THE ST. LUKE LETTER June 2023



Dear Siblings in Christ,

Our faith life is really our everyday life. So often we live a bisected life – we have our 'regular life' and our 'faith life' and never shall the two meet, let alone intertwine. But as Christians, as followers of Jesus, our very lives are our faith lives. Our faith is integral to every decision we make, everything we say, and everything we do. How we live in our country, in our state, in our community ought to reflect our love of God and love of neighbor. This is one reason why I encourage you to embark on the study of the ELCA's next Social Statement on Civic Life and Faith. Our faith guides how we think. Our faith guides how we vote. Our faith guides how we support our neighbors – not only treating all with love and respect, but also honoring one another's experiences and helping with needs. As Christians we act upon God's love and guidance, and this way of love should be easy to see in how we interact in our world. Our faith informs our beliefs. Our beliefs inform our understandings. Our understandings inform our choices and way of life. Our faith can be our guide beyond our 'religious identity.' Our faith can be our guide in all of our identity. Will you take the time to join the conversation, to explore how our faith guides our civic responsibilities, and live out our faith in our everyday lives? I hope so.

Yours In Christ, Pr. Becky Horn



Are you or a loved one desiring a visit from the pastor? Do you have questions on faith, your spiritual life, or wish for a time of prayer? Please contact Pastor Becky if you would like her to call or visit you at home, in the hospital, or another location. (office: 814-364-9154, cell: 215-208-5535, email: StLuke364PastorBecky@gmail.com



Thank you to our Sunday School Teachers, Shawn Lehman for the Adult Class and Pastor Becky for the Pre-K to 6th Class, for all your work this past Sunday School Year. Sunday School will be taking a break for the summer and will resume in September.

<u>Study on Social Statement in process from ELCA – Civic Life and Faith</u> – Please come and join the conversation surrounding Civic Life and Faith, the newest Social Statement being formed in the ELCA. We have a 6-session curriculum study (we will complete in 5 sessions), with participant guide to help us discern, ponder, and formulate feedback to give to the taskforce. Perhaps you are wondering why you should care, or why give up time to join this discussion.

From the study packet on page 2, "We are disciples of Jesus Christ who happen to live in a democracy, although God's people have lived under every kind of government. Whatever the type, followers of Christ have had to figure out how to serve God, our highest authority, within that society. Being civically engaged is vital for disciples because through government many of the needs of our neighbors are met – or ignored.

For these reasons, in 2019 the Churchwide Assembly—the ELCA's highest legislative body—authorized development of "an ELCA social statement on government, civic engagement and the relationship of church and state" in order to "probe for shared convictions and establish this church's comprehensive teaching" on this important question. This study invites you into the conversation."

Pr. Becky will offer two times for conversation and study per topic. The first study session will include both session 1 and 2 from the study guide. The following sessions will focus on one per week. Study guides are available in the narthex. Please join us for this important discussion.

Morning Study Sessions & Prayer Group: Wednesdays starting at 10:00 am in fellowship hall, May 31, June 7, 14, 21, and 28.

Evening Study Sessions – On ZOOM: Tuesdays starting at 8:00 pm, Zoom link below, May 30, June 6, 13, 20, and 27.

Zoom: Civic Life and Faith Study

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82904064086?pwd=VWI3YjdEVzkrT1JzSjdnaXMxTVJLQT09

Meeting ID: 829 0406 4086 Passcode: 886338

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Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kdwOT3MvKk



Pastor's Book Suggestions:

June is Pride Month – A celebration and commemoration of LGBTQ+ that began following the Stonewall riots in New York in 1969. As faithful followers of God's love, we continue to welcome and affirm our siblings in Christ who continue to be marginalized, discriminated against, and harmed by violence in our nation and the world. There are ever-growing number of resources of faith, belief, and theology

that support, affirm, and raise up LGBTQ+ people and express God's love for all people. I pray you will take time this month to enter this often challenging topic with love, respect, care, and God's guidance, remembering that Jesus welcomes all people. A few books (there are many more resources available, these are only a few) that are recommended on faith and LGBTQ+ are listed below. Please don't hesitate to talk to Pr. Becky with questions.

Transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians by Austen Hartke (2017) God and the Gay Christian: The Biblical Case in Support of Same-Sex Relationships by Matthew Vines (2015)

One Coin Found: How God's Love Stretches to the Margins by Emmy Kegler (2019)
Outside the Lines: How Embracing Queerness Will Transform Your Faith by Mihee Kim-Kort (2018)

SYNOD ASSEMBLY EVENTS

Sunday, June 11, 4:00 pm:

Synod-wide Pre-Assembly Worship

First Lutheran Church (1401 12th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601)

Reception will follow. All are invited to attend

Tuesday, June 13, 6:00 pm:

Bible Study #1 "Christ Unites Us" with Churchwide

Representative Kristen Opalinski via Zoom

All are invited to attend

Thursday, June 15, 6:00 pm:

Bible Study #2 "Christ Unites Us" with Churchwide Representative Kristen Opalinski via Zoom

All are invited to attend

Saturday, June 17, 8:30 am

Allegheny Synod Assembly (in-person event)

Blair County Convention Center (1 Convention Center Blvd., Altoona, PA 16602)



Thank you to the Choir for your beautiful music this past year. The Choir will be taking a break for the summer beginning on June 11th and will resume in September.



Our book is *The Secrets She Carried* by Barbara Davis. We will meet to discuss the book on Wednesday, June 7th at 9am in the kitchen.



GOD BLESS OUR GRADUATES! MAGGIE DELANEY, KIRA JOSEPHSON, AND FAITH WOLFE

*please let Patty know if we missed anyone





The Centre Hall/Potter Food & Fuel Pantry will have their next monthly food distribution on the **3rd Tuesday of June, June 20, 2023**, at Grace United Methodist Church. Volunteers are packing boxes from **8:00am-10:00 am** and Food Distribution will be from **1:30-3:00 pm**.

Suggested Monthly Donation List for the Food Pantry:

January - Kleenex July - Soap

February - Canned Milk
March - Toothpaste
April - Cake Mixes

August - Toothbrushes
September - Shampoo
October - Toilet Paper

May - Kitchen Garbage Bags

June - Paper Towels

November - Sandwich Bags

December - Dish Detergent

If you would like to make a donation, please place non-perishable items in the designated Food Pantry Box at St. Luke Lutheran Church on or before **Sunday**, **June 18**, **2023**. The donation box is located in the Narthex (under the coat rack). Volunteers are always needed...to pack boxes at 8am on distribution days or to sign up to unload food when it arrives at Grace Church. If you can help unload food, you will be called the day before the truck arrives. If you would like to make a monetary donation, volunteer in any way, or if you have any questions, you may speak with Bonnie Brown at **814-883-3589**.



St. Luke's Annual Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 9th beginning at 10am. Worship and Picnic will be held at the large pavilion at the Centre Hall Lion's Club Park. We will hold worship at 10am, followed by a potluck picnic. The Congregational Relations Committee will provide sandwich trays, chips and drinks. There will be sign-up sheets available in June for Fruit and Vegetable Trays and

Desserts. We will also have a sign-up sheet for those wishing to attend so that we have general idea of how many to prepare for. Plenty of picnic tables are available or you may bring a lawn chair if you wish. Water Balloons and Corn Hole will be available for those wishing to participate. Let us come together in fellowship.



On Sunday, July 16th, St. Luke, along with Trinity United Church of Christ and Grace United Methodist Church, will hold a Joint Worship Service at the Peoples Choice Festival which is being held at the Grange Fairgrounds. Worship will take place from 10:30am-11:30am at the South Side Stage. Pastor Dave Downer will be preaching. Any offering or donations collected will benefit the Centre Hall/Potter Township Food Pantry. There is no cost to enter the park - just indicate that you are attending worship. If you have difficulty walking, a golf cart will be available to assist with transport.

Please note: Pastor Becky will still hold 8:00am Worship at St. Luke on Sunday, July 16th, for anyone who does not wish to attend worship at the fairgrounds.



The Centre Hall Council of Churches Vacation Bible School Program will be held from Sunday, July 23rd through Thursday,

July 27th at Grace United Methodist Church. Dinner will begin at 5:30pm and the program will take place from 6pm-8:15pm. The theme for this year is: Operation Restoration - Mending God's World. This VBS invites kids to be menders in God's world. As they make connections between Bible stories and mending actions, they'll discover simple ways to live out faith in daily life. Registration information will be coming soon!



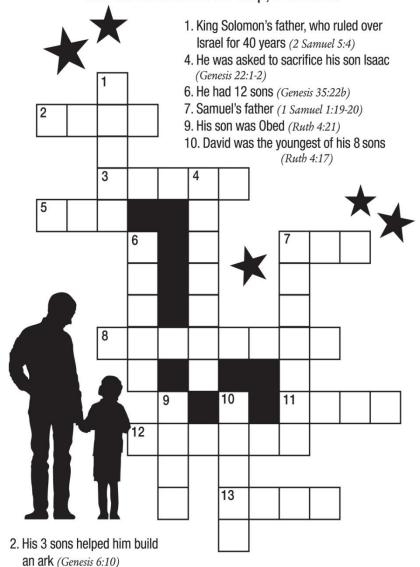
Saturday, July 29, 2023 will be Penns Valley Community Night at the Spikes Game at Medlar Field. If anyone would like to attend, you may

purchase tickets at the game or pre-order tickets online by going to

https://www.mlbdraftleague.com/statecollege/tickets/ You can also call the Spikes Box Office at (814) 272-1711 or visit in person from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Spikes Team Office! The Penns Valley Community Night game was very well attended last year. Ticket prices range from \$8 to \$18 per person depending where you would like to sit within the Spikes stadium. Gates open at 5:30pm and the game starts at 6:35pm against the Mahoning Valley Scrappers. There are several other promotions and highlights for the evening. The Spikes will team up with Mount Nittany Health in the fight against breast cancer to Paint the Park Pink. It is also Scout Night for all Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts. In addition, there will be Baseball Bingo, Kids Running the Bases, and Firewooks after the game. Looks to be a fun night!

Puzzle!

Complete this crossword with names of biblical fathers.
Use the references for help, if needed.



- 3. His youngest son, Jacob, tricked him into giving away a birthright (Genesis 27:30)
- 5. The Father of our Lord (Ephesians 1:3)
- 7. His sons were not like Samuel; they were wicked (1 Samuel 2:12)
- 8. David's best friend and the father of Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 9:6)
- 11. Father of Cain, Abel and Seth (Genesis 4:25)
- 12. He was married to Mary, mother of Jesus (Matthew 1:20-21)
- 13. Father of Jonathan: Israel chose him as their first king (2 Samuel 9:6)

Answer: DOWN 1. David, 4. Abraham, 6. Jacob, 7. Elkanah, 9. Boaz. 10. Jesse; ACROSS 2. Noah, 3. Isaac, 5. God, 7. Eli, 8. Jonathan, 11. Adam, 12. Joseph, 13. Saul

Prayer Concerns

Pray for the recovery and the Lord's healing and peace on our brothers and sisters.

Family & Friends of Hans Ditmer Ryan Lehman...recovery from hand surgery Don Anderson...healing from surgery Melody Green...recovery from surgery

George Wool...recovery from heart surgery Silas Green...multiple health issues Frank Manslow...cancer Darlene...recovery from surgery

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Paul Dietrich...cancer
Greg Bohn...kidney issues
Paulette Smigo...life concerns
Donna Brown...cancer
Jean Bender...myelodysplastic syndrome
Dave Ferree...health concerns
Ukrainian People & the Ukrainian War
Paul & Sandy Larson...health concerns

Robert Sauerwein...heart & health concerns
Jim & Tanya Evans...health concerns
Marvin Lehman, Jr....health concerns
Eva Gill...kidney failure
Tim Leitch...cancer
Jody Lehman...recovery from surgery
Gay Homan...health concerns
Don Rudy...health concerns

Please pray for the Health of our Homebound:

Agnes Homan (448 S. Pennsylvania Ave, Centre Hall, PA 16828...814-364-9189) Phyllis Kerlin (Juniper Village Wellspring, 610 W Whitehall Rd - Rm 121, State College, PA 16801)

Fred Lohr Jr. (244 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Centre Hall, PA 16828...814-364-9368) Barbara Mark (4178 Penns Valley Rd, Spring Mills, PA 16875) Gladys Sampsel (c/o Randy & Julia Long, 165 Reeder Rd, Spring Mills, PA 16875) Jean Smeltzer (Wynwood House, 122 Wynwood Dr., Centre Hall, PA 16828)

*If You Would Like to Add, Update or Remove a Prayer Concern: Please notify the Church Office by calling 814-364-9154 or emailing StLuke364@gmail.com. -Updated 5/30/23



<u>Updates to Prayer Concern List</u>—Please note that St. Luke's prayer concern list was recently updated. If we have removed someone from the list that you feel should still remain, please let us know. We are just trying to keep our list as accurate as possible. Anytime you would like to add, remove or update a prayer concern, please speak with Patty or Pr. Becky. You may also call the church office at 814-364-9154 or email StLuke364@gmail.com. Thank you for your understanding of the need to periodically update the current list.

THANKS BE TO GOD FOR OUR WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

June 4, 2023 - The Holy Trinity

Altar Care: Betty Ishler

Altar Flowers: Scott and Barb McAllister Bell Ringer (10:30am): Walt Schluter Communion Bread: Shari Welch

Counters: Barb McAllister and Shari Welch

Greeter (8am): Gary Zellers Greeter (10:30am): **Open** Lay Reader (8am): Kathy Long Lay Reader (10:30am): Carol Sharpe Offering Usher (10:30am): Scott McAllister Worship Assistant (10:30am): Susan Stover Weeding & Mowing 6/4/23-6/10/23: Scott

McAllister

June 11, 2023 - The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Care: Betty Ishler Altar Flowers: Jack Sharer

Bell Ringer (10:30am): Larry Frazier Communion Bread: Sue McCool Counters: Sue Royer and Carol Sharpe

Greeter (8am): Connie Zellers Greeter (10:30am): Patty Lehman Lay Reader (8am): Rick Homan Lay Reader (10:30am): Jack Sharer

Offering Usher (10:30am): Scott McAllister Worship Assistant (10:30am): Shawn Lehman Weeding & Mowing 6/11/23-6/17/23: Tom & Sue

McCool

June 18, 2023 - The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Care: Open

Altar Flowers: Audrey Herrold Bell Ringer (10:30am): Walt Schluter

Communion Bread: Open

Counters: Barb McAllister and Susan Stover

Greeter (8am): Linda Decker-Reitz

Greeter (10:30am): Open

Lay Reader (8am): Michele Shawver Lay Reader (10:30am): Barb McAllister Offering Usher (10:30am): Walt Schluter Worship Assistant (10:30am): Carol Sharpe Weeding & Mowing 6/18/23-6/24/23: Todd

Fetterolf

June 25, 2023 - The 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Care: **Open**

Altar Flowers: Todd and Annette Fetterolf Bell Ringer (10:30am): Shawn Lehman

Communion Bread: Open

Counters: Lois Albright and Ken Cromwell

Greeter (8am): Gary Zellers Greeter (10:30am): Nancy Shunk Lay Reader (8am): Kelly Moran Lay Reader (10:30am): Deb Frazier

Offering Usher (10:30am): Shawn Lehman Worship Assistant (10:30am): Scott McAllister Weeding & Mowing 6/25/23-7/1/23: Todd Fetterolf

July 2, 2023 - The 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Care: Open

Altar Flowers: Hammaker Family Bell Ringer (10:30am): Larry Frazier

Communion Bread: Open

Counters: Sue Royer and Shari Welch

Greeter (8am): Connie Zellers Greeter (10:30am): Patty Lehman Lay Reader (8am): Linda Decker-Reitz Lay Reader (10:30am): Ken Cromwell Offering Usher (10:30am): Walt Schluter Worship Assistant (10:30am): Susan Stover Weeding & Mowing 7/2/23-7/8/23: **Open**

St. Luke continues to be in need of Worship Service helpers at both 8am and 10:30am. We are in need of Altar Care Helpers, Bell Ringers, Greeters, Lay Readers, Offering Ushers, and Worship Assistants. If you are able to help or have any questions, either sign up on the narthex bulletin board or speak with Patty or Pastor Becky. Thank You!

The Weeding and Lawn Mowing Sign-Up Sheet has been placed in the narthex. If you are able to help in this capacity, please sign up in the narthex. Thank you!





June	1	Derek and Jazmyne Shaffer
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- 6 J.D. and Holli Kubalak Scott and Barb McAllister
- 8 Jack and Shirley Sharer
- Bob and Inez Luse
 Forrest and Nichole Rishel
- 11 Pastor Russ and Dotti Sauerwein
- 12 Dustin and Ashley Boob
- Bob and Jean SmeltzerDaniel and Bobbi McAllisterAndrew and Donelle Foor
- 23 Larry and Deb Frazier
- 24 Kenneth and Alice Cromwell
- 27 Dennis and Susan Royer



June 1 William Wolfe

- 2 Shari Welch
- 3 Gary Zellers, Sr.
- 4 Faith Wolfe Jean Smeltzer
- 5 Linda Murphy
- 6 Rose Dillon Karla Korman
- 7 Ronald K. Homan
- 9 Carol Sampsell
- 10 Tom Sharer
- 11 Michele Shawver
- 15 Ronald C. Homan

June Birthdays Continued...

- 17 Valerie Kubalak Doug Roth Linda Whitman
- 18 Judy Bair
- 21 Donelle Foor Madison Bair
- 22 Kim TheodorousBreanna Praskovich23 Glenn RothNeal Thompson
- 24 Krista Wolfe
 Ethan Long
 Robert Smeltzer
 Vicki Crater
- 25 Jill Decker
- Judy HomanPat McClenahanDonald Shawver
- 27 Rachel Gavlock
- 28 Louisa Wagner
- 29 Shawn Lehman



Mylah Joanne Rishel was born on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 to Forrest and Nichole Rishel. Congratulations!



St. Luke member, Fred Burris, joined the Saints Triumphant on Friday, April 7, 2023. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers.



We officially welcome Karen Myers as a new member of St. Luke.

Welcome, Karen!



Council Meetings –The regular meets are held 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 pm, Zoom is available for those who are unable to attend in person. Council Executive Committee meets the 1st Thursday of the Month at 6:00 pm as needed. If you are interested in attending by Zoom, please email Pr. Becky, Pres. Scott McAllister, V.P. Shawn Lehman, or Sec. Carol Sharpe for login information.

Council Members for 2023: Scott McAllister (24) President, Shawn Lehman (23) Vice President, Carol Sharpe (23), Secretary, Jack Sharer, Treasurer, Alice Cromwell (23), Dawn Holsopple (23), Rick Homan (24), Shari Welch (24), Gary Zellers (24), Lois Albright (25), Todd Fetterolf (25), Larry Frazier (25) and Open (25). *The numbers in parenthesis indicates the year their term is complete.

Cemetery Association Representatives—Michele Brown, Brian Long and Walt Schluter



<u>Council of Churches</u> —The Council of Churches is made up of St. Luke Lutheran Church, Grace United Methodist Church and Trinity United Church of Christ. This year, St. Luke is the host church and will host the monthly meeting, Lenten Wednesday services, and Trunk-or-Treat. The next Council of Churches meeting is scheduled for July 5th at 11:00 am at St. Luke.

Looking ahead...Please note that if you have news or articles for the **July 2023** issue of the St. Luke Newsletter, please submit them to the church office by Thursday, June 22nd.





Church Secretary office hours are normally Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am to 3pm. If you need to reach Patty outside of office hours, please call or text her at 814-933-6296. Patty will be out of the office on Tuesday, June 20th.



Dear Friends.

Thank you for your donation of \$250 to Interfaith Human Services. Your donation will impact the lives of individuals and families throughout Centre County through our caring programs.

Sincerely,

Curtis Knouse, Executive Director

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the staff, administrations, and Board of Trustees of the Centre County Library & Historical Museum, I would like to thank you for your \$300 contribution to our organization. We are committed to continuing to provide educational, recreational, and cultural resources and services to our neighbors throughout Centre County...

Sincerely,

Denise S. Sticha, Executive Director

(**Please note**: These are partial excerpts from these letters. The full letters are hanging on narthex bulletin board.)

YOU TUBE LIVE LINKS

Sunday Morning Worship via YouTube Live – the 10:30 worship service is available via YouTube Live Stream. Please use the link below from your favorite web browser. (either click on the link below, or copy and paste into the search bar)

https://www.youtube.com/@StLukeLutheran_CentreHall/live

<u>Please Note</u>—With the upgraded Audio Visual System, there will no longer be a pre-recorded Worship at Home video or bulletin emailed weekly. You may now watch St. Luke's live streamed worship service at 10:30am or you may view at a later time as the live stream will remain on St. Luke's YouTube Channel. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Becky or Patty. If you do not have internet access, and would like to receive the <u>printed</u> Worship At Home materials, please speak with Pastor Becky or Patty or leave a message at the Church Office at 814-364-9154.

<u>Masking</u>—St. Luke follows CDC masking guidelines. You may wear a mask anytime if you wish. Please stay home and get tested if you are having any COVID related symptoms. Thank you!

<u>Thank You</u> - Thank you for your continued contributions to our ministry at St. Luke. Pr. Becky continues to try to find different ways to serve the ministry needs. Council continues to find ways to meet the needs of the people in our congregation and our communities. Thank you for your financial support of our ministry together. You may continue to mail in your contributions to <u>St. Luke (PO Box 331, Centre Hall, PA 16828)</u> or use the Vanco website by clicking the donate button on our St. Luke website

(stlukecentrehall.org). If you prefer to donate using your cell phone, see https://www.vancopayments.com/ egiving/church-app to download the mobile app. St. Luke also has a QR code that will quickly take people to our website for ease if they are interested in electronic donations. Thank you so much for your support and sharing of your gifts. *If mailing, it is very important to use our PO Box 331 and NOT the street address. Thank you!

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Council President, Scott McAllister 814-364-1285 (h); 814-280-7891(c) or email horsedr72@verizon.net Treasurer, Jack Sharer 814-364-1658 of email: StLuke16828TreasurerJack@gmail.com

Music Director, Susan Stover 814-349-5173 or email: smsgmnastx48@aol.com

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St. Luke Website http://StLukeCentreHall.org

June 2023									
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
				1 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm Choir Rehearsal	Great Work? Graduates	3			
				7pm) (AA Meeting 7pm			
4 The Holy Trinity Worship 8am & 10:30am	5	6 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm	7 Book Group 9am Lectionary Study & Prayer Group 10am	8 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm	9	10			
Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm						AA Meeting 7pm			
Worship 8am & 10:30am Boy Scout Troop	12 Council Meeting	13 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm	14 Flag Day Lectionary Study & Prayer Group 10am	15	16	17 Synod Assembly 8:30-5pm at Blair Convention Center			
18 Father's Day Worship 8am & 10:30am FATHER'S DAY! Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm		20 NO OFFICE HOURS Food Pantry Distribution at Grace UMC 1:30-3pm	21 1st Day of Summer Lectionary Study & Prayer Group 10am	22 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm *Newsletter Deadline	23	24			
Cub Committee Meeting 6:30-8pm 25 Worship 8am & 10:30am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	26	27 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm	28 Lectionary Study & Prayer Group 10am	29 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm	30	AA Meeting 7pm			

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Centre Hall, Pennsylvania