



The Crown

A publication of Church of the Apostles, a United Church of Christ congregation

August

August 2019
Vol. 43 No. 8

In This Issue:

- ~ Council Minutes
- ~ Parish Life
- ~ Outreach Ministry
- ~ Education News
- ~ Rader Park
- ~ Birthdays and Anniversaries
- ~ Church Calendar

...and more!

Join us on:



Visit us at
www.apostlesucc.org



As we continue to reflect on what it means to be Christian, it is becoming clear to me that it means we are on a pilgrimage. Life, in and of itself, is a journey from birth to death and the point of our Christian journey is self-awareness. We live between “then” and “not yet,” and it matters what we do along the way because we will be judged by Christ on our knowledge and our motives. Each of us is a pilgrim on the journey of life and it is less about finding people like us than about appreciating the people who cross our path for who they are. This is how Jesus lived. His life was a pilgrimage where he approached each person with kindness and compassion first. In life, our pilgrimage as Christians is not about the destination but about the lessons we can learn and teach along the way.

Taking this a bit farther, we need to be asking a few questions of ourselves and as a church:

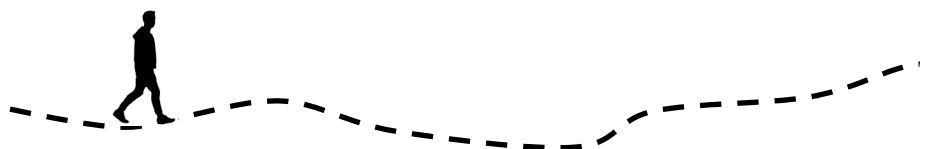
What is essential for our journey? Of what can we let go?
Who are we including? Is anyone being excluded?
How do we treat each other and those we meet along the way?
How much do we trust in God to guide our journey?

Recently I had the opportunity to share a ride with an African American woman I had never before met. During the ride, she was vulnerable enough to share part of her story with me and so I shared part of mine with her. Although our stories were very different, there were similar themes in each. We had both experienced great loss in our lives. We had both “been to hell and back” and we were both survivors trying to make our way, and open to those we meet.

Being a pilgrim is an adventurous life and an opportunity to grow into the people whom God dreams we will be. Will you join us on the road?

Blessings & peace,

Pastor Kuhn





Letter from the President

God Calls Us to Serve. . .



Summer is in full swing and, for many of us with school aged children, that means lighter schedules, longer nights, and weekends spent outside. Attendance at church drops as we vacation and relax, but as August comes to a close, so too will the carefree days and in their place will be the structure of the school year. We will be busy getting the little ones to their activities and helping with homework. The busy days and nights leave us with little time to do the things we want to do, and our focus turns to the necessities.

When God calls us to serve, it's hard to find time to fit it in to our busy schedules. Our priorities shift and we can justify our reasons.

But God has called us. So how do we answer? The clergy are not the only people that are called to serve. We are called to share our gifts and talents with our friends, neighbors, and church family. So I challenge you in the next week or two to think of ways in which you can find some time to serve the congregation in some way. The opportunities are plentiful and the relationships forged are invaluable.

God is calling...how do *you* answer?

Blessings,

Christa DiDomenico Conrad



Worship Schedule

Sundays at 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

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

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

Giving Report for July 2019

7/9/2019 report for 6/30/19 comparative Income/Budget statement shows year to date negative (\$39,410.45). Year to date Operating Expenses to 6/30/19 were \$279,001.16, Revenue \$239,590.71 including \$22,000 transferred from General Endowment.





Parish Life



LOOKING FOR THE COUNCIL MINUTES?

They are not here. You will find them in a White Notebook labeled **COUNCIL PACKETS** in the Church Office. The Notebook is updated at the end of the second week of the month in preparation for the Council meeting on the third Monday of the month. That is two weeks earlier than you had them in *The Crown*. And, we save two pages for articles about upcoming events.

Should you wish your own personal copy of the minutes, contact Mary Tunison at 717-392-5718 ex. 8200 or via email at maryt@apostlesucc.org and she will email you a copy.

Any Church Member can attend any of the meetings of Council or any of the Commissions. We are your representatives, come see us in action.

PICNIC FOR TLC RESIDENTS

Sunday, August 4th from 1 PM — 4 PM

Volunteers are needed to assist with activities, donations of salads/desserts and members who will attend and offer the gift of their presence.

BOOK CLUB

The COA Book Club will meet at 2 PM on August 13th in the parlor for a discussion on the book, *A Piece of the World* by Christina Baker Kline. Please consider joining us. For questions, please contact Clara Kosmela at 717-569-9960.

COA WIDOWS GROUP

Whether your loss is recent or long ago, you are welcome to join us. We meet in the Church parlor at 9:30 a.m. on the last Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 28th. All inquiries please contact Nancy Steger at 717-617-2635. Looking forward to seeing you!



PROPERTY PROJECTS & CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On August 11th, a congregational meeting will be held between services to vote on the Property projects.

CULTURAL BUS TRIP PLANNED

by Cathy Kenlin

Parish Life is sponsoring a bus trip to the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture on November 23rd. Admission to the museum is free and as of now, the cost of the bus trip will be \$35 or less. That cost is dependent on how many people sign up and the ratio of adults and children. I'd like to keep the cost of the bus trip for those 18 and younger to be \$25 or less so that it is more affordable for families to attend.

We will leave COA at 7:15 AM, arriving for our 10 AM appointment at the museum and will leave the museum at 5:00 PM, returning to COA around 7:30 PM. Food and drink cannot be brought into the museum, but you can bring snacks and non-glass beverages on the bus. The museum has a food court, the *Sweet Home Café* that, in addition to serving hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken tenders, and salads, provides menus focused on various African American cultures within the US:

- Agricultural South: buttermilk fried chicken, BBQ pork sandwich, slow cooked collards, cornbread and sweet corn pudding
- Creole Coast: Duck, Andouille and Crawfish Gumbo, Gulf Shrimp and Stone Ground Grits, BBQ All-Natural Chicken, Pan-fried Louisiana Catfish Po'Boy, Red Beans & Rice, and Candied Yams
- The North States: Smoking Hot Pepper Pot, Smoked Haddock and Corn Croquettes, Smothered Turkey Grillades, Fried Apple Sage Gravy, Johnny Cakes
- The Western Range: BBQ Beef Brisket Sandwich, Pan Roasted Rainbow Trout with Cornbread, Black Eye Peas, Golden Corn and Chanterelle Empanada, Sweet Tendril Salad

The bus will hold 56 people and your reservation on the bus is first come, first serve. On September 30, I will open up the trip to people who are not associated with COA. Until then, COA members and their guests will have preference to sign up for the bus. Costs for adults and children/youth will be finalized by Oct 18. Money for the trip will be due Nov 3. ■

Please contact Cathy Kenlin to reserve your seat on the bus or with your questions about the trip. She can be reached at cmkenlin@comcast.net or 717-940-0364.



Parish Life

COOKING CLUB

The Cooking Club will meet on Monday, Sept. 23rd from 5:15 pm—7:15 pm in the COA kitchen.

Theme: Assembling Freeze Meals. Please call Donna Carr at 717-475-5285 to add your name to the participant list.



Mobile Directory Assistance

Please mark your calendar — On Sunday, August 11th and Sunday, September 8th, stop in the Parlor between services to get help putting the COA Mobile Directory on your smart phone! It can help you to stay in touch with members and quickly call,

email or get directions to their home! If you have any questions, please contact Donna Carr at 717-475-5285.

Images for the above Parish Life section were obtained from <http://clipart-library.com>

PHOTO DIRECTORY

Anyone wishing to add their name to the list for a Lifetouch photo shoot, the event will take place all day on Tuesday, October 29th in rooms 304 & 305 and 8 am—3 pm on Wednesday, October 30th in room 304. More detailed information to follow. Contact Donna Carr at 717-475-5285.



Outreach

ADOPT A SENIOR

Attention all members! The Outreach Commission is very excited to launch a new ministry called **Adopt a Senior!**

There are so many seniors in our congregation who are unable to attend church for health reasons or other reasons. So, let's take church to them! Not literally, of course, but we think it would be wonderful for our church families to adopt these individuals who need some extra care and attention. This adoption would perhaps mean a phone call once a week, a visit once a month, a special treat once in awhile, a card in the mail, etc.

"Let's take Church to them."



Rev. Kuhn has a list of some names of seniors who would love to be adopted. If you are willing to participate in this ministry please contact Jane McCartney at (717)392-4844 or Rev Kuhn.

Let's show our elder members that we care! ■

Submission deadline for the September Crown is August 16th.





Outreach

Donation Station



Food Pantry Needs
Soups (Tomato, Chicken Noodle, etc.), peanut butter, tuna helper and canned fruit

APOSTLES ASSISTANCE FUND NEEDS:

Bath gel or soap, tooth paste, tooth brushes, laundry detergent, toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels, dish detergent, shampoo and deodorant.

STAMP DONATIONS

Thank you stamp savers. Keep saving stamps for the Wounded Veterans. Drop off in the office for Skip Rhodes.



APOSTLES CARING CARTS

Next ministry in the Apostles Caring Cart: Collect items for the August Blessing Bag assembly to be filled with breakfast items. This program benefits citizens returning to society who have been released from prison. They leave prison with almost nothing and these Blessing Bags will help to ease their stress upon release. Requested items will be posted on a board & easel in the Narthex. All those interested in participating, please take a sticky note from the board, purchase the item listed, and deposit items either in the Apostles Caring Cart or the tables in the sanctuary. Items will be collected until **August 18th**, the day the bags will be assembled during the first service.



RECYCLE PROJECTS

If you have any of the following items to donate and recycle, please leave them in the gray cabinets inside the cloak room: Plastic bags/Power Packs, used eye glasses, prescription tubes (pill bottles, box tops, computer equipment, ink cartridges, cell phones, clothing and pet pantry items (e.g. towels, blankets, etc.)

Thank you for your generosity!

COA TEAM RIVER RUNNER

By Jennifer Eaton, KAOS Coordinator

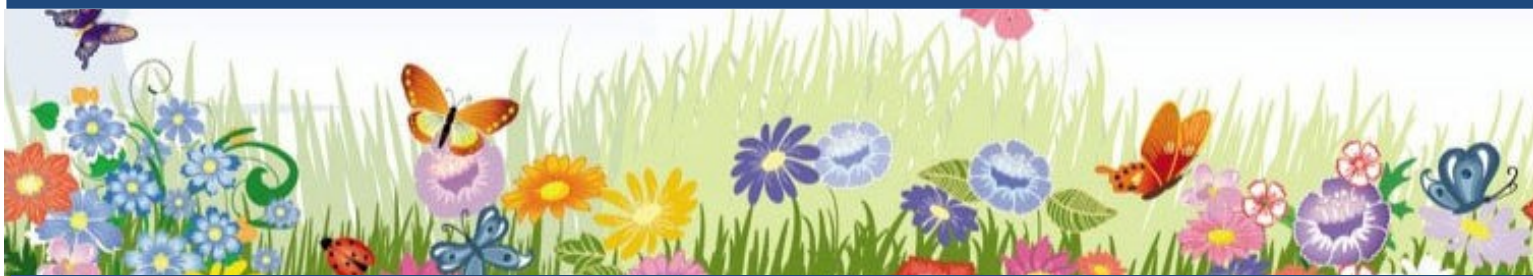
Team River Runner is a National Organization that provides health and healing to Veterans, Veterans and community members with disabilities and all their family members. The health and healing occurs through water sports. . . specifically kayaking. There are currently 70 chapters across the country and we continue to grow. An essential piece of Team River Runner is continuing education for all. During the week of August 19, 2019, part of the education piece will occur at the Church of Apostles Campus. Veterans from across the Mid-Atlantic Region will be attending a training on how to teach and interact with individuals who are blind or vision impaired both on land and on the water.

Monday-Thursday the participants will start their day in Fellowship Hall for breakfast. Then they will be in rooms 309-310 until lunch time for their classroom portion of the training. During the afternoon the group will be training on a local body of water, returning to Fellowship Hall for dinner. Participants will be tent camping in Rader Park throughout the week.

On Friday the participants will be joined by school-age students who are blind or vision impaired and their families. This is Team River Runner's *Kids Are Outta Sight* program (KAOS). This group will also be tent camping at Rader Park. During the day they will be at various bodies of water within the area and then returning to Fellowship Hall or Rader Park for dinner and evening activities.

Team River Runner needs your help to make this a successful event. We need people to assist in the kitchen during breakfast and dinner times. There is a sign up board outside of the Sanctuary with specific dates and times. ■

For more information or questions please contact Jennifer Eaton at: jennifer.eaton@teamriverrunner.org or at 717-617-7549.



Youth News

Rader Park

YOUTH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES CAMP OUT 2019 August 3—4, 2019

Open to families and youth age 12+!
Youth (ages 12+) must bring a signed permission slip if not accompanied by a parent.
For information, contact Andy Smith,
717-238-0347 or
e-mail him at pjsdasmith@comcast.net

FAMILY SCIENCE IN THE PARK

Saturday, August 10th 9:30 AM—11:30 AM



Lisa Sanchez from the Lancaster County Park will hold a presentation on “Pennsylvania Native Wildlife – Looking at Tracks and Scat”. Families will have a chance to make a book to take home with common tracks and scat. We will also take a short “hike” around the park to find animal tracks and scat. A light breakfast will be provided.

All ages welcome! A light breakfast of bagels, fruit and juice will be served. Learn about nature and explore the park. Activities & games will also be available for the kids before and after her presentation.



OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

**Saturday, August 24th
7:30 PM**

Movie will begin at 8 PM!

Bring your blankets, bring your chairs, and join us at the pavilion to watch **Rio 2** on our outdoor inflatable movie screen.

Snacks and drinks will be available. There will also be crafts and activities for the kids.

Rader Park is an outdoor ministry of Church of the Apostles 1899 Apostle Way, Lancaster, PA 17603
Tel: (717) 392-5718
www.apostlesucc.org/rader-park



August Celebrations

* 90+ Birthdays
** 50+ Anniversaries



Happy Anniversary

Date	Name
8/2/1980	Wade & Debby Walburn
8/2/1975	Rev. David & Karen Longnecker
8/2/2002	James & Elizabeth Stoltzfus
8/8/2003	Terry & Kandi Fickes
8/9/1975	Stephen and Jane McCartney
8/9/2008	Cliff & Stephanie Rampaul
8/10/1974	Larry & Judy Waltman
8/14/1965	Les & Karen Helmeczi **
8/16/1975	David & Christine Berry
8/16/1964	Joe & Sandra Weidel **
8/19/1956	Don & Dorothy Freeman **
8/19/1950	Edward & Nancy Fitzkee **
8/20/1972	George & Donna Bechtold, Jr.
8/20/1977	Donald & Karen Culp
8/21/1971	Skeeter & Donna Carr
8/25/1973	Tom & Linda Lewis
8/28/1977	Herb & Patty Forry
8/29/1944	Dr. Paul & Mary Jean Irion **

"No woman wants to be in submission to a man who isn't in submission to God!"

— T D Jakes

"People always fall in love with the most perfect aspects of each other's personalities. Who wouldn't? Anybody can love the most wonderful parts of another person. But that's not the clever trick. The really clever trick is this: Can you accept the flaws? Can you look at your partner's faults honestly and say, 'I can work around that. I can make something out of it.'? Because the good stuff is always going to be there, and it's always going to be pretty and sparkly, but the crap underneath can ruin you."

— Elizabeth Gilbert

Happy Birthday!

Date	Name
1	Carla Williams
2	Ingeborg Kepple
2	Elizabeth Plamjack
4	Paul Hocker *
6	Donna Bechtold
9	Stephen Nolan
9	Kathryn Barto
9	Luane Morrison
10	Beverly Waltman
11	Liam Miller
11	John Eshbach
11	Kandi Fickes
13	Linus Whittington
14	Virginia Brown
14	Chris Conrad
15	Diane Koser
18	Bill Stock
18	Bernie Fickes
19	Judith Frable
19	David Schick
20	Rev. Mary Alice Butkofsky *
20	Kathy Houck
20	Jill Moseman
20	Alexander Watkins
21	Donald Culp
22	Thomas Weaver
23	Stephen Dan Lockey
23	Dan Fickes
24	John Kleimo
28	Nancy Hungerford
29	Pat Hess
29	Doris Robb
30	Kate Kendig



"A diplomat is a man who always remembers a woman's birthday but never remembers her age."
— Robert Frost





Flowers for Worship

August Flowers for Worship

August 4

In Loving Memory of. . .

- +Michael Steger by Nancy Steger & Family
- +Helen Keller by Bev & Ken Keller
- +Our daughter, Erin McCartney Nusbaum,
by Steve & Jane McCartney
- +Robert Miller by his wife, Shirley



August 11

In Loving Memory of. . .

- +John E. Markle by his wife, Audrey & family

August 18

In Loving Memory of. . .

- +Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Fickes, Sr., and Mr. & Mrs. Charles
Spangler on the birthdays of their children,
Dan & Bernie Fickes
- +My parents, Norma & John Bachman; my brother,
John, Jr.; and my sister, Ann Louise by Mary Ellen
Bachman

August 25

To the Glory of God

VERY IMPORTANT. . .

Please be sure to complete the form on this page when requesting flowers for loved ones or in honor of special occasions. Please print the details very clearly. This is very important so that your information can be accurately represented in the worship bulletins and newsletters.

Flowers for Worship Form

Our flowers are an integral part of our worship service. Not only providing a physical symbol of beauty during our worship, after the service they are given as a symbol of love and caring to a member of our community who is unable to be with us physically. The cost of our flowers and bulletins averages about \$140.00 a week. Our suggested contribution for sponsoring flowers and bulletins is \$35.00; however, any amount is welcomed and appreciated.

If you would like to sponsor flowers, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or send it into the office. A thank you letter will be sent following your sponsorship with directions for sending in your donation. Thank you for your support in this important ministry.

I would like to sponsor flowers on the following date:

“In honor of” or “In memory of”

Your name

Phone number

If you have any questions please contact:
Jean Heidig 717-394-8733
or Wilma Klingler 717-872-8419



August 2019 Calendar of Events

August 2 Friday

9:00 am Watercolor Class
9:15 am MOPS

August 3 Saturday

1:00 pm Camp Out—Rader Park
5:00 pm Vesper Service
6:00 pm Pot Luck

August 4 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
10:45 am Worship Service
1:00 pm TLC Picnic—Rader Park
2:30 pm Worship Service—HVHC

August 5 Monday

8:00 am Meditation Monday

August 6 Tuesday

12:30 pm Growth Task Force Meeting
4:00 pm Music Planning
5:00 pm Pilates
7:00 pm Worship Design
7:30 pm Worship Commission

August 7 Wednesday

7:00 pm Crafts

August 8 Thursday

7:00 pm Stewardship Meeting

August 10 Saturday

9:30 am Family Science in the Park

August 11 Sunday

9:00 am Nursery Care
9:15 am Worship with Children's Sermon
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
10:15 am Congregational Meeting
10:45 am Worship Service

August 12 Monday

6:30 pm Education Commission
7:00 pm Commissions: OR, PL, PR

August 13 Tuesday

2:00 pm Book Club
4:00 pm Music Planning
5:00 pm Pilates
5:15 pm Cancer Support Group
6:30 pm Committee on Ministry

August 14 Wednesday

9:00 am Watercolor Class
8:00 am Vision Corps Expo
6:30 pm Preschool Board Meeting
7:00 pm Crafts

August 18 Sunday

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 Executive Meeting

August 19 Monday

All Day Team River Runner
8:00 am Meditation Monday
7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

August 20 Tuesday

All Day Team River Runner
4:00 pm Music Planning
5:00 pm Pilates
7:00 pm Worship Design

August 21 Wednesday

All Day Team River Runner
7:00 pm Crafts

August 22 Thursday

All Day Team River Runner
5:30 pm Homestead Volunteer Appreciation Program

August 23 Friday

All Day Team River Runner

August 24 Saturday

All Day Team River Runner
7:00 pm Movie Night in the Park

August 25 Sunday

All Day Team River Runner
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
10:45 am Worship Service

August 26 Monday

8:00 am Meditation Monday
7:00 pm Koinonia Group

August 27 Tuesday

9:00 am Preschool Staff Day
4:00 pm Music Planning
5:00 pm Pilates

August 28 Wednesday

9:30 am Widows Support Group
6:30 pm New Parent Orientation
7:00 pm Crafts





Notes of Thanks. . .

Thank You!

Dear Church of the Apostles Members,

Thanks so much for the flowers, delivered by Pastor Kuhn, after my recent surgery and for all of the prayers and well wishes from all in our congregation.

*Sincerely,
Lou Gaudioso*

.....

Dear Pastor Kathy and Friends,

In deep appreciation, I thank you for all the support, through your words, cards, prayers and actions of love and care. It has carried our family through these painful days of losing our husband and father, Bob.

Know you have made a difference when you reached out with God's love and care.

*Sincerely,
Shirley Miller & Family*

.....

Dear Family of the Church of the Apostles,

Thank you for the flowers and the visit from Audrey Markle after my fall. That was a real boost to me!

*Thank you,
Ginny Godfrey*

.....

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers. Your thoughtfulness was much appreciated! They are still lovely as I write this note.

*God Bless,
Louise Arms*

.....





Church of the Apostles Lay Leadership

COUNCIL OFFICERS

President: Christa Didomenico Conrad
 Ph: 717-575-8210 • Email: christadi@live.com
 VicePresident: Donna Carr
 Ph: 717-475-5285 • Email: skeetcarr@comcast.net
 Treasurer: Andy Smith
 Ph: 717-615-1649 • Email: andy.smith@bbandt.com
 Secretary: Barbara Achtermann
 Ph: 717-824-3265 • Email: bachtermann@comcast.net

COMMISSION CHAIRS

Education Commission

(Meets the 2nd Monday of the month/Rm 306)
 Chair: Michelle Reich
 Ph: 717-575-1355 • Email: mldidome@yahoo.com

Outreach Commission

(Meets 2nd Monday, every other month/Parlor)
 Co-Chairs: Julie Berkow
 Ph: 717-394-8233 • Email: jberkow6@comcast.net
 Co-Chair: Jane McCartney
 Ph: 717-392-4844 • Email: spmccarney@comcast.net

Parish Life Commission

(Meets the 2nd Monday of the month/Rm 304)
 Co-Chair: Clara Kosmela
 Ph: 717-468-3492 • Email: joli6291@yahoo.com
 Co-Chair: Donna Carr (as listed under VP)

Property Commission

(Meets the 2nd Monday of the month/Rm 305)
 Chair: Herb Forry
 Ph: 717-202-7863 • Email: heforry@comcast.net

Stewardship Commission

(Meets the second Thursday of the month/ Rm 304)
 Chair: George Alspach
 Ph: 717-201-2526 • Email: galspach@aol.com

Worship Commission

(Meets the first Tuesday of the month/Rm 111)
 Chair: Bernie Fickes
 Ph: 717-925-9155 • E mail: penquindiva@verizon.net

Church of the Apostles Prayer Chain

Link 1:
 Steve & Monica Daniels (717) 299-6007 or monicadaniels54@gmail.com
 Lynn Steedle (717) 390-4152 or ccsteedle@gmail.com

Link 2:
 Harriet Latschar (717) 859-1535
 Mary Ellen Bachman (717) 393-8922
 Susan Shaak (717) 872-2987
 Doug Nutt (717) 283-2937

Link 3:
 Annette Rohloff (717) 394-0424 or rexthomas@comcast.net
 Bev Keller (717) 898-2146 or bek0914@aol.com
 Cindy Williams (717) 572-3808 or clwjwiliams@gmail.com
 Nancy Steger (717) 617-2635 or stegs4u@hotmail.com

Link 4:
 Kit Gregory (717) 299-6677 or kitpaulgregory@gmail.com
 Jean Heidig (717) 394-8733 or geojean6@gmail.com
 Donna Carr (717) 397-6305 or skeetcarr@comcast.net





Church of the Apostles, UCC
1850 Marietta Avenue
Lancaster, PA 17603-2398
Phone: 717-392-5718
Fax: 717-392-6470
Email: webmaster@apostlesucc.org
www.apostlesucc.org

A Stephen Ministry Congregation



Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Permit No. 1065
Lancaster, PA

OR CURRENT RESIDENT



Scan to make a one-time gift.

Church of the Apostles Staff

Senior Pastor

The Rev. Kathryn L. Kuhn ext. 8201
kathrynk@apostlesucc.org

Pastoral Intern

Jonathan Paredes ext. 8202

Director of Music Ministries

Cynthia Kahler ext. 8203
cindyk@apostlesucc.org

Director of Adult Choirs & Instrumental Music

Nathan Sheffer

Bell Choir Director:

Ron Bellamy

Children's Choir Director

Johanna Baker

Technology Specialist

Jonathan Shaub

Sexton

Larry Rongione

Communications & Administrative Coordinator

Mary J. Tunison
maryt@apostlesucc.org

Finance & Member Services Coordinator

Judy Ruppert ext. 8207
judithr@apostlesucc.org

Property Manager

Eric MacLaren ext. 8514
ericm@apostlesucc.org

Church Council President

Christa DiDomenico Conrad