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Have a Blessed New Year!

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From the Pastor...

Another year has begun! It seems as though time is moving so quickly these days!

This year our focus will be living into God's call to be "a welcoming and loving multi-generational, diverse community exhibiting generous hospitality in an increasingly challenging world." This was the statement the Search Committee prayerfully created that best described God's call on our lives. The Growth Task Force is looking at ways in which we may achieve this statement and engage our neighborhood more fully based on their needs. Expect to hear much more about this statement and how we are living into it during the year.

January is the season of Epiphany where we look for new insights and connections with God. As so many people are struggling and depressed by the news of our days, we will be looking at a poem written by a Jew on a cellar wall in a Cologne concentration camp found after World War II. The poem is entitled, "I Believe Even When..." As we align the lines of the poem with scripture we learn that God's people have not had an easy life but have always found God to be faithful.

May Christ be your guide, instigator, and comforter in deepening your faith!

Blessings and peace,

Rev. Kathryn Kuhn

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 Senior Pastor



A Message from the Council President

“For I know the plans I have for you” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29:11)

Blessings for a happy and healthy new year for our congregation. I would first like to introduce myself as your new Council President for the 2019 calendar year. I look forward to continuing to serve the church and congregation in a new capacity. I would also like to thank all of our executive members for their service in 2018. Linda Lewis as President and Clara Kosmela as Vice President have made for an easy and smooth transition for Donna Carr, current 2019 Vice President, and myself going into the new year and these new roles for us. Barbara Achtermann (Secretary) and Andy Smith (Treasurer) will continue in the current roles and I know we all appreciate their hard work last year. We look forward to the start of 2019 with four new members of council as well. Betsy Bischoff, John Eshbach, Marty Homes, and Stephanie Moore will all begin a three-year term. They will be taking the place of Clara Kosmela, Andy Appel, Steve Daniels, and Cathy Kenlin; to whom we owe many thanks as the have finished their three- or six-year terms serving on council.

The new year will see some personnel changes as well. Our new Communications Coordinator, Cindi Davies-Mozes, started with us on January 2nd. She will be working 9 AM to 3 PM Monday through Thursday and 9 AM to 1 PM on Fridays. We will have Michelle’s email forwarded to her new email for at least a month. By February, we will want to begin sending Cindi emails directly.

Additionally, the Search Committee has completed the church profile and is anxiously awaiting candidates’ profiles to come in for review. We are hopeful to not only fill the position quickly, but with the right candidate for the church, with much emphasis on the latter.

We will continue to keep an updated copy of all council minutes in the notebook in the church office and all of our council members will continue to wear the blue “How May I Help You” name tags for you to easily identify them on Sunday mornings for any questions or concerns.

I look forward to an exciting year filled with worship, fellowship, and ministry. God has showered us all with unique gifts, let us share them with the world.

Blessings,



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

The cash flow for month ending November 30, 2018 was negative (\$100,976.78). During the same time last year, it was negative (\$158,626.21). Operating Expenses through November 2018 were \$553,419.67, and Revenue was \$452,442.89. During the same time last year, it was \$544,219.22 for Expenses, \$385,593.01 for Revenue. We began the year with \$2,007,454.38 in endowment funds and the end October balance was \$1,831,576.13.

George Alspach
for the Stewardship Commission



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:
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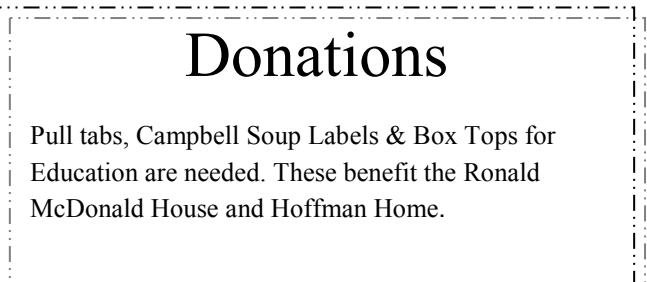
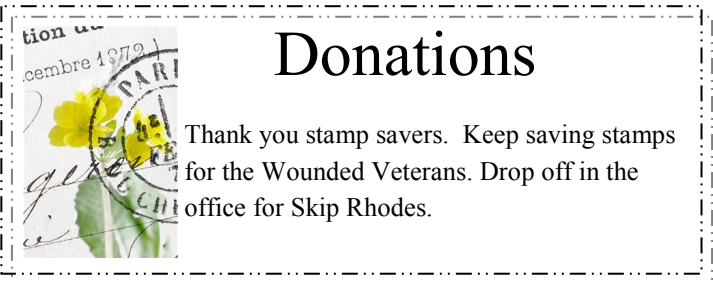


Food Bank

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)





January 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!*

January 1 Tuesday
Church Closed—New Year’s Day

January 2 Wednesday
7:00 pm Worship Design

January 3 Thursday
9:00 am Crown
9:15 am Bible Study
7:00 pm Apostles Choir

January 4 Friday
9:15am MOPS

January 5 Saturday
8:00 am Downtown Breakfast
Ministry

January 6 Sunday
8:15 am Apostles Choir—9:15
9:00 am Nursery Care
9:15 am Worship with Children’s
Time
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—HV

January 7 Monday
8:00 am Meditation Monday
10:00 am Money counters

January 8 Tuesday
12:30 pm Growth Task Force Meeting
2:00 pm Book Club– Parlor
4:00 pm Music Planning
5:00 pm Pilates--Sanctuary
6:00 pm Apostles Bells

January 9 Wednesday
5:15 pm Family Pizza Night
6:00 pm Cherub Choir
6:30 pm Carol Choir

January 10 Thursday
9:15 am Bible Study
7:00 pm Apostles Choir-10:45

January 11 Friday
January 12 Saturday
8:00 an Council Retreat
12:00 pm Executive Meeting
January 13 Sunday
8:15 am Apostles Choir—9:15
9:00 am Nursery Care
9:15 am Worship with Children’s
Time
9:30 am Children’s Sunday School
10:15 am Children’s Library
10:45 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Youth Group

January 14 Monday
8:00 am Meditation Monday
10:00 am Money Counters
6:30 pm Education Meeting, 306
7:00pm Commissions: OR,PL,
PR, WR

January 15 Tuesday
4:00 pm Music Planning
5:00 pm Pilates
6:00 pm Apostle Bells
7:00pm Worship Design

January 16 Wednesday
5:15 pm Family Pizza Night
6:00 pm Cherub Choir
6:30 pm Carol Choir

January 17 Thursday
9:15 am Bible Study
7:00 pm Apostles Choir—10:45

January 18 Friday
January 19 Saturday
January 20 Sunday
8:15 am Apostles Choir—9:15
9:00 am Nursery Care
9:15 am Worship with Children’s
Time
9:30 am Children’s Sunday School
10:15 am Children’s Library
10:45 am Worship Service

January 21 Monday
Church Closed - MLK Day
7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

January 22 Tuesday
10:00am Money Counters, Sacristy
4:00 pm Music Planning
January 22 cont.
5:00 pm Pilates
6:00 pm Apostles Bells

January 23 Wednesday
5:15 pm Family Pizza Night
6:00 pm Cherub Choir
6:30 pm Carol Choir

Thursday January 24
9:15 am Bible Study
7:00 pm Apostles Choir

Friday, January 25
Saturday, January 26
Sunday January 27
8:15am Apostles Choir
9:00 am Nursery Care
9:15 am Worship with Children’s
Time
9:30 am Children’s Sunday School
10:15 am Children’s Library
10:45 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Youth Group

January 28 Monday
8:00 am Meditation Monday
10:00am. Money Counters
7:00 pm Koinonia Group

January 29 Tuesday
4:00 pm Music Planning
5:00pm Pilates
6:00 pm Apostles Bells

January 30 Wednesday
9:30 am Widows Support Group
5:15 pm Family Pizza Night
6:00 pm Cherub Choir
6:30 pm Carol Choir



Council Minutes for November 2018

Christa DiDomenico Conrad

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*****(See full minutes in office for complete information.)***

Present: Linda Lewis, Clara Kosmela, Barbara Achtermann, Andy Appel, Delayne Breslin, Donna Carr, Jeannie Clausen, Christa Conrad, Steve Daniels, Bernie Fickes, Herb Forry, Cathy Kenlin, Andy Smith. Ex Officio: Pastor Kuhn.

Excused: Mark Reinhardt, Todd Harris.

Devotions: Andy Appel led devotions: “A thank you will do” based on Acts 20:35.

Treasurer’s Report: No meeting of Stewardship this month. Andy was pleased at the reception and unanimous approval of the 2019 Budget by the Congregation.

Commission Reports:

Education – in packet

Outreach – in packet

Parish Life – in packet

Property – in addition to report, there is a meeting scheduled with John Tesch, Homestead Village Property Manager, to discuss details about the Barn project. Herb hopes to talk with him about their interest in the Farmhouse, and the opportunities for collaboration in the project for Rader Park being developed with the Green Team and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. There was discussion of new security measures to lock outside door by the Choir Room once worship services begin, and reopen at the close of worship.

Stewardship – asks that counting attendance in each service be on the Head Usher list.

Worship – appreciate any help with decorations, on Friday November 30 and Saturday, December 1, 2018. The Outdoor Nativity is of particular concern.

Pastor’s Report – in packet

Old Business:

Council Meeting Minutes Continued

Designated Interim: Executive Committee recommends hire of Dan Dorsey for an additional 10 hours beyond his internship hours. This would be a contracted hourly position, not affecting his internship stipend. He will be gone for 3 weeks in May for the required cross-cultural training with LTS. By August he will begin an internship in another situation as a part of his ongoing program at LTS. His contract as a temporary employee would be from December, 2018 to July 31 of 2019. Motion approved by an unanimous vote.

Farmhouse: Homestead has not responded to Herb’s letter asking for more information about their interest in a lease agreement. It was suggested that a congregational forum be put together so that members could explore their feelings about usage of the building. Christa asked if the Search Committee should include the Farmhouse as a potential parsonage in the Church Profile. Herb moved that the Farmhouse be excluded from the Profile except as a physical asset. The motion passed with 3 abstentions from members of the Search Committee.

Reflections on Congregational Meeting: Members reported a sense of positive energy. Discussion starters were helpful and elicited good exchanges. There was a sense that people were pleased to share their thoughts with each other and that new friendships were developing. There were some slips returned, expressing interest in joining particular ministries.

New Business:

Personnel changes: The Executive Committee continues with interviews. They have explored the potential of redefining Michelle’s job to focus on the office secretarial responsibilities. Jonathan has expressed interest in taking over the social media piece, and upgrading the website with some new coding as well as keeping it current with information.

C.A.R.E.: Andy shared a fund-raising piece developed for C.A.R.E. He asked Council if he could present the appeal to the Congregation during worship, and pass out the appeal to interested members at the close of service. Discussion revealed that Council saw this as continuing an outreach ministry to the village in Honduras where we have already built a school carrying our name, where we have sent members of the church to participate in the medical ministries, to which we continue to send clothing,



Council Meeting Minutes Continued

Outreach cont.

empty medicine bottles, and for whom the Youth are raising money for a container ship load of food. Motion was passed.

January Council Retreat: Linda asked if there was interest in a retreat devoting a Saturday morning to interacting together, using the materials from the PAM video series on covenantal relationships among Church members and between the Congregation and Pastor. It would be an opportunity to review where to find things in the Council notebooks, ask Jack Oliphant to review Communion responsibilities, and begin to bond with new Council members. There was general interest in finding a date and developing such a retreat.

2019 Council Officers: This will on the Agenda for the December meeting at which current members will greet the newly elected Council members. The slate at this point stands as:

Vice President – Donna Carr, Treasurer – Andy Smith,

Outreach

Secretary – Barbara Achtermann. There is no candidate for President. Linda asked that Council members pray earnestly about their availability to take on this role for 2019. Retiring members should bring back the Council Notebook.

Closing Prayer: Andy Appel
Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, December 17, 2018, at 7pm.in the Parlor

Submitted by:
Barbara S. Achtermann, Secretary

**“Mission to the Homeless”
Special Offering: January 21st**

“Truly, I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”
-Matthew 25:40

This month, we will be collecting our annual Mission to the Homeless Offering. Over the years, this offering has helped support the efforts of local and national nonprofits who assist those who struggle with homelessness in one form or another. Locally, Claire House, Milagro House, and Water Street Ministries have previously been

recipients of funds from this offering. Nationally, we have donated to the efforts to reunite Central American children with families already living in the United States.

This year, thanks to the generosity of the congregation in 2018, Outreach voted to support both Transitional Living Center (TLC) and Lancaster County of Churches (LCCC) with a \$1,000 donation. The funds to TLC have been designated for security deposits for those who will be leaving the shelter for independent living. Finding permanent housing is one of the most important steps for those wanting to break the cycle of homelessness. These funds help make this transition a bit less daunting

Apostles Caring Carts

A huge thank you to our congregation and Apostles Preschool for your participation in the Holiday Gifting Ministry! I am so pleased to report that we were able to provide 97 gifts this holiday! We delivered 60 gifts to students at Elizabeth Martin Elementary School and 37 gifts to mentally challenged residents of Hershey Mill Group Home! All recipients were thrilled to receive our wonderful gifts! Thank you!

We will always be accepting home care and personal care supplies in our small Caring Cart for the Apostles Assistance Fund. This cart is located in the cloak room. We will be collecting items for the annual Day of Smiles in our large Caring Cart in the Narthex. Items requested are listed on Smilie faces on the bulletin board in the Narthex. These much-needed items will be donated to six non-profits in our community. These are Milagro House, Clare House, Mom's House, Brereton Manor, Pet Pantry, and Hershey Mill Group Home. Donations need to be placed in the Caring Cart by February 3rd for delivery on February 6th. Thank you so much for your generous donations to our local community! If you have any questions about the Apostles Caring Carts Ministries, please see Jane McCartney or call her at 717 392-4844. Thank you! Our ability to give is a blessing to others and a wonderful way to share the love of Christ with others.

for those trying to move on with their lives. The funds



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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: Jean Heidig (717) 394-8733 (Jan-June)

January Flowers for Worship

January 6:

- In loving memory of my parents Lynwood W. and Doris J. Shaeffer by their daughter Sharon Shaeffer

January 13:


- In loving memory of Frederick S. Wilson, M.D. by his wife, Ruth Wilson

January 20:

- The January birthdays of Al and Dale Bischoff by Betsy Bischoff and Family
- In loving memory of Candy Cunningham by her family

January 27:

- To the Glory of God





Happy Birthday!



Date	Name
2	Richard Cunningham
2	Susan Vollmar
3	Cathie Oliphant
3	Herb Forry
3	Suzanne Miller
4	John Wylie
6	Gail Stump
7	Chris Braun
8	Bernice Ochs
10	Arlene Gaudioso
11	Wende Stenman
12	Dorothea Greenawalt
12	Christine Gifford
13	Almore Robb
14	Liam Dubbs
16	Donald Koontz
17	Nancy Fitzkee
17	Vincent Kuhn
17	Delayne Breslin
21	Carol Burkholder
22	Jennifer Eyrich
24	Andree Goldman
24	Josephine Bohr
24	Weston Koehler
29	Lois Millhouse
30	Jack Stoltzfus
30	Micaela McCooey
31	Chuck Erisman
31	Andy Smith
31	Gabe Bravo

Happy Anniversary

Date	Name
01/14/1972	Robert & Christine Gifford
01/19/1985	Stephen & Donna Locky
01/30/1993	William & Susan Vollmar
01/31/1981	Michael & Beth Buckwalter



* 90+ Birthdays
** 50+ Anniversaries



Education

donated to LCCC are designated for its Food Hub program and for its Winter Overnight program. Through its Food Hub, over a 1000 families a month receive fresh and healthy food. By partnering with Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, LCCC is able to purchase food for a fraction of the normal costs. Each winter, LCCC partners with St. Mary's Church to offer relief from the cold to women and children through its Winter Overnight Shelter. This shelter can house up to 46 and is open from 7 p.m. to 8 a.m each night from December through March.

Thank you for your continuing generosity.
Outreach

Apostles Community Preschool

Parish Life

Apostles Community Preschool was busy during the month of December. They learned about the meaning of Christmas and celebrated the birth of Jesus through hands-on activities and sharing their blessings by giving to others.

The Preschool partnered with the church during the Angel Tree project. Many preschool families brought in gifts to spread some Christmas cheer to families not as fortunate in the School District of Lancaster. The children also collected hats and mittens/gloves that hung on the Christmas tree. These thoughtful gifts certainly made the holidays warmer for others in need. The children also performed "Joy to the World". They did a fabulous job and certainly sang their little hearts out. Thank you to the church for being a wonderful audience!

Painting Class

We will be having another painting class this year. It will be held on February 10th from 3 to 5. The snow date will be the following Sunday, Feb. 17th. Please make out a check for \$25 to Church of the Apostles and turn it into the church office by Feb. 1st. Any questions, please call Clara Kosmela (717) 569-9960



Garage Sale

Prayer List

Did you get a Christmas gift you will never use? If so, put it in a spot where you can add to it as you find items in your home which you are ready to have your loved ones continue on the prayer list. Our COA Garage sale is April 26 and 27 Thank you.

Continued Strength and Healing

We can only be successful if we have many items to sell. That is where your donations are very important. Please help us by collecting your unwanted items for the next several months and bring them to Fellowship Hall from Monday through Thursday at noon. Ann Harting's nephew, Jeffrey, Monica Daniels' mother; Betty Perry; George Robb; Annette Rohloff; Nancy Steger; friends of the Carr family, David Brill and family; Mic Bender's aunt; Carol Horn's friend, Peggy, and neighbor, Patrick Huffman; Lisa Christoffel's friends, Beth & Mark; Rachel Dormen; Marianne Deaner and her friend, Melody; Marty Holmes' sister, Ellen; Susan Stirling's sisters; Hannah Royer's stepbrother; Audrey Markle's step-daughter; Helen Ebersole's stepmother, Rachel; friends of the congregation: Donnie Eller, Ralph Schaefer, and Madeline McNeely

Hospice Care: Anna Mae Endslow; Jan Reed

Comfort at a Time of Loss: Louise Arms in the death of her son, Ric; and Doris Krammes in the death of her husband, Karl

Protection: Military personnel serving at home and abroad—friend of the congregation, Remi; Jim Dough-

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Parish Life

Parish Life cont.

Thank You

Christmas in the Country Bazaar

The Church of the Apostles Bazaar was a great success with a profit of \$13,211.53. Julie Berkow and her soup helpers made 500 quarts of soup. Herb Forry and Ken Keller used 90 pounds of hamburger to make that delicious barbecue. Betsy Bischoff and helpers made over 300 baked items that included apple dumplings and many different pies. We had a good turnout of youth to sell drinks and hoagies. Education commission and helpers cooked and sold many hot dogs. Chuck Erisman and Marty Holmes helped the vendors and dealt with parking and traffic. The ladies in the Craft room who work all year making items to sell had many interesting items sold. Twenty five percent of the profit will go to the United Church of Christ Disaster Relief Fund. The majority of the Vendor Fees will be donated to the Church's General Fund, Thank you to all who worked, baked, sold, and shopped to make the 41st COA Bazaar a success.

CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES
BAZAAR 2018

	GROSS	EXPENSES	CHANGE BOXES	NET	75%	25%
OUTREACH - SOUP	4950.00	1045.73	425.00	3479.27	2609.45	869.82
CHOIR - PIES	4711.75	918.12	1140.00	2653.63	1990.22	663.41
PROPERTY - BBQ	1496.00	445.44	250.00	800.56	600.42	200.14
EDUCATION - HOT DOGS	928.00	71.64	260.00	596.36	447.27	149.09
YOUTH - DRINKS	960.00	407.52	160.00	392.48	294.36	98.12
CRAFTS	1362.25	131.42	320.00	910.83	683.12	227.71
VENDOR FEES	4991.00	612.60		4378.40		1094.60
TOTALS	19399.00	3632.47	2555.00	13211.53	6624.85	3302.88
VENDOR CANCELLED		70.00				
ERIC MACLAREN		100.00				
LARRY RONGIONE		\$50.00				
SHOPPING BAGS		\$211.87				
POSTAGE		62.92				
ADVERTISING		14.39				
LOWES		50.10				
ADVERTISING		53.32				
TOTALS		612.60				

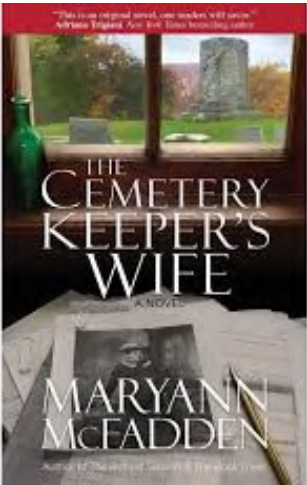
Book Club

COA Book Club will meet on January 8th at 2:00 in the Parlor. Please consider joining us. We will be discussing *The Cemetery Keeper's Wife* by Maryann McFadden.

On Feb. 12th we will discuss *Girls of the Atomic City* by Denise Kie-man.

March 12th we will discuss *The Way Life Should Be* by Christia Baker Kline.

Any questions, please call Clara Kosmela at (717) 569-9960.



New Addition to the Church Office

There is a new addition to the Church office. Our new Communications Coordinator is Cindi Davies-Mozes. Cindi previously worked for the Brotherhood of St. Andrew for 16 years and later, Mt Mitchell United Methodist Church in Kannapolis NC.

Cindi is married to Bill Mozes. Bill is the HSE Manager for Buck Company in Quarryville.

She has 2 grown sons, and 2 grown step-daughters. She also has a calico cat named Etta.

In her spare time she enjoys reading, poetry, shopping and keeping up with her family which is scattered across the country.

Cindi is so grateful for the opportunity to work with Rev. Kathy and the church congregation.



I am thankful for Pastor Kuhn's hospital visit and for the flowers delivered by Doris Krammes.

-Joyce Smedley

Thank you for the rose delivered by Bev Moran for my birthday. The rose and especially Bev's visit was greatly appreciated.

-Pauline Brown



Thank you for the lovely flower delivered by Jane McCartney during my time of recovery. It cheers me up to know that I have friends who care at COA.

-Beverly Hoffman

Thank you for the recent beautiful flowers. There were much appreciated.

Many, many thanks for the sympathy cards from so many church friends. It was over-whelming and gave me much support in the loss of Charlie and Ric.

You are truly a great and caring congregation to be a part of. God bless!

-Louise Arms