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In ten short weeks, I will be taking my sabbatical to study Christian community in other contexts. I think it will be very helpful for the congregation to also reflect on what it means to be a distinctively Christian community within our context. We began this process on Palm Sunday when I asked those in worship to prayerfully respond to the question: "What is Christian Community?" The 83 responses were very heartening! So many people choosing to respond tells me you want a voice – you want to be heard. I think this also reflects an attitude in our country right now.

Our leadership is very interested in hearing your thoughts and recognizes that many of the characteristics you named as important to being a Christian community rely on relationships to exist. It is difficult to nurture relationships within a large congregation like ours without opportunities to talk with one another within a safe space, where opinions will not be judged, but heard and accepted even if not mutually supported. Unfortunately in our country and in our church, it doesn't always feel safe to share a position that is different. Within the church, we are concerned about becoming divisive; however, by avoiding the conversation, we also are not getting to know one another or building relationships. We need to begin talking and sharing our thoughts in respectful ways so we develop safe places to share.

The two commands from the Easter scriptures are: "Don't be afraid" and "Go and tell." For us to be confident to do this with people outside the church, we first need to learn how to do this among ourselves. So during the Easter season within worship each week, there will be a question and you will be encouraged to share your thoughts with one or two others near you. The Pew Pals are still available for you to write your thoughts until you are ready to share person to person.

May we be willing to risk having these conversations and may many more relationships be built as we explore issues with others!

Rev. Kathryn Kuhn

Senior Pastor



A Message from the Council President

As I write this message, we are in the month of April and have emerged from the Dark Woods of winter and the season of Lent. The days are longer, the flowers are fragrant, and we have experienced the joy of Easter and the promises of our Risen Savior.

In our Worship Design Meeting, we have gone over the responses from you, the congregation, to the question of "What is Christian community?" There have been many similar responses with keywords and phrases like: people of God, caring, sharing, support, accepting of others, awareness of needs, reaching out, listening, forgiving, loving, understanding, helping, being at peace with all others, and the list goes on. There were 83 responses to that one question. Eighty-three people took the time to center themselves and write down their thoughts for our church family/community to ponder. Many more have answered the question to themselves, but didn't document it. It was a joy to read these responses!

In a world where the negative news bombards our lives, I have experienced the joy of the opposite. In reading YOUR thoughts, I have received the GOOD NEWS of the positive side of our world, the positive Church of the

Apostles. This is what it means to be a Christ-centered community where the love of Jesus comes through each one of us in unique and creative ways.

Spring is here, opportunities are here, and all we need to do is seize those opportunities to put our faith not only on paper, but experience the joy of putting our faith in our actions. Remember your response to the question of "What is a Christian community?", you will be seeing more exploration.

Blessings and a good sowing of seeds,

Steve Daniels

Steve Daniels
Council President



Christian Community



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

Giving Report for March 2017

The three months ending March 31, 2017 had a total cash flow that was negative (\$40,568.54). Operating Expenses for three months ending March 31, 2017 were \$142,121.46, Revenue was \$101,552.92. We began the year with \$1,947,407.85 in endowment funds and at the end of March, the balance was \$1,903,457.25.

George Alspach
for the Stewardship Commission





Council Meeting Minutes — April 17, 2017

Present: Conner Braun, Christa Conrad, Steve Daniels, Bernie Fickes, Herb Forry, Don Freeman, Cathy Kenlin, Linda Lewis, Carol Nielsen, Bob Reiff, Pastor Giffen, Jeannie Baker-Clausen, Pastor Kuhn, Pastor Giffen

Absent: Chuck Erisman, Clara Kosmela, Andy Smith

Devotions: Cathy led us in prayer.

Next month: Carol

Minutes were approved by Bob/Cathy.

Commission reports:

Education is getting together a team to handle Wacky Wednesdays. Each person would handle a week so they each only need to find 3 volunteers. The youth center is looking for funds to fix up the building.

Outreach- no meeting.

Parish Life gave money to Pastor Giffen to buy things at the garage sale that could be used at the youth center. There were 18 people on game night. A new photo directory is planned. It will be provided by the same company as before, but there will also be an online directory. People can give cell numbers and land line numbers as well as their email address.

The Ministry Planning Commission wants to use a suggestion from the Growth Task Force.

After discussion at the Council meeting, a motion was made by Cathy/Carol to provide a fast track approval of funding requests for new ministry initiatives or outreach efforts costing up to \$500. A vote of approval would come from MPC (where every commission is represented). This will save time for people who formerly needed to go to several groups to get permission and funds.

Property is working on estimates for repaving the parking lots. The estimate is between \$150,000 and \$200,000. Seven apple trees of three varieties were planted in the park. Chuck will add two more parking spots onto the handicapped section on the right side of the portico. Gas will be obtained from a new carrier that is less expensive. A permit is not needed to put up the name of the church on the building.

Stewardship: Conner reported that taxes are up a little. Conner/Cathy moved that a report of giving should be put in the bulletin on a monthly basis which would include all giving, including the automatic donations. If the rented farm house was used for ministry it would not be taxed. Homestead might be interested in using the house for offices if it were available. Property does donate money to the police and fire company.

Worship: Money for the new lettering on the building will come from Gifts and Memorials. Pink carnations will be given to mothers on Mother's Day. Chris Reindollar will provide the new speaker system.

Pastor Kathy heard that the Heart Association is planning to sell their property in two sections. Herb will get the details on the original deed.

New Business: Discussion was held on possible ways to follow up the concert, *Silence Optional*, with other programs for children with disabilities as well as all children. Kathy went to a program on **God-Centered Decision Making**. We read the information before the meeting and had a discussion on these procedures and how it differed from what happened in the past.

Next meeting: May 15th, 2017.

Submitted by,
Carol Nielsen
Secretary



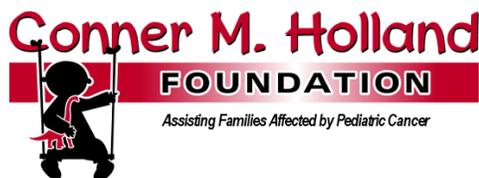
**MEETING
MINUTES**



Outreach

Wishing Well

We are having our Pajama Party in the Wishing Well until the end of May to collect children's pajamas in memory of Conner Holland. Conner Holland was a little boy from Lititz who, at the age of five, lost his battle with cancer several years ago. During his chemo treatments, he expressed his wish that every child undergoing cancer treatments should have cozy pajamas to wear. The Holland family began Conner's Comfy PJs, a collection of pajamas for children in local oncology units of hospitals. They are asking for pajamas for boys and girls ages 12 months to 18 years. They especially need pajamas for the teens. Please consider participating in Conner's Comfy PJs by purchasing jammies and putting them in the Wishing Well. They need to be collected by May 24th. Information is posted on two posters: one above the Wishing Well and one on the Outreach bulletin board in the Narthex. Thank you for helping children who need a boost of love and comfort during their illness.



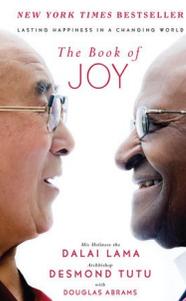
Parish Life Continued

you to those who contributed to the "Big Splash" pool fund. When I spoke at our church services, Penn Central Conference had raised \$61,000. As of today, they have \$67,000. There is still a need to raise more to pay the cost of under \$100,000. If anyone wishes to contribute to this need, please write a check to Penn Central Conference and specify the swimming pool or "Big Splash" on the memo line. You may take it to the church office or submit it to me, and we will see that it gets to the Conference office. Thank you!

The Summer Camp schedule is on the Welcome Center. Anyone who needs to see a description of the camps, please see Pastor Heather as she has a sheet which gives more details about each camp.

In May and during the first two weeks of June, our church will be asking our Sunday School children to help with a Washer/Dryer funding project for the camp. We are being challenged by Conference to bring at least three rolls of quarters to the Annual Meeting in June. Please consider bringing in a quarter for this Washer/Dryer fund in May when you attend Sunday School. Thank you!

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 8 to discuss *The Book of Joy* by Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu. We are happy to have new people join us! If you have any questions, please contact Clara Kosmela at (717) 569-9960.

Hartman Center - A Place Where Memories Are Made!

- Bev Moran

I spoke a few weeks ago in church about the requests for additional funding to pay for the completion of the much-needed swimming pool at Hartman Center. A swimming pool at a summer camp is a resource to enhance the summer camp experience and build community. Thank



We, in Penn Central, are blessed to have this beautiful camp for our use - by children and adults alike. Our neighbors in Penn Southeast Conference had to sell their beautiful camp, Mensch Mill, where many of us attended at one time. Let's not let that happen in our Conference. Thank you, and contact me at librarymaid@aol.com if you have any questions.

Youth Center Clean-Up!

We are gearing up to make some significant improvements to the Youth center this summer, and our first task is to clean out and sort through things that have been left there over the years. The youth and other groups that use the space will be having two clean-up days: Saturday, May 6 and 13 from 9 am-2 pm. We would love to see you there!





Parish Life Continued

Academy Recitals

Three of our Academy Studios will be having separate recitals in May and you are invited to attend.

- May 6 at 10 am String and piano students of Jessica Kashetta
- May 7 at 3 pm Flute students of Morgann Davis
- May 13 at 2 pm Piano students of Eldonna Filardi

Thank You

The bouquet is beautiful! It brightens Jane's room in the Fickes House of Homestead. Thanks again.

Love to all,
Jane & Bill Higgs

Dear Fellow Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Thank you so much for the beautiful bouquet from the altar flower collection. They have continued to brighten my days. Many thanks to Bonnie & John Eshbach for bringing the flowers to my home and visiting. I hope to be back on both feet soon. God bless you.

Sincerely,
Eileen Thomas

Dear COA Family,

What a pleasant surprise to see Audrey Markle at my door with beautiful flowers from the church Monday afternoon. A mere "thank you" cannot begin to say enough—her visit was much appreciated. Thank you, again, for the flowers and also for the prayers being sent my way. Hope to be back in church soon.

Much love to all,
Carol Horn

Thanks again for the nice birthday card and wonderful yellow rose.

Dorothy Neff

Thank You Continued

Thank you for the wonderful service for Hal Plamjack. It showed his love of learning and life. Many commented how the service touched their hearts and spirits. A special "thank you" to Arlene Gaudioso, Doris Robb, and all the ladies who served the luncheon.

On Sunday, Bev and Ken Keller came with flowers and kind words.

Thank you to all the Apostles members for their support during this time. All is greatly appreciated to me and our family.

Sincerely,
Betty Plamjack





Lifetouch Photography will be at Church of the Apostles on:

- October 16 - October 20: 1-8 pm
- October 21: 9 am - 4 pm

to take photos for a new mobile church directory. You will also be able to take individual/family portraits during this time. Photos are expected to be delivered before Christmas. More information will follow shortly.

Remember...  **The City**

Please remember to check your City app for our most recent updates and events. The City is a place where all Church of the Apostles members can privately communicate and share up-to-date information, so don't forget to check in often.

If you have any questions about The City, please feel free to contact the church office at (717) 392-5718.



Church of the Apostles and Salem UCC

Invite you to join us for

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017

Place: Church of the Apostles – Rader Park

Dates: Sunday, June 18-Thursday, June 22
Time: 6:30 pm—8:30 pm

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

Make checks payable to:
Church of the Apostles
(Include child/ren's name(s) with payment.)

All kids between the ages of four (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 Treasure.

Return registration form by June 12 to:
Church of the Apostles - VBS
1850 Marietta Ave, Lancaster, PA 17603

Or register online at www.apostlesucc.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

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:

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

Permission granted NOT granted

Tee Shirt Size: Small Med Large XL



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Saturday, June 17, 2017

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Happy Birthday!

Date	Name
1	Bill Higgs*
1	Sue Bowman
3	Russell Weiser
3	Allison Carr
4	Cynthia Williams
5	Bonnie Eshbach
6	Bonnie Jolly
6	Flo Waldron
7	Cindy Bischoff
8	Julie Tritch
8	Michael Preston
9	John Hess
10	Charles (Chick) Hungerford
11	Helen Preston
12	Mary (Maggie) Schick
12	Amy Berger
12	Todd Harris
12	Samantha Oliver
14	Dennis Eyrich
14	Cindy Hendrix
16	Joanne Shenberger
16	Dan Harelson
16	Allison Alspach
16	Kirsten Clouser
17	Annette Shindler*
17	Kenneth Kimmel
17	Erika Neiderer
17	Parker Miller
18	Lois Masho
19	Elizabeth Rineer
19	Haley Rineer
20	Carol Nielsen
22	Alice Rye
23	Jane Higgs*
23	Hannah Royer
26	Rosemary Humphreville*
27	Nate Sheffer
28	Gail Frankhouser
31	Karen Youtz



Happy Anniversary

Date	Name
05/01/1948	Charles & Louise Arms**
05/04/2002	Dick & Loris Cunningham
05/09/2009	Matt & Suzanne Miller
05/11/2002	Matthew & Jessica Dougherty
05/14/1983	Mark & Molly Reinhardt
05/15/1965	Earl & Janie Cardellino**
05/15/1999	Dennis & Jennifer Eyrich
05/25/2013	Erik & Ashley Laymon
05/28/1960	Richard & Lois Millhouse**
05/31/2008	Mike McCooey & 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 a week. Our suggested contribution for sponsoring flowers and bulletins is \$35; 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

Please place this form in the church office or an offering plate.

**If you have any questions please contact:
Dawn Dougherty (984-2740)
or Bonnie Jolly (872-4053)**

May Flowers for Worship



May 7: To the Glory of God

May 14:

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
- David and Evelyn, and Mark D. Albertson by Sandra Albertson-Shea
- The Rev. Ed Steedle by his family

May 21:

- In loving memory of The Rev. Nevin E. Schellenberger by his family

May 28:

- 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 Monday

8:00 am Meditation Monday

May 2 Tuesday

12:30 pm Growth Task Force Meeting

6:45 pm Apostles Bells

7:00 pm Worship Design

May 3 Wednesday

9:15 am Bible Study

7:00 pm Craft Group

May 4 Thursday

7:00 pm Apostles Choir—10:45

May 6 Saturday

8:00 am Downtown Breakfast Ministry

9:00 am Youth Center Clean-Up

May 7 Sunday

8:15 am Apostles Choir—9:15

9:00 am Nursery Care

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

10:45 am Worship Service

12:30 pm White Privilege Class

2:00 pm Worship Service—Homestead Village

May 8 Monday

8:00 am Meditation Monday

6:00 pm Education Meeting

7:00 pm Commission Meetings

May 9 Tuesday

2:00 pm Book Club

6:30 pm Committee on Ministry

6:45 pm Apostles Bells

May 10 Wednesday

9:15 am Bible Study

1:00 pm Craft Group

May 11 Thursday

7:00 pm Stewardship Meeting

7:00 pm Apostles Choir—10:45

May 13 Saturday

9:00 am Youth Center Clean-Up

May 14 Sunday

8:15 am Apostles Choir—9:15

9:00 am Nursery Care

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

12:30 pm White Privilege Class

4:00 pm Youth Choir

5:30 pm Youth Group

May 15 Monday

8:00 am Meditation Monday

7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

May 16 Tuesday

6:45 pm Apostles Bells

7:00 pm Worship Design

May 17 Wednesday

9:15 am Bible Study

3:00 pm Widowers Group

7:00 pm Craft Group

May 21 Sunday

8:15 am Apostles Choir—9:15

9:00 am Nursery Care

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

12:00 pm Sunday Lunch with Pastors

12:30 pm White Privilege Class

May 22 Monday

8:00 am Meditation Monday

May 23 Tuesday

6:45 pm Apostles Bells

May 24 Wednesday

9:15 am Bible Study

1:00 pm Craft Group

May 25 Thursday

7:00 pm Apostles Choir—10:45

May 28 Sunday

8:15 am Apostles Choir—9:15

9:00 am Nursery Care

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

12:30 pm White Privilege Class

4:00 pm Youth Choir

May 29 Monday

Office Closed—Memorial Day

May 30 Tuesday

6:45 pm Apostles Bells

May 31 Wednesday

9:30 am Widows Support Group

7:00 pm Craft Group



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 bjolly@comcast.net



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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:

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

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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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