDBACK**

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