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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your willingness to engage in a deliberate time of prayer over our future vision and direction. For some time, we have been listening and discerning how Christ wants us to impact our community. On Sunday, July 19, I laid out for the congregation three large issues for our prayerful discernment. These issues are: homelessness/housing in Lancaster County; the education of our children; and food insecurity/feeding the hungry in our community. I ask that you write them down and read them during your personal prayer time. I ask that you pay attention to the news articles you see, noticing what is catching your attention and listening to what your heart is saying.

These issues are purposefully large, and once we choose one, we will begin a time of research into the issue by engaging those within our community that are already doing this work. We are not going to "reinvent the wheel" or try to do something on our own, but we will listen to the work being done in the area and for where we feel that we can make the impact God is calling us to make. If we look at the biblical stories, no great effort happens without a cost. So whatever we do will cost us something! And in that cost, or by taking that risk, we will grow spiritually. That will be a helpful benefit as we deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ.

In the next weeks, you will receive a survey, electronically or via the postal service. The survey will be asking for your wisdom with different aspects of our life together and will contain questions to help guide us to a decision regarding these issues. Once decided, we will turn our efforts and energy in that direction as we move together toward God's kin-dom in our community.

Thank you again for your faithfulness to God and your trust in our Still Speaking God.

Blessings &amp; peace,

*Pastor Kuhn*

Senior Pastor

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## Letter from the President

**R**ight now I'm finding things hard to balance. In fact, finding the time to sit down to write this month's Crown article was quite a challenge. Business is booming, and that doesn't leave much time for home (or church) duties. I spend more time in other peoples' homes than I do my own. On the flip side, those who have had to work from home during the lockdown struggled with finding balance too — longing for interaction with those outside their immediate family. It's another version of wanting what you don't have, I guess.

When there is so much on your plate, how do you find the time to accomplish it all and keep your sanity? How do you put yourself first and not feel guilty (classic parent guilt)? One thing that was really important to me, prior to our shutdown, was sitting in the church service. Taking that deep breath in and centering myself was a reset for my week. I found that sitting on my couch and watching the taped version was not quite the same.

Now. . .don't get me wrong, I am so grateful to the entire team that continues to bring us our weekly service. I know for some, finding the balance of when to leave their homes and venture out is a struggle. So those tapings are invaluable.

But there is something to be said for entering through those doors of ours. It's almost as if all the things that are weighing you down, balance out. Because we all have struggles that we need to breathe through — be it grief, loneliness, child rearing, marriage, illness, debt, or the multitude of other daily stressors.

God has a way of helping us find the important things to focus on. He reminds me that, of all the things that are running through my mind, I'm not weighed down with finding a way to feed my children, or put a roof over their heads. The fact that I am completely overwhelmed at work means that I have a job, and not only that, I have job security. There is a blessing in that, but I don't have time to sit down and appreciate it until I walk through the doors at Church of the Apostles. Finding the blessings amongst all the clutter is the goal for balance. . .and all blessings start and end with God.

Blessings,



Sunday Worship is being offered online in addition to an outdoor service at 10 AM and 7 PM.  
See page 5 for all worship & prayer opportunities.

## Giving Report

The cash flow for month ending June 30, 2020 was negative (\$76,948.82) for the year 2020. Same time last year was negative (\$39,410.45). Operating Expenses year through June 2020 were \$310,489.71, Revenue \$233,540.89. Same time 2019 \$279,001.16 for Expenses, \$239,590.71 for Revenue.

## PUBLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINES

The September Crown: 8/17/20.

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





## A Message from Pastor Joe

In Diana Butler Bass' "Grateful" series, she speaks of a profound experience with a Native American dance circle. In the midst of a diverse crowd of people, a group of Native American women began to dance in a circle. As their hearts swelled with the passion of the dance, the women began expanding the circle by personally inviting others to join in. This small group grew and grew as more people were caught up in the joy and the passion of the dance. At last, one dancer reached out to Bass. The joy Bass had watched as a spectator began to sink into her flesh and her bones as she physically gave herself over to the dance.

Reflecting on this imagery, I wonder what dance of joy and passion we, as Church of the Apostles, are inviting people to share in? In asking this question, it is important to recognize that the Native American women were inviting people to join into the dance because they were overflowing with joy and passion from the dance they were already engaged in. In other words, they were inviting people in because of an abundance they were experiencing. This is far different than the scarcity mindset that drives much of mainline Christian evangelism where the explicit or implicit message is often times, "join the dance because I am getting too tired to dance it anymore." However, with the Native American women, what they were offering was a pure gift. What they offered was joy, laughter, passion, and community that when received brought others to join into a dance centered in life.

Obviously in this time of physical distancing, literally grabbing hold of someone for a dance is not the greatest idea. However, as people stand on the sidelines of life, it still remains critical that we reach out with invitations to God's dance of life. To this end, each Sunday during our 10 am outdoor worship, you'll be invited to reach out beyond the circle of the gathered church. Each week, as we share Christ's peace of reconciliation and healing with each other, you'll also be invited to share a word of blessing, hope, peace, or love with someone who is not there. In doing so, the prayer is that the sharing of our dance may bring others to know and experience the joy-filled dance of life shared with God.

May our dance be one of God's joy!

With Christ's Blessings,

## Church News

# Congregational Meeting



**September 20**

### ATTENTION:

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 20th after the 10:00 AM Plow Circle worship service.

The purpose of the meeting is voting on Bylaws changes. The Bylaws changes involve reducing the number of people on the Nomination Committee as well as the term/age of the Youth council representative.

You will be getting a letter with all the specifics at least 10 days before the meeting. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. The rain date will be the following Sunday, Sept. 27. You can contact anyone on the Council with questions.

*Donna Carr*



## Outreach

### C.A.R.E. SCHOOL FURNITURE UPDATE

*by Andy Appel*

With confirmation the Penn Manor High School furniture donations have arrived [safe and intact!] in Honduras, a gentle reminder of the Church of the Apostles' commitment of \$13,000.00 toward the estimated costs of shipping. We pledged \$13,000.00 to this effort. To date, we're pleased to note about \$7,000.00 has been raised! Let's get the balance in to the church office. When pictures of the schools---and students---are available from Honduras, we'll see some pretty happy students!

Another note: the West wing of the high school, where

### MEDICAL DEBT REDUCTION



*by Barbara Achtermann*

Church of Apostles joined with the Parish Resource Center and 19 other congregations in the Lancaster Area to erase the medical debt of 1299 people in Lancaster County. In fact, our efforts were able to pay off the medical debt of 161 people from Chester, 41 people in Dauphin, 93 people in Lebanon, and 103 people from York Counties as well.

The average debt per person was \$767.05. All 1,697 people received a letter explaining the cancellation of their debt. Imagine the relief of these people. Some have been hounded by collection agency after collection agency for years. Knowing that the debt has now been forgiven, and removed from their credit rating, is awesome news. THANKS for your contributions to this effort. FYI: a sample of the letter that people received is available if you are curious. Request it from COA Outreach member:

### CARE KITS

*by Jane McCartney*

The Penn Central Conference is planning to assemble Care Kits at their annual conference. Care Kits will contain personal care items and will be distributed to those in need within the PCC region.

Churches are asked to donate specific items. The Lancaster churches have been assigned small trial size (travel size) toothpastes. These can be found at almost every pharmacy in the aisle for travel needs.

The conference has set a goal of 500 so let's all help them reach their goal! Donations of trial (travel) size toothpastes can be donated on Donation Fridays from 10 AM until 2:00 PM or can be brought to the outdoor Sunday services. We will be collecting them in a box in the large Caring Cart. Thank you so much for your generous donations of food and pajamas during this pandemic. All donations of toothpastes are due on August 24th.







## Worship & Prayer

### AUGUST PREACHING SCHEDULE

|           |                  |
|-----------|------------------|
| August 2  | Jonathan Paredes |
| August 9  | Rev. Motz        |
| August 16 | Rev. Kuhn        |
| August 23 | Rev. Kuhn        |
| August 30 | Rev. Kuhn        |



### ONLINE WORSHIP CONTINUES

Pre-recorded worship services continue to be made available every Sunday morning for worshipping at home or on the go. You can view on the service at:

Web Site:

<https://apostlesucc.org/sermons/>

Facebook :

[www.facebook.com/ChurchoftheApostlesLancaster](https://www.facebook.com/ChurchoftheApostlesLancaster)

YouTube:

[www.youtube.com/channel/UC4hLE8sf9\\_UuZgsh48PxREA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4hLE8sf9_UuZgsh48PxREA)

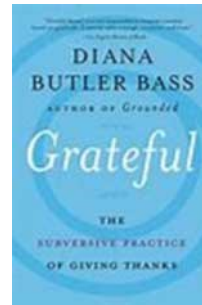
### WORSHIP AT PLOW CIRCLE • SUNDAYS • 10 AM

Join with others by the main entrance of the church for an outdoor worship that maintains physical distancing while uniting us as the body of Christ. Please wear a mask. Bring your own lawn chair, if you are able. A limited number of chairs will be provided. And remember to maintain physical distancing with individuals not in your household. Restrooms by fellowship hall will be available, through the west narthex. In case of inclement weather, the service will be broadcast live on 98.1 FM, allowing individuals to listen in their car.

### OUTDOOR VESPERS • SUNDAY EVENING • 7 PM

Enjoy an inspirational evening of prayer and reflection, in preparation for the week ahead. Vespers is offered at the Schellenberger Pavilion in beautiful Rader Park. Please wear a mask, remember to maintain physical distancing, and bring a chair if preferring not to sit at the

picnic tables.



### WEDNESDAY ZOOMERS

**New Series Starting • 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

Gratitude has the power to shape and transform our lives as we practice gratitude and receive gratitude from others. In a video discussion series with author Diana

Butler Bass, we will delve deeper into the norms and practices of gratitude while discovering how gratitude impacts the life we are living right now. Contact the church office to receive access to the video content. This series will run from July 22<sup>nd</sup> to August 26<sup>th</sup> with introductory discussions this week. All are invited!

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Ken Shenberger; Donna Carr's friend's son, Seth; Dennis Lippart's son; the Ebersole's friend, Katie; Sandy & Bill Worley; the Fickes' friends, Greg & Kathy; Erika Neiderer's mother, Judy; Hannah Royer's friend, Patty; Carrie Adams; Marty Holmes' sister-in-law, Dottie Farmer; Carla Williams' granddaughter-in-law, Angela; Linda Stoltzfoos; for an effective COVID-19 vaccine; for all "front line" workers & for those suffering with the virus & their families

**FOR SAFETY & PROTECTION:** Remi Gregory (the late Kit Gregory's grandson), and all military personnel serving at home and abroad; All of our health services personnel and frontline essential workers

If you have a prayer intention that you would like added to this prayer list, please contact the church office at 717-392-5718 or via e-mail: [maryt@apostlesucc.org](mailto:maryt@apostlesucc.org) or write a note with your



## Church Updates

# Outdoor Worship

Every Sunday • 10 AM

*at the Plow Circle in front of the Church*

- *Please bring a lawn chair, if you are able.*
- *Remember to wear your mask,*
- *There will be no physical contact.*
- *We will follow social distancing guidelines.*

- Although not required during worship, masks will be required for any 6-foot social distance greetings before & after worship
- Restrooms by fellowship hall will be available, through the west narthex.
- Pre-recorded worship services will continue to be posted

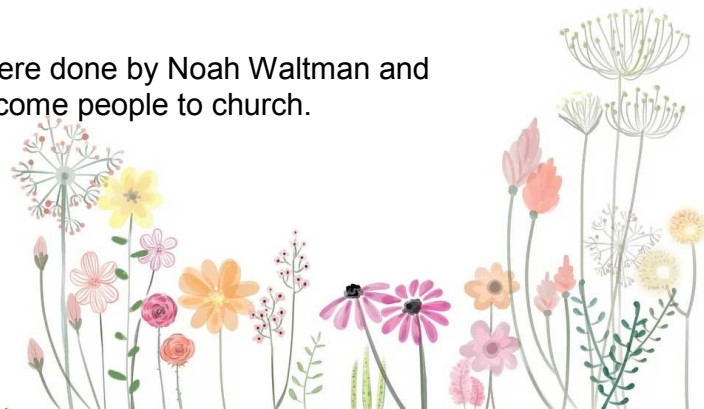
### RADER PARK VESPER SERVICE

**Sundays • 7 PM**

- All are invited to an informal vesper service Sunday evenings at 7 PM at: Schellenberger Pavilion in Rader Park.
- This will also require a mask, social distancing and seating to be brought from



These chalk drawings were done by Noah Waltman and his friend, Shishir to welcome people to church.







## Youth and Families

# Family Science in the Park

**F**amily Science in the Park is virtual this year due to the current circumstances. We are aware of the virtual burnout and exhaustion many of you are experiencing, so our goal is to provide activity ideas and resources for families to use while going out to explore together, away from the screens. Plus, by sharing photos we can "see" one another and what other church members are up to!

Families can find the themed weekly activities on the church's Facebook page, the church website under Rader Park and the Academy of Arts and Sciences.

July's theme was "Wet and Wild Pennsylvania"! Two activities were featured for this month, Stream Studies and Tracks & Scat. Even though the month is over, you can still sign out and bor-



Pictured at Right: Abby and Kate Ruppert deliver groceries to the Food Bank Cart

Abby and Kate Ruppert recently held a Lemonade Stand to raise money for the Apostles Food Bank. They raised \$25 which they used to purchase groceries. The girls are the granddaughters of Judy Ruppert, COA Finance Coordinator. Thank you Abby and Kate!





## Youth and Families

# Wacky Wednesday



**W**acky Wednesday presents a reading program for children, offering stories, activities and snack ideas. The theme this year is “Caring for God’s Big, Beautiful World.”

The flyer and sign up link can be accessed on the church web site at:  
<https://apostlesucc.org/rader-park>

Click the **Reading Program Flyer** link.  
 The sign-up sheet is also on that page.  
 Have fun!



PHOTO LEFT: Hannah Royer delivers Wacky Wednesday goodie bags. We have an average of 25 participants each week.

## Church Updates Relating to the Pandemic

### CHURCH OFFICE

The church office is still closed to the public but remains active behind-the-scenes. If you need to conduct urgent church business, kindly either e-mail us or call the office for an appointment and kindly wear a mask if going to the office.

### SMALL GROUP AND CLASSES

The church is slowly re-opening to small groups and classes, such as Pilates, art classes and music lessons. If you are interested, kindly inquire at the church office or the Academy of Arts and Sciences.

### GARAGE SALE

The COA Garage Sale has been postponed until next Spring. Thank you to all who saved items for this year's sale. If you have space, please save it for our sale whenever it occurs next year.

### BAZAAR AND CRAFT SHOW

We are still monitoring the situation with regard to the pandemic as well as state guidelines relating to it. If the November bazaar and craft show will take place, you will be notified of the details via the bulletins and future Crown newsletters.





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(Meets the 2nd Monday of the month/Rm 306)

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#### Outreach Commission

(Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, every other month/Parlor)

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(Meets the 2nd Monday of the month/Rm 304)

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(Meets the 2nd Monday of the month/Rm 305)

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(Meets the second Thursday of the month/ Rm 304)

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(Meets the first Tuesday of the month/Rm 111)

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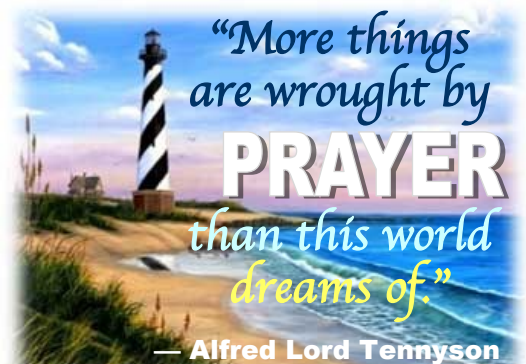
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# JOIN THE PRAYER MINISTRY...





## Church Community Bulletin Board

Please consider sending a card to:  
Dr. Walt and Peggy Kreider  
Pleasant View Retirement Communities  
544 N Penryn Rd, Unit 417, Manheim PA 17545.

They have recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary and are living in a retirement community. Peggy is confined to a wheelchair at this time. They are expressing gratitude to us for all that COA has meant to them. Let's return the good wishes and prayers their way!



Rader Park Photos  
by Carol Nielsen

*Thank  
you*

*The family of Cristene Dormer wishes to express our sincere thanks for all the cards, letters, gifts, and visits, during this difficult time.*

*Times like this remind us to be thankful for the loving Christian Community surrounding us. Thank you for all your support.*

*The Dormer- Hess Families*







## July Celebrations

### Happy Anniversary

#### \*\* 50+ Anniversaries

| Date      | Name                           |
|-----------|--------------------------------|
| 8/2/1980  | Wade & Debby Walburn           |
| 8/2/1975  | Rev. David & Karen Longenecker |
| 8/2/2002  | James & Elizabeth Stoltzfus    |
| 8/8/2003  | Terry & Kandi Fickes           |
| 8/9/1975  | Stephen & Jane McCartney       |
| 8/9/2008  | Cliff & Stephanie Rampaul      |
| 8/10/1974 | Larry & Judy Waltman           |
| 8/14/1965 | Les & Karen Helmeczi **        |
| 8/16/1964 | Joe & Sandy Weidel **          |
| 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             |
|           |                                |

### Happy Birthday! \* 90+ Birthdays

| Date | Name               |
|------|--------------------|
| 1    | Carla Williams     |
| 2    | Ingeborg Kepple    |
| 2    | Elizabeth Plamjack |
| 2    | Deborah Accomando  |
| 4    | Paul Hocker *      |
| 6    | Donna Bechtold     |
| 9    | Stephen Nolan      |
| 9    | Kathryn Barto      |
| 9    | Luane Morrison     |
| 10   | Beverly Waltman    |
| 11   | John Eshbach       |
| 11   | Kandi Fickes       |
| 13   | Linus Whittington  |
| 13   | Ronald Accomando   |
| 13   | Kathy Duffey       |
| 14   | Virginia Brown     |
| 14   | Chris Conrad       |
| 18   | Bill Stock         |
| 18   | Bernie Fickes      |
| 19   | Judith Frable      |
| 19   | David Schick       |
| 20   | Kathy Houck        |
| 20   | Alexander Watkins  |
| 21   | Donald Culp        |
| 22   | Thomas Weaver      |
| 23   | Stephen Dan Locky  |
| 23   | Dan Fickes         |
| 24   | John Kleimo        |
| 24   | Jeremy Bischoff    |
| 28   | Nancy Hungerford   |
| 29   | Pat Hess           |
| 29   | Doris Robb         |
| 30   | Kate Kendig        |





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