



# The Crown

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New Year, New Look!

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*From the Pastor...*

*"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)*

With the New Year, we are always encouraged to consider how our lives may be different. Within the church, this calls us to think about how we may engage our greater community in ways that bring them into a deeper relationship with Christ. To help us, we will look at how we might be "Going Beyond" our limitations, which is our worship theme.

Beginning with our sacraments, communion and baptism, we will look for new beginnings and transformations that help us be better than we were. As we listen to the stories of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark, we use our imaginations and creativity to find ways to transform our lives, our community and our world. Through the voice of the Spirit, we hear our potential instead of our self-doubt. Instead of getting caught by what we think we cannot do, let's explore the potential God sees in us.

As our search committee is formed, the profile compiled and the process for calling an associate pastor proceeds, I ask for your prayers. Pray for the search committee. Pray for our congregational leaders as we continue to seek ways that engage the greater community. Pray that we will be welcoming and show extravagant hospitality for those who visit with us. Pray for our congregation as we practice inviting people to events, programs and worship. Pray for those who are seeking to know Christ that they may find with us a community to share their journey.

May 2015 be our best year yet as we celebrate 40 years of ministry as Church of the Apostles!

Blessings & peace,

*Pastor Kuhn*



## A Message from the Council President

### CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS.....AND COMFORT

Every year, as one 'seasons'---including me---[inside joke, ask a Council member!], I'm drawn to the comfort that comes with Advent. Comfort? Yes---with the addition of another year, I'm filled with the sense that, yet again, we have the comfort of anticipation, the comfort of renewal, the comfort of celebration of the birth of the one who keeps our compass calibrated and pointed the right direction.

When I look back to remember the year past year, and the points of memory that stand out, one of the clearly comforting memories is the year within Church of the Apostles. I pinch myself to realize another church year has already been completed. We have begun a new church year! A comfort comes that, during the last year, our church has strengthened, both in numbers of members and in commitment. The participation by our members in all aspects of church life and mission should

be a source of immense pride to each and everyone for our efforts. Commissions, volunteers, friends were all committed to a wide range of projects all of which were for the good of others, with amazing success.

To look at all we have successfully accomplished in the last year is an enormous comfort to me. Seeing the growing interest in who we are and what we do for others ---and the willingness to volunteer to help---is another comfort.

As we have the joy of Advent and the comfort that all the new year promises for us,

May the Peace and the Joy of this Holy Christmas season be with you for the new church year.

Peace to all.....

Andy



## Worship Schedule

Sundays at 9:15 am and 10:45 am

Dial 717-392-5718 to listen to the worship information

The sermon can be watched online at [www.apostlesucc.org](http://www.apostlesucc.org)

## Giving Report for November 2014

At the end of November COA had operating revenues of \$402,290.01 and expenses of \$464,416.87.48 for a negative cash flow of (\$29,398.86).

Envelope and direct deposit income year to date was \$350,036.14 which is less than the \$367,341.47 collected at the same time last year.

Operating expenses are \$15,166.34 above the same period last year.

Thank you for your gifts to COA.  
Stewardship Commission



## Council Minutes—November 14th, 2014

NOVEMBER 14TH, 2014

**ATTENDANCE:** Pastor Kuhn, Chuck Erisman, Cathie Oliphant, Tom Lewis, Clara Kosmela, Cindy Williams, Steve Daniels, Cathy Kenlin, Andy Appel, Jane McCartney, Andy Smith, Erika Neiderer, George Alspach

**ABSENT:** Julie Berkow, Lisa Christoffel, Randy Sweigart

**GUEST:** Rev. Dick Fehnel

**DEVOTIONS** were provided by Cathie Oliphant

**APPROVAL OF OCT.20th MINUTES**

After a motion by George A. and a second by Steve D. the minutes were unanimously approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

After a motion by Cathy O. and a second by Erika N. the Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted. It showed a negative \$26,000 to date.

**COMMISSIONS**

**PARISH LIFE**

Checked into Homestead residents sharing meals with others but Homestead does not allow meals to go off their property.

**OUTREACH**

Advent workshop Sun., Nov, 30th  
Wishing Well is gone. A new structure is needed for in the Narthex.

**PASTOR'S REPORT**

Kathy proposed groups of 4 council members could meet informally to discuss a given scripture as to how it is related to our congregation now and in the future. This would then be brought back to the next Council meeting. This could be done on the months that council does not meet. Some felt that the purpose of not meeting every month was to give the members some non-church time and this would defeat that purpose.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The vote for ASSOCIATE PASTOR was 129 For and 7 Against which was 95% in favor of the position.

**Using Media Effectively-**Several possibilities were discussed: Lee Dussinger proposed making a DVD of church activities to run 4 minutes or less. Earl Cardellino is involved in cinematology and Channel 66 (community channel). Property is using a drone to get aerial shots of Rader Park and the Sanctuary.

Marketing, website design team, DVD creator, and Rader park drone people need to work together so we don't duplicate.

Permission of those photographed may be necessary.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**COMMUNION SERVICE PROCEDURES**

1st service-set up and clean up after  
2nd service –if you don't have enough share. Kathy always has pita bread that can be shared.

**HOSPITALITY TABLE**

Main Focus is for between services.  
Plan for at least 200.  
Have table set up at least 20 min before 1st service is over.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF PRESCHOOL –** Andy Smith  
Preschool will present their Christmas Program to the congregation on Dec. 21st between services in the sanctuary at 10:30. We should talk this up and encourage others to attend.

Andy passed out Apostles Community Preschool Annual report which reported there are 137 students.



#### OTHER

Rev Dick Fehnel spoke to encourage our congregation – especially council members to be more hospitable. Talk to people we don't know. Next election introduce the proposed candidates. Consider a bulletin board of the members of council's names and picture. Council Members should have "different" name tags and wear them. Ushers should have larger name tags. No One answers the church phone on Sunday morning.

#### COUNCIL RETREAT January 24th

Next Council meeting – Dec. 15th-bring something to eat to share.

Meeting adjourned 8:50.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Clara Kosmela, Secretary

## Congregational Meeting –Sunday, November 16th, 2014

#### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A quorum of 102 was counted so the meeting could begin.

President Andy Appel called the meeting to order. Ballots were passed out and then each topic to be voted upon was discussed.

Pastor Kuhn offered a prayer.

2015 General Operating Budget of \$599,137:A motion was made by George Alspach and second by Mike Steger to approve the budget.

Nominations for Council:

Jeannie Baker Clausen was nominated from the floor by Julie Berkow and seconded by Cathy Kenlin.

The slate of Nominations for Council to be voted on: Carol Nielsen, Robert Reiff, Joyce Smedley, Donald Freeman, Herbert Forry, Bernie Fickes, and Jeannie Baker Clausen.

Nomination for Spiritual Council –Rev. Milton Gockley

Motion on Associate Pastor's Position as approved by Council:

The congregation approves adding the additional pastoral position of Associate Pastor and that a Search Committee be formed to fill this new position. Be it further moved that the 2015 budget be amended to include \$75,000 of funding for the salary and benefits of the Associate Pastor position. As needed monies from the Church's Investment and Endowment funds may be used to pay the expenses incurred in staffing this position. The position is authorized minimally for a three year period. Increases in church giving sufficient to pay these salary expenses without the use of investment and endowment funds will be evaluated for this position to be staffed beyond the three years.

Chris Braun seconded the motion.

Pastor Kuhn explained what the Associate pastor would do. She stressed that we all shoulder the responsibility of hospitality and funding the church's ministries.

Several people spoke strongly in favor of approving the Associate Pastor position with one saying maybe we should wait.

Cathy Kenlin gave a report for MPC

She encouraged all to attend any church mtg-Council, 4



MPC, Commissions. She discussed some of the many ministries we are doing. She explained JOEL =Joining Others Energizing Lancaster. Each activity we try to have a handout telling about future activities at the church.

MPC is also working on Long Range Planning.

Terms on Council are for 3 years.

Mtg was adjourned at 10:40.

The vote count was reported as follows:

Approval of 2015 Budget	137 yes	1 No
Election of Council Members	137 yes	
Spiritual Council Nominee Milt Gockley	elected	
Approval of creation of Associate Pastor position	129 yes	7 No

Respectfully submitted,  
Clara Kosmela,  
Secretary

## New Year, New Look, New Way to Read Your Newsletter!



The beginning of a new year is the perfect time for change. We are adding an associate pastor, gaining more members, and are now debuting a new look for The Crown. The new layout is easier to read, and lightweight paper is more cost effective when mailing. Due to a change in the post office policy, all local mail is now required to go to Harrisburg first. That means mailed newsletters will be delivered later and the price has risen to mail them. However, you can help us! If

you have an email address, or even access to the internet, you can receive your newsletter online. The online version is in full color, which means you get to see all the pictures and the new design as it was meant to be seen. Your newsletter will also be sent to you on Tuesday, the same day is taken to the post office.

To sign up for the electronic version of The Crown, all you have to do is email [kaitlinm@apostlesucc.org](mailto:kaitlinm@apostlesucc.org) with your preferred email address and each month you will receive a .pdf version of the newsletter. You can also go to our website and under the Happenings drop-down menu, there is a link for newsletters. There you can find all the newsletters from the past year. We hope you will take advantage of our email newsletter to help minimize our monthly costs. Additionally, copies of the Crown are always available at the Welcome Center. Please consider how you receive our newsletter and let us know if we can take you off the mailing list for the post office.



## Outreach Projects

*Jesus said to David "Feed my lambs.... tend my sheep..... feed my sheep." -John 21:15-17*



One of my favorite ministries of our church is serving a meal prepared at our Advent workshop to guests at Crispus Attucks. I think it is particularly meaningful for me because it happens the first Sunday in Advent, it is multigenerational, and yes, we get to use soup prepared at bazaar time. That alone ultimately increases the number of people who directly or indirectly participate in this ministry.

This year on November 30<sup>th</sup>, many volunteers made sandwiches, heated soup, prepared coffee, cut carrots, decorated Christmas cookies and then 20 traveled to serve a hungry and very appreciative group of 116 guests at Crispus Attucks. Many of the guests had second and third helpings of this soup and sandwich meal and afterwards, the remaining soup was taken to Transitional Living Center.

I want to thank all who participated in this ministry but want to say a special "thank you" to our youth. At Crispus Attucks, it was a joy to watch this hardworking, engaged, and respectful group serving our guests. The dozens of beautifully decorated Christmas cookies were consumed down to the last crumb and gloves and hats and the scarves made at the Advent workshop were distributed to help combat winter's cold.

My wish is that during this season of Advent, our Crispus Attucks' ministry served as a source of love and hope for those in need. Thanks to everyone who helped make that happen.

Julie Berkow

## Wishing Well Ministry

Many sincere thanks to all of you who participated in the Holiday ministry in which we partnered with the Preschool in gifting students attending Martin School. It was a huge success! We helped to cheer many children with a special gift this Christmas.



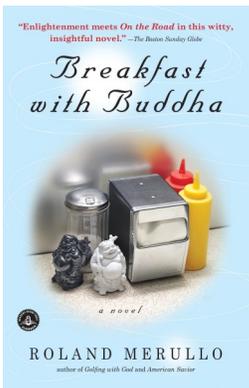
Our next ministry in the Wishing Well is to support the annual Day of Smiles which is held on February 6th in memory of Erin and Max Nusbaum. This will be a collection of supplies needed for the Clare and Milagro Houses, Mom's House, Brereton Manor nursing facility, and the Humane League. These are all local charities that need our help each year.

Please consider supporting this ministry by taking a Smiley face from one of the two posters (one above the Wishing Well and one on the Outreach bulletin board), buying the item/items listed, and returning them to the Wishing Well by Sunday, February 1st.

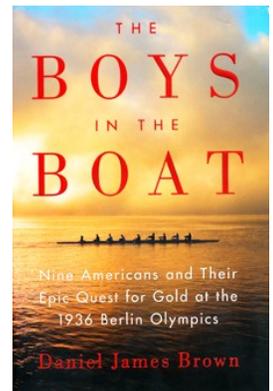
Thank you so much for supporting our community through this ministry. If you have any questions, please see Jane McCartney.



## Book Club



Please join us on January 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in the library to discuss Breakfast with Buddha by Ronald Merullo. We will be reading The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown for February 10<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, call Clara Kosmela at 569-9960.



## Thank You!

Dear Church Family,  
Thank you for your thoughts, prayers and visits during my hospital and rehab stays. Thank you to Pastor Kuhn for her visits also. Thank you for the lovely flowers delivered by Bev Moran. We had a nice visit. It is wonderful to be part of a caring congregation. God bless you with the hope, joy, love and peace of the holiday season.  
Betty Holmes

Dear COA Family,  
Thank you so much for the flowers. Your thoughts were greatly appreciated. We all do what we can for Church of the Apostles. It is really nice to be remembered for our efforts to help God with his work. Please remember to "Pay it Forward" at this special season of the year.  
Sincerely, Eileen and Jon Thomas

I want to thank many members of the church for the visitation and cards for Lucy during her illness. She especially enjoyed the flowers we received.  
Thank you, Tom Sanders

Dear COA,  
I want to thank you for my yellow rose that was given to me for my Birthday. I am grateful for my church.

Pauline Brown  
Thank you Gardeners  
A big thank you to those who have helped to make the Church grounds beautiful. Those who have participated this year were Carol Neilson, Fred Geiger, Cindy Kahler and the senior choir, and Betty Holmes.  
Thanks again,  
Property Commission

Dear COA,  
Kathy would like to thank COA for the beautiful flowers delivered to her by Clara Kosmela. We had an enjoyable visit with her.  
Lois A. Houck.

Your contribution is much appreciated! In a time when everyone is asking for financial help we are so very thankful that you gave us your support! Thanks again for your donation...  
Rohrerstown Volunteer Fire Company



# Happy Birthday!

Date	Name
1	Dale Bischoff
2	Richard Cunningham
2	Susan Vollmar
3	Cathie Oliphant
3	Herb Forry
4	Daniel Thoman
6	Gail Stump
6	Mark Irwin
6	Ashley Walburn
7	<b>Mary Ella Kneedler</b>
7	Chris Braun
8	Bernice Ochs
10	<b>Charles Arms</b>
10	Arlene Gaudioso
12	Dorothea Greenawalt
12	Christine Gifford
13	Almore Robb Jr.
14	Mildred Chapman
16	Donald Koontz
17	Nancy Fitzkee
17	Vincent Kuhn
17	Delayne Breslin
18	<b>Betty Shellenberger</b>
18	Allan Bischoff
20	<b>Beatrice Boyd</b>
21	Karen Keller
22	Jennifer Eyrich
24	Paul Rye
24	Andree Goldman
25	Colleen Gockley
26	Nancy Geiger
27	<b>G. Wayne Glick</b>
29	Lois Millhouse
31	Chuck Erisman
31	Andy Smith



# Happy Anniversary

Name	Wedding
<b>Charles and Alice Diller</b>	1/1/1942
<b>John and Nancy Payne</b>	1/17/1959
Robert and Christine Gifford	1/12/1972
Michael and Beth Buckwalter	1/31/1981
Stephen and Donna Lockey	1/19/1985
Susan and William Vollmar	1/30/1993

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



Our 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 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 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)**

## *Jan. Flowers for Worship*



### **January 4**

In Loving Memory of

- Candy Cunningham by her Family.
- My parents, Lynwood W. Shaeffer and Doris Shaeffer by their daughter Sharon Shaeffer.

### **January 11**

In Loving Memory of

- Our daughter, Deanna by her parents, Don & Dorothy Freeman.
- Frederick S. Wilson, M.D. by his wife, Ruth Wilson.

### **January 18**

To The Glory of God

### **January 25**

In Loving Memory of

- Candy Cunningham by her Family.



# January Events

## January 1 Thursday

Office Closed

## January 3 Saturday

8:00 am Downtown Breakfast  
Ministry

## January 4 Sunday

COMMUNION

9:00 am Nursery  
9:15 am Exploring Faith  
9:15 am Worship with  
Children's Sermon  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Blood Pressure  
Screening  
10:15 am Library  
10:45 am Worship Service  
2:00 pm Homestead Village  
Worship  
3:00 pm Academy Recital

## January 5 Monday

7:30 am Meditation Monday  
12:00 pm Food Bank  
7:00 pm MPC Meeting

## January 6 Tuesday

7:30 pm Worship Design

## January 7 Wednesday

9:15 am Disciple Bible Study  
5:15 pm Choir Parents Dinner  
6:00 pm Cherub Choir  
6:25 pm Carol Choir  
7:00 pm Search Committee

## January 8 Thursday

12:00 pm New Beginnings  
7:00 pm Apostles Choir

## January 11 Sunday

8:15 am Apostles Choir  
9:00 am Nursery

9:15 am Exploring Faith  
9:15 am Worship with  
Children's Sermon  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Youth Choir  
10:45 am Worship Service  
12:00 pm Academy Board  
Meeting  
12:00 pm Children's Ministry

## January 12 Monday

7:30 am Meditation Monday  
12:00 pm Food Bank  
7:00 pm Commission Meetings

## January 13 Tuesday

2:00 pm Book Club  
4:00 pm Relay for Life Meeting  
6:30 pm Association Meeting  
7:30 pm Apostles Bells

## January 14 Wednesday

9:15 am Disciple Bible Study  
3:30 pm Stephen Ministry  
5:15 pm Choir Parents Dinner  
6:00 pm Cherub Choir  
6:25 pm Carol Choir  
7:00 pm Education  
Commission Meeting

## January 15 Thursday

7:00 pm Apostles Choir

## January 17 Saturday

9:00 am Choir Retreat

## January 18 Sunday

8:30 am Apostles Choir  
9:00 am Nursery  
9:15 am Exploring Faith  
9:15 am Worship with  
Children's Sermon  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Worship Service

## January 19 Monday

7:30 am Meditation Monday  
12:00 pm Food Bank  
7:00 pm Council Meeting

## January 20 Tuesday

7:00 pm Search Committee  
7:30 pm Apostles Bells

## January 21 Wednesday

9:15 am Disciple Bible Study  
5:15 pm Choir Parents Dinner  
6:00 pm Cherub Choir  
6:25 pm Carol Choir

## January 22 Thursday

7:00 pm Apostles Choir

## January 25 Sunday

8:30 am Apostles Choir  
9:00 am Nursery  
9:15 am Exploring Faith  
9:15 am Worship with  
Children's Sermon  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Worship Service

## January 26 Monday

7:30 am Meditation Monday  
12:00 pm Food Bank

## January 27 Tuesday

7:30 pm Apostles Bells

## January 28 Wednesday

9:15 am Disciple Bible Study  
5:15 pm Choir Parents Dinner  
6:00 pm Cherub Choir  
6:25 pm Carol Choir

## January 29 Thursday

7:00 pm Apostles Choir



## 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.

Link 1:

Betty Holmes	203-1118 or <a href="mailto:bettyholms@aol.com">bettyholms@aol.com</a>
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## Food Bank

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

**Food Bank Needs:**

Rice (One lb. bags)	Peanut Butter
Canned Fruit	Brown Grocery Bags
Hamburger Helper	Tuna Helper
Macaroni and Cheese	Canned Tomatoes (One lb. or less)





### 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.



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