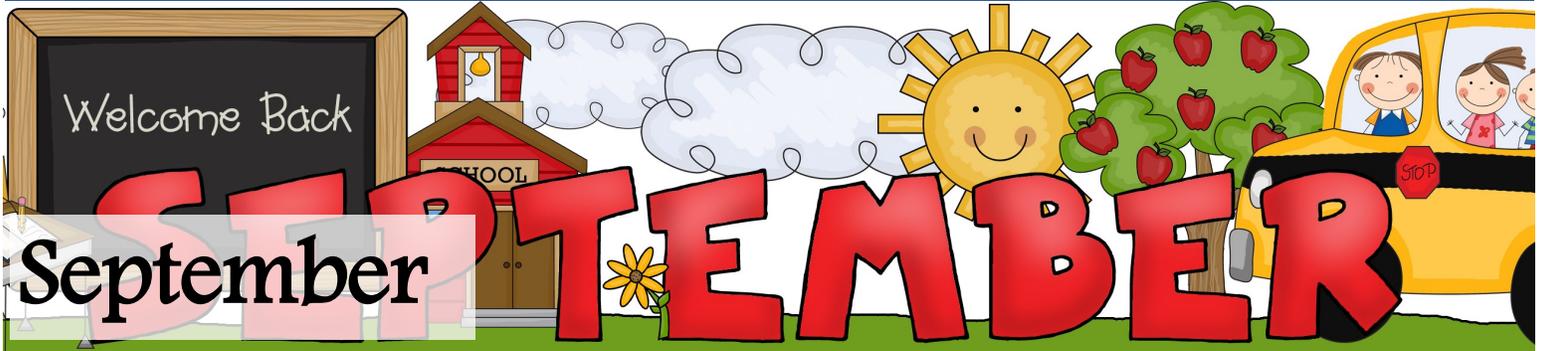




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From the Pastor...

Our society has become extremely individualistic and our technology allows us to distance ourselves from issues, people, and even those around us. There has been a loss of community and intimacy where neighbors less often meet, family members do less chores together, television watching has replaced playing games and talking together, and headphones allow us to retreat into our own little worlds.

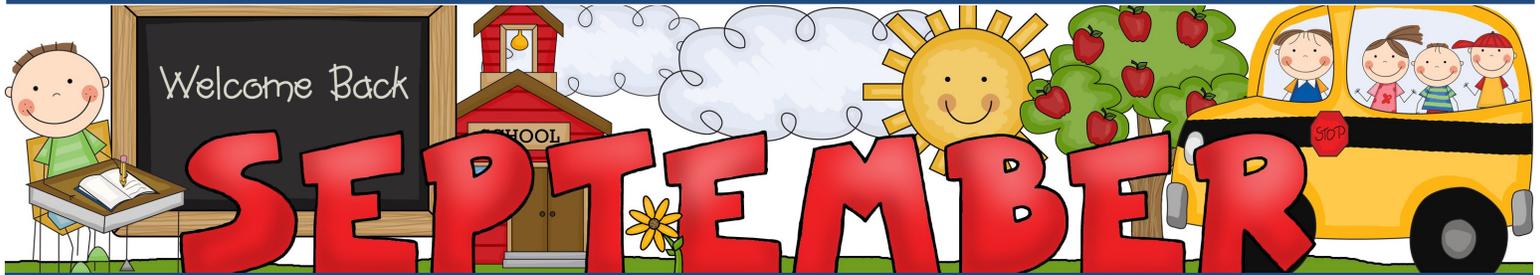
In contrast to the way in which we live, God has been trying to create a community of believers who work together, respect one another, share their greatest joys and deepest pains, and offer forgiveness and grace to one other and those they meet. It is God's hope that we would place Him first in our lives, in front of our own egos and desires, and in doing so, value the good of the community over our own.

As this seems particularly poignant during this election year, we have created the fall worship season based on the book "Truly the Community" by Marva Dawn, who uses the 12th chapter of Romans to outline community. We will look at several of the themes she notes in this scripture as well as corresponding lines from our Covenant for Christian Living. There will be opportunities to practice community as our Sunday School and educational classes, Heritage & Horizons sessions, New Beginnings, Preschool and Youth Group begin again. Our Stewardship Commission is encouraging us to consider our commitment to generosity as we create God's community within and outside of our walls.

It is my hope that you will take advantage of the opportunities noted in this Crown as you choose to be part of the body of Christ in this time and space.

Rev. Kathryn Kuhn

Senior Pastor



Council Meeting Minutes—August 15, 2016

Attending: Bob Reiff, Cathy Kenlin, Clara Kosmela, Herb Forry, Carol Nielson, Don Freeman, Steve Daniels, Bernie Fickes, Jeannie Clausen, and Julie Berkow

Absent: Andy Appel, Andy Smith, Linda Lewis, Chuck Erisman, and Conner Braun

Staff: Pastor Kuhn and Pastor Giffen

President Bob Reiff called the meeting to order 7:00 pm, there is no quorum.

Devotions led by Clara Kosmela.

June minutes accepted as presented.

Treasurer’s Report – Additional money from investments has not yet been moved into the General Fund. We are right on with the budget, over in income and under in expenses.

Education- Nothing new to report, all in the minutes. Wacky Wednesday had a large attendance this year.

Outreach – All information is in the minutes. 51 dozen ears of corn were delivered to the Landisville Food Bank. A corn husking party will be held Aug 18 to prepare corn for freezing for the chicken corn soup at the bazaar.

Parish Life – Water for Pokémon Go players will be

provided until the end of August. Plans are being made to offer flu shots to members in September.

Property – The old monitor from the Sanctuary will be installed in the Parlor. The one in the Narthex needs some repairs.

There is a major problem with the air conditioning in the Sanctuary, unsure if repairs can be made, might need to replace units.

The Preschool in looking into installing an intercom system in their rooms and it will also go into the church office.

The water situation in Rader Park is close to being resolved. We will share the cost of the pump house with Homestead Village. The tree replacements are approved. The original pathways from the pond area connecting to the rest of the park will be restored.

Stewardship - The Commission is taking a three-month look at endowments and policies in preparation to revise use of endowments. The Zwingli, Eichler and Brubaker Funds have been joined, they are for music. The Doan and Peck Funds have been joined for Youth Ministry. Proposing to require the endowments be used in 10 years or lose the endowment. There is a question about the use of the Ann Louise Bachman Fund for in the park, this needs a discussion with Property.

Worship – All information in the minutes. Bernie will be discussing signage for the church with Gary.



Sundays at 9:15 am and 10:45 am

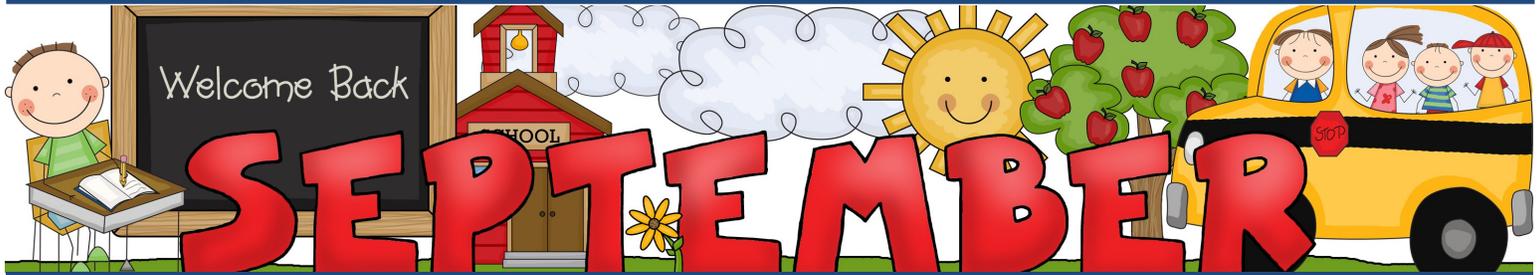
Dial (717) 392-5718 to listen to the worship information.

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

Giving Report for July 2016

At the end of the seventh month this year, it is obvious that we have reached the summer slump. That’s the period of time during the height of the summer when the attendance takes a hit because of so many people being on vacation. Our bottom line shows we’re in the hole by \$29,921.93. This is our pattern and probably the pattern of most mainline Christian churches. We can weather it pretty well and wait for the attendance and the giving to catch up later after Labor Day when people start to fall into their fall pattern.

For the month of July, our contributions have now reached \$312,148.23 compared to last year’s \$256,479.23. Even if we deduct the \$50,000 we added to our contributions this year from our interest earnings, we would still be \$6,000 higher than last year. That’s a good sign. Unfortunately, our expenses are up too, so we have the \$29,000 in red ink. The numbers are: \$342,070.16 for this year, compared to \$304,248.61 for last year.



Council Meeting Minutes Continued

Pastor Kuhn Report – Pastor Kuhn senses a need for “community within the church”. Gave us a handout entitled “Silo Mentality”. There will be a new member’s class in October, folks are ready to join the church. She hopes to have a class every three months.

She is planning a subcommittee to work on evangelism on reaching out to the community and hopes to have this in place by September.

The third Sunday each month will be lunch with the Pastors beginning in September. This will be a social event and lunch will be provided.

Pastor Giffen Report – The all-church campout was successful, 35 people there. Since the grills in the pavilion were not working subs were on the menu instead.

The NYE was a success and she is talking with the youth on their perspectives.

The spaghetti dinner is Aug 28 for all those who purchased stock in the youth for the NYE event.

Pastor Giffen plans to use the Youth Center more and build the youth group dynamics. Don Freeman reminded her the Doan, Peck Fund is available for the youth as is the Keener Fund.

A group from the Berlin/Brandenburg area will be at the Seminary next week and a German Pastor and her son will be with us in worship Sunday, Aug 21.

Budget - A budget has been drafted and will go the MPC, the Commissions and Council by September

New Business – Carol Nielson gave some ideas for a Meditation Walk in Rader Park and had a handout for us to explain how this would work. We suggested Carol present this to Property.

Bernie shared some information of the Garden Shed customers.

Schedule for September

MPC – Sept 12

Commissions – Sept 19

Council – Sept 26

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Giffen.

Respectfully submitted,
Bernie Fickes
Acting Secretary

Outreach

Seeds of Hope Garden

- Karen Culp

What can be said about a garden that’s grown up with weeds and too hot to walk into? It’s a lesson in hope, that’s what can be said.

Someday, the weather will be better and it will be fun to walk down to the garden and start working in the soil again.

Someday, the weeds will be mowed down and it will even look good and well cared for.

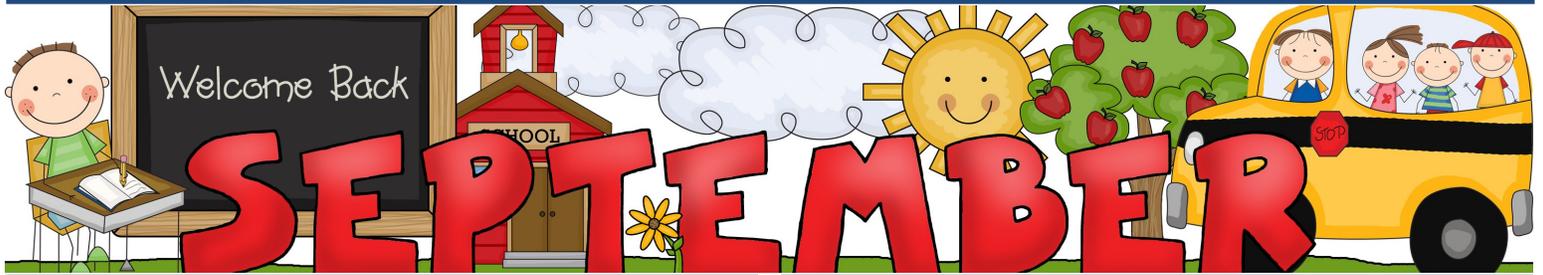
All this is still

to come, and according to our local weather reports, it could even be in the next three to four days. The fact is that this has not been the greatest season in the garden.



Veteran gardeners always have the same answer to anything that goes wrong in the garden: “It’s the weather,” they say. The funny thing about that is the weather will be blamed or lauded for a crop that fails this year and the same crop that grows like gangbusters the next year. It’s just that nobody ever says exactly what was wrong with the weather to cause a problem. All I know is that the weather will always be with us and it will always be the most important part of gardening. And we can’t do anything about it. As long as you understand that, gardening is a great time.

Our corn crop this year has been phenomenal (must have been the weather). Our corn, Providence, could stand up to any variety of corn for its sweetness. It will once again make up the bulk of the Chicken Corn Soup that is sold at the Christmas in the Country Bazaar in November. I hope you’ve had the chance to have some this summer. A couple of ears of corn and some great sliced tomatoes always says “summer” at this time of year. They don’t last long, but when you eat them, you’ll understand why gardening spells h-e-a-v-e-n.



Outreach Continued

Wishing Well

The Wishing Well is continuing to collect personal and home care supplies for the Apostle's Assistance Fund. Pastor Kuhn is getting an increasing number of requests for such items. Please consider helping those in need by taking a suggested item from one of the two posters hanging (one above the Well and one on the Outreach bulletin board in the Narthex) and donating that item to the collection. We will be collecting specifically for the Apostle's Assistance Fund through the months of September and October. Thank you so much for your generous participation in this valuable ministry. Please see Jane McCartney if you have any questions concerning the Wishing Well.

Harvest Home

Each year, we celebrate the bounty of the harvest by giving a portion of it to those who are less fortunate. We ask our church family to bring nonperishable food to place at the altar on Harvest Home Sunday — September 11.

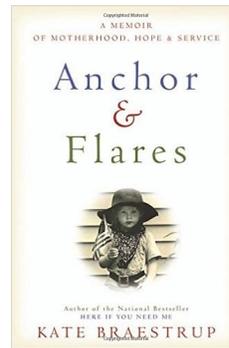


Monetary gifts may be placed into your special envelope for Harvest Home/Food Bank and placed into the collection plate. These donations will be distributed to Lancaster County Council of Churches, Hempfield Food Bank, and our own food pantry at Church of the Apostles, which supports Apostles Assistance. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Schock at (717) 569-3837.

With gratitude and thanks to almighty God for the rich bounty that he bestows upon us,
The Outreach Commission

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, September 13 to discuss *Anchor and Flares* by Kate Braestrup. In October, we will discuss *A Fall of Marigolds-Susan* by Susan Meisener. We are happy to have new people join us! If you have any questions, please contact Clara Kosmela at (717) 569-9960.

New Beginnings

New Beginnings will kick off the 2016-2017 season on Thursday, October 13th in the Fellowship Hall. A dessert social will begin at 1 pm with the program to follow at 1:30 pm. The program will feature Mr. Bill Uyeda, a resident of Homestead, who will speak about his experience in an internment camp during World War II. Come and learn about the life experience of one of our own.

Postludes

- Cindy Kahler

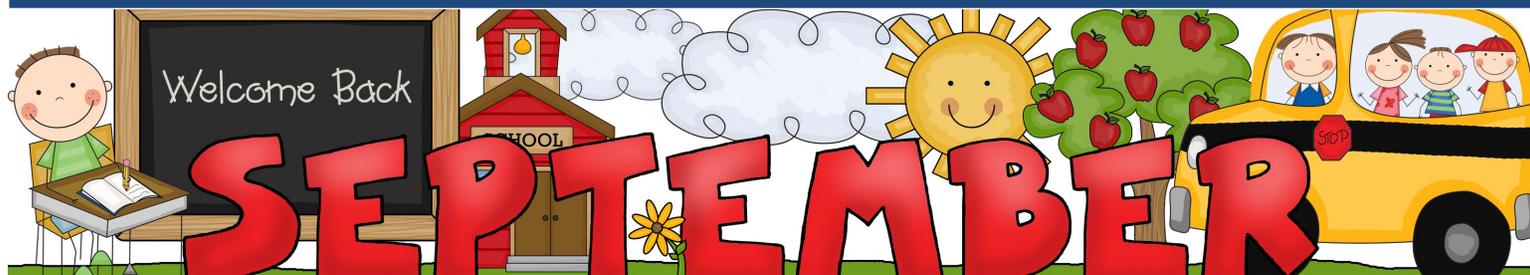


It has been brought to my attention that some church members are having difficulty maintaining a sense of worship with our current practice of remaining seated and applauding for the postlude at the 10:45 am service. The definition of "postlude" from the Harvard Dictionary of Music is "An organ piece played at the conclusion of the service, during the exit of the congregation." A compromise between those who want to listen to the postlude and those who prefer to exit would be that those who exit, do so quietly.

A recent Still Speaking Devotion by Lillian Daniel wrote the following in response to this scripture: *"Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!"* - Psalm 150:3 NRSV

"Take this lovely hymn by Fred Pratt Green, one of the best-known of the contemporary school of hymn writers in the British Isles:

When in our music God is glorified
And adoration leaves no room for pride



Parish Life

It is as if the whole creation cried: Alleluia!

That verse explains why church musicians do not take a bow or expect applause. They are not performing for an audience; they are worshiping God.

So when the rest of us hear their music, our response is worship too. Sometimes we respond with reverential silence, other times we clap, sometimes our jaws drop and other times we shed a tear. It's all a response to the Holy Spirit, something we do for God, not for other people."

Sing to the Lord a New Song!

Rehearsals for vocal choirs and handbell choirs will begin in September as follows:

Tuesdays at 6:45 pm

Apostles Bells in the Sanctuary
First Rehearsal: September 13
Director: Ron Bellamy (615-0944)

Wednesdays

6:00 pm Cherub Choir (age 3-K) Room 310
6:30 pm Carol Choir (Grades 1-4) Room 310
First Rehearsal: September 14
Director: Johanna Baker (799-0001)

Thursdays at 7:00 pm

10:45 Apostles Choir Room 111
First Rehearsal: September 8
Director: Nathan Sheffer (779-5172)

Sundays at 8:15 am

9:15 Apostles Choir Room 111
First Rehearsal: September 11
Director: Nathan Sheffer

2nd and 4th Sundays at 4:00 pm

Youth Choir (Grades 5 and up) Room 310
First Rehearsal: September 11
Director: Johanna Baker

Consider becoming involved in one of the programs offered by the music ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Kahler at (717) 392-5718 ext. 116. We hope to see you soon!

Heritage and Horizons

Mark your calendars for the new series of Heritage & Horizons lectures on Tuesdays September 27, October 4, 11, 18, and 25.

It is our 29th year of providing adult learning opportunities, and we have a variety of interesting speakers coming to make presentations. Sessions will be held in the Sanctuary of Church of the Apostles at 9:30 am—10:30 am and 10:50 am—11:50 am with a 20-minute refreshment break. The registration fee is \$15 for each person for the entire five-week program.

Look for your brochure in the mail, or in the Narthex soon.

Lancaster County Council of Churches Golf Tournament

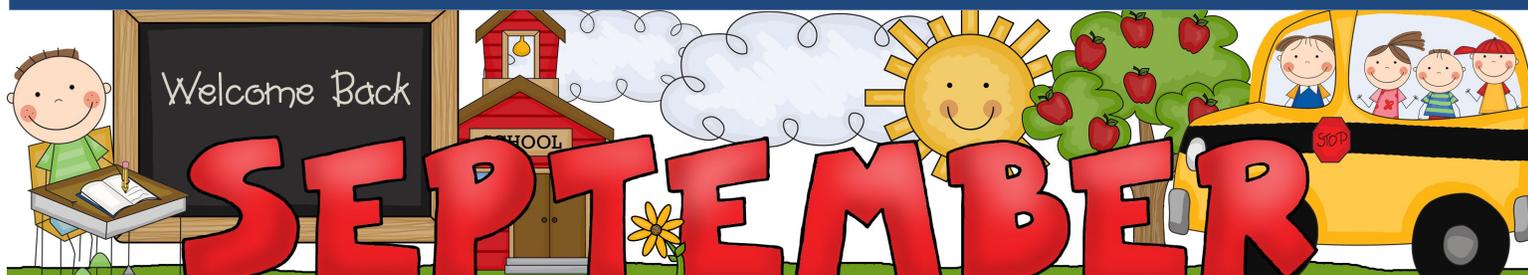
LCCC is holding its 2nd annual TransFOREmation Golf Tournament on Friday, September 16 at 1 pm at Overlook Golf Course (2040 Lititz Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601). The fee per golfer is \$95 and includes a snack, meal, free practice balls, greens fee and cart. Appropriate golf attire is required. Registration and payment must be completed by August 31. For more information, please call (717) 690-8043.

Becoming an Apostle

During the months of October, January, and April, we will be hosting informational sessions on Sunday afternoons at 2 pm in the Youth Center. The purpose of these sessions is to reflect on: "Who are we?" "What do we believe?" and "Where and when are we serving?" These sessions are open to both visitors and members seeking answers to these questions.

Third Sunday Lunch with the Pastors

An informal lunch and conversation with Rev. Kuhn and Rev. Giffen will be held on the third Sunday of each month following the second service in the Parlor—the first of which will be held on Sunday, September 18. It is our hope to enhance communication within the congregation, continue to develop our sense of community, and provide time for members to get to know Rev. Giffen on a personal level. Our Executive Committee kindly requests an RSVP for those wishing to attend to judge the amount of food needed.



Parish Life Continued

“A Land Twice Promised”



As part of the Lititz Storytelling Festival this September, renowned Israeli author and storyteller Noa Baum will perform “A Land Twice Promised,” at Congregation Shaarai Shomayim (75 E James St, Lancaster, PA 17602). The event will be held on Thursday,

September 8 at 7:30 pm and will include a Q&A session.

Noa Baum grew up in Jerusalem in the shadow of the ancestral traumas of the Holocaust and ongoing wars. After moving to America in 1990, she met a Palestinian woman who had grown up under Israeli occupation, and as they shared memories of war years in Jerusalem, an unlikely friendship blossomed. *A Land Twice Promised* delves into the heart of one of the world's most enduring and complex conflicts. Baum's deeply personal memoir recounts her journey from girlhood in post-Holocaust Israel to her adult encounter with “the other.” With honesty, compassion, and humor, she captures the drama of a nation at war and her discovery of humanity in the enemy.

If you would like to attend this event, please contact Jill Weisberg at bellallure1@aol.com or (717) 917-3748. Adults and youth ages 12 and older are welcome.

Lancaster General Lay Visitor Workshop

All congregational lay visitors are invited to attend a Lay Visitor Workshop hosted by Lancaster General Hospital. Chaplains will lead the session on Wednesday, October 5th from 1:30-3:30 pm in the Seraph Conference Room of the Ann B. Barshinger Cancer Institute (2102 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA). The workshop is designed to familiarize congregational lay visitors with the hospital as a setting for ministry. It will offer practical information to assist visitors in feeling more comfortable and confident in visiting church members who are hospitalized. Visitors and clergy are welcome to attend. The workshop is free. If you are interested in attending, please contact Kelly Kleckner with the Chaplaincy Care and Education Department at Lancaster General at (717) 544-5979.

Thank You!

Dear Apostles friends,
Many thanks for the beautiful altar flowers that Audrey Markle delivered here to honor our anniversary.

Fondly,
Myra and Ralph Yarnell

Dear church family,
Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers. I appreciated the thoughtfulness and concern shown through prayers and telephone calls by church friends.

It was comforting having Pastor Heather visit me in the hospital and having follow-up calls from Pastor Kuhn.

It's nice to be remembered in times of stress and health issues.

George Heidig

Thank you for the flowers I received during my stay in the hospital. They were delivered by Dan and Bernie Fickes.

Sincerely,
Charles Klingler

We were very appreciative of the beautiful flowers delivered to us by Jane McCartney for our 66th wedding anniversary. Thanks, COA.

Joyce and Bill Smedley

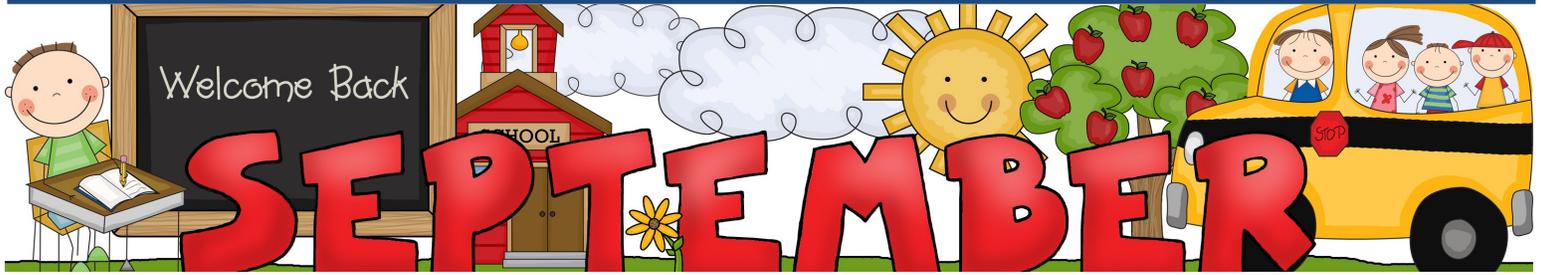
To my COA family,
Many thanks for the lovely flowers, and to Jack and Cathie Oliphant for delivering them. They cheer me whenever I look at them. And thanks especially for everyone's prayers during my recovery from my fractured patella; they are also much appreciated.

With gratitude,
Flo Waldron

Joan and I express our deep appreciation to the church for its prayers and concerns, Especially to Pastor Kuhn, and Pastor Giffen for their visits, to the choir for most welcome flowers, and to Andy and others who called. We look forward to joining you in a few weeks.

Joan and Grant Hansel

Thank you



What's Happening in Children's Sunday School

**Regularly scheduled Sunday School classes will resume on
Sunday, September 11th**



Classes

Preschool – Room 205 (Red Bear) – Stephanie Moore and parent helpers

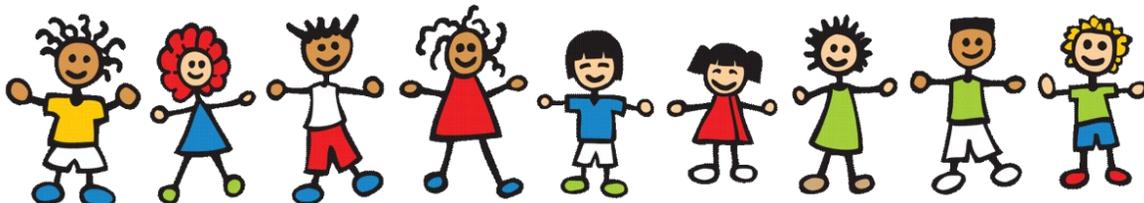
K-2 – Room 215 (Orange Bear) – Mikki and Steve Reich

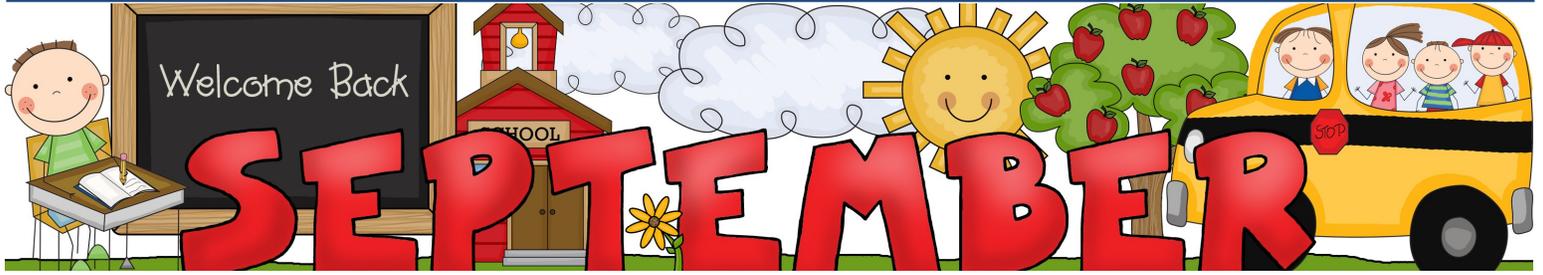
3-6 Grade – Room 304 – Andy Smith and Audrey Markle

7th Grade – Karen Braun and helper TBD – Room TBD



Look for the American Chestnut trees in Rader Park. Some of the seedlings have been planted in the park. The children planted the nuts (seeds) at the Earth Day celebration in April.





Happy Birthday!

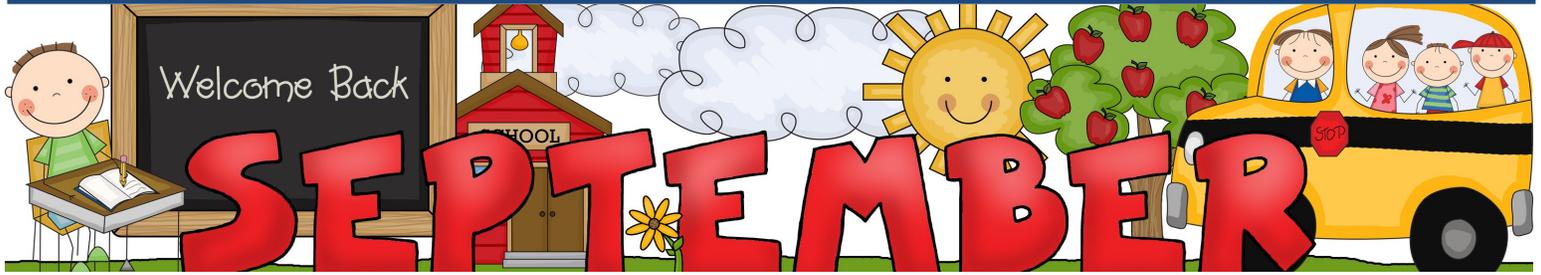
Date	Name
1	Alice Brennan
2	Louise Wagner
2	Christa Conrad
3	Ruth Senior*
5	Myra Yarnell
8	Cathleen Bernhardt
8	Matthew Sweigart
9	Kathryn (Kay) Custer*
9	Larry Waltman
9	Cristina Bahling
12	Carolyn Armstrong*
12	Suzanne Doutt
13	Pat Aichele
13	Michael Bender
14	Doris (June) Myers
14	Bev Keller
15	Catherine (Kit) Gregory*
17	Clyde Holbein*
17	Barbara Achtermann
17	Ludmil Kosmela
20	Harriet Latschar
20	Janet Schmiechen
20	Beverly Moran
21	Betty Reiff
22	Tom Lewis, Jr.
22	Jeffrey Walker
23	Anne Weiser
24	Sharon Shaeffer
25	Almore Robb, Sr.*
25	Ken Keller
25	Marsha Erisman
26	Dr. William (Bill) Irwin*
27	Cindy Kahler
27	Debbie Belsinger
28	Ann Harting
28	Rev. Debra Sickles
30	George Bechtold, Jr.



Happy Anniversary

Date	Name
09/01/2002	Tim & Susan Stirling
09/06/1975	Daniel & Kathleen Flynn
09/06/2008	Michael & Laura Bender
09/09/1967	Edward & Linda Fuller
09/10/2011	Joel Clausen & Jeannie Baker-Clausen
09/11/1948	Richard & Marie Herr**
09/23/1989	Randy & Lisa Ann Sweigart
09/25/1954	Willard & Patricia Landis**
09/26/1946	Dick & Ginny Godfrey**
09/30/1961	Ken & Bev Keller**

* 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)**

September Flowers for Worship



September 4:

- In loving memory of my husband, Richard (Dick) Hershey, by his wife, Ella Mae Hershey

September 11:

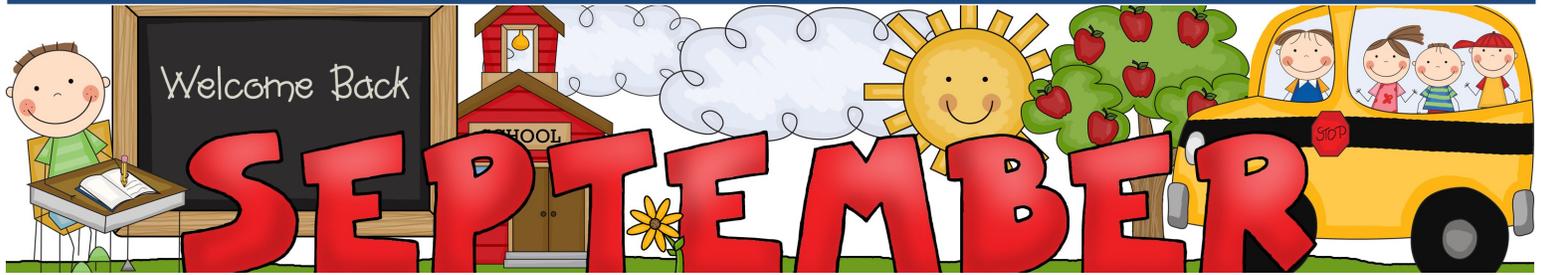
- In loving memory of Paula Alspach by Betty Perry

September 18:

- In celebration of our 70th Wedding Anniversary by Ginny & Dick Godfrey
- In honor of my 94th birthday—"Thanks be to God for Life and Love" — Clyde Holbein

September 25:

- In loving memory of William Arms and Mr. & Mrs. Ellis Hartman by Charles and Louise Arms



September 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!*

September 3 Saturday

8:00 am Downtown Breakfast
Ministry

September 4 Sunday

9:00 am Nursery Care
9:15 am Children's Sunday School
9:15 am Worship with Children's
Sermon
10:00 am Blood Pressure Screening
10:15 am Children's Library
10:45 am Worship Service
2:00 pm Worship Service—
Homestead Village

September 5 Monday

Office Closed—Labor Day

September 6 Tuesday

7:00 pm Worship Design

September 7 Wednesday

7:00 pm Craft Group

September 8 Thursday

7:00 pm Apostles Choir—10:45

September 11 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
4:00 pm Youth Choir
6:00 pm Youth Group

September 12 Monday

8:00 am Meditation Monday
7:00 pm Ministry Planning
Committee

September 13 Tuesday

2:00 pm Book Club
6:30 pm Committee on Ministry
6:45 pm Apostles Bells

September 14 Wednesday

1:00 pm Craft Group
6:00 pm Cherub Choir
6:30 pm Carol Choir
7:00 pm Education Commission

September 15 Thursday

7:00 pm Stewardship Meeting
7:00 pm Apostles Choir—10:45

September 18 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
11:45 am Sunday Lunch with
Pastors

September 19 Monday

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

September 20 Tuesday

6:45 pm Apostles Bells
7:00 pm Worship Design

September 21 Wednesday

9:15 am Bible Study
3:00 pm Widowers Group
6:00 pm Cherub Choir
7:00 pm Craft Group

September 22 Thursday

7:00 pm Apostles Choir—10:45

September 25 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
4:00 pm Youth Choir

September 26 Monday

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

September 27 Tuesday

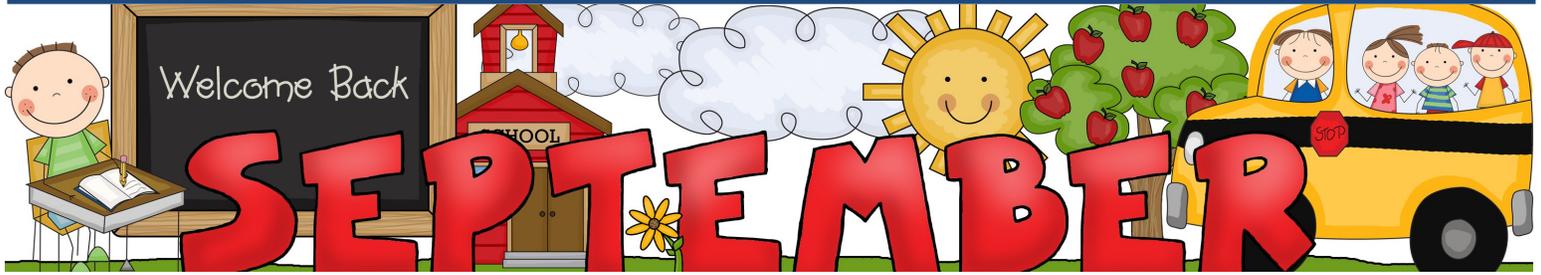
9:30 am Heritage and Horizons
6:45 pm Apostles Bells

September 28 Wednesday

9:15 am Bible Study
9:30 am Widows Support Group
1:00 pm Craft Group
6:00 pm Cherub Choir
6:30 pm Carol Choir

September 29 Thursday

7:00 pm Apostles Choir—10:45



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



Link 2:

Harriet Latschar	859-1535
Mary Ellen Bachman	393-8922
Susan Shaak	872-2987
Doug Nutt	653-6363

Link 3:

Annette Rohloff	394-0424 or rexthomas@comcast.net
Bev Keller	898-2146 or bek0914@aol.com
Cindy Williams	572-3808 or clwjbwilliams@gmail.com
Mike/Nancy Steger	617-2635 or stegs4u@hotmail.com

Link 4:

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

Food Bank

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

Food Bank Needs:

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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