



The Crown

September Blessings



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From the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that we are almost in the month of September. It is starting to get cool, but it's still warm enough to enjoy the outdoors. September will be an exciting and busy time for the church! On September 10, we will have our Ministry Fair during the sermon time, and we will worship in the Fellowship Hall. It is a morning of celebration of who we are as a church and what we do for the community. During the Ministry Fair, all the Commissions will have displays of their ministries and showcase opportunities for members to get involved. On this day, we will have breakfast served for each of the services by the "regular crew" of volunteers who serve breakfast the first Saturdays of the month at First Reformed, UCC. We will have homemade scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, and, of course, coffee! For the first service, breakfast will be served from 8:30 am—9:30 am and for the second service, it will be served from 10:15 am—10:45 am. All are free to eat during the service.

We will be starting Sunday School on September 17. We will also bless our Sunday School teachers for all the work they do, and welcome our new Apostles Community Preschool Director, Katie Zellers! This will also be the first day of class for Confirmation! I am so excited to have 10 members in this class, which include: Noah Waltman, Jared Braun, Haley Breslin, Tristin Neiderer, Matthew Rice, Laurel Marx, Morgan Wilfong, Ethan Smith, and Jack Stoltzfus. I look forward to having a great school year teaching this class with Pastor Kathy.

I also want to remind everyone of my Penn State Challenge coming in October. This would be a great month for people to come together and raise money for the church.

Many Blessings,

Rev. Heather Giffen
Associate Pastor

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A Message from the Council President

It's the end of August...how are you doing? That is quite an open-ended question, but maybe one that needs to be asked. Did you get to take a vacation that gave you the much-needed recharging? Was it a successful growing season, and are you now harvesting and storing up for the months to come? Is the scheduling for the new school year nicely falling into place? Have you gotten all of the summer projects completed?

Our lives are so busy that we feel pulled in many directions. I am looking at the end of August as a transitioning time—a time to see what is important and to give it the energy it needs to succeed.

As I look back on this summer, I'm happy with the seeds our congregation has planted:

- We have 10 youth starting a new Confirmation class and continuing to explore their faith journey.
- We are helping people at the Transitional Living Center for years to come by making living space inhabitable all year long.
- We have a new parking lot, and I hope it will last another 35 years. (Please sponsor a parking space or two, it's still not paid for yet!)
- We have a new sound system that will assist people in hearing the Gospel.

We have done a lot in the past three months, and I see us continuing to do good things in the fall.

What about this Christian community thing we are talking about—what does it mean? Maybe a good start is to sit down with members of our church in some small groups and to share our thoughts with each other. We are on the cusp of the next season. This is the time for interacting, communicating, and telling and listening to stories. The typical response to "How are you doing?" is "Fine", but real friends want to hear your real story.

Steve Daniels

Steve Daniels
Council President



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 July 2017

The cash flow for seven months ending July 2017 was negative (\$93,863.65). Operating Expenses through July 2017 were \$348,122.32, Revenue \$254,258.67. We began the year with \$1,947,407.85 in endowment funds and the end July balance was \$1,898,545.28.

George Alspach
for the Stewardship Commission



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Council Meeting Minutes — July 17, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 7:11 pm once a quorum was met.

Attending: President Steve Daniels, Treasurer Andy Smith, Bob Reiff, Conner Braun, Andy Appel, Cathy Kenlin, Pastor Heather Giffen, Christa Konrad, Don Freeman, Linda Lewis, and Herb Forry.

August Council Meeting will be held at the home of Council President, Steve Daniels. Spouses and family are invited. We will endeavor to have a brief meeting. August 21. 717-669-0903 is Steve's phone number (address is 2324 Marietta Ave. Lancaster and Monica's number 717-669-0900).

Steve Daniels gave devotions, relaying a story about how he was contacted by the pastor of Grace Bretheren Church in Lancaster. They are in the midst of their own "Revitalization Program" and Steve relayed that there was an extended conversation and it was relayed that their church is also struggling with declining attendance and lack of youth and young families. He also relayed a story from his experience about genuine efforts at being a "welcoming" church.

Minutes were approved.

TREASURERS REPORT. Andy provided documents to all council members to begin the 2018 budget process. He also reported that the church's finances and balance sheet continue to stay within existed ranges.

EDUCATION. There was no formal meeting this month. Vacation Bible school has been a success.

OUTREACH. There was no meeting in July.

PARISH LIFE. There was no Parish Life meeting in July. Steve brought up that there's a need for a person to clean out the refrigerators and lightly clean up in the kitchen. Cathy Kenlin identified that this subject had been addressed in the June minutes. The target is three hours/month. If the food is labelled, and it's not out of date, it won't be thrown away.

PROPERTY. Property did meet this month. Parking lot was started today, paving starts tomorrow. Homestead Village worked with us to mow the garden plots. Herb

commented that COA uses community service workers, who are screened, for light work around the church. Work on the fountain in the memorial garden is beginning this week, as well. This work will be to replace the existing fountain. Homestead Village has a HAM radio club, and they'll be installing a tower on the east end of the barn.

There was discussion about the parking lot project, and its timeframe. There is a possibility that the front parking lot will need to be closed to services this week.

During the Property Commission discussion, the topic of internal church donations (preschool, academy, etc.) should NOT be considered rents. It is clarified that those contributions are NOT rent, though like with the rents, 10% of their amount are considered to be added to the Capital Maintenance fund. This specific idea will be addressed in the 2018 budget.

There was also a discussion of the Heart Center property sale. A question arose about whether or not the new business to own or occupy that building has to be a non-profit.

STEWARDSHIP. It's all in the minutes.

WORSHIP. They're working on getting the sound system in. Pastor Heather said that there needs to be a down payment. There's a contract to sign. This money is to come from "Gifts and Memorials." There is currently not a clear understanding of who is authorized to sign the voucher. Don Freeman believes that the Gifts and Memorials committee reports to Stewardship, and, therefore, Stewardship should be able to take care of the voucher. Steve Daniels will contact George Alspach about completing this voucher.

PASTORS REPORT. There are several comments from members of the church, through Council members, that the work of Pastor Heather has been very good these past few weeks.

Pastor Heather reminded Council of their need to respond to the four Questions for Conversation that Pastor Kathy put out.

Also, September 10th is coming. This is the Mission Fair.

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Pastor Giffen gave the floor to Cathy Kenlin to relay some notes from the Synod this past month.

OLD BUSINESS. None.

NEW BUSINESS. Andy Smith discussed the upcoming church-wide Vesper service and cookout on August 5th.

Submitted by:
Andy Smith

Outreach Continued

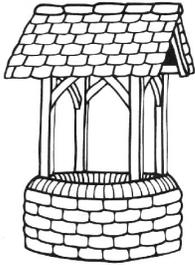
Harvest Home/Food Bank and placed in the collection plate.

These donations will be taken to Lancaster County Council of Churches, Hempfield Area Food Pantry, and our own Food Bank 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...

- Outreach Commission

Outreach



Wishing Well

Many thanks to all of you who purchased items for the students at Martin Elementary School. We are going to continue to collect the needed items until the second Sunday in September. We still need children's underwear, children's navy blue pullover sweatshirts, tissues, Clorox wipes, and reusable grocery bags.

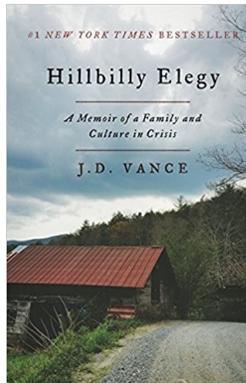
Our Apostles Assistance Fund continues to need our support to help people in our community. Pastor Giffen and Pastor Kuhn get many requests for needed personal care and home care items. We especially need shampoo, paper towels, toothpaste and toothbrushes, toilet paper, laundry detergent, dish detergent, cleaning supplies, and soap. Please see the posters above the Wishing Well and on the Outreach bulletin board for listed items on sticky notes. Please consider taking a sticky note, purchasing that listed item, and putting it in the Wishing Well in September, October, and the first part of November. We will continue our ministry to support the Apostles Assistance Fund up until our holiday gifting ministry begins. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our local community.

Harvest Home: Sunday, September 10

Each year, we celebrate God's autumn bounty by giving a portion of it to those who are less fortunate. We ask each member of our church family to bring non-perishable food to church on Harvest Home Sunday. Monetary gifts may go into your special envelope for

Parish Life

Book Club



The COA Book Club meets every second Tuesday of the month at 2 pm in the Parlor. Please join us on

- Tuesday, September 12th to discuss *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance. In the upcoming months, we will gather to discuss:
- October 10th: *Dangerous Games* by Danielle Steele
- November 14th: *The Couple Next Door* by Shari Lapena
- Dec. 12th Into the Beautiful North by Luis Alberto Urrea

We are happy to have new people join us! If you have any questions, please contact Clara Kosmela at (717) 569-9960.

Apostles Preschool's 52nd Year!

On Monday, September 11th, the halls of Church of Apostles Preschool will once again be filled with happy voices as Preschool begins its 52nd year! For this school year 2017-18, we have 170 children in 12 classes with 19 staff members.

As a reminder, the front parking lot of the church is very congested daily from 8:50 – 9:10 am, as Preschool parents use our car drop-off line. Please use extreme caution when entering the parking lot during that time. It

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may be best to use the choir or the gym lot if you have church business during that time. Also, please remember that all the church doors, with the exception of the main front entrance, are locked from 9 am—2 pm Mondays through Thursdays and until 12:30 pm on Fridays for safety reasons while the preschoolers are in the building. If you need to enter the building for any reason and you have a key to open one of the locked doors, please be sure to re-lock it. The safety of the children in our care is of extreme importance. Keep watching the Crown for monthly Preschool updates.

New Beginnings

Please join us on Thursday, October 12th at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for a dessert social and program. Cathie Oliphant will present a film titled “Annie Wittenmyer: Civil War Heroine” and talk about the impact she had during the 19th century. We will learn of her many accomplishments, including women's aid, her association with soldiers and General Grant during the Civil War, the founding of the first public and Sunday schools in Iowa, and many more.

Heritage and Horizons

Mark your calendars for the new series of Heritage & Horizons lectures on Tuesdays, October 3—31.

It is our 30th year of providing adult learning opportunities, and we have a variety of interesting speakers coming to make presentations on topics such as: Early Lancaster County, Great Ladies of the Cinema: Vivien Leigh, The Pennsylvania German Immigrant Experience, and more. 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.

About Our Youth



Tristin Neiderer just celebrated his 13th birthday in July. As a life-long Church of the Apostles child, he will be a member of the confirmation class of 2018. When he is not singing in the church choir or attending Sunday school, he enjoys ushering and acolyting at church. Outside of church,

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he is very active with sports and his school work. He plays football, lacrosse, and swims. He works during the summer by mowing lawns and helping his father with landscaping. In addition to loving organized sports, he also loves to ride his bike to Turkey Hill for a slushy or ride his four-wheeler.



Elizabeth Rineer started out as a green bear in the Apostles Preschool program, and when she was five years old, her family joined Church of the Apostles. Elizabeth lives with her parents and twin sister in the Hempfield School District, where she is a senior. She also takes a few college courses at HACC. Eventually, she would like to be a Respiratory Therapist. She works part time at the Grocery

Outlet. In her free time, she loves anything sports-related. She has played softball since she was five, and will be on the Powder Puff team for the senior girls this year.

Thank You!

The flowers Bonnie and John Eshbach delivered were just beautiful. Thank you so much for thinking about me. I enjoyed them all week.

Most Sincerely,
Ruth Wilson

Dan and I would like to thank you for the beautiful flowers delivered to our home. There was no name, so I could not thank them. Our neighbor took them in since we were on vacation, returning yesterday.

Dan and Evie Harelson

Dear Church Members,

Thank you for the beautiful yellow floral arrangement brought to my house recently. And thank you to Doris Robb for delivering those flowers and for our nice visit and chat.

John Hess

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Thank You Continued

Thank you all for the beautiful flowers I had delivered to me the other week. Best wishes to all!

Mary "Molly" Harter

To Our Church Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flower arrangement. Your thoughtfulness is very appreciated.

Bev Keller

Dear Church Family,

May I just say that I was totally overwhelmed by the cards, prayers, contributions, offers of help, and physical presence on behalf of my husband by our congregation.

George would have been so pleased to know he made such an impression on so many lives.

Thank you all so much for your acts of kindness. I feel so blessed to be in this church. I truly felt God's love in you.

Much love,

Jean Heidig & Family

Dear Church of the Apostles,

Thank you for the beautiful birthday vase! We also appreciated the visit with Cathy Kenlin, who delivered it. COA is a wonderful church, and we're so happy to be included in it.

Sincerely,

Dick Godfrey

Dear Church Members & Friends,

Thank you for the lovely flowers recently delivered to our home. We are most appreciative of the visit and flowers.

Blessings to all and many thanks,

Bob and Shirley Miller

Dear COA Community,

It was such a delightful surprise to find the flowers that Milton Gockley left on my deck on June 25. They were a very heartfelt expression of sympathy following my mother's death on June 14.

Not only were they enjoyed by all who were in attendance on Sunday morning, they were also placed on the altar for the 4 pm Vespers service at Boehm's Chapel in Willow Street, PA.

Following the annual service, I gave the floral

arrangement to the current president of the Boehm's Chapel Society. I told him to give it to his 86-year-old mother (who is declining in health.)

It was such a blessing that the flowers could be enjoyed by so many people on the same day.

I'd also like to thank all those who sent cards and all those who expressed their condolences in person.

Blessings and blessings,
Doug Nutt

Dear Members of our COA Family,

Thank you all so much for your prayers and help during my summer with a broken foot! The girls and I missed you all terribly, but we're so grateful we had you in our corner. The prayers, the cheery notes and cards, the lovely altar flowers you sent our way, the meals, the transportation help, the help with such simple tasks as laundry – they were all appreciated more than you can imagine.

We are all looking forward to my cast coming off for many reasons, but one of them is because we miss spending time with our church family! We look forward to seeing you all more regularly again soon.

With many thanks,
Flo Waldron

Thank you to the Andy Smith family and other church members for a wonderful Church Camp Out on August 5th. We enjoyed the games, the fellowship, the crafts, the food, and the lasting memories we shared.

The Breslin Family

Dear Church of the Apostles,

I would like to thank all of you for the beautiful flowers I received. A special thank you to Bev Keller for delivering me these flowers.

Thank you,
Delayne Breslin

Thank You to Jeanie Clausen and to all who volunteered for Wacky Wednesday mornings. It was wonderful.

Leigh, Molly, and Evan

*Thank
you*



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Church Directory Photo Shoot

Lifetouch will be at Church of the Apostles to take photos for our new mobile directory and individual/family photos on:

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



You can sign up for your preferred time slot now through October 8 in one of the following ways:

- ◆ Online: Visit our website at www.apostlesucc.org, click on the Lifetouch announcement on the homepage, and follow instructions.
- ◆ At COA: You can sign up with the help of a volunteer after services at the Lifetouch table on 9/17, 9/24, 10/1, and 10/8.
- ◆ Phone: Call (866) 756-0281 to receive personal help from a Lifetouch professional to schedule your appointment.

Please contact Donna Carr at (717) 475-5285, or the church office at (717) 392-5718 if you have any questions.

What's Happening in Children's Sunday School

September 10

- Mission Fair in Fellowship Hall – children attend service with their parents
 - Blessing of the Backpacks
- Presentation of Bibles – children entering preschool, Kindergarten, third grade, and confirmands, will receive Bibles

September 17

- Commissioning of Teachers
 - Sunday School begins

We will continue with the *Shine* curriculum

GRADE	TEACHER	ROOM NUMBER
Preschool	Rotating Schedule Stephanie Moore Melissa Koehler Karen Youtz Christa Conrad	205
K-2nd	Judy Waltman	215
3rd-6th	Andy Smith Audrey Markle	304
Confirmation	Pastor Heather Pastor Kathy	Youth Center Meets 3 rd Sunday of month 12 noon-3 pm

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Happy Birthday!



Date	Name
1	Alice Brennan
2	Louise Wagner
2	Darlene Beck
2	Christa Conrad
3	Ruth Senior*
5	Myra Yarnell
7	Susan Althouse
8	Cathleen Bernhardt
8	Matthew Sweigart
9	Kathryn (Kay) Custer*
9	Larry Waltman
9	Cristina Bahling
12	Carolyn Armstrong*
12	Suzanne Doutt
13	Patricia Aichele
13	Michael Bender
14	Doris (June) Myers
14	Beverly Keller
15	Kit Gregory*
17	Clyde Holbein*
17	Barbara Achtermann
17	Ludmil Kosmela
20	Harriet Latschar
20	Beverly Moran
21	Betty Reiff
22	Mary Alspach
22	Thomas Lewis
23	Anne Weiser
24	Sharon Shaeffer
25	Almore Robb*
25	Kenneth Keller
25	Marsha Erisman
25	Maeson Sheffer
26	William (Bill) Irwin*
27	Cindy Kahler
27	Debra Belsinger
28	Ann Harting*
28	Debra Sickles
30	George Bechtold

Happy Anniversary

Date	Name
09/01/2002	Tim & Susan Stirling
09/06/1975	Daniel & Kitty Flynn
09/06/2008	Michael & Laura Bender
09/09/1967	Edward & Linda Fuller**
09/09/1999	Timothy & Stephanie Albert
09/10/2011	Joel & Jeannie Clausen
09/11/1948	Richard & Marie Herr**
09/16/2014	Nick & Sara Bravo
09/23/1989	Randy & Lisa Ann Sweigart
09/26/1946	Dick & Ginny Godfrey**
09/30/1961	Ken & Bev Keller**

* 90+ Birthdays
 ** 50+ Anniversaries

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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:
Bonnie Jolly (872-4053)**

September Flowers for Worship



September 3:

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

September 10:

- In loving memory of Paula Alspach by Betty Perry

September 17:

- In celebration of our 71st Wedding Anniversary by Ginny & Dick Godfrey
- In honor of my 95th birthday—“Thanks be to God for Life and Love” — Clyde Holbein

September 24:

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

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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 2 Saturday

8:00 am Downtown Breakfast Ministry

September 3 Sunday

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
2:30 pm Worship Service—Homestead Village

September 4 Monday

Labor Day—Office Closed

September 5 Tuesday

12:30 pm Growth Task Force Meeting
7:00 pm Worship Design

September 6 Wednesday

5:15 pm Family Pizza Night
7:00 pm Craft Group

September 7 Thursday

7:00 pm Apostles Choir—10:45

September 10 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
5:30 pm Youth Group

September 11 Monday

8:00 pm Meditation Monday
6:30 pm Education Meeting
7:00 pm Ministry Planning Commission

September 12 Tuesday

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

September 13 Wednesday

1:00 pm Craft Group
5:15 pm Family Pizza Night
6:00 pm Cherub Choir
6:30 pm Carol Choir

September 14 Thursday

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

September 17 Sunday

8:15 am Apostles Choir—9:15
8:30 am Lifetouch Sign Up
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 Confirmation Class
12:00 pm Parents of Confirmands Meeting

September 18 Monday

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

September 19 Tuesday

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

September 20 Wednesday

5:15 pm Family Pizza Night
6:00 pm Cherub Choir
6:30 pm Carol Choir
7:00 pm Craft Group

September 21 Thursday

7:00 pm Apostles Choir—10:45

September 24 Sunday

8:15 am Apostles Choir—9:15
8:30 am Lifetouch Sign Up
9:00 am Nursery Care
9:15 am Worship with Children's Sermon
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Flu Shots
10:15 am Children's Library
10:45 am Worship Service

September 25 Monday

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

September 26 Tuesday

6:45 am Apostles Bells

September 27 Wednesday

9:30 am Widows Support Group
1:00 pm Craft Group
5:15 pm Family Pizza Night
6:00 pm Cherub Choir
6:30 pm Carol Choir
7:00 pm Apostles Choir—10:45

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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
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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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