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## Multigenerational Pool Party

**Date:** February 23

**Time:** 5-7 pm

**Location:** Homestead Village pool (enter on barn side)

**Who is invited:** Anyone who wants to come

**What to bring:** Appropriate bathing suit and towel.



## Crown Highlights

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In January, the Penn Central Conference invited the churches in the Lancaster Association to join a new initiative called the JOEL (Joining Others Energizing Lancaster) project with the express purpose of congregational growth. This program is being led by our Conference Associate Minister for Congregational Life & Vitality, The Rev. Dr. Laurene Bowers. Dr. Bowers has the experience of growing several churches during her ministry as well as doing extensive research in the field. The JOEL project is designed so that the churches of the Lancaster Association may resource each other better as we all seek numerical growth. We are also the ones most knowledgeable about what will or will not work in our particular cultural context.

At our December council meeting, I invited members of the council to join me for the first JOEL session on Sunday, January 5 at Salem UCC, Rohrerstown. The conference requested that each pastor attend and bring 2-5 members too. On that day, despite some very slippery conditions, we had 7 council members and two additional interested persons attend the first JOEL gathering. Although the gathering lasted for three hours, the time went by quickly because of Dr. Bowers' engaging delivery.

During this gathering, Dr. Bowers shared the changes in attitudes and expectations which have taken place within our society that have had a dramatic effect on how we are the church, and more importantly, how we invite others to find the transformation and love we experience through our faith.

Our group was so impressed by Dr. Bowers' presentation that we are in conversation about having her come to Church of the Apostles and present the information again, so that more people may become engaged in the work of growing our church. We hope to have a date for that gathering to announce shortly.

The JOEL project will have additional gatherings, about every other month, with specific focus topics such as hospitality, finance and stewardship, worship, education, and outreach. As the information becomes available for each gathering, we hope that if you serve our church in that area, you will to choose to attend with me.

May this be a year of spiritual and numerical growth for us!  
Blessings & peace

*Pastor Kuhn*

## Have You Identified Your Special God-Given Gift?

During the season of Epiphany, we are focusing on answering the question, "Who are You?" in worship. This has us reflecting on questions like:

- Where is God's Star leading you in your personal life?
- How does your view of the world change as you consider yourself a beloved child of God?
- Consider who God has called you to be: are you a healer, a helper, etc.?

In addition to worship, we wish to offer an opportunity for those who wish to delve a bit deeper into their lives. If you are exploring a career change or are feeling frustrated in life, it can be helpful to consider your God-given giftedness which makes us more skilled in some areas than others.

In the book, *Why You Can't Be Anything You Want to Be*, the premise is explored that we function best with the most energy and passion when we are working in ways that use our giftedness. In a recent sermon I shared part of this quote from the book, "giftedness is the only means I know of for the ordinary person to make sense out of life. Each one is given a purpose and the drive and competences to achieve that purpose. Meaning is thereby built into the adventure of living for everyone," (pg.23)

For over 40 years, a member of our congregation, Dr. Joyce Smedley, has been helping people of all ages to identify their unique God-given gifts. Dr. Smedley believes that

happiness in life is directly related to sharing one's unique gift through love and faith. These gifts differ from talents, abilities, or skills. Once discovered, one's unique gift provides motivation for life endeavors.

If you are interested in discovering your unique God-given gift, please contact Dr. Smedley at [leafpark@comcast.net](mailto:leafpark@comcast.net).



## Connecting

As I settle into the chair and mantle of President of Council, I do so with much anticipation and hope. I believe 2014 will be a year of comforting anticipation of much success. There is MUCH hope in the congregation as well for that success. Success comes in many--and different--forms. A new roof is perhaps the easiest success: we [if you want to crawl on the roof] can SEE that success.

Other success is waiting more patiently: the summer garden is quiet now, but will be bustling in a few months. Our confirmands are working hard to learn much---and become members of this exciting congregation. There are members who have been kind enough to share their thoughts and concerns with me. Each one will be addressed and I hope to provide follow-up and response as soon as I can. There ARE questions that need me to involve others more knowledgeable---and you are many!

Please feel free to contact me, either by leaving a note in my church mailbox or contacting me: Cell: 717-490-0093 or email: [andyappel@epix.net](mailto:andyappel@epix.net). I have not fallen for Facebook and the like....

Peace to all.....

Andy Appel

**Pastor Kuhn's  
number is  
717-471-3001**



## Council Minutes December 16, 2013

**Attending:** Gary Brown, Julie Berkow, Karen Culp, Steve Daniels, Judy Waltman, Cindy Williams, Lisa Christoffel, Cathie Oliphant, Pastor Kuhn, Chuck Erisman, Erika Neiderer, George Alspach, Andy Appel, Clara Kosmela, Tom Lewis, Cathy Kenlin, Jane McCartney

**Excused:** Randy Sweigart, Andy Smith

**Visitors:** Don Culp

**Devotions:** Julie Berkow's devotions focused on extravagant hospitality. She shared part of an obituary of a friend of her sister's, Don Baird, which stated that although Don served as elder, deacon, and president of his church, he considered his most important and favorite role that of greeting members and visitors each Sunday. Julie reminded the council that while we will be welcoming visitors at our Nativity and Christmas Eve services it is also important to show extravagant hospitality amongst ourselves.

**Minutes:** November minutes were approved with attendance correction.

**Treasurers Report:** At the end of the year we will be transferring approximately \$16,000 of investment interest. If December is a breakeven month we will have a balanced budget for the year. Three years ago there was a \$200,000 shortfall.

**Executive:** Our two new employees are working out well. Council moved that we approve Pastor Kuhn's \$22,000 housing allowance. Passed unanimously. At our December 8<sup>th</sup> congregational meeting all amendments passed, two with additional amendments from the floor.

**Promotional Plan:** George and Andy Appel emphasized the importance of aggressively pursuing this in 2014. There was discussion about getting a professional involved in the process and a budget that could reach \$60,000. To establish funding for the development of this plan, a motion was made by Cathie Oliphant and seconded by Steve Daniels to transfer the \$4000 previously approved by council for advertising in Fine Living Lancaster to the Congregational Vitality Account as seed money. Approved unanimously. Andy Appel moved, Steve seconded the motion that a group be formed to establish a promotional plan that addresses and promotes congregational growth. This plan will be presented to council by

the end of February for its approval. Passed unanimously. A third motion was made by Judy and seconded by Erika to allocate \$20,000 to be transferred from the general endowment funds to the Congregational Vitality Account to fund the approved promotional plan. Passed. Much time and effort will be needed in this process and the importance of council's involvement was emphasized.

**Election of Officers:** the slate of Andy Appel, president; Cathy Kenlin, vice president; Clara Kosmela, secretary was elected. Tom Lewis will continue as treasurer.

**Reports:**

**Worship:** The commission will be addressing some inconsistencies with the Flower Fund. Presently, some people giving money for flowers are not getting credit.

**Lisa:** thanked Gary for all of his hard work this year.

**Outreach:** Served breakfast in the new kitchen at First Reformed this month.

**Pastor Kuhn:** She reminded the council of the Laurene Bower's "Joel Project" a bimonthly vitality program that will begin on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. Clara, Steve, Cathy Kenlin, Andy Appel, Julie, George, Lisa are all interested in attending the first session.

**Jane McCartney:** Thanked the 2012 officers. 56 student and 3 teacher backpacks were packed and boxed at the Advent Workshop. She thanked everyone profusely for their support.

**Steve:** Will be meeting with the ushers to clarify duties and emphasize the importance of their job.

**Erika:** Our acolyte ranks have swelled to 16! Santa workshop was cancelled because of the anticipated bad weather. Advent workshop went extremely well. Approximately 60 people attended. Ginger bread churches were well received.

**George:** Thanked Karen Culp for all of her help throughout the year.

**Property:** Gary reported that 12 trees were planted in Rader Park including two memorial trees in honor of Ruth Landis and Joanne Geiger.

Pastor Kuhn closed with prayer.  
Meeting Adjourned,

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Berkow  
Council Secretary

# Stewardship

## Roof Project Starts

At a special meeting on January 12, 2014, the congregation approved the spending of up to \$100,000.00 to replace the shingled areas of the church roof. The vote was 124 to 0 in favor of the project. The roof in the kitchen area has leaked regularly and other parts of the roof have shown cracks and have leaked during heavy storms. The roof in general has reached the end of its reliable life.



A special fund has been created to accept your donations to pay for the roof. Please note the special use of your donation on your payment. This is a project where you may want to use the

donation of appreciated securities to make your gift. If you wish to make a securities gift, please call the church office and ask Judy to read you the very simple instructions.

Thank you for your faithful support.  
George Alspach, Stewardship Commission

### Giving Report for December 2013

At the end of December COA had operating revenues of \$491,061.54 and expenses of \$493,133.95 for a negative cash flow of (\$2,072.41) for the year 2013.

Direct deposit giving year 2013 was \$59,788.33.

Giving for 2013 was \$40, 590 less than 2012.

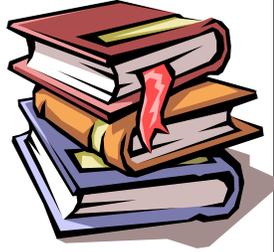
Operating expenses in 2013 were \$93,054.05 below those in 2012.

Thank you for your gifts to COA.  
Stewardship Commission

# Parish Life

## Book Club This Winter

The next meeting of the book club will be February 11 at 2:00 p.m. in the library. This month's book is *Sweetest Hallelujah* by Elaine Hussey. December's book, *President's Club*, was discussed in January due to bad weather in December.



## New Beginnings

New Beginnings will have their annual "Bingo with the Stegers" on February 13 at 1:00 pm in Rooms 308-310. Bring your special Valentine for this February tradition and enjoy a dessert social.



## Garage Sale April 25 & 26

Do you have a Christmas gift you received but would never use? If so, why not donate it to the church garage sale? Look around your home and start a pile of items you no longer use. Bring them to the all-purpose room during the week after Easter (April 21-24). Please plan to help price, sort, fold clothing and sell so save the dates. Contact Clara Kosmela at 569-9960.

### Crown Deadline

**The next Crown  
deadline is  
February 15**

# Worship

## Lenten Meals

Lenten meals or no Lenten meals on Wednesday evenings before the service, that is the question. The Worship Commission is trying decide. What does the congregation want? We need to hear from everyone and there needs to be participation if we want a fellowship meal.

Options discussed were:

- ..buying pizza or a large sub and drinks and asking people to put money in to cover the cost.
- ..a weekly covered dish with everyone helping to set up and clean up. The main course could be as easy as turkey hot dogs on the hot dog griller. Covered dishes could even be something from the hot take out at SKH or Chinese takeout.
- ..not have any meal or fellowship before the service.
- ..other suggestion?

I need to hear from you so that the Worship Commission knows which direction to go. Please call me at 299-6007, leave a message if we are out, or email me at [STEVEDANIELS53@AOL.COM](mailto:STEVEDANIELS53@AOL.COM).

Thank you.  
Steve Daniels  
Worship Commission



## Homestead Village At 25

By 1986 the campus community, foreseen in the Church of the Apostles' vision, had become a reality! Read about this on page 30. The book is available on the book rack in the narthex.



## Kudos

Bravo to everyone involved with the seven o'clock Christmas Eve service. It was awesome.

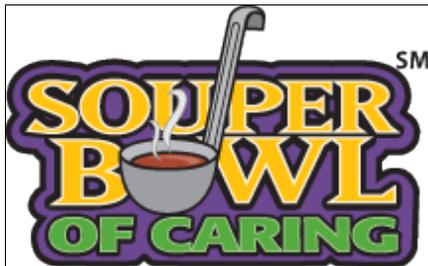
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# Outreach

## Special Day to Help Others Assistance Fund - February 16th

On February 16th you will have an opportunity to assist many individuals. That day, or any day for that matter, is when a special offering will be taken to "beef up" the fund which enables Apostles congregation through our pastor to answer the many requests for help.

There are a variety of needs: help with rent, with gas, with heat, with utilities, with medication, with diapers, with personal care items, the list goes on and on. You may never know exactly how many lives are touched by your generous contributions but this giving is a means of sharing Christ's love with others.



## Souper Bowl Sunday February 2

The Youth of COA will be collecting cans of soup and donations of money for our food bank. As you shop for treats for your Super Bowl Sunday celebrations, please consider a donation to help the less fortunate right here in our community. Thank you.

## Christmas Cookies

Time spent baking cookies at home and during a shared day in the church kitchen resulted in an amount of \$429 to the Apostles Assistance fund. THANK YOU to the bakers *and* the many customers. Shared time and talent equaled a pleasant reward. Joanne Shenberger

## Crown Concert Series



## Duo Chiaroscuro

Chamber music of **Duo Chiaroscuro** will be performed on Sunday, March 16 at 3:00 p.m. When pianist Maria Thompson Corley and cellist Sara Male decided in 2011 to collaborate on an ongoing basis, the name Duo Chiaroscuro seemed a perfect title. The name refers to the contrasting effects of light and shade in a work of art, and the Duo strives to explore the full range of the musical tonal palette. Their concert in March is "From Russia with Love" and features the Rachmaninoff Cello Sonata.



## Trout Fishing in America

The final concert of the season will be a family concert on Friday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. **Trout Fishing in America** is the long-standing and yet seemingly unlikely musical partnership of Keith Grimwood and Ezra Idlet. As individuals, they are about as different as one can imagine. Together, they blend seamlessly in a way that has captured the imagination (and hearts) of audiences of all ages for over three decades. Ezra on guitar and banjo stands 6'8" tall while Keith on bass stretches to 5'5 1/2" on a humid day. Each of them bring out the best in the other and the joy that comes from this musical interaction is contagious and impossible to deny. Their children's CD, "Big Round World", earned Trout Fishing in America their fourth Grammy nomination.

Tickets for this concert will be \$5.00.

# Education

## What Do We Owe Our Children and Youth?

Eileen Thomas

By now, you have certainly noticed the increase of children attending our first church service. Our Sunday school attendance continues to increase. The children's choir is also growing. The Wednesday evening choir practice time has evolved into a family gathering for an evening meal and continues into a "BELIEVE" opportunity for our families. We also have seven to nine youth in our Confirmation class. With that stated, what do we owe our children and youth to keep them involved in the life of the church?

As our children are baptized, we, as a congregation, promised to love and support each child as they find their way to Jesus, God, and then join into the life of the church. Does that mean that we simply say those words and allow the parents the full responsibility? It "takes a village" to bring a child to Jesus Christ. Do each of us need to do more?

Our Children's Sunday school teachers have been blessed with formulating the Christian ideas, practices and annual celebrations in our Christian calendar year. They give of themselves and love our children. They encourage families to draw together and form strong bonds with other families. The curricula, activities and programs are designed to grow our "little people" into youth. The youth are stretching their faith through the Confirmation Classes. As our youth become "big people" and true believers, where do they fit into the Church of the Apostles family?

Our Intergenerational activities bring families and other folks together for special events. The Trunk or Treat evening in October brings our own families together. Other community and Preschool families join in for an evening of fun. We cannot forget to mention the Pool Party at

the Homestead pool that is open to anyone. Movie Night allows us to enjoy togetherness in the Fellowship Hall. We recently held a Pajama Day in the Fellowship Hall. These are activities that are on-going throughout the year that the entire congregation is welcome to join.

Our youth are clamoring for more. They are interested in going on mission trips to help others. The youth want to see God's work in action. They would like to meet other youth from nearby and far-away churches. The youth want to be an active part of our church. We have not been able to give our youth the opportunities they desire because they need that special someone to help lead them. If directed carefully, our youth could do amazing service.

Service to God has been instilled in all of us. We are the hearts and hands that God uses to get his work done. Where are those hands to help our youth? In addition to those already in place, who can guide our young people, help to give our young people a chance to lead the way. They have a new way of thinking and doing that we might learn from. They might turn things upside down and make Church of the Apostles even more unique than it is. We are looking for some fresh ideas. The time has come for us to help our children and youth to become a permanent part of our church family.

Should you be interested in helping our children and youth, please speak with a member of the Education Commission or Pastor Kuhn. Suggestions are always welcome. What we owe to our children, we owe to ourselves. After all, the children are the future church. What investment can you make?



## Craft Circle

The Craft Circle will start up again on Wednesday, February 12. It will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 7 pm to 9 pm. Call Linda Schock if you have questions. 569-3837



The Christmas decorations are packed away until next year. A huge "thank you" to those who helped decorate the church and then "undecorate"; Matt & Jess

*Thank You!*

Dougherty, Gavin & Logan, Larry & Erika Neiderer, Alexa and Tristin, Jim & Bonnie Jolly, Kirsten and Mike Leser, Arlene Gaudio, and our husbands, Jim & Dan. The Dougherty and Neiderer kids even took extra poinsettia plants to our neighbors, a great idea from Erika. A happy & blessed New Year to all!

Dawn Dougherty and Bernie Fickes

We wish to express sincere thanks to Reverend Kathy Kuhn for officiating at the memorial and graveside services for Robin's Mom, Marilyn L. Burkholder, in New Holland, PA. (Burial was in Groffdale Mennonite Church Cemetery, Leola, PA.) The memorial service was moving, with family pictures and a family-created tribute video. Reverend Kathy's words of tribute and comfort were wonderful. We will forever remember Robin's Mom.

Thank you, Reverend Kuhn  
Robin and Bill Stock

Please accept our gratitude for your congregation's generous gift on November 22, 2013 of \$600.00. Your donation makes an important difference as we all work together to fight hunger, joblessness, homelessness and more while sharing the love, support, and healing of Jesus Christ.

The Lancaster County Council of Churches serve as the core of collaboration among 131 congregations and numerous community partners to minister to human and community needs. We feed the hungry and we clothe the needy. On every day of the year, somewhere in Lancaster County, 40 partner churches are hosting Community Meals. In addition, we run a clothing bank; the innovative Wheels to Work program that matches the underemployed to cars, bicycles and bus tickets; PA WORKWEAR for outfitting job hunters for interviews and the first weeks on the job; prescriptions, utility and rental assistance; the Spirit of Christmas program; Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter food baskets; and an emergency Winter Shelter for women and children during the harshest months of the year. Thank you

so much for your partnership in Ministry so together we can care for our many neighbors in need and those facing great hardship today!

Gratefully,  
Rev. Scott Fischer, Executive Director

Dear Members of the Church of the Apostles, Thank you very much for your generous donation to Power Packs Project of \$500.00. We so appreciate your continued support to help us end hunger in children in Lancaster County. Because of supporters like you, we are serving and educating more families this new school year, even with the increasing cost of food. We now serve over 750 families each weekend!

Our Summer Power Packs served a greater number of families this year at 4 locations and even added fresh produce for the first time, for our families, thanks you! We loved this collaboration with the church and hope we can repeat it next summer. We began this school year serving the highest number of families in any school year and are reaching kids and their parents in 20 locations in Lancaster, in our core program.

Thanks to generosity like yours, teachers report that children who receive Power Packs return to school on Mondays more focused and eager to learn! We truly appreciate your connecting with us and our mission. And we really appreciate the volunteers who help us serve families from Martin Elementary.

Warm regards,  
Joan S. Esbenshade  
President, Board of Directors  
Power Pack Project

Dear Church of the Apostles Mission Committee, Central Americans Relief Effort's mission is to mobilize volunteers and humanitarian aid in the United States to benefit populations in abject poverty in areas of Central America.

We focus our efforts in the department of Choluteca in southern Honduras and work in cooperation with local governments and communities to bring aid to the region. One project we have taken on this year is building a school for the impoverished community of Los Ranchos de Esquimay.

On behalf of the staff and board of directors of Central America Relief Effort, thank you for your

generous support of the mission of our organization. Please use this document as a tax receipt for your last donation, which is detailed below.

Thanks so much for your support of this project. We are excited to celebrate the opening of the new school with COA members in January!

Sincerely,  
Andrew H. Appel, Executive Director

We want to thank the Church of Apostles congregation for your loving and kind support of Peggy in her fight to regain her health. The flowers sent by the Church of the Apostles are beautiful. They grace her lovely room at Manor Care where she is in rehab. Hopefully she will be able to return to our home and her church soon. She has been a member of St. Paul's and Church of the Apostles since her early childhood. Thanks again for your love and prayers.

Walt and Peggy Kreider

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls and Rev. Kathryn Kuhn's hospital visits to me. And a heartfelt thanks to Nancy and Mike Steger for bringing me the altar flowers to the hospital. The flowers were beautiful and deeply appreciated. Thanks again to all. May God always hold you in the palm of His hand.

God's Blessings to All,  
Freida M. Holbein

Church of the Apostles -

Thank you for the cards and beautiful little cross I received at Christmas time. Also, a thank you to Pastor Oliphant for giving me communion and visiting during the year. It is so good to be remembered.

Mary "Molly" Harter

Dear Church of the Apostles,

Thanks you so much for the beautiful flowers delivered to me by Bev Moran in memory of my brother who passed away on November 20. The yellow arrangement certainly brightened my days and was much appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Louise Wagner

Thank you for your support of The Mix at Arbor Place during the month of November. Your

generosity is greatly appreciated. Your support makes it possible for us to share the gospel with youth and their families in southwest Lancaster.

Shannan Windle, Office Manager

We want to thank Rev. Kuhn for her visits to Paul while in the hospital and all friends and members of our church for the flowers & prayers.

Paul & Alice Rye

Dear Sisters,

Thank you for your card and the wooden cross. It is always nice to be remembered. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and very best new year. I am enjoying my new home and I can now go to the in-house weekly worship services. I miss seeing all my friends at the Church of the Apostles and wish you all the very best.

Love,  
Kitty Nestle

To the Congregation,

Thank you for my beautiful yellow rose on my 93rd birthday and the lovely altar flowers while my dear Peter was ill. Thank you to all who sent cards on Peter's passing, Pastor Kuhn's visits while Peter was in the hospital, and her spiritual love and concern for our family at a hard time for all of us.

Marjorie Schellenberger

Fellow Church Members,

Thank you for the lovely bouquet on my 95th birthday. Also, thank you for taking care of my finances when I don't attend regularly.

Ella Mae Hershey

Please know that we have not forgotten about COA and we plan to attend as soon as we are able to do so. At which time we plan to join the church and hope to have the girls' baptism as soon as their medical conditions allow.

Sincerely,  
Mic & Laura Bender

On behalf of Claude & Jean Morrison, thank you for the love and support you have shown them over the past challenging year. The altar flowers brightened Mother's room and the prayers, visits, my cards, and notes are greatly appreciated. Best wishes to you for a happy 2014

Randy & Luane Morrison

*Thank You!*

# February Events

## **February 1 Saturday**

8:00 am Downtown Breakfast  
Ministry-First United

## **February 2 Sunday**

9:00 pm Nursery Care  
9:15 am Worship  
9:15 am Exploring Faith  
9:15 am Bible Class  
9:30 am Children's Sunday  
School  
10:00 a.m. Blood Pressure Check  
10:15 am Children's Library  
10:45 am Worship  
2:00 p.m. Worship at Homestead

## **February 3 Monday**

7:30 am Meditation Monday  
Noon Food Bank  
3:15 pm Men's Basketball  
7:00 pm Ministry Planning Comm.

## **February 4 Tuesday**

7:30 pm Apostles Bells  
7:30 pm Worship Design  
7:30 pm Worship Design

## **February 5 Wednesday**

5:00 pm Choir Parents Dinner  
5:45 pm Cherub Choir  
6:10 pm Chapel Choir  
6:40 pm Carol Choir  
7:00 pm Executive Committee

## **February 6 Thursday**

3:15 pm Men's Basketball  
7:00 pm 10:45 Choir Rehearsal

## **February 7 Friday**

8:30 a.m. Bulletin Preparation

## **February 9 Sunday**

9:00 am Nursery Care  
9:15 am Worship  
9:15 am Exploring Faith  
9:15 am Bible Class  
9:30 am Children's Sunday  
School

10:15 am Children's Library  
10:45 am Worship  
2:00 pm New Member Gathering  
6:00 pm OWL

## **February 10 Monday**

7:30 am Meditation Monday  
Noon Food Bank  
3:15 pm Men's Basketball  
7:00 pm Commissions: OR, PL,  
PR, WR

## **February 11 Tuesday**

2:00 pm Book Club  
7:30 pm Apostles Bells Rehearsal

## **February 12 Wednesday**

3:30 pm Stephen Ministry  
5:00 pm Choir Parents Dinner  
5:45 pm Cherub Choir  
6:10 pm Chapel Choir  
6:40 pm Carol Choir  
7:00 pm Education Commission

## **February 13 Thursday**

1:00 pm New Beginnings  
3:15 pm Men's Basketball  
7:00 pm 10:45 Choir Rehearsal

## **February 14 Friday**

8:30 a.m. Bulletin Preparation

## **February 16 Sunday**

9:00 am Nursery Care  
9:15 am Worship  
9:15 am Exploring Faith  
9:15 am Bible Class  
9:30 am Children's & Youth  
Sunday School  
10:15 am Children's Library  
10:45 am Worship  
12:00 pm Confirmation Class

## **February 17 Monday**

7:30 am Meditation Monday  
Noon Food Bank  
3:15 pm Men's Basketball  
7:00 pm Council Meeting

## **February 18 Tuesday**

7:30 pm Apostles Bells Rehearsal

## **February 19 Wednesday**

5:00 pm Choir Parents Dinner  
5:45 pm Cherub Choir

6:10 pm Chapel Choir

6:40 pm Carol Choir

## **February 20 Thursday**

3:15 pm Men's Basketball  
7:00 pm 10:45 Choir Rehearsal

## **February 21 Friday**

8:30 a.m. Bulletin Preparation

## **February 23 Sunday**

9:00 am Nursery Care  
9:15 am Worship  
9:15 am Exploring Faith  
9:15 am Bible Class  
9:30 am Children's Sunday  
School  
10:15 am Children's Library  
10:45 am Worship  
6:00 pm OWL

## **February 24 Monday**

7:30 am Meditation Monday  
Noon Food Bank  
3:15 pm Men's Basketball

## **February 25 Tuesday**

7:30 pm Apostles Bells Rehearsal

## **February 26 Wednesday**

5:00 pm Choir Parents Dinner  
5:45 pm Cherub Choir  
6:10 pm Chapel Choir  
6:40 pm Carol Choir

## **February 27 Thursday**

3:15 pm Men's Basketball  
7:00 pm 10:45 Choir Rehearsal

## **February 28 Friday**

8:30 a.m. Bulletin Preparation

The Worship Commission  
has decided that every  
Monday will be  
"Meditation Monday" at  
Church of the Apostles.

# Altar Flowers



Our altar flowers are an integral part of our worship service. Not only providing a physical symbol of beauty during our worship, after the service they are given as a symbol of love and caring to a member of our community who is unable to be with us physically. The cost of our flowers and bulletins averages about \$140.00 a week. Our suggested contribution for sponsoring flowers and bulletins is \$35.00; however, any amount is welcomed and appreciated.

If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or send it into the office. A thank you letter will be sent following your sponsorship with directions for sending in your donation. Thank you for your support in this important ministry.

Worship Commission

I would like to sponsor altar flowers on the following date:

\_\_\_\_\_

"In honor of" or "In memory of"

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Your name

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number

\_\_\_\_\_

**If you have any questions please contact: Dawn Dougherty (892-0350) or Bonnie Jolly (872-4053)**

# February Altar Flowers



February 2: In loving memory of:

- ◆ Erin McCartney Nussbaum and Max Nussbaum, son-in-law, by Jane and Steve McCartney.

February 9: In loving memory of:

- ◆ Fred Bartholomew and our February 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary by Betty Bartholomew.

February 16: In loving memory of:

- ◆ Richard Doran's parents, Louis and Mary Doran by Marjorie Doran.
- ◆ G. Samuel Newkirk by his children, John S. Newkirk and Eleanor A. Ruoff.
- ◆ Clayton K. Stehman by Tom and Linda Lewis.

February 23: In loving memory of:

- ◆ Erika and Wyatt Wubbena by their daughter Cheryl Keckler.
- ◆ Carl Bernhardt, husband and father of Helen and Cathy Bernhardt.
- ◆ Joanne Geiger, by her husband, Fred Geiger.



# CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a need or concern for yourself or others, please call or email any person on the Prayer Chain and your request will be sent through all the links of the chain and the power of prayer will be a blessing to you and yours.

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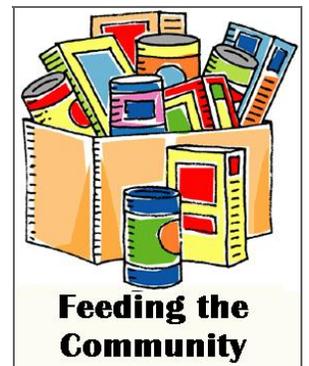


## Food Bank

Please plan to continue your generous donations to the food bank.

### Food Bank Needs:

Cereal	Peanut Butter
Canned Fruit	Brown Grocery Bags
Hamburger Helper	Tuna Helper
Macaroni and Cheese	Tuna



## Donations

**Thank you stamp savers.  
Keep saving stamps for the  
Wounded Veterans.  
Drop off in the office for  
Skip Rhodes.**



## Donations

Pull tabs, Campbell Soup Labels & Box Tops for Education are needed. These benefit the Ronald McDonald House and Hoffman Home.



# February Birthdays

Date	Name
1	Robin Stock Jere Baker
2	Gale Davis
3	Marion Webb
4	<b>Stanley Buch</b>
5	Larry Frable
6	<b>David Thomas</b> Marianne Deaner
7	Don Burkholder
8	Glenn Ebersole Emily Kleimo
9	Joy Angevine Lisa Ann Sweigart
10	<b>Helen Buss</b> Bernard Cover
11	Marilyn Cooper
13	Dorothy Freeman
14	Mary Ellen Bachman Frank Huber JoAnn Law
15	<b>Betty McDonnell</b>
16	Earla Rinier Lois Charles
17	Nancy Young Bruce Keller
18	Phares Harting
19	Lucille Zipp Kelli Forry
20	Kristine Martin
21	Elizabeth Schock
22	Ginny Godfrey
23	Deb Aukamp
24	Donald Freeman Shirley Miller Lindsey Doutt
27	Eric MacLaren Jennifer Cowan
28	Winifred Kutz Edna Danz



# Anniversaries

Name	Date
Jack & Rosemary Humphreville	2/28/1946
Paul & Alice Rye	2/11/1951
Leroy & Beverly Hoffman	2/05/1961



\* 90+ Birthdays  
\*\* 50+ Anniversaries

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