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Visit us at www.apostlesucc.org s I am writing this, we are approaching the one month anniversary of the "state-at-home" order. For each of us, this order has brought different

challenges. I have heard it said, "We are all experiencing the same storm but are in different boats," as the resources available to each of us differs greatly. Personally, I feel it is hitting me harder now than it did at first.

When the order was announced, tremendous effort and creativity was called upon to decide how to move forward. How would we continue to worship? How do we do pastoral care when we are not allowed in the hospital or retirement communities? How do we help people to know they are remembered when we cannot be together? Fortunately, I had experience with Zoom meetings and we have a good WiFi system in the church building. So we started experimenting to see what the best result was for worship. A list of older members who live alone in their own homes was created and our Council members called them. I called members and encouraged members to call others. We moved our Wednesday evening Lenten Vespers onto Zoom.

Then, Holy Week came and we explored the possibility of holding parking lot worship as some other churches had done. This presented many obstacles for us and finally we decided it was not viable. We still held three services -- Thursday's and Friday's services were on Zoom and Easter's service was on our website through our YouTube channel. I had to make peace with doing Holy Communion virtually which I always had thought would be the reason people still walked into the building to "eat of one loaf."

Through all of this I was hopeful and energized by the challenges before us. This week I feel differently. I am lacking energy and drive. I finally realized that it was still the week after Easter which always requires more energy even if I was working remotely from home. It was also the week I had planned to take vacation as I was to be hosting a bridal shower for our son's fiancé. The bridal shower is canceled and the July wedding is iffy because of the ban on large group gatherings. This is not a time when I feel comfortable taking vacation. So I had to admit that I had "hit the wall" where my efforts were no longer going to move me

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From the Pastor...





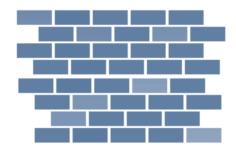
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forward. It was time to accept whatever I did as enough – to know myself as enough – to know myself as loved just as I am, as I frequently remind you.

But here at "the wall," I name that although I am disappointed for my son and his fiancé, I know that they are in a healthy relationship for which I am grateful. I know that although I am tired, this ministry is bigger than me and what I do, and I am grateful that Jesus Christ is steering our congregation, this ocean liner, through this storm. Here at "the wall" I can claim that I know that we are loved, forgiven and enough!

Blessings & peace,

Pastor Kuhn



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Sunday Worship is currently being offered online and can be viewed by going to the church web site at: https://apostlesucc.org/sermons

You can also download and print bulletins on this web page.

Giving Report• March 2020

The cash flow for month ending March 31, 2020 was negative (\$38,410.55) for the year 2020. Same time last year was negative (\$32,701.10). Operating Expenses year to March 2020 were \$150,487.32, Revenue \$112,076.77. Same time 2019 \$140,021.34 for Expenses, \$107,320.24 for Revenue.

PUBLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINES

The June Crown: 5/22/20.

Requests for the creation of flyers or inserts: 2 weeks prior to the bulletin publishing date requested. . .one week in advance if flyer or insert is ready-to-go

Bulletin Announcements (Content only): 1 week in advance



From the President

Footprints in the Sand

"One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. One belonging to him and the other to the LORD.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times of his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it. LORD you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me.

The LORD replied, my precious, precious child, I Love you and I would never leave you! During your times of trial and suffering when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

When I was a child this poem hung in my parents bedroom. The picture that accompanied the poem was a single set of footprint on a beach, the waves just beyond their reach. That picture spoke volumes before the words ever could for me. At that time, I would fall asleep in my parents room, from time to time, before they would come up for bed and my dad would carry me to my room. I was quite a daddy's girl and would even pretend to be asleep just so he would carry me. I imagined that's what the picture was talking about. The safety and security that I felt for those brief moments as he toted me off to my own bed. Nothing could hurt me when I was in his arms. As I made my way through elementary school, I

had some tough times. I started sleepwalking and would walk over to my dad. He'd tell me I was ok, give me a hug and kiss and send me back to bed. Nothing could hurt me when I was with him, even my subconscious knew it.

My dad passed away in 2011, but he is still with me because I carry him in my heart. I think about him every day and refuse to let his memory die. He carried me for so long, it is now my turn to carry him. That is what we do with God. He is there at the beginning, through all the good times, and when we need Him most of all He carries us through the turmoil. We hold Him close when we need protection and talk to Him when we need guidance.

These days are long, and tough. We want to reach out to our loved ones, our neighbors, our friends...and we can't. To protect them, and ourselves, we must isolate. But, He is in our hearts, carrying us through this time of solitude, and fearfulness. God's footprints are the ones we will see when we look back at this chapter of our lives. Lean into His love, and let Him carry you for a while. Soon our lives will return to a new version of normal, and then it will be your turn to carry Him again, for He will need to rest and your heart is the perfect place.

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy...and know that God is with you.

Many Blessings!

Christa DiDomenico



Did You Know...

. . .that Church of the Apostles has subscriptions to various missives that are sent out electronically via email such as *The Crown, Rader Park News, Announcements* and *Come Sunday? Come Sunday* contains a weekly message from the pastor or whoever the main preacher is for the week. It includes a summary of the upcoming theme/sermon, a prayer and important updates regarding church events and programming. To sign up, go to the COA homepage https://apostlesucc.org/ Scroll down the page and you will see a sign up section for the various publication alerts.



Pastoral News

Outreach News

Welcoming Pastor Joe

Sunday, May 17th, we will welcome Pastor Joe Motz as our new Associate Pastor. As it is not yet clear when we will be able to gather physically, please plan to see him on our worship video as he is writing the liturgy for that service and will be preaching that day. Once we are able to gather in person, welcoming Pastor Joe will be part of our "resurrection/Easter" celebration.



One of the first things Pastor Joe wants to do is to get to know the members; however, we are currently unsure how this will happen. Please watch for additional information from Pastor Joe himself once he arrives.



Spring is here!
Photo by Carol Nielsen

Honduran School Furniture Donation Update

As with everything else, the coronavirus has interfered with the plans to ship Penn Manor High School furnishing to Honduras. Construction is proceeding, although at a reduced pace. As of April 21st, the loading days at the school remain June 8th and 9th. Those dates are subject to change [surprised?]. The call for volunteer loaders will be made when safe dates are confirmed.

What hasn't changed is Apostles commitment to fund a shipping container cost — which is about \$13,000.00. We've received about \$1,900.00. Please consider the benefit that the school furnishings will bring to Honduran school children. Yes, they are homebound as we are, but these school children will be returning to schools with minimal, if any, furnishings.

If circumstances require termination of this effort, your contributions will be returned. When you submit your donation, if by check, please put HONDURAN SCHOOL FURNITURE on the memo line.

Thank you again for helping. Stay safe, stay healthy.

Andy Appel

Donation Fridays

Have a sleeper you want to give to Connor's Comfy PJ Project?

Have personal supplies for Blessing Bags for the homeless?

Want to donate food items?

We invite you to bring donations to the Church building on Fridays from 10 am to 2 pm. A cart will be placed outside the main doors into which you can place your items. Ring the door bell, and return to your vehicle. Barbara Achtermann or Bernie Fickes will wave to you as a thank you as you drive away: mission accomplished!



Outreach News

Blessing Bag Ministry

by Jane McCartney

Once again, Outreach Commission is partnering with Parish Life and Education to distribute Blessing Bags to people less fortunate than us. This time, the Blessing Bags will be given to Water Street Rescue Mission, specifically for women and children who come to Water Street Rescue Mission for a temporary stay.

Although the church and office is temporarily closed due to the COVID-19 outbreak, this ministry is still active! We ask that you continue to collect donations until May 17th when we will be sorting the donations into boxes for delivery to Water Street. Those who didn't pick up purple tote bags, can put donations in boxes or paper bags, etc. There is a list below of needed items.

We realize it is difficult right now to shop, but when you *are* shopping in stores or online for needed family supplies, please remember to pick up an item or two for those most in need.

This is also a perfect opportunity to engage in home projects for others. Sunday School children, our youth, and congregation members can make or write cards that say "Thinking of you! From Church of the Apostles United Church of Christ". We are excited about spreading

Christ's love with all people!
If you have any questions please see or call

Donna Carr or Jane McCartney.

List of Needed Items for Water Street Mission. . .

Cough Drops

Chapstick

Hand soap & Sanitizer

Hand Lotion

Women's Body Wash & Lotion Women's Razors & Shaving Cre

Baby Wipes & Baby Lotion

Diaper Cream & Baby Wash Cloths

Baby Blankets

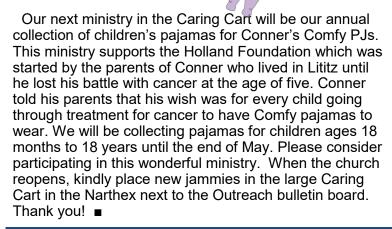
Socks for Women & Children

Toothpaste & Tooth Brushes

Small packs of Diapers (All Sizes)

Apostles Caring Carts

By Jane McCartney



Parish Life

Please Remember to Donate

Although physical church attendance is not possible at this time, please_remember to continue to donate, as you are able. Your generous donations will keep Church of the Apostles going through these challenging times as well as help to provide church staff with the vital income needed to weather this storm. They are faithfully working behind-the-scenes to keep you connected and to maintain operations. . .spiritually, financially, temporally and electronically!

COA Book Club Discussion Dates

Meet in church parlor for book discussions as follows: Dates subject to change.

May 12 Defending Jacob by William Landay—Cancelled June 9 Olive Again by Elizabeth Stout

In God, whose word I praise,
in God I trust;
I will not be afraid.
— Psalm 56:4



Worship & Prayer

Prayers for Those During a Time of Loss:

- Deb Aukamp & Sharon Burnside and families with the death of Geri Gibbs
- Ed Fitzkee and family with the death of Nancy Fitzkee
- Don and Pat Hess with the death of their daughter
- Glenn and Helen Ebersole with the death of a family member
- The Carr family with the death of Emma's grand mother, Kathy Clark

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going. — John 14:1-4

Meal Support for Sick/Injured Members

Parish Life has entered into an agreement with *Meals on Wheels* that will allow us to refer a sick or recovering homebound member for a specified number of days of meal delivery service. If a member recovering from an illness, injury or hospitalization cannot leave their home and have no other provided meal service at their place of residence, then they can be referred via Pastor Kuhn for this service.

Referral forms are available in the church office and should be given to Pastor Kuhn (or placed in her mailbox in the office).

This ministry is supported by funds from the Lockey Endowment. For questions about this supportive service, contact Clara Kosmela, Donna Carr or Pastor Kuhn.



Prayers for Strength and Healing:

Clay Butzer; Brian Williams, husband of Judy Waltman's friend; Joyce Baker's nephew; Sandy & Bill Worley; the Fickes' friends Greg & Kathy; Glenn Ebersole's cousin, Mike; Molly Reinhardt, Erika Neiderer's mother, Judy; Arlene Gaudioso's sister; Hannah Royer's friend, Patty; Shirley Miller's niece, Julie; Judy Waltman's cousin, Sue Ann; Donna Carr's friend, Ben; Marianne Deaner; Carol Horn; Carrie Adams; Marty Holmes' sister-in-law, Dottie Farmer; Carla Williams' granddaughter-in-law, Angela, Greg Wright, friend of Donna & Skeeter Carr; all those suffering the effects of COVID-19

For the Safety and Protection of. . .

Kit Gregory's grandson, Remi, and all military personnel serving at home and abroad Bet

Betsy Bischoff's son, John, who is a "front line" worker All of our health services personnel and essential workers

And for. . .

A cure and/or effective vaccine for COVID-19

If you have a prayer intention that you would like to add to this prayer list, please contact the church office at 717-392-5718 or e-mail: maryt@apostlesucc.org You can also complete the form below, insert into an envelope and put in the brown drop box outside the main front doors to the church.

Prayer Request	. –	
I would like to request prayers for:		1
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Name of Person Requesting Prayers:		
Phone Number:		: -



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Wednesday Evening Connections and Prayers

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Join Pastor Kuhn for conversation on a topic and prayer.

This is an extension of the Lenten Vespers.

Join Zoom Meeting

Cut and paste the following link:

https://zoom.us/j/130586425pwd=aUJjSFhNNSttR2ZUaTFLa3JyY3FxZz09

Meeting ID: 130 586 425 Password: 088047

Call-in to listen (tolls may apply depending on your plan):

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 130 586 425

Youth Group Zoom Meetings

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Every week on Sundays until May 31, 2020

Join Zoom Meeting

Cut and paste the following link:

https://zoom.us/j/755299544?pwd=L0IKaTJvckJNTHBXd3h1YjNwRzBIZz09

Meeting ID: 755 299 544 Password: 653470

Or just call-in to listen (tolls may apply depending on your plan):

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 755 299 544

Come Join Us for Worship Online!

Sunday Worship & Bulletins located at. . .

https://apostlesucc.org/sermons

May Preaching Schedule

May 3 Jonathan Paredes

May 10 Pastor Kuhn
May 17 Pastor Motz
May 24 Pastor Kuhn

May 31 Pastor Kuhn







AND DON'T MISS THIS

Additional Online & Phone Opportunities

It is our hope in the weeks ahead that we can connect more and more over the internet or telephone. To help begin this program, Pastor Kuhn is offering the following sessions which have unique meeting identification numbers and passwords to attend. This helps us to have an uninterrupted call. To participate, you may go to https://zoom.us or call (929) 205-6099 (New York) to participate. Here are some options:

Pre-Sermon Conversation (Thursdays 11 AM)

Join Pastor Kuhn for a scripture study and conversation about the text for the week beginning on:

May 7, 2020 at 11 AM.

The meeting ID is: 955 9393 5478

Password: 843707



Church Business & Financial Updates

Nominating Committee Bylaws: Proposed Change:

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, May 17 when we will have a brief Congregational Meeting between services to vote on proposed Nominating Committee Bylaws changes. This date may be adjusted depending on the COVID-19 situation. This change centers around lowering the number of members on the Nominating Committee. Watch for a letter that you will receive announcing the meeting with the information on this change. Members of the Bylaws Change Committee will be available to answer any questions at information sessions 5/3 and 5/10 between services.

Church Updates Relating to COVID-19

In response to the growing public concern regarding the coronavirus pandemic, Church of the Apostles, UCC made a decision on Tuesday, March 17th, to temporarily suspend Sunday worship services, pre-school, and all church activities until it is safe to return.

Videos of the services, along with corresponding bulletins, are available on the church web site at: https://apostlesucc.org/sermons

The church office will remain active behind-the-scenes to address essential issues. However, for the safety and well-being of church staff, we ask that you **do not** come into the office when church staff are present. If you need to conduct <u>urgent</u> church business, kindly either e-mail us or call for an appointment. If speak or meet with a staff member in person, please be kind and keep to the social distancing parameters of at least 6 feet away and if you cough — cover your mouth. A mask is also now required when entering the office.

Food pantry items are available by appointment only at this time, for those in serious need. For assistance, please call 717-392-5718 or email maryt@apostlesucc.org or judithr@apostlesucc.org

Special Offering

Special Offering • Strengthen the Church • May 24, 2020

Your generous gifts to *Strengthen the Church* are used by every UCC conference to support training opportunities for future leadership in UCC congregations. That may take the form of short-term volunteer experiences in missions at home and abroad.

People and funds could be sent to invigorate a church in decline or to start a new church in a forgotten place. Every conference faithfully uses your gifts to invest in God's vision for the church.

Please give generously to the *Strengthen the Church* Offering on May 24, 2020.







Happy Birthday! * 90+ Birthdays

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	Cindy Bischoff
8	Michael Bauer
8	Michael T. Preston
8	Dillion Walters
9	John Hess
10	Haley Breslin
10	Chick Hungerford
11	Helen Preston *
12	Amy Berger
12	Maggie Schick
14	Dennis Eyrich
14	Cindy Lou Hendrix
16	Allison Frances Alspach
16	Kirsten Clouser
17	Kenneth Kimmel
17	Erika Neiderer
	Lois Masho *
19	Elizabeth May Rineer
19	Haley May Rineer
	Carol Nielsen
22	Finn Conrad
23	Hannah Royer
25	David Constein
26	Rosemary Humphreville *
27	Nate Sheffer
27	Nina Bahling
28	Gail Frankhouser
29	Karen Culp
31	Karen S. Youtz



Charley Diller's 100th Birthday

Join us in celebrating this very special birthday that took place on April 24th of another one of our members. Cards may be mailed to him at his home address of: 812 Race Ave.
Lancaster PA 17603-2634.
Thank you for helping Charley know that he is remembered.

Happy Anniversaries * 50+ Anniversaries

Date	Name
5/4/2002	Richard & Loris Cunningham
5/14/1983	Mark & Molly Reinhardt
5/15/1999	Dennis & Jennifer Eyrich
5/15/1965	Earl & Eleanor Cardellino**
5/25/2013	Ashley & Erik Laymon
5/28/1960	Lois & Richard Millhouse**
5/31/2008	Flo Waldron & Mike McCooey



Photo by Carol Nielsen



Education News

Helen Elmer Scholarship Awarded

By Barbara Achtermann



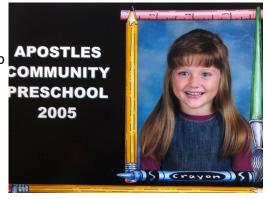
The Helen Elmer Scholarship was established by Carl and Helen Bernhardt in memory of Helen's mother. Each year the Education Commission selects an active member of the Church of the Apostles who is graduating from high school and enrolled in a four year college. We are pleased to announce our 2020 recipient: Delayne Breslin.

"Everyone there [Church of the Apostles] feels like family, and I am grateful to be a part of their lives," shared Delayne. Kit Gregory was her "mentor" when she prepared for Confirmation, and their friendship continues. "I just want to say thank you to my UCC family for being there for me," she added.

Delayne attended Apostles Preschool (a multicolored Bear). She also sang in the Cherub and Children's choirs. She continues to enhance COA worship through dance. She an active Youth Group

member, a member of Church Council and the Outreach Commission. She has taken responsibility for delivering our Clothing Bank contributions since earning her driver's license. "I enjoy helping others whenever I can," she said.

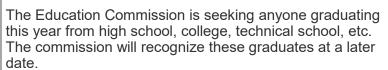
All the normal rites of passage, having to do with high school graduation, live in dreams and suspended animation. The one certain thing is an acceptance at Lock Haven University where she plans to study Accounting.



We wish her Godspeed as she undertakes this new challenge and opportunity.

Congratulations to all 2020 Graduates!

Graduates Wanted!



Please contact Judy Waltman at jlwaltman@comcast.net



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