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From the Pastor...

Our 40th anniversary last month celebrated our exciting beginnings. In her sermon, guest preacher Rev. Nora Smith reminded us of our importance in her journey of faith. She reminded us of how we trusted one another so we were able to learn and fail together. She spoke of Church of the Apostles as a safe place to ask questions and a place where faith statements did not have to all agree.

Now it is time to look at our exciting future. To help us in this discernment process, I have been reflecting on the question “Why?” – Why do we exist? I ask that you also meditate on this question. Over the summer, there will be opportunities for you to share your thoughts as we discern together our specific purpose as Church of the Apostles United Church of Christ.

As we live in a culture of choice, not obligation, people now choose whether or not to be part of a church and whether to include time for corporate worship and education in their lives. So we as the church must have a compelling reason why we exist and why others would want to schedule time with us in their already very busy lives. If we are a place that provides opportunities for people to feed a spiritual hunger within themselves, they will make it a priority.

Please prayerfully consider why you worship with us. Why are you connected to Church of the Apostles? Is there a spiritual hunger within you? Can you describe it in any way? I would very much like to hear your responses to these questions and invite you to write down your thoughts and share them with me by letter or email.

God calls us here and has called us to be together. Together we can discern our way forward.

Blessings & peace –

Pastor Kuhn



A Message from the Council President

Celebrations...On Our Faith Journeys

What a warm, satisfying Sunday morning this has been...from sharing worship with Nora Smith to celebrating the sharing of our faith at Church of the Apostles for 40 years to hearing the progress of the plan for our associate Pastor.

Today, there was a convergence of long-standing members, members who recently joined, and those who may become members when they get older—all of whom are on their journey of faith. That journey is unique to each of us, but is touched by the faith shown by others as we share in and at God's house, aka Church of the Apostles.

Listening to Nora (I had not met her before today, but her gentle manner created the ease of using her first name.) speak with such joy about her faith journey with those from Church of the Apostles and the confirming support they supplied, helped me better understand the direction my faith has taken. By no means has my faith journey been a smooth, unimpeded journey, but my journey has been enhanced, supported, and guided by all of you at Church of the Apostles.

There is much to absorb from every individual, no matter the age or the "position" within the congregation. The wisdom of those long-time members (who I have been known to refer to as "seasoned" members), the enthusiasm of our "millennials," and the anticipation of our newest members, each—and together—confirm the direction I see my faith journey has taken at Church of the Apostles is the best. Nora spoke of her

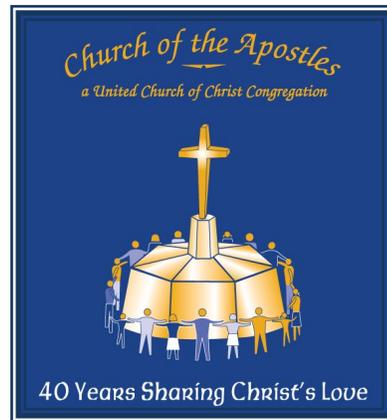
journey and how it was influenced by you, who have been so loyal and involved for the past 40 years. That speaks much to the faith of—and in—our Church.

As we mark this day in the Church's faith journey, may each of us remember the journey continues for each and for all.

May we use our faith, shared with others, to enhance their journey as well. The road is long and not always smooth, but each of us can provide that little extra direction of faith to make the journey satisfying.

Peace.....

Andy Appel



Giving Report for April 2015

The income and expenses at the end of April are right on target. Every year, we use the interest generated from our investments as part of our income. It generally amounts to about \$37,000. We have not yet transferred the money from our investment account to our checking account, so that is income we know will still come in. One-third of the year is gone now and our deficit is \$10,000, or one-third of our interest income. It is great news to be this close to our budget for the year.

The actual numbers are: \$154,411 of income and \$165,381 of expenses. Last year at this time, our income was \$158,811 and our expenses were \$157,678. Thank you to everyone who is so faithful with their support of our church.

Sundays at 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Dial (717) 392-5718 to listen to the worship information.

The sermon can be watched online at www.apostlesucc.org



Outreach



Lancaster Theological Seminary

- The Rev. Dr. Robert Reiff

Our Outreach Commission has designated the month of June for our congregation to support Lancaster Theological Seminary (LTS). Therefore, I would like to have a few moments of your time to reintroduce you to this fine institution. Permit me to share some facts, which you may or may not know about the seminary.

LTS was founded by members of the German Reformed Church in the United States. It was often called "German Reformed" to differentiate it from the Dutch Reformed or the Reformed Church in America.

After failed attempts to open the school in Frederick, MD and another in Harrisburg, PA, the school opened in Carlisle, PA at Dickinson College on March 11, 1825. There was one professor, five students, and approximately 200 books in its theological library. The seminary struggled financially for about four years until it relocated to York, PA in 1829. Here attendance averaged between 12-25 students.

In 1836/37 the seminary moved again to Mercersburg, PA under the charter of Marshall College. It was there that "Mercersburg Theology," noted for its concerns for worship, sacraments, and church in its ecumenical expressions, was established under professors John Nevin, Frederick Rauch, and Philip Schaff.

In 1853, Marshall College moved to Lancaster, PA consolidating with Franklin College to form Franklin and Marshall College (F&M). In 1871, the seminary moved to the F&M campus as a temporary arrangement. The present site of

the seminary was purchased in 1893, and the buildings were completed and occupied in 1894.

For most of its 109-year history, LTS was the sole seminary of the German Reformed Church in the United States. With the formation of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in 1934, LTS became one of three seminaries serving the newly-formed denomination.

LTS is currently one of seven seminaries with a full relationship with the United Church of Christ, a denomination formed in 1957 by the union of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and most of the Congregational Christian Churches. Lancaster Theological Seminary is an official Open and Affirming Seminary.

Church of the Apostles helps to support Lancaster Theological Seminary in three ways: through the Bear/Snavely endowment, grants are given to offset tuition costs of current students; we give \$1,500 toward financial support of the students from our church budget; and with the offerings we receive during the month of June.

On Sunday, June 14, I will speak more about LTS and its need for our financial support to assist students throughout the year. I hope that we will begin to reflect on our gift on June 21st, or any other Sunday in June.

Wishing Well

Many sincere thanks to all of you who participated in the Wishing Well ministry which supported Conner's Comfy PJ's! We were able to donate many cozy pajamas for the third year. A special thanks to Leigh Breslin and her "Girls on the Run" at Hans Herr Elementary School for helping with the collection of pajamas for children undergoing cancer treatment in pediatric cancer wards. It will certainly help to lift the spirits of a sick child when he or she receives a new pair of jammies to wear in the hospital!

Our next ministry in the Wishing Well is to support both the Apostles Assistance Fund and the Council of Churches' downtown center. We will be collecting home-care products for the Apostles Assistance fund and personal-care items for the Council of Churches to give to those in need in our community. Please help by taking a paper with the name of an item on it from one of the two posters. Please return your items over the summer. We will collect these items in the Wishing Well from the beginning of June through the end of August. Thank you so much for your continued support of our outreach ministries, which help so many people. It is a wonderful way to share Christ's love with others! If you ever have any questions about the Wishing Well ministries, please see Jane McCartney.

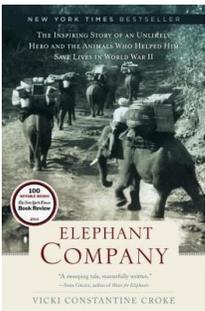


What is Market Basket?

Market Basket is part of our Outreach program. Because people at our church buy the cards from Stauffers, Giant, and Weis, Outreach receives 5% of the value. That value can be used to help support various programs that the committee decides to support. If you know of a need by a non-profit group, please tell one of the Outreach Committee members.

If you haven't signed up for grocery cards, see someone in the office right after the early or late service on the first three Sundays of the month. You can sign up for a monthly order or buy one or more of our extra cards. Help others without spending extra money.

Parish Life



Bookclub

Please join us on June 9th at 2 p.m. in the library to discuss The Elephant Company by Vicki Croke.

Below is a list of upcoming books:

- July 14th—A Spool of Thread by Anne Tyler
- August 11th—Emily and Einstein by Linda Francis Lee
- September 8th—Searching for Sunday by Rachel Held Evans
- October 13th—Crippen by John Boyne

Please contact Clara Kosmela at (717) 569-9960 if you have any questions.

Worship

Do you have a passion for Worship? Do you have ideas for Worship? If so, please join the Worship Commission. They meet the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Choir Room, and would love to see you there. Please contact the Worship Chair, Bernie Fickes, at (717) 393-6644 for more information. All are welcome!

Garage Sale Disbursement of Funds

The Garage Sale Committee decided to donate their profit as follows: 25% to the Church General Fund and 10% to purchase new long tables. They gave \$1,000 to the LCC Food Hub. They also gave to the Parish Life Kitchen Fund, Pastor's Assistance Fund, Seeds of Hope Garden, Parish Life for miscellaneous expenses, and \$500 was given toward Nepal Disaster relief. If you have any questions, please contact Clara Kosmela, Chair person.

Garden Helpers Needed

The garden is growing and so are the weeds! Please stop by on Saturdays anytime between 8-10 a.m. to help remove weeds; someone will be there to garden with you.



Seeds of Hope

Plants don't grow if it doesn't rain. At the time of this writing, we have about half of the garden planted, but it hasn't rained since we started planting. The first seeds and plants in the ground came up in record time and started growing very well, but in the last two weeks it has been hard to see any growth at all. There has been rain in the forecast lately, but none of it has fallen here. This is the greatest lesson in patience, and our admiration for farmers who do this for a living continues to grow every year.

God willing, the rain will fall, the plants will grow, and our carrots, beets, onions, peas, lettuce, tomatoes, peppers, and corn will flourish. In the meantime, we will keep the faith and plant pole beans, lima beans, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, zucchini, yellow squash, cucumbers, and pumpkins.

Think rain, and let's pray that by Fall this will all be a distant memory.



New Beginnings

There will be an end-of-year picnic on Thursday, June 11 at 12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy a summertime favorite—hotdogs! Please bring a side dish or dessert to enjoy with the hotdogs. We will conclude with an old-fashioned hymn sing.

Women's Exercise Classes

COA has been invited to sign up for new pilates classes being held on church grounds beginning Mondays on July 6 at 7:15 p.m., or Tuesdays on July 7 at 5:30 p.m. Sessions are 13 weeks and the cost is \$130 per session; each class is one hour long. Pilates will address flexibility, core strength, balance, and focus.

Weight Training for Women may also begin that week, if the instructor signs up enough attendees. Using equipment provided by the instructor, as well as gravity/body weight, you will work to improve bone density, balance, and general strength.



Please bring an exercise mat and wear comfortable clothing. Classes may include equipment provided by instructor, and exercises can be modified to address all levels of fitness. Payment is due to the instructor, Karen Cox, on or before the first class. To sign up, or if you have any questions, please contact Karen at (717) 203-8081, or email her at kcox@ptd.net.

Happy Father's Day: Sunday, June 21

We would like to wish all the fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, etc. a very Happy Father's Day!

COA Unsung Helpers



Annette Rohloff has shared conversations with many, but, in particular, those who are COA members released from the hospital. This ministry is called ABIDERS and falls under Parish Life. She calls them at least once a week and sometimes more. When someone is back to good health, Annette offers to stop calling, but some have become "attached" and have chosen to continue receiving her calls. Annette also helps by reading the scripture lessons at worship at various times during the year, and she helps at the Visitor's Center once a month. Thank you, Annette, for your service.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Bryce Walburn, who has graduated from Drexel University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering and a Master's degree in Electrical Engineering.



Thank You!

The flowers delivered to me were like a breath of spring. I had a good chat with Nancy Steger who delivered the flowers. It was great to be remembered by the members of the church with flowers. Thank you. I will try to take good care of the plant.
Sincerely yours,
Nancy Geiger

To My Apostles Church Family,
Thank you all so much for all of your lovely cards and flowers over the last few weeks! They have been so appreciated! And thank you also for the prayers I know have gone "up" on my behalf!
Sincerely,
Pat Aichele

Dear Church,
Thank you for the lovely flower arrangement. We enjoyed it.
Sincerely,
Richard and Marie Herr

Dear Church of the Apostles,
We appreciated receiving the flowers for our 67th anniversary. They are still beautiful at this time. We are truly blessed to be members of a loving church.
From,
Charles and Louise Arms

Thank you for the lovely flowers that we received in honor of our anniversary.
From,
Marty and Betty Holmes





Church of the Apostles UCC

Wacky Wednesdays

A reading program which offers a story, an activity, and a snack for children in each age grouping
Preschool—Kindergarten 1st—3rd Grade

Theme: **On the Move in Rader Park**

June 24th
Swimmers



July 1
Hoppers



July 8
Flyers



July 15
Crawlers



July 22
Animal Tracks



July 29
Climbers



Time: 10:00—11:15 am

When: June 24th, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Where: Rader Park on the Church of the Apostles Campus
1850 Marietta Ave. Lancaster, Pa 17603

(Follow Apostles Way to the end behind Homestead Village)

No pre-registration needed! **Caregiver attendance requested. For more information, please call 717-392-5718**



Church of the Apostles And Salem U.C.C.

Invite you to join us for

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2015

Place: Church of the Apostles – Rader Park

Dates: Sun., June 21-Thurs., June 25

Time: 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Fee: \$5.00 to help cover the cost of supplies

Make checks payable to:
Church of the Apostles

All kids between the ages of 4 years through 5th grade are invited to come learn wonderful Bible stories, play games, make crafts, and learn about the importance of caring for God's creation.

Return registration form by June 15 to:

**Church of the Apostles - VBS
1850 Marietta Ave, Lancaster, PA 17603**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Child's Age: _____ Male Female

Home Phone: _____ **Cell:** _____

Home Church (if any): _____

Name of friend your child might like to be with:

In case of emergency, please contact:

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Please list any allergies (including food) or other medical conditions our VBS staff should be aware of:

Please check if your child will need assistance in the restroom

Permission to publish photos on church poster and websites. Names will not be published.

Permission granted **NOT granted**

Tee Shirt Size: **Small** **Medium** **Large**



Happy Birthday!



Date	Name
1	Pamela Smith
1	Teresa Clouser
2	Dr. J. William (Bill) Parke
2	Darrell Schock
3	Mark Reinhardt
4	Tim Stirling
5	Paul Rader*
5	Debra Walburn
6	Patricia Moran
6	George Alspach
6	Patricia (Patty) Forry
6	Stephanie Moore
6	Alexa Neiderer
7	Leroy Hoffman
7	Ann Berkow
10	Clay Butzer
12	Louise Arms
12	Wilma Klingler
16	Ann Parke
19	Dorothy Beaner*
19	Joseph (Joe) Weidel, Jr.
20	Stan Berkow
22	David Smith
23	John (Jack) Schwanhausser*
24	Joyce McClune
25	Dawn Brooks
26	Dr. Walter Kreider, Jr.
26	Sarah Preston
27	Rev. Richard (Dick) Fehnel
27	Leroy (Skeeter) Carr, Jr.
27	Randy Wilson
29	Gail Noland
29	Michael Schaeffer
29	Karen Braun
29	Laura Bender

Happy Anniversary

Name	Date
Stanley and Irene Buch**	6/14/1947
Bill and Jane Higgs**	6/26/1949
Harry and Dorothy George**	6/21/1951
Richard and Clara Schenke**	6/27/1953
Robert and Betty Perry**	6/4/1954
Rev. Bob and Betty Reiff**	6/19/1955
Robert and Shirley Miller**	6/25/1955
Grant and Joan Hansel**	6/23/1956
Chick and Nancy Hungerford**	6/29/1957
Larry and Judith Frible**	6/9/1962
Rev. Jack and Cathie Oliphant**	6/9/1962
George and Jean Heidig**	6/16/1963
Jim and Bonnie Jolly	6/8/1969
Dr. Bill and Ann Parke	6/14/1974
George and Joan Turns	6/29/1985
Christopher and Sharon Martin	6/25/1988
Abe and Leigh Breslin	6/10/1999
Jere and Joyce Baker	6/27/1999
Nathan and Emily Daggett	6/1/2001
John and Gretchen Conrad	6/1/2002
Jon and Eileen Thomas	6/8/2002
Gary and Donna Maxwell	6/29/2002
Kerry and Kate Kendig	6/21/2003
Jeffrey and Kelly Walker	6/19/2004
Geoff and Hannah Royer	6/30/2007

* 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)**

June Flowers for Worship



June 7:

In Loving Memory of:

- The Rev. Nevin Schellenberger, Peter Schellenberger, and Mrs. Jennie Reichenbach by Marjorie Schellenberger and Family

In Honor of:

- Our 12th Wedding Anniversary by Emily and Nathan Dagett

To the Glory of God:

- By Jack and Cathie Oliphant on their 53rd Wedding Anniversary

June 14:

In Loving Memory of:

- Miriam Smith by Ken & Bev Keller and Family
- Our son Dana by Dick and Ginny Godfrey
- Bill Schneider by his wife Carol
- Stewart McMinn, husband, and Frank Tapasto, father, by Sallie McMinn
- J. Michael Emig by his Family
- The Rev. Glenn J. Rader by The Rev. Kay Rader and Family
- Elwood Latschar, husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather
- Robert B. and Mary Smith by their daughter Marianne and her husband Dan Thoman

June 21:

In Loving Memory of:

- Grant Custer by his wife Kathryn Custer

In Honor of:

- Bob and Shirley Millers' wedding anniversary and all those celebrating anniversaries in June

June 28:

To The Glory of God.



June Events

June 1 Monday

8:00 a.m. Meditation Monday
12:00 p.m. Food Bank
7:00 p.m. Ministry Planning Committee

June 2 Tuesday

7:30 p.m. Worship Design

June 3 Wednesday

1:00 p.m. Craft Circle
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

June 6 Saturday

8:00 a.m. Downtown Breakfast
Ministry
8:00 a.m. Garden Work—Help Needed

June 7 Sunday

9:00 a.m. Nursery Care
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Worship with Children's
Sermon
10:00 a.m. Blood Pressure Screening
10:15 a.m. Children's Library
10:45 a.m. Multi-Age Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
2:00 p.m. Worship Service—
Homestead Village

June 8 Monday

8:00 a.m. Meditation Monday
12:00 p.m. Food Bank
7:00 p.m. Commissions Meetings

June 9 Tuesday

2:00 p.m. Book Club

June 11 Thursday

12:p.m. New Beginnings Picnic

June 12 Friday

PCC Annual Meeting

June 13 Saturday

PCC Annual Meeting
8:00 a.m. Garden Work—Help Needed

June 14 Sunday

9:00 a.m. Nursery Care
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Worship with Children's
Sermon
10:15 a.m. Children's Library
10:30 a.m. Youth Choir
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
12:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Team

June 15 Monday

8:00 a.m. Meditation Monday
12:00 p.m. Food Bank
7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

June 16 Tuesday

7:30 p.m. Worship Design

June 17 Wednesday

1:00 p.m. Craft Circle

June 20 Saturday

8:00 a.m. Garden Work—Help Needed

June 21 Sunday

9:00 a.m. Nursery Care
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Worship with Children's
Sermon
9:30 a.m. Youth Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Children's Library
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
6:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

June 22 Monday

8:00 a.m. Meditation Monday
12:00 p.m. Food Bank
6:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

June 23 Tuesday

6:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

June 24 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Wacky Wednesday
6:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

June 25 Thursday

6:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

June 27 Saturday

8:00 a.m. Garden Work—Help Needed

June 28 Sunday

9:00 a.m. Nursery Care
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Worship with Children's
Sermon
10:15 a.m. Children's Library
10:30 a.m. Youth Choir
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
12:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Team

June 29 Monday

8:00 a.m. Meditation Monday
12:00 p.m. Food Bank



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 bettyholms@aol.com
 Steve/Monica Daniels 299-6007 or monicadaniels54@gmail.com
 Lynn Steedle 390-4152 or ccsteedle@gmail.com
 Jim/Bonnie Jolly 872-4053 or bjjolly@comcast.net

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 Harriet Latschar 859-1535
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 Mike/Nancy Steger 617-2635 or stegs4u@hotmail.com
 Susan Shaak 872-2987

Link 4:
 Kit Gregory 299-6677 or kitpaul@comcast.net
 Jean Heidig 394-8733 or geojean6@gmail.com
 Donna Carr 397-6305 or ddcarr@lancastringeneral.org



Food Bank

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

Food Bank Needs:

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|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 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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