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Let's Celebrate!

The month of May brings us many reasons to celebrate the church! We will celebrate the birth of the church on Pentecost Sunday, May 15. A few days after will be the 41st anniversary of Church of the Apostles. I think there is so much to celebrate in the life of this church and its impact on the community, even the world. Since my arrival in November of 2015, it has been a joy to get to know the many ministries of this congregation and how each of you seek to reach out to the community as part of your walk of faith. I am excited to celebrate the beginning of my ministry here at Church of the Apostles with my service of installation on Sunday, May 22, at 3 pm in the sanctuary. I am pleased to have one of my colleagues and mentors, Rev. Eric Williams of North Congregational Church, UCC in Columbus Ohio, to preach on this special day.

During this time of celebration, we also have the opportunity to reflect on our lives to see how we got to this place and how we can shape our future. The early church could not imagine the impact their small movement had not only on their communities, but the world. This is the work of the Holy Spirit working in and through us each and every day, in every generation. I invite you to think about this as we celebrate: What is your impact both individually and as a whole? What is your dream for the future of this church?

Rev. Heather Giffen

Associate Pastor



Andy's Meanderings

I was recently at a presentation that focused on communication. That sounds pretty basic, but one of the areas discussed was the use of electronics and how they are replacing human—face to face—interaction. For years, I was teased about my refusal to buy a cell phone and computer. I was on a board as its president, and was the only person without electronics. That made communication difficult. I bought a computer, but I said I'd never get a cell phone.

As I now use both, I'm even more aware of the decline of human contact in communication. I receive—and send—messages that are devoid of emotion. Of course, I can add smileys, frowns, and other "emotions," and I can try to envision the smile, frown, or other emotion a sender has when "talking" to me in an email.

Several weeks ago, between services, one of our younger members told me she and her husband chose to become members of Church of the Apostles because their children were welcome and included (by older members) during the times when ages were together—at, among other times, gatherings between services. Such was not the case at their former church.

Sunday at Church of the Apostles is one of the few places during a week's time where people are face to face, talking, laughing, sharing concerns,

supporting—communicating. I watch people greet each other, hug each other, shake hands...interact. The "little ones" aren't ignored either. Bring a baby to COA and a crowd is born! I get a lot of comfort seeing so many people being themselves, being open and welcoming...and not texting, Facebooking, or Snapchatting each other!

This past Sunday, April 10th, we welcomed nine new members—one "seasoned" couple and three couples with a total of six young children. That's a joy! Next time you see them, introduce yourself, share a story, learn about them, communicate with your speech, your hands, your eyes, and your emotions. It sure beats electronics.

Peace.....

Andy Appel

Save the Date!

On Saturday, June 11, we will hold a fundraiser for the youth. Come and enjoy an open house and tour at the Woodlot, my home that was featured in the June 2014 Lancaster County Magazine. See more details in this month's Crown article.



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

Giving Report for March 2016

At the end of the first quarter of 2016, we are showing a loss of \$21,814.17. Our income of \$113,521.30 fell short in covering our increased expenses of \$135,335.47. We all know how hard it is to keep ahead of rising expenses. Of course, it is too early in the year to know what any of the trends in giving will show us. Hopefully, you will feel moved this year to gift the church with an expression of your gratitude for the growth of your faith.

Last year at this time, our income totaled \$118,402.09 and our expenses of \$119,209.69 only created a shortfall of \$807.60. The good news is the higher income for 2016, and it's a very positive sign. Unfortunately, we couldn't maintain the level of expenses that we had last year.



Council Meeting Minutes—March 21, 2016

Attendance: Julie Berkow, Bernie Fickes, Herb Forry, Don Freeman, Clara Kosmela, Linda Lewis, Carol Nielsen, Bob Reiff, Andy Smith

Excused: Andy Appel, Jeannie Clausen, Chuck Erisman, Cathy Kenlin, Pastor Kuhn, Pastor Giffen
Absent: Steve Daniels

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Bob Reiff. With only nine members present, a quorum was not reached.

Devotions were presented by Don Freeman, based on the hymn “The Holy City” by Stephen Adams. As Council members, we were asked to think what “servant leadership” means, in that we are called to serve not just the people, but firstly Christ and His church.

Minutes from the February 22, 2016 Council meeting were approved as presented. (J. Berkow, C. Kosmela)

Treasurer’s Report

1. Andy reported that we are catching up on our lost “snow day” offering shortfall, from a deficit of \$9,000 to \$3,800. During that period, we have spent less than what was budgeted.
2. Andy gave a review of our Endowment Funds accounts. This report is prepared monthly by Hollinger’s, and is available from Judy R. in the office at any time. Chairs are to take these figures to their commissions monthly to fund various ministries of that commission.

Education

Linda announced that Andy Appel has agreed to chair the Education Commission.

Worship

Bernie reported that all is in the minutes.

Stewardship

All was in the Treasurer’s report.

Property

1. Herb reported that a monitor was ordered for the rear of the sanctuary for \$5,268.
2. The trees out front were trimmed.

Parish Life

1. The pastors asked that birthday cards be sent to all members; Parish Life will pay postage.
2. Band Together will start in the fall.
3. The Sunday School children and youth made Easter cards which will be mailed to folks on the special ministries list.
4. Publicity is in place for the Garage Sale. Clara distributed fliers for members to take to stores. Donations of food items are requested.
5. Suggestions for “Unsung Helpers” are welcome.

Outreach

1. Julie stated that they partnered with Education for the Mission Fest and visit to Crispus Attucks.
2. The clothing bank will remain under the auspices of the Lancaster County Council of Churches rather than switching to the Community Aid program.

Pastors’ Reports

These are included in the Council packet.

Old Business

1. On-line giving - this did not come up at Stewardship.
2. Video-taping of announcements - we need to set up a meeting of all interested parties. Bob will check with Earl C.

New Business

A brief discussion was held regarding the possibility moving the brick church sign on Marietta Avenue closer to the church to identify it.

Don Freeman closed the meeting with a prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Lewis
Secretary



**MEETING
MINUTES**



Stewardship

Let's Do Something Differently

- by Karen Culp, Stewardship Chairperson

Lately, I've noticed that when Pastor Kuhn introduces the time for the offering on Sunday morning, she says to be generous. I'm glad she says that because by now, months into a new year, we've probably already developed a habit of giving that relies on the same amount each time we give. After all, that is what we ask you to do each fall: think about how much you want to give in the new year, divide it by 52 weeks or 12 months, and let us know what that amount is going to be. I don't know about you, but sometimes I just want to do something different.

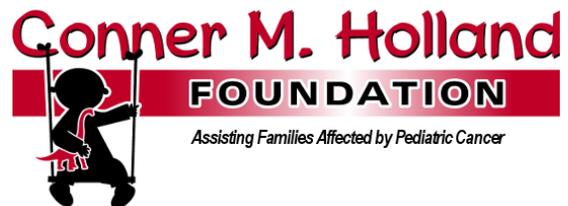
Maybe it's Spring Fever, but let's be a little wild this year. Think about your favorite program or the most meaningful mission here at Church of the Apostles that really touches you. Maybe you used to volunteer your time teaching Sunday school but can't do it anymore. Maybe you would like to help clean up Good Drive, but you're never available on Saturday mornings when that happens. Maybe you are always moved by a certain soloist in worship, or you can't stand for long periods of time to allow you to serve breakfast at First Reformed. Maybe you just don't have the time to do a single thing more than you do right now between your job, your kids, your spouse, and driving your aging parents to appointments. The desire is there, but the reality keeps you on the sidelines. If you know you'll have some extra dollars at the end of the month, consider making an additional donation to the church some week in honor of the program or mission that is important to you.

The church is like you. The desire is there to do so much more, but the reality is that we can only stretch the dollars so far. We know we will have to dip into savings to keep all the balls in the air this year because we're not really very good at saying no to people who need and rely on us. If you are blessed with some additional resources, put them to good work and let us know what special ministry touched you to give. Generosity is indeed what we're about here at Church of the Apostles. We are phenomenal at giving, caring, and doing extraordinary things here. Let's do it again.

Outreach

Wishing Well Ministry

Thank you to all who participated in the ministry of providing TLC to TLC (Transitional Living Center). It was a huge success and TLC was very appreciative of the supplies that we collected for them. Thank you so much for your generosity.



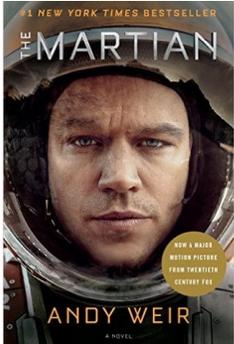
During the month of May, we will be holding a pajama party in the Wishing Well. We will once again be collecting pajamas to support Conner's Comfy PJs. Conner Holland was a brave little boy from Lititz who lost his battle to cancer at the age of five. It was his wish that all children who are receiving treatments for cancer have comfy pajamas to wear in the hospital. His family started Conner's Comfy PJs to honor his wish, and every year during the month of May, they collect pajamas for girls and boys in local pediatric cancer treatment centers. The Holland family is asking for pajamas for children ages four to 16, as they often get many donations for younger children. Please consider participating in this memorial ministry to help so many pediatric cancer patients. We will collect these pajamas until May 29th. Thank you so much for participating in Conner's pajama party in May. Please see Jane McCartney or Allison Carr if you have any questions.

Strengthen the Church: Invest in the Vision!

You have a special giving envelope in your box for May 22. It is *Strengthen the Church*, which is a special offering to energize and build the future of UCC. Shared at the conference and national levels, *Strengthen the Church* offerings largely support youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC's voice has not been heard. Your gifts will support new churches, foster new ideas in existing churches, and develop the spiritual lives of our youth and young adults. Please consider giving generously to this important ministry which serves to strengthen the UCC.



Parish Life



Book Club

The COA book club meets every second Tuesday of the month at 2 pm in the library. Please join us on Tuesday, May 10th to discuss *The Martian* by Andy Weir. On June 14, we will discuss *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins; and on July 12, we will discuss *Testimony* by Anita Shreve. We are happy to have new people join us! If you have any questions, please contact Clara Kosmela at (717) 569-9960.

New Beginnings

Begin your summer with a "New Beginnings" picnic on Thursday, June 9 at 12 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Hot dogs, rolls, condiments, and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. A hymn sing will round out the program.



Garage Sale

- by Clara Kosmela

As chairperson of the 2016 Church Garage Sale, I wish to thank many people. Firstly, thanks to everyone who donated items to be sold, including cakes, sodas, and cookies. Next, thanks to the more than 30 people who worked Monday through Thursday before the sale sorting, pricing, folding clothes, and placing them on the tables. Next, a big thanks to the many who served as cashiers and money counters for the sale Friday and Saturday. Last, but not least, thank you to those who helped pack up and dispose of the unsold items. It was a busy, but fun time with interaction of church members (and non-church members) who otherwise might never have met. It was a great "team effort" of approximately 80 people with a profit of \$6,078.87.

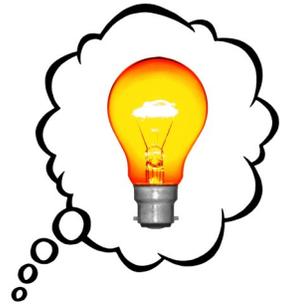
Positives from the sale were:

- 1) Fun and camaraderie of those helping
- 2) Donated a suitcase and summer clothing to Andy Appel to take to Honduras
- 3) The unsold clothing went to our neighbor church, Grace Baptist, who will put it in their free clothing giveaway

- 4) Remaining books went to Community Aid
- 5) Some clothing and a suitcase went to the Ukraine
- 6) Remaining dishes and glassware went to Goodwill

Ideas for Sharing Kindness

Ken Heasley, Acting Penn Central Conference UCC Minister, recently sent a letter to UCC churches asking members to find ways to show and "share the love of Christ in your daily life, in the circles of relationships you share, with people you meet/encounter at the check-out line, while driving, at work, wherever?"



Below are some ideas for us all to consider:

IDEAS FOR SHARING KINDNESS*

- Leave flowers on a windshield
- Help the elderly with their shopping
- Clean someone's car
- Leave a chocolate for the cashier
- Pay for someone's meal
- Feed an expired parking meter
- Buy coffee for the person behind you
- Give a compliment
- Listen to and play with children
- Clean someone's home
- Visit someone in a nursing home
- Give blood
- Bake a cake for someone
- Take some food or clothing to a homeless person
- Become an organ donor
- Help in a soup kitchen
- Give someone a warm hug
- Collect hotel toiletries and add them to a care basket
- Don't charge someone for some work you do for them
- Make cheer-up cards and deliver them to a hospital
- Babysit for someone
- Let someone go in front of you at the checkout
- Acknowledge people who deserve to be
- Listen to someone

* www.ripplekindness.org



Apostles Academy of Arts and Sciences Recital

You are invited to attend the Apostles Academy of Arts and Sciences Recital being held on Sunday, May 1st, at 3 pm. The recital will feature students of various instruments, including piano, strings, trumpet, and woodwinds. It will also include an art showcase by featured students of Steve Wilson's Art Studio. Please come out and support the arts!

Love to Fish?

If your answer is yes, we'd love to have you join us at the pond in Rader Park. For the past five years, Apostles has done a Science in the Park Program for inner-city kids in Rader Park. We have six dates in May when we will bring one class at a time to the park to do a stream study, a garden or bird study, an animal footprints study, and fish in the pond. Kids are divided into four groups and cycle through all the day's activities. Our day starts at 9:30 am and ends for volunteers at 1:30 pm. We especially need people to fish with the kids this year. Our goal is to have enough volunteers so that each fishing volunteer has no more than two or three kids at a time.

The dates are:

<i>Thursday, May 12</i>	<i>King Elementary 1st grade Kate Kendig, teacher; 25 kids</i>
<i>Tuesday, May 17</i>	<i>Wharton Elementary 1st grade Jill Ranck, teacher; 35 kids</i>
<i>Wednesday, May 18</i>	<i>Wharton Elementary 1st grade Jill Ranck, teacher; 25 kids</i>
<i>Thursday, May 20</i>	<i>King Elementary 1st grade Mrs. Deeter, teacher; 25 kids</i>
<i>Tuesday, May 24</i>	<i>Fulton Elementary 2nd grade Becky Masleh, teacher; 25 kids</i>
<i>Wednesday, May 25</i>	<i>Fulton Elementary 2nd grade Tressa Rios, teacher; 25 kids</i>

To volunteer, or for more information, please contact Doris Robb at (717) 393-7788, or via email at robbs7788@gmail.com.

Youth Fundraiser...with a Twist!

A fundraiser for the youth of the Church is scheduled for Saturday, June 11th. It's different than the "usual" fundraisers!

This fundraiser is a trip to the southern end of Lancaster County to visit the home and (informal) gardens of Andy Appel. His home, called "The Woodlot", was featured in the June 2014 issue of Lancaster County Magazine. The home is unique as it is a "house in a house," and it

has some even more unique features inside! The area around his home is landscaped and designed for relaxation. For those interested, a path exists through woods that surround the house.

Transportation will be provided to and from "The Woodlot". Light refreshments will be available. Final plans are being made for this event. There may be several trips scheduled that day, and it will take place rain or shine. Suggested donation amounts have not been finalized, but Andy has said he will match the total donated. All proceeds will go to our youth group's activities. More information will be made available soon!

Rader Park

Spring has arrived in Rader Park and a new future is on the horizon. The Property Commission has developed a plan that outlines a list of objectives and goals that will allow Rader Park to play a greater role in education, outreach, and stewardship of our land, water, and its inhabitants. The plan not only creates brand new opportunities to nurture our mind, body, and spirit, it also creates a revenue stream that will provide money for the upkeep of our Park; this will relieve some of the pressure on our Church's operating budget.

During the upcoming months, you will hear more about the future of Rader Park. If you want to become more involved in Rader Park, or would like to be added to the email list for updates, please email us at isi330@aol.com.

In the meantime, please visit and enjoy springtime in Rader Park.

The City: Training & Support

Training/support sessions with Michelle Ayala and Cathy Kenlin will be held on the following dates in the Narthex at Church of the Apostles:

- Sunday, May 1: 10:15 am - 12:00 pm
- Monday, May 2: 6 pm - 7 pm
- Wednesday, May 4: 6:30 pm - 8 pm
- Thursday, May 5: 6:30 pm - 8 pm

Please remember to bring your mobile devices or tablets with you! Please also take some time to browse The City before attending a session, and bring a list of questions you might have.



Unsung Helper



Julie Berkow is—and has been—a very busy person at COA. She has been chairman of Outreach for seven years, on Church Council for six years, and MPC for eight years. She is the co-chair of the soup-making team for the fall bazaar, and she is involved in the Power Packs program and the distribution of produce from the church garden to non-profit organizations. In order to promote donations to the LCC Food Hub, Julie drove

people to visit the new Food Hub in the church van. For at least four years, Julie has organized the Saturday morning breakfast at First Reformed. One of her goals for Outreach is to explore affordable housing initiatives. Thank you, Julie, for all you do.

Thank You!

Thank you to Donna Carr, Chris Gifford, Jane McCartney, Kristina Newport, Flo Waldron, and Stephanie Moore for bringing meals to us in the weeks after Andrew's birth.

Our family appreciates your generosity and thoughtfulness to include us in your new mom's meal program. The meals were just perfect and helped lessen the chaos in the early weeks of having a preemie newborn at home! Thank you, also, for the prayers for Andrew and our family while he was in the NICU. He has done amazingly well from the very beginning and he continues to thrive! It is comforting to feel God's love beyond our own church walls and family!

Warmly,
Anne (Hambrick-Stowe), Chris, Zachary, & Rachel
Sunshine Rankin (and Andrew too!)

A special thank-you to all the children and friends at Church of the Apostles for the lovely Easter card and cross. A special thank-you to Alexa for signing the card and drawings. You all made my Easter day special.

Blessings,
Norma Kaye

Dear friends at Church of the Apostles,
Thank you so much for the lovely blooming plant that was

delivered to me on Palm Sunday. It made my day and is still blooming. What a lovely Easter gift!

Thanks again,
Mary Harter

Our very dear feelings to Church of the Apostles and Audrey Markle for the beautiful flowers delivered with a warm smile to our home.

Love to you all,
Irene and Stan Buch

Dear COA members,
Thank you for the lovely floral arrangement delivered by Bonnie Eshbach. It was a beautiful arrangement of red and white carnations and was much enjoyed by both of us.

Sincerely,
Vera and Paul Hocker

Betty and I want to thank Church of the Apostles for the lovely arrangement of flowers delivered to us on Easter Sunday, while we shared a meal with Pastor Heather in the Homestead Café. We also want to thank Pastors Kathy and Heather for taking time out of their busy schedules to visit Bob in the hospital during Holy Week. And thanks to Kit Gregory for the remembrance card sent on behalf of the congregation.

Bob and Betty Reiff

Dear friends at COA,
On behalf of the Bischoff family, I wish to thank all of you for taking care of us in so many ways. Your thoughts and prayers, conversations, cards and phone calls, flowers and visits, hugs, and expressions of comfort and concern have helped all of us in this time of loss. We especially appreciate the ministry of Pastor Kathy and Pastor Heather, Cindy Kahler, Nate Sheffer, and all of the COA choir members.

It is not for us to question God's timing, but for us to be truly thankful for His many blessings. Indeed, God has blessed us with knowing Al as a loving husband, devoted father, and a kind, generous, and humble man who faithfully served the Lord through singing. Al was a genuine "good guy!"

Betsy Bischoff





Welcome New Members!

Matt and Suzanne Miller



Suzanne and Matt are both natives of Lancaster. They are the parents of Liam (age 5) and Parker (almost 3). Parker is in the Purple Bear class at Apostles Community Preschool. Suzanne is an anesthesia technician, and Matt is a supervisor at Turkey Hill Dairies. Suzanne lists watching movies and enjoying outdoor activities as her hobbies, while Matt enjoys golf and building things. The family has been involved with the children’s choir, as well as VBS.

“We have already met so many wonderful people through this church. We want to especially thank the Reich family for being our sponsors and for their amazing friendship.”

Joe and Cristina Bahling



Cristina grew up in Lancaster, while Joe is from the Poconos. Cristina is an RN; Joe is a sales manager. They have three children - Luke (6), Nina (4), and Cooper (3). Both Nina and Cooper are students at Apostles Preschool, while Luke is a graduate. Cristina’s hobbies include running and activities with the kids, as well as helping with Sunday School. Joe enjoys hunting, fishing, and coaching baseball.

“We’re really excited about joining the Apostles Family. Our children attend/attended Apostles Community Preschool and we have many friends at the church. Thanks to all of the members for welcoming us!”

The Bahling’s sponsors are Karen Youtz, and Dustin and Melissa Koehler.



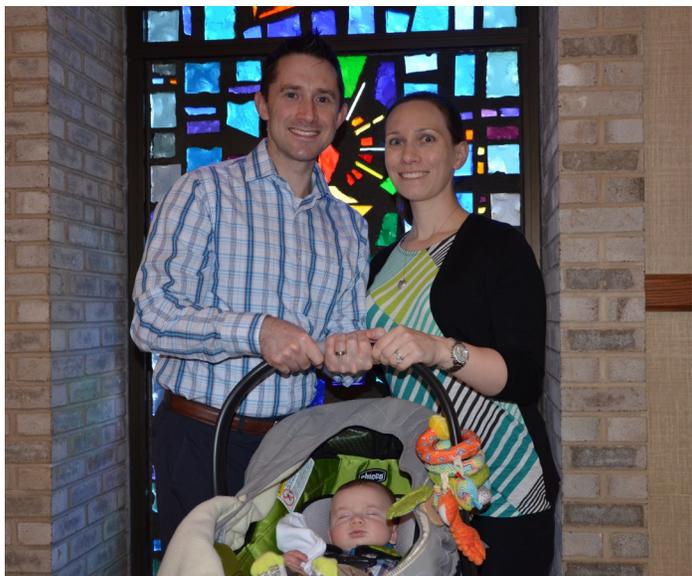
John and Barbara Wylie



The Wylie's moved here from Long Island, NY and joined by letter of transfer from Highland Presbyterian. Both are retired, and they have three grown daughters and six grandchildren. Barbara enjoys reading while John lists exercising as his hobby. Both are involved in volunteer activities.

The Wylie's sponsors are Nancy and Mike Steger.

Erik and Ashley Laymon



Erik and Ashley welcomed a son, Andrew Sawyer, to their family in December. The Laymons moved to

Lancaster from Washington, D.C. Erik is employed as an investment analyst and trader, while Ashley is a speech-language pathologist. The Laymons enjoy travelling, music and arts, and zoning out in front of the TV at night.

“When we moved to the Lancaster area last summer, we were looking for a church community that boasts "radical hospitality," an active presence within the community, and great programs for kids. From the first day we attended, we felt that COA was hitting on all points. Thanks for having us!”

The Laymons' sponsors are Mic and Laura Bender.

Rev. Heather Giffen



Pastor Heather is our new Associate Pastor, and transferred from First Congregational Church, UCC in Columbus, Ohio. She is a graduate of United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities of St. Paul, Minnesota. Rev. Giffen recently served as a Pastoral Intern at St. Paul's, UCC of St. Paul, MN, All Nations Indian Church, UCC of Minneapolis, MN, and North Congregational Church, UCC of Columbus, Ohio.

Her hobbies include quilting, reading, and bicycling. She looks forward to using her gifts of creativity, cultural knowledge, and leadership at Church of the Apostles.



Crown Concert

Church of the Apostles is pleased to host one of Brazil's brightest young composers, Clarice Assad, for a Crown Concert on Thursday, May 12 at 7 pm. Assad has been described by the LA Times as "a dazzling vocal soloist and all-round musician." Her mission is to connect, inspire, and empower people with her music.

Performing with Clarice Assad is TRP (The Reese Project), featuring Tom Reese (flutes), Richard Burton (piano), Kirk Reese (piano), Laurie Haines Reese (cello), Tish Brown (violin), and Hayden Reese (drums). This program will feature some of the works of the well-known Brazilian Composer Antonio Carlos Jobim. Clarice will be giving the world-premiere performance of "As the Mountains Kiss the Stream", a new work for voice and ensemble by Tom Reese.

TRP is a modern-day ensemble with an eclectic repertoire of original Jazz, Funk, Rock, Blues, Classical, and World music with the unique instrumentation of flute and cello with a jazz rhythm section. This team of outstanding musicians brings a wide array of backgrounds and talents to the stage, captivating and engaging audiences everywhere. Since 1992, TRP has performed their magical sound throughout the U.S. and Canada. TRP's compositions and arrangements weave elements from around the world into up-tempo, high-energy music with haunting sounds that flow from calypso to waltz feels.

TRP has recorded and released 13 CDs. Their influences include: JS Bach, Claude Bolling, The Beatles, John Coltrane, Miles Davis, Duke Ellington, David Grisman, and many others. This concert will be recorded for the next TRP CD release on VectorDisc Records.

Admission to the concert is a free-will offering. For more information about Clarice Assad, please visit www.clariceassad.com; for more information about TRP, please visit www.reeseproject.com.



Photo: Clarice Assad



Photo: TRP (The Reese Project)



The Lancaster Association
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*Invite you to the
Installation of*

*Reverend Heather Giffen
as Associate Minister*

Sunday May 22, 2016 at 3:00 PM

*1850 Marietta Avenue
Lancaster, PA 17603*

*Reception immediately following
the service in the Narthex.*

*Clergy are invited to robe and process.
(Red or other colorful stoles are welcome.)*



Happy Birthday!

Date	Name
1	William (Bill) Higgs*
1	Sue Bowman
3	Russell Weiser
3	Allison Carr
4	Carol Shughart
4	Cynthia Williams
5	Bonnie Eshbach
6	Dorothy Wolf
6	Bonnie Jolly
6	FlorenceMae Waldron
7	Cynthia Bischoff
8	Julie Tritch
8	Michael Preston
9	John Hess
10	Charles Hungerford
11	Helen Preston
11	Robert Achtermann
12	Mary (Maggie) Schick
12	Todd Harris
12	Samantha Oliver
14	S Dennis Eyrich
14	Cindy Hendrix
16	Joanne Shenberger
16	Dan Harelson
16	Allison Alspach
16	Haley Rineer
16	Kirsten Clouser
17	Annette Shindler*
17	Kenneth Kimmel
17	Erika Neiderer
17	Parker Miller
18	Lois Masho
19	Elizabeth Rineer

20	Carol Nielsen
22	Alice Rye
23	Jane Higgs*
23	Hannah Royer
26	Rosemary Humphreville
27	Nate Sheffer
28	Gail Frankhouser
29	Karen Culp
30	Shirley Kadow
31	Karen Youtz



Happy Anniversary

Date	Name
5/1/1948	Charles & Louise Arms**
5/4/2002	Richard (Dick) & Loris Cunningham
5/9/2009	Matt & Suzanne Miller
5/11/2002	Matthew & Jessica Dougherty
5/14/1983	Mark & Molly Reinhardt
5/15/1965	Earl & Eleanor (Janie) Cardellino**
5/15/1999	S Dennis & Jennifer Eyrich
5/25/2003	John & Colleen Forsyth
5/25/2013	Erik & Ashley Laymon
5/28/1960	Richard & Lois Millhouse**
5/31/2008	Mike & FlorenceMae (Flo) Waldron

* 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)**

May Flowers for Worship



May 1:

In Honor of:

- Charles and Louise Arms' 68th Wedding Anniversary (May 1)

May 8:

In Loving Memory of:

- Our mothers by Betty and Marty Holmes
- Sandy's mother, Mrs. Mabel Kilgore, and Joe's mother, Mrs. Geraldine Weidel, by Joe and Sandy Weidel

May 15:

In Loving Memory of:

- David & Evelyn and Mark D. Albertson by Sandra Albertson-Shea
- The Rev. Ed Steedle, an advocate for Peace and Justice, by his family

May 22:

In Loving Memory of:

- The Rev. Nevin E. Schellenberger by his family

May 29:

In Loving Memory of:

- Freida Holbein and family by her husband, Clyde Holbein



May Events

**Note: If you have an event that needs to be added, removed, or changed in the church calendar, please contact the church office with this information in a timely manner. Together, we can ensure that everyone who would like to participate always receives the correct information. Thank you!*

May 1 Sunday

- 8:15 am Apostles Choir—9:15 Service
- 9:00 am Nursery Care
- 9:15 am Exploring Faith
- 9:15 am Worship with Children's Sermon
- 9:30 am Children's Sunday School
- 10:00 am Blood Pressure Screening
- 10:15 am Children's Library
- 10:15 am The City Training
- 10:45 am Worship Service
- 12:00 pm Children's Ministry Meeting
- 2:00 pm Worship Service—Homestead Village

May 2 Monday

- 8:00 am Meditation Monday
- 6:00 pm The City Training
- 7:00 pm Ministry Planning Committee
- 7:00 pm Apostles Bell Choir

May 3 Tuesday

- 7:00 pm Worship Design

May 4 Wednesday

- 9:15 am Bible Study
- 6:30 pm The City Training
- 7:00 pm Craft Group

May 5 Thursday

- 6:30 pm The City Training
- 7:00 pm Apostles Choir—10:45 Service

May 7 Saturday

- 8:00 am Downtown Breakfast Ministry

May 8 Sunday

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

- 10:45 am Worship Service

May 9 Monday

- 8:00 am Meditation Monday
- 7:00 pm Commission Meetings

May 10 Tuesday

- 2:00 pm Book Club
- 7:00 pm Apostles Bell Choir

May 11 Wednesday

- 9:15 am Bible Study
- 1:00 pm Craft Group
- 7:00 pm Education Commission
- 7:00 pm Apostles Choir

May 12 Thursday

- 7:00 pm Stewardship Meeting
- 7:00 pm Crown Concert

May 15 Sunday

- 8:15 am Apostles Choir—9:15 Service
- 8:30 am Education Commission Volunteer Brunch
- 9:00 am Nursery Care
- 9:15 am Exploring Faith
- 9:15 am Worship with Children's Sermon
- 9:30 am Children's Sunday School
- 10:15 am Children's Library
- 10:45 am Worship Service

May 16 Monday

- 8:00 am Meditation Monday
- 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

May 17 Tuesday

- 7:00 pm Worship Design
- 7:00 pm Apostles Bell Choir

May 18 Wednesday

- 9:15 am Bible Study
- 3:00 pm Widowers Group
- 7:00 pm Craft Group

May 19 Thursday

- 7:00 pm Apostles Choir—10:45 Service

May 20 Friday

- 2:00 pm A New Vision Workshop

May 22 Sunday

- 8:15 am Apostles Choir—9:15 Service
- 9:00 am Nursery Care
- 9:15 am Exploring Faith
- 9:15 am Worship with Children's Sermon
- 9:30 am Children's Sunday School
- 10:15 am Children's Library
- 10:45 am Worship Service
- 3:00 pm Rev. Giffen's Installation Service

May 23 Monday

- 8:00 am Meditation Monday

May 24 Tuesday

- 7:00 pm Apostles Bell Choir

May 25 Wednesday

- 9:15 am Bible Study
- 9:30 am Widows Support Group
- 1:00 pm Craft Group

May 26 Thursday

- 7:00 pm Apostles Choir—10:45 Service

May 29 Sunday

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

May 30 Monday

- Closed—Memorial Day

May 31 Tuesday

- 7:00 pm Apostles Bell 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.

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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)





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