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Our fall worship theme is "Challenging Christianity" as our faith is one that challenges many of the lifestyles and views held by our society. Our faith is also challenging because it is not as easy as memorizing a creed or learned as if taking a class. It is not a body of knowledge to digest and repeat, but a story to be told and lived. By looking at Jesus' life, what he valued - what he did - how he treated others, we can choose to live lives more aligned with God. By studying the ways in which God has always interacted with God's people we will be better equipped to see the ways God is working in our lives, our community and our world. Hopefully we will also gain the ability to challenge those who use Christianity to justify their own views and actions or as a means to hurt others.

During this time we will explore some of the basic tenets of faith such as *The God We Worship & Serve*, *The Church as the Body of Christ* and *What is Promised, What is Required*. These tenets and some of the information for reflection will come from the Rev. Martin B. Copenhaver's book, *To Begin at the Beginning*. Rev. Copenhaver is a UCC pastor, writer and will become president of Andover Newton Theological Seminary in October. In this book, Rev. Copenhaver encourages us to see the story of God's faithfulness and interactions with us as God's people through the biblical accounts.

It is our hope that as Apostles we too will continue to tell the story as we look at both Old and New Testament scriptures. To help us share the stories of God's work and continue to develop ourselves as the Body of Christ, I propose to have some dialogue within some of the worship services. Specifically at the 9:15 service, I would like to meet in the fellowship hall on the fourth Sunday of the month so that we can reflect together around tables on the monthly theme and how we may more fully live as people of faith. This would be a differently structured service to include the music from the children's Sunday School curriculum and stations to encourage more active participation. If you attend the 9:15 service, I would like some feedback on how this idea sounds to you.



As we seek to be faithful Apostles, we will be willing to challenge our own perceptions to grow closer to God.

Blessings & peace-

Pastor Kuhn

COUNCIL MINUTES JULY 21ST, 2014

ATTENDANCE: Lisa Christoffel, Erika Neiderer, Clara Kosmela, Cathie Oliphant, Cindy Williams, Julie Berkow, Pastor Kuhn, Steve Daniels, Chuck Erisman, Andy Appel, Jane McCartney, Cathy Kenlin, Tom Lewis, Randy Sweigart, Cathy Kenlin, Andy Smith
ABSENT: George Alspach
VISITOR: Jack Silknetter

DEVOTIONS: Andy Smith discussed the movie THE PRIDE OF THE YANKEES and shared the thought "We can plant the seed. God will make it grow."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Additional information was added to the last sentence of Pastor Kuhn's report to read Council and MPC support Pastor Kuhn's decision to officiate at same sex marriages in our sanctuary if asked. With this correction the minutes were approved unanimously.

++++A correction to the MPC minutes under OUTREACH was made from UCC to The Lancaster County Council of Churches may provide fresh produce for the Power Packs.

TREASURER'S REPORT-Tom Lewis
\$9,000 cash shortfall to date.

NEW BUSINESS

Jack Silknetter representing the Lancaster County Council of Churches spoke about the purchase of a warehouse at 800 N Queen St. which will attempt to revolutionize how the hungry people in the county are fed. There is a strong hope that the churches will help. Jack passed out copies of "Partners in Transformation," "LCCC Compassionate Hands, Anchored in Faith," and a copy of his presentation, "Partners in Transformation Campaign." Jack is willing to speak to the congregation. A copy of his

Crown Deadline

**The next Crown
deadline is
September 15**

presentation may be put in the newsletter, but not all at once. We currently give the LCCC \$2600 through Outreach.

Chuck E. made the motion, seconded by Jane M. that "COA will have a fundraiser to raise money for the LCCC Partners in Transformation Building Campaign." The motion carried unanimously.

COA's 40th Anniversary will be celebrated in 2015. Someone needs to start getting ideas for ways to celebrate our anniversary. At the Nov. Congregational Meeting, we hope the congregation will decide how we wish to celebrate our anniversary.

COMMISSION REPORTS

MPC –Cathy Kenlin questioned the negative responses from some commissions. Property felt many of the Congregation do not want to make a change. Parish Life focuses on those IN the church rather than working to get others in (but are not against new members). Worship-Cathy O. pointed out the many invitational, welcoming, and outreach programs we have.

Andy A. stated it is the council's responsibility to set the direction of the church. If we have an educational seminar- our members need to attend. This applies to new and existing events. We need to show others we are interested in them and care about them.

Discussion about keeping our website up to date. Each commission was to present their info for the website, but it did not always happen. Erika N, made a motion seconded by Cindy W, "Council authorizes our communication specialist to have the authority to

update website content and social media." The motion passed unanimously.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Dave Longenecker joined COA in May seeking Privilege of Call to UCC. This is a process that involves the association. At some point the Congregation (usually done by the Council) endorses him for this position.

Death in the Congregation-It was decided it would be helpful if Pastor Kuhn emails the Council members when a death occurs in the COA membership.

Inactive members- Give them a call and say you missed them at church.

Role of Senior Pastor and Associate pastor-due to time - this discussion was saved to the August meeting. Council is encouraged to review the material before our next meeting.

Designated Associate Pastor – is hired for a contract time period. This person could stay.

Less experience- less costly.

Intentional Interim must go after serving.

Cathy Oliphant asked Pastor Kathy if she would consider taking the Youth as part of her calling and we would look for someone to do some of the jobs she does now.

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Giving Report for July 2014

At the end of July COA had operating revenues of \$258,502.04 and expenses of \$281,533.49 for a negative cash flow of (\$23,031.45).

Envelope and direct deposit income year to date was \$218,996.89 which is less than the \$241,322.85 collected at the same time last year.

Operating expenses are \$13,787.58 above the same period last year.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your gifts to COA.
Stewardship Commission



EDUCATION –Discussion of asking Dale Marks to work with our kids and Education. Andy will talk to him.

NEW BUSINESS

Sound and Light Booth issues-will be discussed in August. Council is encouraged to go to the Sound Booth-talk to Anthony. Dangerous breaker and Dimmers are an issue.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S STATUS: MEMBERSHIP TERM? RENEWAL

George Alspach, Cathy Oliphant and Andy Smith, will be leaving council having fulfilled 2 three year terms.

Lisa Christoffel and Jane McCartney will be leaving council having completed one three year term. Chuck Erisman has completed a three year term and is willing to run again.

Nominating Committee from Council: Cathy Kenlin, Chairman

Clara Kosmela, Andy Smith, Steve Daniels, and Julie Berkow. These names were unanimously approved by Council.

Nominating Committee from the Congregation: Suggestions were given to Andy Appel.

NOVEMBER 16TH CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Cindy Williams asked when is the Budget decided?
Council votes on the Budget by the October meeting.

August meeting we will discuss Fund raisers - how much is given back to the church.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Clara Kosmela, Secretary

Attention Youth, Their Families and Friends

The COA Youth Group is forming beginning on Sunday, September 21, in Room 304 from 9:15 to noon. The purpose will be to discuss the sermon message and how it applies to the lives of our youth, enjoy fellowship, food, future planning and fun. The Youth Group will meet every third Sunday at the same time. Our newest members from our Confirmation Class, their friends and others are welcome. Leaders will be: Steve and Monica Daniels and Eileen Thomas. Others are welcome on a monthly basis or as events are scheduled. Step up and help out with your time, ideas and just because you like teens. They are great folks...just ask them.

Council

From the President...

HELP for HONDURAN SCHOOL CHILDREN

The media has been full of stories about women and children fleeing the violence in Central American countries, including Honduras. Many of you have been involved in the program Central American Relief Efforts [CARE] either by direct participation or donations of all kinds.

There certainly is violence in parts of Honduras, especially in the northern part of the country. CARE works in the southwestern area, providing a variety of services that help the very poorest of the poor. We believe our work has encouraged many Hondurans to 'not give up'. Our work projects provide permanent benefits to many.

CARE has found an area where almost 200 children are receiving sporadic education as there is no school building and there can't be school when it's in the rainy season.

If you would like to help, CARE would be very appreciative of any donation. To make it easy for you, and give our church some recognition, please write your check to Church of the Apostles and put "Honduran School Project" on the memo line.

There is also a trip planned for the last week of January, 2015, to go to the school---the dedication, if it is finished; or a visit during construction: with effort made to have some of the students share time with us.

FOR THE SPORTS MINDED: CARE is having a fun run/walk in Lancaster County Park on October 11th. Andy Appel has registration information---or go to: correrrforcare.org to register. MAYBE A TEAM FROM CHURCH of the APOSTLES?????

If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch with Andy Appel.

THE CHILDREN OF
HONDURAS THANK
YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY!!



Outreach

Opportunity for Service: Power Packs Project



“GIVE A MAN A FISH AND HE EATS FOR A DAY,
TEACH A MAN TO FISH AND HE’LL EAT FOR A
LIFETIME.”

Power Packs Project identifies needy families and provides weekend food and nutritional education so that families are empowered and children thrive. Power Packs started in one school in 2005 in Lancaster with the recognition that many children and their families were having trouble making ends meet through the weekend. Presently, ingredients, recipes, and tips are packed by volunteers for approximately 750 families per week, from 20 schools of five local school districts. This educational component of Power Packs is vital to the goal of “changed behavior” among the participating families.

Church of the Apostles has partnered with the Power Pack Project for the past five years and will continue to do so for the 2014-2015 school year. We are once again paired with Elizabeth Martin Elementary School where last year we packed and distributed food and recipes to 13 families each Thursday afternoon during the school year. The first day of distribution this year is October 2nd. If you have 2 ½ hours to spare once a month for this important ministry, please contact Julie Berkow (jberkow6@comcast.net)

Harvest Home / Food Bank Sunday

You have a special offering envelope in your box for September 14th, which is **Harvest Home/Food Bank Sunday**. We are asking that you please donate nonperishable food items as well as your monetary donation. All donations will support the food bank at COA. Sadly, there are many hungry people in our community and they really need our generosity at this time. Please consider giving generously on **Sunday, Sept. 14th**! Thank you!

Wishing Well



Our next Wishing Well project will be to support our local **Water Street Mission Ministry**. The **Water Street Mission** is in need of personal care items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorants, and

much more. This project will run from now until the end of October. Please take a needed item (listed on a slip of paper) from one of the two posters. One poster is above the Wishing Well and the other is posted on the Outreach bulletin board in the Narthex. Please buy the item/items needed and return them to the Wishing Well by **October 26th**. Items will be taken to Water Street during the week of October 26th. Thank you so much for helping to support the needy people in our community through your generous giving! We can make a difference! Any questions? Please see Jane McCartney

Bethany Children’s Home “Helping Hands” Program

Bethany is our historic (Reformed/E&R/UCC) ministry with children in need. In recent weeks Bethany has been receiving immigrant children who have found their way to the USA, hoping to connect with relatives already here. Most of them get to the USA by way of Human Trafficking Rings. To date, the children have been ages 4 to 14. Bethany has been able to unite most of them with their families in ten to twelve days.



For more information about Bethany Children’s home, and for ways to get involved or donate, please visit: <http://www.bethanyhome.org/>.

You may also call them at (610) 589-4501

Altar Flower Deliverers

We are in need of altar flower deliverers. Several people have had to stop delivering flowers because of health reasons and some have moved out of the area. This is a ministry that is so important to the members receiving flowers. The delivery can take place Sunday or Monday, whichever day works suits your schedule. Pastor Kathy tries to keep the recipients in the same geographical area so delivery time can be kept to a minimum. Please consider adding your name to the list of altar flower deliverers; you will brighten a member's ay by your visit. Call the church office at 392-5718 or Bernie Fickes at 393-6644 to add your name. Thank you!

Domestic Violence Services looking for Storage Space

Domestic Violence Services of Lancaster County is searching for heated rooms where they can store the donations they receive for the Christmas season. Ideally a 20x20 room, or several small rooms to be used in December and January. If you have a space available, please call Deborah Manning at 299-9677 x 3121.

MDA Lock Up



On September 18th, Pastor Kuhn is being "locked-up" and needs our help to raise bail. She is raising money for local children and adults living with one of the 43 neuromuscular diseases covered by the Muscular Dystrophy Association in Lancaster County. To donate, you may either write a check to MDA and give it to Pastor Kuhn or go online and make a donation at:<http://www2.mda.org/goto/kathy-kuhn>

Parish Life

PARISH HEALTH NEWS



The Parish Life Commission is sponsoring a Flu Shot Clinic this fall at Church of the Apostles. Pharmacists from Rite Aid will be giving the injections and submitting your

information to your insurance company for payment based on your individual policy.

On Wednesday evening, October 8, from 6 PM to 9 PM, and again on Thursday, October 9, from 1 PM until 4 PM, bring your insurance cards and drop by the church parlor to receive your immunization. Rite Aid needs an estimate of how many people will be coming so they can plan how many pharmacists they need to send. Beginning on Sunday, September 14, there will be sign-up sheets in the narthex for you to record your preference of a time slot.

Save one of the dates on your calendar so you can receive this all important shot.

And in other health news, our oxygen tanks have been filled, our AED machine has been checked, and our first aid kits in the kitchen and the narthex closet have been updated. The cabinet in the narthex closet holds our health equipment and there is a wheelchair and an oxygen tank in the west lobby also. Familiarize yourself with their locations so you can act quickly if you need to provide aid to someone.

Recently, the Lancaster newspaper ran a sizeable article on the change in CPR techniques. It is no longer necessary to give mouth to mouth resuscitation. Chest compressions are all that is required, and they should be given in time to the 1977 hit song "Staying Alive" by the Bee Gees.

Nominating Committee

We have formed a group to identify those among us who would be good candidates to be on Church Council.



Before you start hiding and avoiding eye contact with those on the Nominating Committee, keep a few

thoughts in mind. Yes, being on Council does mean you have two meetings a month to go to – Council meeting and a Commission meeting. BUT, we often have fun during those meetings. We laugh and we get to know each other better. It is work, but it is rewarding work. You will be making a difference in the life of your church.

We are at an exciting chapter in the life of our church. We have weathered many storms and we are learning to talk openly and honestly with each other. Now, it is time to grow and build a new dream for Church of the Apostles. We need new ideas and people willing to speak up and to help make those ideas come to fruition.

Consider joining Council so you can be part of making these changes happen. Be a voice for those in our congregation that are like you. Be a champion for those people who don't yet belong, but who will join us in the future. Better yet, be yourself, someone who cares about Church of the Apostles and its future. Talk to one of the members of the Nominating Committee listed below to learn more:

Cathy Kenlin, Andy Smith, Steve Daniels, Clara Kosmela, Julie Berkow, Cathy Bernhardt, Bev Moran, Karl Krammes, Jack Silknetter, Karen Braun

Homestead Village Auxiliary Bake Sale



The Homestead Village Auxiliary is again sponsoring a **BAKE SALE** on Homestead Day, Saturday, September 21. The bake sale will once more be

held in the Cafe along with a coffee bar. We encourage you to sit in the café and enjoy a cup of coffee along with your bake sale purchase. Of course we would be very happy to accept donations to the bake sale in the form of cookies, cupcakes, candy, cakes, and pies. Children-friendly baked goods are another item that would be appreciated. Cakes and pies may be sliced to sell by the piece as the day goes on.

Prices set by the committee are designed so that the baked goods are affordable for everyone attending Homestead Day festivities. Baked goods will be accepted in the chapel on Friday, September 20 from **9:00 am until 12:00 noon** and then again from **1:00 pm until 4:00 pm**.

Please pack cookies and candy in plastic bags or in plastic wrap – 6 cookies to a bag, and candy by weight.

Realizing that some of us are not “bakers”, **CASH DONATIONS** are always appreciated. If you would like to, you can mail cash donations prior to the bake sale to Homestead Village Auxiliary, 1800 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17603. Indicate the donation is for the bake sale by writing it on the memo line of the check.

We are so grateful for the way you have supported the Bake Sale in the past, and know that you will do it again! **THANKS SO MUCH!!**

New Season of New Beginnings



Thursday, September 11th at 1:00 pm, be prepared to be hypnotized! Roger Willard of the Willard Hypnosis Center will provide an informative talk on the subject of hypnosis. Yes, we have all been hypnotized, for example, daydreaming. Program begins with a dessert social, with the speaker to follow in Rooms 308-310.

Tailgating Party and Movie

There's the NFL and then there's the COA football season opener. Join us on Saturday, September 20, at 6 PM, for an intergenerational tailgating party in the back parking lot. Hot dogs and s'mores will be cooked over a fire pit and drinks will be provided.



Bring a covered dish to share and your favorite outdoor chairs. Football jerseys are encouraged. So are cheeseheads and anything else that puts you in a football mood.

Following our tailgating supper, we will gather in fellowship hall to watch “Airbud Golden Receiver”, a football themed movie rated G. Popcorn and candy will be provided to enhance the movie atmosphere.

Join us one and all! The more the merrier for this fun night!

Anniversary Celebration Committee

We are (almost) forty and fabulous! We have come far in the last forty years. In 1975, St Paul's and St John's merged and located the new church, Church of the Apostles, on an 84-acre farm owned by the Brubaker

family. Land which once fed people's bodies was to be used instead to feed their souls and their spirits. We have done that and we are still doing that.

What should we do to celebrate our fortieth? Some ideas have been identified, but we need to finalize our plans for 2015. It will be here before we know it! If you are interested in participating in our anniversary celebration, please contact Cathy Kenlin.

Book Club



Join us on Tuesday, September 9th at 2:00 pm to discuss "River of Doubt" by Candace Millard. October 14th's book will be "Flash Boys" by Michael Lewis.

SEEDS OF HOPE



The Seeds of Hope garden is being put to bed for the winter. Most of the crops are finished, with the exception of the late planted corn and some fall crops that were planted in August.

All in all, it was a hard year for gardeners. The weather was either too wet or too dry, both of which cause problems for a lot of the vegetables. So the weeds either slipped right out of the ground after a rain, or needed cut off when it was so dry. And the bugs were phenomenal! It remains to be seen if the bug situation is due to climate change or if this was really a fluke year for a lot of pests.

We rejoice in the people who have contacted us about helping in the garden because they heard of our mission to donate the food we've grown to the hungry in the community. Local farmers, farm stores, seed stores, neighbors, and our Campus Partners have all been very generous with their time and help because

of our mission. It has been a pleasure and an honor to be part of something that makes people smile and want to help when they hear about it. And it is with joy that we thank all our members for supporting the effort by being generous with your purchases of vegetables on Sunday mornings.

Just like farmers, we are not idle over the fall and winter. Plans for next year's garden are in full swing. We want to create some raised beds for some of the crops that would benefit from them and the fall seems like the best time to work on that. We don't want to be caught short next spring if the weather would allow planting early, for a change. A new garden layout is in the works too that will maximize our available space.

We will be making a substantial investment this fall in the future of our garden. Perennial crops of asparagus and four kinds of berries have been planted this year. Fruit trees are in the plans for the future too. And truckloads and truckloads of compost are needed to amend the soil for next year's crops. We hope you will consider investing in the future of the Seeds of Hope garden too. Think about making the church's efforts to feed the hungry part of your personal budget for mission work by donating money to the garden in the next few weeks. Not everyone can get down on all fours and help grow the vegetables, but everyone can support feeding the hungry people in our community.

The Birds of Rader Park

Do you know all the species of birds that fly through Rader Park during the year? Which ones are year-round residents? Which ones just stop by on their migratory journey? Have you seen or heard any birds as you walk through Rader Park and can't identify those birds?



We are hoping to find the answers to those questions. The president of the Lancaster County Bird Club is willing to visit Rader Park several times this coming year to help us learn about our avian friends. Mrs. Barbara Hunsberger, and several members of the Lancaster County Bird Club, will be coming to the park early one morning in September to do a survey of the birds. They will be back for the Annual Christmas Bird Count during the period of December 16-January 5th. The final survey will be done in spring of 2015.

Mrs. Hunsberger will provide the results of her surveys to us at Church of the Apostles. After learning what

birds we can expect to find in the park, birding activities for adults, families, and children will be planned.

In the meantime, grab your binoculars and bird books and head out to the park to see which birds you can identify. Birding is one of the most popular leisure activities enjoyed by people world-wide.

CROWN CONCERTS FOR 2014-15

Dear Friends of the Crown Concert Series:

Planning is well under way for the Crown Concert Series for 2014-15. So far we have three varied programs planned for this fall.

We are grateful for the support many of you have given to the series in the past and hope you will be with us again, as attendees and, hopefully, as patrons. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

On Sunday, September 21 at 3:00 pm, the Crown Concert Series is very pleased to welcome **Kristin Sims, soprano, Jason Buckwalter, baritone and Maria Thompson Corley piano** to the sanctuary. These fine performers have a program that is sure to please! In this unusual recital, they will present the entirety of Hugo Wolf's *Italienisches Liederbuch* (Italian Songbook) - a collection of 46 lovely songs for soprano and baritone. Despite the name, the songs are in German, but the program will include translations.



The popular **Silver, Wood and Ivory**, featuring **Tracy Dietrich** on flutes and recorders and **Cindy Wittenberg** on piano, will perform *Simply Christmas* on two evenings: Friday, November 14 and Saturday, November 15 at 7:00 pm. Together, this two-person orchestra of classically trained artists have fashioned a tapestry of music that stirs the soul.

Tickets for these concerts will be available on their website www.silverwoodandivory.com. We will have 60 tickets available at the church. Patrons donating \$100.00 or more will receive one complimentary ticket. Please specify which night you will attend.

The concert on Sunday, November 23 at 3:00pm features **The Dark Moon Octet**, performed by **TRP (The Reese Project)**, which blends neoclassical



sounds with real jazz. It features a jazz quartet made up of alto flute, piano, bass, & drums, as well as a flute quartet made up of flute, violin, viola, and cello. The instrumentation highlights the

juxtaposition of jazz and classical music.

Commissioned in 2014 by the Lancaster Summer Arts Festival, it has been called "a modern masterpiece" by a reviewer for JazzTimes.

The September 21 and November 23 concerts will receive a free-will offering.

Only the generosity of our Sponsors, Patrons and Benefactors makes the self-funding Crown Concert Series possible. We hope that you will consider being a Friend (\$25-\$49), a Patron (\$50-\$99) or a Benefactor (\$100 or above). For a gift of \$500 or above you can be a Concert Sponsor, designating a concert in memory or in honor of a loved one or group. All gifts are tax-deductible. Please make your check payable to Church of the Apostles, marking it for Crown Concerts, and place it in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Thank you!

The Crown Concert Committee
Cynthia Kahler
Nathan Sheffer

Sing to the Lord a new song!



The music department is gearing up for a new season and rehearsals will soon be in full swing! Please take note of the following dates for the first rehearsals of the season in the music ministry:

Thursday, September 4:

10:45 Apostles Choir at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 6:

10:00 – 11:30 Cherub Choir (age 3 – 1st Grade)

11:30 – 12:30 Lunch for both choirs

12:30 – 2:00 Carol Choir (2nd – 5th Grades)

Sunday, September 7

9:15 Apostles Choir at 8:15 a.m.

Tuesday, September 9:
Apostle's Bells at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 14:
FIRST PERFORMANCE at 9:15
Youth Choir (6th – 9th Grades) at 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday, September 17:
Cherub Choir (age 3 – 1st Grade) at 5:45 p.m.
Carol Choir (2nd – 5th Grades) at 6:10 p.m.

Note from Johanna

Our 3rd Annual Children's Choir Retreat will be held on Saturday, September 6th. The Cherub Choir will meet from 10:00-11:30. Lunch for both choirs will be from 11:30-12:30 and the Carol Choir will sing from 12:30-2:00. This is a great time to meet new members, catch up with one another and begin to learn new repertoire for the upcoming year. We are going to try something new in the children's choirs this year! The two younger choirs will continue to meet on Wednesday nights at the times listed above. In an attempt to accommodate busy weekday schedules, we are going to attempt to start a youth choir that will meet on the second and fourth Sundays of each month! Breakfast will be provided for all participants while we focus on more challenging music. The youth will have a hand in selecting music and shaping this choir into their own! If you have been a choir participant in the past, you will be receiving more information in the mail soon. If you are interested in joining, please contact any choir parent or Johanna Baker at johanna.baker@yahoo.com or 717-799-0001.

Note from Ron

Apostles Bells will resume their rehearsal schedule on September 9th. Our rehearsals are on Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30. We are always looking for new ringers who can commit to the full season or any part

thereof. We have sent our 5 octaves of Whitechapel bells away to be refurbished, so we are looking forward to having two FULL 5-octave bell sets, plus our 5-octave chime set to work with this year. Please consider joining our handbell ministry at Church of the Apostles this year. If you are interested in joining or in getting more information, please contact any of our ringers or Ron Bellamy at ringinron@comcast.net or 717-615-0944.

Consider becoming involved in one of the programs offered by the music ministry. We hope to see you.

Apostles Academy of Arts and Sciences Recital

You are invited to attend the next academy recital featuring students of various instruments. Some of the featured instruments are piano, trumpet, guitars, and woodwinds. The recital will also include an art showcase by featured students of Steve Wilson's Art Studio!

Please come out and support the arts.

**Sunday, September 21, 2014
at 3:00 p.m. In the Sanctuary**

Penn Central Conference News



UCC Youth & Their Families Invited to NYE 2016

The youth throughout the United Church of Christ should plan on bringing sunglasses and short sleeves to National Youth Event 2016. And so should their parents and the rest of the family, too. That's because the event will take place at Walt Disney World Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., from July 26 through July 29. The decision to make the event into a family-inspired gathering where everyone is welcome prompted the decision to take NYE to Walt Disney World.

"We're expanding it further [in 2016] and now we're saying that families can come, that you don't have to choose between sending children to a summer camp or taking a family vacation," Rev. Waltrina Middleton, minister for youth advocacy and leadership formation said.

The Evangelical Reformed Historical Society



Annual Meeting and Lecture
Saturday, September 27, 2014
Lancaster Theological Seminary

Remembrance of Rev. Dr. Lowell Zuck & Honoring Retired Archivist Rev. Richard Berg.

Keynote address by Rev. Richard Christensen:
"Consecrated to the unexpected: the Youth Caravan
Movement in the Evangelical & Reformed Church"

READY FOR ONE READ?

One Read, the inaugural event of the UCC one-church initiative to raise awareness about how illiteracy directly impacts a range of social justice issues, launches Sept. 8, National Literacy Day.

Plan to read **Hotdogs & Hamburgers: Unlocking Life's Potential by Inspiring Literacy at Any Age**, and make sure to download the FREE discussion guide.



Thank You!

Dear COA,
Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers I received. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. It's so good to be remembered!
Thanks again,
Molly Harter

COA,
Thank you so much for your generous donation of fresh produce items from your garden! What a neat thing it is that you grow a church garden, and thank you so much for thinking of Milargo House and blessing us this way! May you all be greatly blessed in return.
Sincerely,
The Milargo House Team

Dear Choir,
Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers. What a nice surprise when I opened the door and was handed these flowers. It was a blessing when my dad went to Heaven. He was so much in pain and refused to eat or drink for over two weeks. He was done. He was a believer, and I know he is at peace and out of pain, and with all the family who have gone before.
Love,
Deb Aukamp

Dear COA,
Thank you for the lovely yellow rose received for my birthday by Audrey Markle. Her visit was most enjoyable and made my day. Very much appreciated. Thank you, blessings to you all,
Norma M. Kaye

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for your care and support following the passing of our mother, Jean Morrison. We appreciate the prayers that were offered on our behalf, the cards we received, and the many expressions of sympathy and support on Sunday mornings.

Mother received the altar flowers the week before she passed. They helped to brighten her room. Dad received the altar flowers the week after her passing, a visual reminder of the care and support of the congregation. We are grateful for all the kindness we have received.

Thank you,
Randy and Luane Morrison

Dear friends,
I wish to thank all of you for the many expressions of sympathy shown at the loss of my mother, Jane Werner. A great thank you to Pastor Kuhn for her words of support and understanding, even in the last moments. For helping to provide exactly the service my mother requested. Also, thank you for the lovely flowers delivered by Lynn Steedel. My mother was so ready to go home to the Lord. The memorial garden is beautifully kept. My mother's favorite song "In the Garden" is surely a place of peace.
Sincerely and with Her love and Ours,
Sandy and Bill Worley

To Evan in the Summer Sunday School Class,
Thank you for the very special card you made for me. I was able to share it with my friends here at Homestead Village.
Best wishes to you,
Bill Irwin

September Birthdays

Date	Name
1	Alice Brennan
2	Louise Wagner
3	Ruth Senior
5	Myra Yarnell
5	Christine Fortier
7	Mike Christoffel
8	Cathleen Bernhardt
8	Matthew Sweigart
9	Larry Waltman
12	Carolyn Armstrong - Helm*
12	Suzanne Doutt
13	Pat Aichele
14	June Myers
14	Bev Keller
15	Kit Gregory*
17	Clyde Holbein*
17	Ludmil Kosmela
20	Harriet Latschar
20	Janet Schmiechen
20	Beverly Moran
21	Betty Reiff
22	Mary Alspach
22	Tom Lewis
22	Jeffrey Walker
23	Anne Weiser
23	Connie Weller
24	Sharon Shaeffer
25	Almore Robb*
25	Ken Keller
25	Marsha Erisman
26	Bill Irwin
27	Cindy Kahler
27	Debbie Belsinger
28	Ann Harting
28	Rev. Debra Sickles
30	Claude Morrison
30	George Bechtold



Anniversaries

Name	Wedding
Dick and Ginny Godfrey**	9/26/1946
Richard and Marie Herr**	9/11/1948
Willard and Patricia Landis**	9/25/1954
Bob and Betty Reiff**	9/19/1955
Ken and Bev Keller**	9/30/1961
Ed and Linda Fuller	9/9/1967
Norman and Christine Fortier	9/6/1970
Daniel and Kitty Flynn	9/6/1975
Dale and Cindy Bischoff	9/11/1976
Randy and Lisa Ann Sweigart	9/23/1989
Bruce and Amy Keller	9/27/1997
Joel and Jeannie Baker-Clausen	9/10/2011

* 90+ Birthdays

** 50+ Anniversaries

Altar Flowers



Our altar 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 altar 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 altar 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)**

Sept. Altar Flowers



September 7

In Loving Memory of:

My husband, Richard (Dick) Hershey by his wife, Ella Mae Hershey

September 14

In Loving Memory of:

Paula Alspach by Betty Perry

Mr. & Mrs. Ellis Hartman and Mr. & Mrs. William G. Arms by Charles and Louise Arms.

Barbara Z. Glick by G. Wayne Glick

September 21

In celebration of our 68th wedding anniversary by Ginny and Dick Godfrey

September 28th

In honor of our granddaughter, Kelli Kensinger, serving in the U.S. Navy by Jim and Dawn Dougherty

Sept. Events

September 1 Monday LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED

7:00 pm Lancaster
Association

September 3 Wednesday

8:30 am Preschool Staff
Meeting

September 4 Thursday

8:30 am Preschool Visitation
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

September 5 Friday

5:00 pm Stand up to Cancer
Viewing Party

September 6 Saturday

8:00 am Downtown Breakfast
Ministry
9:00 am Children's Choir
Retreat

September 7 Sunday

8:30 am Communion
9:00 am Nursery
9:15 am Exploring Faith
9:15 am Worship with
Children's Sermon
9:30 am Sunday School
10:00 am Blood Pressure
Screening
10:45 am Worship Service
12:30 pm FUM Youth Group
2:00 pm Homestead Village
Worship

September 8 Monday

7:30 am Meditation Monday
8:30 am Preschool Visitation
12:00 pm Food Bank
7:00 pm MPC Commission

September 9 Tuesday

8:30 am Preschool Visitation
2:00 pm Book Club
7:30 pm Apostles Bells

September 10 Wednesday

9:00 am Preschool Parent
Council Meeting
3:30 pm Stephen Ministry
7:00 pm Craft Circle
7:00 pm Education
Commission Meeting

September 11 Thursday

1:00 pm New Beginnings
6:30 pm Girl Scout Meeting
7:00 pm Stewardship Meeting

September 14 Sunday

9:00 am Nursery
9:15 am Exploring Faith
9:15 am Worship with
Children's Sermon
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship Service

September 15 Monday

7:30 am Meditation Monday
12:00 pm Food Bank
7:00 pm Commissions Meeting

September 17 Wednesday

5:45 pm Cherub Choir
6:10 pm Carol Choir

September 18 Thursday

6:30 pm Brownie Troop

September 20 Saturday

6:00 pm Movie Night

September 21 Sunday

7:00 am Echo Valley Art
Auction
9:00 am Nursery
9:15 am Exploring Faith
9:15 am Worship with
Children's Sermon
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship Service
3:00 pm Crown Concert

September 22 Monday

7:30 am Meditation Monday
8:30 am Preschool Book Fair
12:00 pm Food Bank
4:30 pm Preschool Parent
Council Meeting
7:00 pm Church Council
Meeting

September 24 Wednesday

7:00 pm Craft Circle

September 25 Thursday

6:30 pm Brownie Troop

September 28 Sunday

9:00 am Nursery
9:15 am Exploring Faith
9:15 am Worship with
Children's Sermon
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship Service

September 29 Monday

7:30 am Meditation Monday
12:00 pm Food Bank

September 30 Tuesday

9:30 am Heritage and Horizons

CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a need or concern for yourself or others, please call or email any person on the Prayer Chain and your request will be sent through all the links of the chain and the power of prayer will be a blessing to you and yours.

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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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