



# The Crown

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*From the Pastor...*

In 1975, Church of the Apostles was formed through the vision of St. Paul's UCC and St. John's UCC for the sake of mission. It was named that the ministry would engage three areas: within the congregation, within the surrounding community, and beyond our community. Ministry within the congregation focused on worshipping together, the nurturing of individuals and families in the Christian faith, and fellowshiping to offer companionship and support. Ministry within the surrounding community was highlighted by Apostles Community Preschool and Homestead Village. Ministries with the wider church included refugee settlement, participation in the Lancaster County Council of Churches (LCCC), the Lancaster Association of the United Church of Christ (LA of the UCC), and Lancaster Theological Seminary (LTS). Ministry beyond our community took place through missionary support, world hunger and disaster relief, and gifts to homes for youth and aging. It was the purpose of the church to witness more fully to the love of God encountered in Jesus Christ, wherever the opportunity arose.

In 2015, we are still called to be a missional church which seeks to be "Sharing Christ's Love with All People." On the land where Aaron Brubaker declared, "For centuries this land has fed men's bodies, now it will feed men's souls," we are feeling called to "feed the hungry" physically, spiritually, and emotionally through the various ministries which still engage those within the congregation, within the surrounding community, and beyond our community. Through ministries, such as the Seeds of Hope Garden, the downtown breakfast ministry, and the Power Packs project, we are physically feeding those within the congregation and surrounding community. Through our worship life and educational opportunities, we continue to nurture ourselves and those who visit with us. Our special events and programs provide an opportunity to fellowship together and with others. Connections with the LCCC, LA of the UCC, and LTS remain as we participate in the wider church and our financial support reaches beyond our community.

As we move into a new chapter by calling an associate pastor, please pray for our continued sense of identity. May we live out our mission and vision individually and collectively as we dance together with the joy of God's love.

Blessings & peace –

*Pastor Kuhn*



## A Message from the Council President

### Dance Steps

Let's begin with some history...some of us more "seasoned" folks will remember the "Cotillion" at the Brunswick Hotel MANY years ago. When I was a lad, I HAD to go to ballroom dancing lessons taught by Mr. Elliot in the ballroom of the Brunswick Hotel (on the site of the Hotel Lancaster). My male friends and I were more or less terrified by the fact we had to DANCE with a girl, get close to her, touch her, or hold her hand. It took us about to the end of our nerves.

Now: re-read Pastor Kuhn's thoughts in April's Crown. Remember her dance reference last Sunday? It got me thinking about dancing, and then an interesting thing happened in town: I was driving and saw an older teenage man walking toward me. He suddenly went into a short, but involved, dance routine—no ear buds in his ears, just a spontaneous exhibit of joy. A few weeks ago, I would have wondered what he might have been ingesting.

Have YOU done a little dance at home when something made you really happy? Do you have to be happy to dance? No, but that little effort can bring a lot of good feelings into focus. The good feelings we have at Church of the Apostles should be shared with each other. We have so much to be happy about: the irrepressible joy of Resurrection, the great humor and friendliness shown at the garage sale, church members helping to prep—and then load—school furniture for Honduras.

What impressed me was seeing so many of our members working together while getting to know each other better and the warmth that was apparent. So, even if some of us are still a little reluctant to get out on the "dance floor" of Church of the Apostles and ask another member to try something together for the happiness of the church, let's put the young child's shyness in our memory bank and boldly waltz to God's joy of working together, in step, and feel the joy of that experience.

Wanna dance???

Peace.....

Andy Appel



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](http://www.apostlesucc.org)

## Giving Report for March 2015

We have reached the end of the first quarter of 2015, and our financial picture is reasonably stable. Our total revenues are \$118,402, which is greater than the first quarter of 2014 at \$117, 335. Our expenses have increased from last year when they were \$115,567 to this year's total of \$119,209; that leaves us with a net loss of \$807. The Stewardship Commission knows that (\$807) is a very minor problem when working with a budget our size, but more attention will be given to our expenses in the upcoming months as we prepare a new budget for 2016.

If you are interested in seeing more details of the church's financial information, please request a set of minutes from each of the Stewardship Commission meetings from Judy Ruppert at (717) 392-5718 x 110. We welcome questions and comments from the members and hope that interested members would be willing to visit our meetings every month. The monthly schedule of commission meetings always appears in the Crown.



## Council Meeting Minutes March 16, 2015

**ATTENDANCE:** Pastor Kuhn, Chuck Erisman, Tom Lewis, Clara Kosmela, Steve Daniels, Cathy Kenlin, Julie Berkow, Bob Reiff, Bernie Fickes, Don Freeman, Carol Nielsen, Joyce Smedley, Herb Forry, Jeannie Baker Clausen, Don Freeman

**ABSENT:** Andy Appel, Cindy Williams

**DEVOTIONS** were provided by Cathy Kenlin-Psalm 139 (1-18)

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY 15 MIINUTES** — After a correction to the Treasurer's Report to read: "The General Fund expenses exceeded income by \$35,000 in 2014," Tom L. made a motion, seconded by Herb F., that the January Minutes be approved. They were unanimously approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**-We ended with a shortfall of \$3,800.

### PROPERTY

Clean up Day - Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 8-12.  
No Fire Extinguishers in the sanctuary.

### OUTREACH

Julie discussed that she would like feedback about possibly eliminating several of the extra envelopes we get each year for such areas as Blanket Sunday or Missionary support.

### WORSHIP

Bernie said there will be a new sign for Meditation Monday that will fit over the Preschool sign on Mondays.

Bernie will talk to Gary about signage on the building and a sign where you turn in toward the church.

### EDUCATION

Joyce said in the Fall we will present information on the UCC – Our Faith and The History of it. This will be available to COA members and the community. The plan is to start with UCC, then other Christian religions, then world religions. Lee Barrett will be presenting various religions and it was discussed perhaps we could tape his talk. Joyce will look into it.

### PARISH LIFE

Clara has posters to be distributed and ask members to take one or two if they had a place they could put them. She has paid for a four-day ad in the Lancaster newspaper. She is working on the ad for the Merchandiser. Council members encouraged her to place ads in Penn Manor and Manheim Twp. as well as Hempfield. Doris has gotten a list of cashiers for Fri. and Sat. Clara will ask Michelle to place the information on social media spots.

### PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Kuhn passed out notes from Laurene Bowers presentation to council entitled, "PRACTICAL STRATEGIES

TO REACH OUT AND ATTRACT NEW PEOPLE."

Our new website should be up and running by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

She explained that MAILCHIMP will be very helpful for sending newsletters or specific info to specific people.

The Lancaster Association Spring Meeting will be April 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 at the County Council of Churches new Food Hub. Delegates Cathy Kenlin and Bev Moran will attend.

### OLD BUSINESS

**SEARCH COMMITTEE**- Tom Lewis reported the Local Profile is complete and in the hands of the conference. Don Freeman and Laurene Bowers will meet with the search committee to help them plan for interviews and to look at resumes for what they do and do not say.

### NEW BUSINESS

40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration May 17th

T-shirt contest winner- #1 by Andy Appel. Cathy Kenlin is looking into companies to make the t-shirt and pricing. She would like to keep it about \$15.

Possibly an intergenerational cookout Sat night.

Possibility of a former pastor participating in the service. Current and previous Sunday School teachers be recognized. Have congregation stand according to the five or 10 year time period they joined.

A motion was made by Joyce Smedley and seconded by Jeannie Clausen stating: **COUNCIL CHALLENGES THE CONGREGATION TO RAISE \$10,000 for the UCC NEW FOOD HUB.** Motion passed unanimously.

### CHURCH KITCHEN LICENSING

Clara Kosmela reported that According to the Food Safety Act... "it shall be the duty of every person operating a food establishment within this commonwealth to register..." Our kitchen needs to be licensed by the PA Dept of Agriculture. We are region 6 and Theresa Mosby is the Food Sanitarian for our area. After a questionnaire is completed and sent to Ms. Mosby she will schedule a time to come inspect our kitchen, If it passes we pay her \$35 to pay for the license. If it does not pass she will tell us what to change and then come again to inspect it.

At this point, the only concern seems to be that if we make soup with meat the USDA gets involved and this may be complicated. We will learn more about this in the future. Ms. Mosby has offered to come teach a course on Safely Serving the Public at no charge. Clara is asking anyone who is



involved with food preparation to come to the class when it is scheduled.

Council decided Clara should present this to MPC and then the commission chairs can take this info back to their commissions and discuss it and then at the May Council meeting Council will address the topic again. Until after this no classes will be scheduled.

Michelle Ayala has been hired as Kaitlin's replacement in the office.

Since Easter Monday is the day MPC usually meets, it was decided to have no meetings Easter Monday and then MPC will meet April 13<sup>th</sup> and if it suits the commission members they will meet April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Kuhn offered a closing Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Clara Kosmela,  
Secretary

## Stewardship

### Getting Past the Taboos

Most of us are old enough to remember when the word "cancer" was a terrible taboo. When a family member was diagnosed with cancer, the word was whispered or sometimes spelled instead of spoken. We've come a long way from C-A-N-C-E-R; this is the information age when everything you need to know is at your fingertips, and talking about things out in the open is what has removed the stigma.

Churches, too, have many taboo subjects that people would rather not talk about. Two that come to mind are "evangelism" and "stewardship". In the past year or so, we've heard the word "evangelism" a little more often and we've been told that it's not just about knocking on doors, so we're becoming a little more comfortable with the idea. The Stewardship Commission would like us to get to the point of not being horrified when we hear the word "stewardship" either.

As we've learned from the past, we need to talk about stewardship more in order for us to become comfortable talking about it at all. Stewardship is not about knocking on doors either, it's about looking at your life and determining your priorities. Can you list the five most important things in your life? Does your church show up on your list? Where does education show up on your list? Is it a priority? What about your family? What about the environment? The first step for you as an individual is to determine your priorities.

If your treasure is in line with your priorities, you will experience peace in your life. The important thing to remember about stewardship, however, is that it doesn't depend on income, it depends on the proportionate matching of your treasure to your priorities. The myth of the stewardship committees around the world begging you to "give until it hurts" is what gave the word "stewardship" its negative connotation. Let's bring the word out into the open and talk about it as Jesus meant it to be discussed.

Spend time questioning your priorities. Maybe you will discover that you need to make some changes in your life to be consistent with your belief system, and—as the stewardship commission—that's all we want.

### Saints Of Yore: Elmer Dixon



Elmer Dixon was a long-time member of St. Paul's/Church of the Apostles and a faithful member of the choir, where he sang tenor and held the door for choir processions. Elmer grew up at Bethany Children's Home and was a living testimony to the fruits of this historic Reformed Church mission. He was a carpenter by trade, a member of the local union, and—for many of those years—worked at an electrical generating facility. In Lancaster, the church—especially the choir—became his primary family.

Elmer provided for his church in his estate planning by naming Church of the Apostles the beneficiary of a life insurance policy. The church received the proceeds after his death in 2005, and placed them in its General Investment Fund to support its ongoing life and mission. Elmer, and many others, provided for their church even after death. May many more of us do the same.

## Outreach

### Strengthen the Church: Invest in the Vision!

You will have a special Strengthen the Church giving envelope in your box for May 24th; it is a special offering to energize and build the future of UCC. As was shared at the conference and national levels, Strengthen the Church offerings largely supports youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC voice has not yet 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.

### Wishing Well Ministry

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Wishing Well Ministry to support the Apostles Assistance Fund. Your generosity has helped many people who are struggling to keep up with personal hygiene and homecare needs.

Our ministry will next support Conner's Comfy PJs, which provides comfortable pajamas to children undergoing cancer treatments in pediatric hospitals. This project was started in memory of a young Lititz boy who wanted all of the children who had cancer to have comfy pajamas to wear in the hospital. We are collecting boys' and girls' pajamas (sizes 2T to 12). Please bring donations to the Wishing Well by May 24th. Thank you, COA, for all of your generous giving to others. Outreach is so important, and you help so many people with your continued support of the Wishing Well Ministry. We are truly spreading God's love to others through our Outreach ministries. If you have any questions, please see Jane McCartney.

### Honduran Mission

Please check out the list of items posted on the large box in the west lobby for Andy Appel's next trip to Honduras. This is an ongoing project where we donate light-weight clothes, medicines, toiletries, and flip-flops to the children who attend the new school that Church of Apostles helped to support.

### Special Offering: Missionary Support

For decades, our church has supported the missionary efforts of John Campbell-Nelson who has served through the Common Global Ministries Board of the Christian Church and the United Church of Christ in West Timor, Indonesia. As professor at Artha Wacana University for over 30 years, he is part of the theological faculty that has helped train 90% of pastors for the Evangelical Church of West Timor, our partner church. John was originally hired by Paul Gregory, and—after many years of dedicated service—he will be retiring within the year. This will be our final opportunity to support his ministries.

If you are interested in reading more about John and Karen's experiences please visit the Global Ministries website at [www.globalministries.org](http://www.globalministries.org) to access their extremely interesting newsletters.

Outreach thanks you for your continued generous support.

## Parish Life

### Happy Mother's Day: Sunday, May 10

We would like to wish all the mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, etc. a very Happy Mother's Day!

### Do You Know a Graduate?

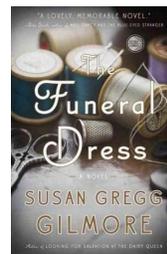
It is the season when many who are in high school, post-secondary education, or training are preparing to graduate. If there has been a graduation in your family since last June, or if there will be one in the near future, please call the church office at 392-5718 with their information so that we may honor them in worship on June 7.

### Celebrating 40 Years of Ministry—Save The Date!

On May 17, 2015, we will celebrate the beginning of our 40th year with an anniversary celebration. As part of the celebration that morning, we will have the privilege of having Rev. Nora Smith join us and share about her ministry as a child of the congregation who was ordained by us and became the first to join Rev. Schellenberger and Rev. Rader's pastoral team. We will celebrate the ways in which the original purpose of the church—"to witness more fully to the love of God encountered in Jesus Christ, wherever the opportunity arises"—is alive and thriving as we are "sharing Christ's love with all people" by "feeding the hungry."

Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to join us at either service. We will have a display of memorabilia from the early years to spark the memories of long-time members and bless our newer members with the gift of heritage. Our Parish Life Commission is hosting our fellowship time between services and will have plenty of goodies to enjoy. Our Education Commission will be celebrating those who have served through the years and the renewed vitality and growth in our children's Sunday school classes. Our Council is also challenging us to raise \$10,000 for the Lancaster County Council of Churches' new Food Hub as a mission focus of this year's celebration. More information about the challenge will be forthcoming throughout the year.

### Bookclub



The book club will meet in the library at 2 p.m. on May 12 to discuss The Funeral Dress by Susan Gregg Gilmore.

The book for Tuesday, June 9 is The Elephant Company by Vicki Croke. Please contact Clara Kosmela at 569-9960 if you have any questions.

### New Beginnings

Join us for a Dessert Social and presentation on the plight of Lancaster's Homeless given by Doug Hopwood from the "Transition Learning Center" (Tabor Industries). We will meet on Thursday, May 14th at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



### **Apostles Summer Camp**

Apostles Community Preschool will be holding its annual summer camp program at Rader Park from May 26th through June 19th. Our preschoolers will enjoy nature activities, crafts, stories, songs, hikes, and water play. We have a few openings still available for the weeks of June 8 and June 15. If you are interested in registering your child or grandchild (children must be 4-5 years old), please call Linda Lewis at the school office at 392-5598, or her home number at 392-7437.

### **Summer Sunday School**

The Children's Ministry Team has chosen "Animal Crackers" as its summer curriculum for all children from pre-school through 5th grade. This curriculum is based on the Heifer Project, with the children choosing an animal that they want to sponsor to send to another country. Each week, projects will revolve around a particular animal. Please contact Judy Waltman if you would be able to help out for one or two weeks this summer.

### **Garden Plots**

Garden plots are now available for rent this summer in 20'x20' plots for \$5 each. If you are interested, please see Marty Holmes for details.

### **Seeds of Hope 2015**

Every gardener knows you're supposed to plant your peas on St. Patrick's Day. Mother Nature, however, forgot that rule of thumb this year. The weather is finally cooperating now that April has arrived, so we can play catch-up and try to get everything into the ground at once.



If you've been down to the garden, you'll notice that raised beds have been built at the beginning of the plot. Root vegetables will be planted in those because we learned our lesson last year when the carrots reached sixteen inches long and we couldn't get them out of the ground. New soil in the raised beds will now make carrots, beets, and sweet potatoes easy to harvest.

The exciting news is that about 25 dump truck loads of compost and topsoil were delivered to the garden this spring, which should really help our yields when it comes time to harvest. Sadly, however, we had to make the decision to start minimal and judicious use of herbicides, particularly to keep our outstanding crop of thistles in check. Keeping up with pulling the weeds by hand became impossible; we just don't have enough hands to do that. It was a difficult decision to make, but we decided to make the change and do everything possible to do it responsibly. To that end, we

educated ourselves, passed the test, and applied for—and were granted—a license to buy and apply the herbicides.

Bernie Fickes will be looking for volunteers to help in the shed this summer. Please contact her soon to you get your choice of weeks to help. We hope to open the shed by Memorial Day if everything gets planted by then.

The Seeds of Hope Garden is scheduled to give a presentation to the Towne and Country Garden Club at their May meeting to tell them about the garden; there are some dedicated gardeners in that club who are interested in helping us with our mission.

Please consider donating to the Seeds of Hope Garden so we can fund it for another season of providing fresh produce to the hungry in our community.

Come down to the garden on any sunny day and visit with our planting crew. We invite you to stop and chat, we always enjoy to talk gardening.

### **Garage Sale Update**

As Chairperson of the 2015 Church Garage Sale, I wish to thank many people. Firstly, thank you to all who donated items to be sold, including cakes. Next, thanks to the more than 40 people who worked Monday through Thursday before the sale sorting, pricing, folding clothes, and placing them on the tables. Another big thank-you goes to the many who served as cashiers and money counters for the sale Friday and Saturday. Last, but not least, thanks to those who helped pack up and dispose of the unsold items. It was a great "team effort" with a profit of \$5,572.31.

Positives from the sale:

- The fun and comradery of those helping.
- Summer clothes and suitcases were donated to Andy Appel to take to Honduras.





- All the unsold clothing went to our neighbor church, Grace Baptist, who will put it in their free clothing giveaway.
- A few towels and bedding items went to animal shelters.
- Remaining books went to Marshall Street book deposit.
- Clare House got a coffee pot.
- Remaining dishes and glassware went to Goodwill.

Again, thank you!  
Clara Kosmela

**Take Me Out to the Ballgame!**

Choir season is quickly coming to an end and our children's choir has a very exciting opportunity to finish the year! On Monday, May 18th, the Apostles Children's Choir will be performing the National Anthem at the Barnstormers game in Clipper Stadium!

Please consider coming out on Monday, May 18th to support our congregation and our children in this exciting opportunity! Since Sunday, May 17th is our 40th Anniversary, we will be using this opportunity as a fundraiser to raise money for the Lancaster County Council of Churches Food Hub. For each ticket sold, COA will raise \$4.00.

To order tickets, please use the order form provided. Ticket orders and payment are due by Wednesday, May 6th.

**Barnstormers Ticket Order Form**

Thank you for supporting our Children's Choirs and our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fundraising Campaign!

Please indicate the number of tickets you would like and mail the form and payment (check or cash) to:

Johanna Baker  
557 W Chestnut St.  
Lancaster, PA 17603

Or Call Johanna Baker at 799-0001

Checks can be made payable to Lancaster Barnstormers.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ x \$12 each = \_\_\_\_\_ (Total)

Tickets will be picked up at Will Call on Game Day, Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, under the name provided.

**COA Unsung Helpers**



We would like to recognize Marty Holmes for his dedication in helping maintain the church grounds. You can always see Marty working around the church or down at the lower campus trimming the trees and shrubbery and doing whatever else is necessary to keep the property looking great. Marty is also the coordinator for the Homestead Village shuttle van used for the 10:45 a.m. service on Sunday mornings, as well as other church functions.

Thank you, Marty, for all that you do!

Sandy Weidel is a busy retired school teacher. She has sung in the choir for many years and also serves as choir librarian, secretary, and office volunteer. She is the one who gives the white rose to a family member at our yearly service of remembrance, and she is a member of the Outreach Commission where she is also secretary. Sandy can also be found at the Saturday Morning Breakfast working and then collecting recyclables and food remnants for her many cats. Thank you too, Sandy, for all you do!



## New Members



Eight new members were received into our church family on Sunday, May 22. Take a moment to introduce yourself and welcome them when you see them. They are:



Karl & Michelle Schultz are originally from New Jersey, but followed their children to this area. After moving here, they spent two years visiting many churches in the area and found themselves drawn to us. They are both retired professionals who are enjoying Lancaster County

and looking forward to being part of our ministries. They were sponsored by Clara Kosmela who spoke to them many times when they visited.



Robin Lucy moved here from New York City and now lives at the Mews of Homestead Village. Her father was a minister within the Reformed tradition and she appreciates having the ability to ask faith questions with us. Her sponsor was Cathie Oliphant.

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Tim & Susan Stirling visited our church with Tim's mother, Carla Williams. Carla also serves as their sponsor. They are particularly interested in being part of our mission of "feeding" people. In their professional lives, they

own and operate Womb With a View.



Hannah Royer had been visiting with us for about a year before deciding to join. Hannah's sponsor was Karen Williams, a family friend. In her professional life, Hanna is a chemist at Lancaster Labs and is

very interested in the environmental work going on in Rader Park. She and husband, Geoffrey, have two children, Ella and Austin. Ella attends our preschool and hopefully Austin will, too, when he's old enough.



Chris & Christa Conrad were sponsored by Steve & Mikki Reich. Christa grew up at COA and is a sister to Mikki Reich. Chris works for DAS Distributors and is a volunteer firefighter. Christa is a manager at Budget Blinds. They

have two children, Trey and Findley. Fin is in our preschool and will be baptized this month.



# 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**



# TALENT SHOW



CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES - FELLOWSHIP HALL  
**MAY 9, 2015**  
**6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM**  
 COFFEE & LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

## JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN AND TALENT

Everyone is welcome to share a talent. A talent can be anything from singing, dancing, playing an instrument, juggling, poetry, telling jokes, martial arts, etc.

### To participate in the show:

1. Register on the night of the show at 5:45 p.m.  
OR
2. Pre-register with the church office - 392-5718

### For more information contact:

Judy Waltman, Erika Neiderer, Patty Rineer  
 or Leigh Breslin

## Thank You!

Thank you to those of you who provided EXTRAORDINARY help at Hambright Elementary School. On March 28th, the following helped to prepare over 500 desks and other furniture for shipment to Honduran schools: Bev Moran, Grant Hansel, Chris, Karen, Conner, Jared Braun, and Eileen and John Thomas. On April 11, the following members volunteered to help with the loading of THREE shipping containers [each is completely full] soon to be shipped to Honduras: Tim Sterling, Dale and Gabriel Marx, Chris and Conner Braun, and Tom Sanders. ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE GENEROSITY OF TIME AND ENERGY BY OUR MEMBERS!  
 Muchas gracias,  
 Andy Appel

The Parish Life Commission would like to thank the Eucharistic Ministers, COA, and New Beginnings members who helped bring a bit of spring to our Special Ministry friends. Your help in making this ministry possible is greatly appreciated.

Dear COA Friends,  
 Thank you for the lovely blooming plant delivered at Easter with greetings of Peace & Blessings. Since I don't drive, I don't attend church, but my heart is there.  
 Blessings to you,  
 Ella Mae Hershey

Dear Friends of COA,  
 Thank you for the beautiful Easter Primrose Plant delivered by Mary Ellen Bachman. We had a wonderful visit. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness.  
 Norma M. Kaye

Church of the Apostles,  
 Mrs. Rader and I appreciate the flowers delivered to our home on Palm Sunday. Thank you for your considerate gesture.  
 Paul K. Rader



Dear Members of COA,  
I want to thank you for the birthday flower delivered to me by Mr. Karl Krammes and the warm visit by our very talented pastor, Kathy Kuhn.  
Thank you so much,  
Irene A. Buch

Dear COA Family,  
Thank you so much for the very pretty birthday rose—it was yellow with a touch of pink edges. And making it extra special was such a nice visit with Audrey Markle.  
Thank you all and God bless,  
Marjorie Doran

Church of the Apostles,  
Thank you so much for my birthday gift of a beautiful yellow rose (reminded me of my old winter home in Texas). I really appreciated your effort to remember me. I also am appreciative of the person who hand delivered it with smiles and no charge.  
Thanks!  
Bob Hilliard

We gratefully acknowledge your kind support of our program. Your contribution of stamps will help cheer a hospitalized or out-patient veteran. We thank you on behalf of those who will benefit from your generosity. Thank you for your donation of stamps and support of our veterans.  
Sincerely,  
Bruce Unkel, Acting Secretary Stamps for the Wounded



April 8, 2015

Church of the Apostles UCC  
Rev. Kathryn Kuhn  
1850 Marietta Ave  
Lancaster PA 17603-2322

**BECAUSE OF YOU.....**



**119 KIDS HAVE BEEN REUNITED WITH THEIR FAMILIES**

**Pastor Kathy and Church of the Apostles Members**

You have wiped their tears....  
You have fed them....  
You have clothed them.  
You have provided them a warm bed....  
You gave them HOPE!!!

**THANK YOU!!!**

development and basic education while we locate their families. Through your support, each child can find hope in adults who care and believe in them.

Bethany is dedicated to serving each child who comes into care with open, warm and caring arms. It is our belief, that every child should be given an opportunity to have a childhood with family that loves and guides them.

Thank you for your ongoing support, prayers and guidance you provide to each of the youth that come to Bethany. You are putting smiles on faces that have wept for months or even years.

*A Child's Story....*

*A 5 year old child traveled with another family member to the U.S. When she arrived to the U.S. all she had on her possession (in her pocket) was her mother's phone number hand written on a piece of paper. Sadly, the piece of paper was lost in her travels and made locating her family ever more difficult.*

*For several days, the young child cried longing for her family. She could not sleep until her body was overcome with exhaustion and staff held her and rocked her to sleep. With the paper lost, Bethany's staff worked diligently to locate the contact information for her mother. After two weeks and numerous attempts, the family was located.*

*Longing for love, affection and to see her parents again the child began counting the days until she would see her father and mother again. On the day, her parents arrived to pick her up, the mother opened her arms to a child she had not seen since she was an infant, embraced her and showed gratitude to our team for finding her baby. The family was so thankful for Bethany to provide her child a warm, clean, loving and safe environment to be in while they searched for her.*

*Because of you.... This child has a family!*

Thank you for providing Hope to all the youth who come to Bethany to reunite with their families!

Sincerely,  
*Kevin Snyder*

Kevin Snyder  
Chief Executive Officer

This past June, Bethany Children's Home started the Helping Hands program to provide unaccompanied children and youth the opportunity to be reunited with their families in the United States. The youth stay with Bethany on average of 10-12 days and receive basic medical care, food, clothing, shelter, moral/spiritual

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# Happy Birthday!

| Date      | Name                     |
|-----------|--------------------------|
| 1         | <b>Bill Higgs*</b>       |
| 1         | Sue Bowman               |
| 3         | Russell Weiser           |
| 3         | Allison Carr             |
| 4         | Carol Shughart           |
| 4         | Cynthia Williams         |
| 5         | Bonnie Eshbach           |
| 5         | David C. Carl            |
| 6         | Dorothy Wolf             |
| 6         | Bonnie Jolly             |
| 6         | Flo Waldron              |
| 7         | Cindy Bischoff           |
| 8         | Julie Tritch             |
| 8         | Michael Preston          |
| 9         | John Hess                |
| 10        | Chick Hungerford         |
| 11        | Helen Preston            |
| 12        | Maggie Schick            |
| 12        | Todd Harris              |
| 12        | Samantha Oliver          |
| 14        | Dennis S Eyrich          |
| 14        | Cindy Hendrix            |
| 16        | Joanne Shenberger        |
| 16        | Dan Harelson             |
| 16        | Allison Alspach          |
| 16        | Haley Rineer             |
| <b>17</b> | <b>Annette Shindler*</b> |
| 17        | Kenneth Kimmel           |
| 17        | Erika Neiderer           |
| 18        | Lois Masho               |
| 18        | Betty Darrenkamp         |
| 19        | Elizabeth Rineer         |
| 20        | Carol Nielsen            |
| 22        | Alice Rye                |
| <b>23</b> | <b>Jane Higgs*</b>       |

|    |                       |
|----|-----------------------|
| 23 | Hannah Royer          |
| 26 | Rosemary Humphreville |
| 27 | Nate Sheffer          |
| 28 | Gail Frankhouser      |
| 29 | Karen Culp            |
| 30 | Shirley Kadow         |



# Happy Anniversary

| Name                                 | Date             |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Charles and Louise Arms**</b>     | <b>5/01/1948</b> |
| <b>Richard and Loris Millhouse**</b> | <b>5/28/1960</b> |
| Jack and Eva Landis                  | 5/20/1989        |
| Allan and Betsy Bischoff             | 5/26/1996        |
| Dennis and Jennifer Eyrich           | 5/15/1999        |
| Richard and Lois Cunningham          | 5/04/2002        |
| Matthew and Jessica Dougherty        | 5/11/2002        |
| John and Colleen Forsyth             | 5/25/2003        |
| Mike McCooley and Flo Waldron        | 5/31/2008        |

\* 90+ Birthdays  
 \*\* 50+ Anniversaries  
 \*\*\* 100+ Birthdays



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 3:

To The Glory of God

May 10:

In Loving Memory of:

- Our mothers by Betty and Marty Holmes
- Sandy’s mother, Mrs. Mabel Kilgore, and in honor of Joe’s mother, Mrs. Geraldine Weidel, by Joe and Sandy Weidel

May 17:

In Loving Memory of:

- David & Evelyn and Mark D. Albertson by Sandra Albertson-Shea
- Richard F. Doran, husband of Marjorie E. Doran
- Freida Holbein and family by her husband, Clyde Holbein
- Mark D. Albertson, Evelyn L. Albertson, and David H. Albertson by Sandra Albertson-Shea

May 24:

In Loving Memory of:

- The Rev. Nevin E. Schellenberger by his family

May 31:

To the Glory of God



## May Events

### May 2 Saturday

8:00 a.m. Downtown Breakfast Ministry  
3:00 p.m. Academy Concert

### May 3 Sunday

8:00 a.m. Education Volunteer Brunch  
8:15 a.m. Apostles Choir  
9:00 a.m. Nursery Care  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
9:15 a.m. Exploring Faith  
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  
12:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Team  
2:00 p.m. Worship Service—Hempstead Village

### May 4 Monday

8:00 a.m. Meditation Monday  
12:00 p.m. Food Bank  
6:45 p.m. Lancaster Symphony Chorus

### May 5 Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Widowers Meeting  
9:30 a.m. Heritage & Horizons  
7:30 p.m. Apostles Bells  
7:30 p.m. Worship Design

### May 6 Wednesday

9:15 a.m. Bible Study  
1:00 p.m. Craft Circle  
5:00 p.m. Choir Parents Dinner  
6:00 p.m. Cherub Choir  
6:25 p.m. Carol Choir

### May 9 Saturday

6:00 p.m. Talent Show

### May 10 Sunday (Mother's Day)

8:15 a.m. Apostles Choir  
9:00 a.m. Nursery Care  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
9:15 a.m. Exploring Faith  
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

### May 11 Monday

8:00 a.m. Meditation Monday  
12:00 p.m. Food Bank  
6:45 p.m. Lancaster Symphony Chorus  
7:00 p.m. Commission Meetings

### May 12 Tuesday

2:00 p.m. Book Club  
7:30 p.m. Apostles Bells

### May 13 Wednesday

9:15 a.m. Bible Study  
9:30 a.m. COA/HV Liaison Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Education Commission Meeting

### May 14 Thursday

1:00 p.m. New Beginnings  
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting

### May 16 Saturday

11:00 a.m. Lancaster Theological Seminary Graduation

### May 17 Sunday (40th Anniversary)

8:15 a.m. Apostles Choir  
9:00 a.m. Nursery Care  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
9:15 a.m. Exploring Faith  
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

### May 18 Monday

8:00 a.m. Meditation Monday  
12:00 p.m. Food Bank  
6:45 a.m. Lancaster Symphony Chorus  
7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

### May 19 Tuesday (Election Day)

7:00 p.m. VBS Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Apostles Bells  
7:30 p.m. Worship Design

### May 20 Wednesday

9:15 a.m. Bible Study  
1:00 p.m. Craft Circle

### May 24 Sunday (Pentecost)

8:15 a.m. Apostles Choir  
9:00 a.m. Nursery Care  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
9:15 a.m. Exploring Faith  
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

### May 25 Monday (Memorial Day)

Church office closed.

### May 26 Tuesday

7:30 p.m. Apostles Bells

### May 27 Wednesday

9:15 a.m. Bible Study

### May 31 Sunday

8:15 a.m. Apostles Choir  
9:00 a.m. Nursery Care  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
9:15 a.m. Exploring Faith  
9:15 a.m. Worship with Children's Sermon  
10:15 a.m. Children's Library  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
12:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Team



## 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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Link 2:

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