



Pastor Kathy took this picture in Scotland while on Sabbatical.

The Crown



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From the Associate Pastor

"Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" -Isaiah 43:18-19a

This month we stand at the one -year anniversary of the corona virus' life - altering impact upon our church, our lives, and our nation as a whole. It is a somber marker, especially as we approach 500,000 Americans who have died directly from the disease, and the countless others who have died indirectly due to an overwhelmed healthcare system and delays in seeking help for medical conditions.

This month we also stand in the heart of Lent, reflecting on who Jesus is calling and claiming us to be. It too has historically been a somber season as we come to terms with the destructive nature of our sin that so easily infects and corrupts all of what God has given.

The hope we cling to during this season is not that God will get us back to where we had been before the Lenten journey. The hope is that God will transform us, even rebirth us, to a greater and more vibrant life because of the Lenten journey. In this regard Lent is risky and radical because its heart -deep prayer is to be caught up in the new thing God is doing. The risk is most palpable in recognizing the Lenten calling to hand over to death, to ending, whatever is needed, even some good and valued things, trusting that God will raise to life what gives full and lasting life.

Make no mistake, this is not an easy journey. There is a reason Lent has earnestly focused on spiritual disciplines like fasting, worship, service, and prayer. It is a journey that challenged Jesus to the core, as he came to terms with surrendering the goodness of his life in order to usher in the full gifts of God's grace, mercy, love, and Spirit -filled presence. We who dare to follow should expect nothing different – both in the struggle to pick up our cross and in the newness of life that is birthed in our doing.

In this coming month we have the opportunity to begin the hard, spiritual work of shifting our focus from what has been, to what God is now birthing anew – within our personal lives, within our congregation, and within our nation. The intentionality of our spiritual practices will aid us in the grieving that even now is needed. And though for many it may seem a step too far, these practices are also what will lead us to raise our heads, and lift our voices, rejoicing in the new thing God is doing in or midst.

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From the Associate Pastor***continued***

Seeking the Lord our God, may we delve into the heart of this season, fearing not the loss of the former things, as we open our lives to what God is birthing, through us and through this congregation.

With Christ's Love,
Pastor Motz

Wednesday Night Zoomers– Feb 24th– Following Lenten Vesper Service, group discussion around Rob Bell's book Everything is Spiritual . All Welcome!! Call Church office to get Zoom code.



JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

HOME TABLE COMMUNION
 THURSDAY, APRIL 1 AT 7 PM ON ZOOM

GOOD FRIDAY CROSS WALK
 FRIDAY, APRIL 2 AT 7 PM
 STARTING IN THE BUTTERFLY GARDEN

SUNDAY, APRIL 4 AT 7 AM
 RADER PARK PINE GROVE

SUNDAY, APRIL 4 AT 10 AM
 PORTICO ENTRANCE OF THE MAIN BUILDING

Heritage & Horizons

The Heritage & Horizons advisory committee has cancelled preparations for the Spring 2021 program. Our anticipated presenters stated they would like to wait until we can again have in-person experiences. Hopefully that will happen for the Fall 2021 sessions. Look for announcements near the end of summer in the Crown and on the church website.

If you have an interest in helping the advisory committee plan future programs, please contact Lars Potteiger at larsp@apostlesucc.org or Betsy Bischoff at albetsybischoff@gmail.com. We will be happy to have you join us.



Financial Report for January 2021

	January 2021	January 2020
Cash Flow	37,714.83	38,902.71
Operating Expenses	50,701.48	50,853.44
Revenue	(12,986.65)	(11,950.73)

From the Council President

1 Corinthians 12:12-27 - "We are one body in Christ...."

(12) There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body. It is the same with Christ. (13) We were all baptized by one Holy Spirit. And so we are formed into one body. It didn't matter whether we were Jews or Gentiles, slaves or free people. We were all given the same Spirit to drink. (14) So the body is not made up of just one part. It has many parts.

These Bible verses have been running around in my head as I have been thinking of ways for us at Church of the Apostles to be better connected in this pandemic time. I think many of us feel a little like the separate parts of the body described in this chapter of Corinthiansa hand, an ear, a mouth, a foot....but definitely disconnected. Our challenge is to be INTENTIONAL about becoming re-connected. It will take extra effort on our part. And I totally understand how you could feel like you just don't have that energy. But I guarantee you...it is very much worth the efforts!

Let's think about all the opportunities:

- Weekly on-line worship available through You Tube and on Facebook
- Phone- in worship services
- Wednesday evening Zoomers
- Book Club
- Sunday School on Facebook for the children (...just contact Judy Waltman to get connected)
- Prayer chain
- Mobile Directory is NOW available (and you can dial someone's number or e-mail from there at the touch of a button)
- Hard -copy directories are available to be picked up in the Narthex - Mon-Thurs 9-12 (or ask to have yours mailed to you)
- Bell Choir
- Children's Choir by Zoom
- We had an impromptu sledding event at Rader Park
- We sent Valentine treats to youth away at college or in the military.
- A Super Bowl treat was delivered to the Youth Group by Jonathan Paredes

Some upcoming events:

- Easter Service outdoors
- Send Easter cards to several children of our church
- Easter Flowers can be ordered and shared with other members

Some other things you can do:

- Make a phone call to a fellow member
- Send a note to someone you may not know so well.
- Make a favorite recipe of soup or cookies and drop some off on a member's porch with a recipe card.
- Offer to run an errand for an older member who may feel isolated.
- Offer to pick up someone's offering boxes or directory and deliver it to them (Stop in the Narthex and see what's left there on the table Mon-Thurs 9-12).

"But God has put together all the parts of the body. And he has given more honor to the parts that didn't have any. (25) In that way, the parts of the body will not take sides. All of them will take care of one another. (26) If one part suffers, every part suffers with it. If one part is honored, every part shares in its joy. (27) You are the body of Christ. Each one of you is a part of it"

Blessings,

Donna Carr

News From the Council

Inclement Weather Announcement

As a congregation, our policy is generally to follow the Hempfield school district. In these unusual times when the school may be virtual, we will post on WGAL-TV 8 and their app if we are going to cancel a large in-person event or worship when we are safely able to meet.

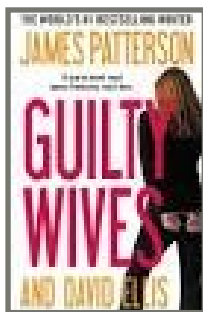
[Click here for Link to Weather Closings](#)



Parish Life

The Church of the Apostles Book club continues to meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2:00 pm via Zoom. On March 9th, we will discuss Guilty Wives by James Patterson. In April, we will discuss House Rules by Jodi Picoult. On May 11th, Whistle Blower by Susan Fowler will be discussed. On June 8th, The Alice Network will be discussed. Please consider joining us whether you read the book or not.

Any questions, call Clara Kosmela 717-569-9960.



Snow What Fun!

On Wednesday, February 3, 2021, the young and young-at-heart gathered at Rader Park for some snowy fun thanks to an idea sparked by Pastor Kathy and brought to life by Chuck Erisman.

For about two hours, friends gathered with sleds, saucers, and snowboards to enjoy fun in the snow. Chuck used the tractor and shovels to construct a sled run, complete with banked turns. He also smoothed a few other sledding paths, one of which had a ramp. There was a fire burning in a fire bowl for warmth. Chuck was kind enough to stay throughout the evening to maintain the sledding course as countless runs were made. It was obvious by



the amount of shrill giggles and squeals of joy, that this event was a huge success! Sincere thanks to Chuck for his time and talent given to this snowy event!

From the many young and young-hearted participants of Church of the Apostles.

Education



EASTER EGG DRIVE-THRU SCAVENGER HUNT

Register for a time slot found on Apostle's Facebook Page with more information..

How It Works

Pull up to the portico and receive your scavenger hunt clues. Drive around church campus and Rader Park. Record clue answers. Return to portico to receive a goodie bag.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR GOODIE BAGS -

Drop off on Donation Friday

Plastic Eggs

Juice boxes

Pre-packaged snacks

Wrapped candy

Party favors

Stickers

School supplies: i.e.pencils, crayons, paper



Education

In case you haven't heard, Hartman Center, our church camp, has closed. Penn Central Conference partnered with the Lutheran Camping Corporation (LCC). The hope is that our strong legacy of outdoor ministry will continue.

The Lutheran Camping Corporation (LCC) has three camp sites: Camp Nawakwa (near Gettysburg), Camp Kirchenwald (near Mt. Gretna) and the Wittel Farm (in Elizabethtown). Summer camp is being offered at Camp Kirchenwald and Camp Nawakwa with many camping opportunities for campers of ages kindergarden to adults. Special events and various opportunities are offered at the Wittel Farm throughout the year.

Summer Camp Open House at Kirchenwald and/or Nawakwa is being held on March 21st and April 11th from 2-4:30pm. It is a time to

tour the camp with summer staff and see what the camp is all about. As a bonus you will get a \$10 gift certificate for the camp store as a brand new camper. We plan on having a group of participants going to these Open Houses. Please call the church office (717-392-5718) and place your name on our list of people who will travel to the Open House program.



Registration is taking place now: check out <https://lutherancamping.org/forms/SummerBrochure.pdf> Also if you are a high school, college student, or adult interested in working at camp this summer please check out: <https://www.lutherancamping.org/employment/>

Would you like to volunteer? Camp is also looking for all ages of people to volunteer in health services, food services, maintenance services, program leadership, and gardeners. More information can be found at: <https://lutherancamping.org/volunteer/>

Do you need a brochure and can't print it? Please call the church office and ask for one to be sent to you. There is a 2021 Summer Camp Registration form within the brochure.

Outreach

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God's message of love and hope to people in crisis. Along with international partners, we provide sources of clean water, food, education, health care, small business credit, and emergency help. The fund also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response.

Most of the expenditures are in the budget to support long-term development. All funding is reviewed and monitored by a leadership committee that also reviews grant requests for long term disaster rehabilitation initiatives.

This month (March) is the month for supporting One Great Hour Of Sharing!!



Apostles Community Preschool

717-392-5598

1850 Marietta Avenue
Lancaster, PA 17603

Love was in the air at Apostles Community Preschool! The children focused on nature's beauty in winter and celebrated Valentine's Day!

The children also traveled to Fairy Tale Land and explored classic fairy tales like The Princess and the Pea and The Tortoise and the Hare.

A Musical Note



I would like to inform you of some performance and educational opportunities while we are in the season of Lent.

Apostles is hosting storyteller Bill Hager and his tale inspired by Mary Poppins (*The Nanny in the Manor House*) on May 22nd at 7pm. Hannah Royer is also planning some self-guided educational activities for youth in the church. Please check the church's website and social media outlets to find out more about these opportunities.

The season of Lent is a contemplative time in the church for many. For some, this is a time to reflect. For others, it is a season to give something up or take something up. Music helps establish a mood in our worship together and individually. Today I'm going to share something that I like to do in a variety of church seasons: make a playlist/collection of music that provides inspiration and comfort for the season. I've selected some pieces to write about that have a connection to Lent. I would encourage you to discover (or rediscover) music that enriches your soul. I hope you have some fun in the process!

Biblical texts have inspired many composers of classical repertoire to write music that reflects their religious beliefs. Their musical settings with biblical influence range from large choral works to instrumental settings for both soloist and small ensemble. Two such works I'd like to share with you were written by J.S. Bach and Thomas Tallis. Bach wrote a plethora of church music which helped define organ composing and performing in the Baroque era. There are many great Bach works to choose from. Personally, I recommend "Erbarm' dich mein, o Herre Gott (Have mercy on me, Lord my God)" for a Lenten playlist. It is a harmonization of a chorale melody for the organ. The text for this chorale is based on Psalm 51:1-4. This piece reflects a more gentle and understated side of Bach, as a composer.



Thomas Tallis is one of the most prolific composers of English choral music from the Renaissance era. I find his settings of religious texts to be particularly soothing due to the nature of pure tone singing that is required from performers of this music. The beauty in Tallis is also reinforced in the interweaving of his vocal parts. I would recommend "Dum transisset Sabbatum (When the Sabbath was past)" if I had to pick a single Tallis selection for a Lenten playlist. He sets a very short text from Mark 16 which captures the glory of the resurrection for those gathered at the tomb of Jesus.

There are also two settings of "Dum transisset Sabbatum" by fellow English Renaissance composer, John Taverner, if either the Latin text or 16th century vocal polyphony speaks to you. There is a very comprehensive website titled bibleasmusic.com, if you have an interest in learning more about classical music that draws from biblical inspiration.



The contemporary Christian group Passion's hit song "In Christ Alone" may be of interest to you if you are a fan of contemporary pop music. The lyrics of this song speak to Christ's death and resurrection while encouraging us on our spiritual journey. The group Celtic Worship also does a cover version of this song that gives their arrangement a unique feel through Celtic instrumentation.

Peace and Blessings,

Lars

Bach: Photo <https://paladinormedia.com/people/jsbach>

Tallis Photo : <https://alamy.com/stock-photo/thomas-tallis>

Taverner Photo : https://naxos.com/person/John_Taverner/23875.



Kids Corner**Bible-Gram—Willing to Serve found in Matthew 20 :20-28**

Change the letters around to make a word based on the clues.

NOSS

____ _

(not daughters)

TELF

____ _

(not right)

THRIG

____ _

(opposite of wrong)

EMIN

____ _ ____ _

(belongs to me)

ROMETH

____ _ ____ (female parent)

Use the letters in the boxes above, arrange the letters in the boxes below to answer the question .

What did Jesus say He came to do? (v.28) - another word for "serve."



Bible Puzzle Time—The Standard Publishing Company

By Marian Bennett

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS: ARE YOU ENROLLING IN COLLEGE OR TECH SCHOOL FOR THE FALL? 2021 Scholarships Available

Church of Apostles has two scholarships to award to 2021 High School Graduates.

The Helen Elmer Scholarship is awarded to an active member of the Church of Apostles who has enrolled in a four year college. It was established by Carl and Helen Bernhardt in honor of Helen's mother. **The Kenneth Bernhardt Scholarship**, created by the Kenneth and Evelyn Bernhardt family, is open to any High School graduate who plans to attend a Technical School.

Applications can be found on the Church web site: apostlesucc.org. Choose "About Us", and scroll down to "Youth". Applications are also available in the Church Office. Applications should be received by the Church (online, or by mail) by April 30, 2021. Scholarship winners will be announced by May 15, 2021.

Worship

Worship in person is suspended until further notice. Each Sunday's Worship service is available for viewing beginning at 10am. All services are archived to allow viewing at later times or later in the week. This is true for all online worship formats and the worship by phone option.

March Preaching Schedule

March 7 Rev. Kuhn
 March 14 Rev. Kuhn
 March 21 Rev. Motz
 March 28 Rev. Kuhn

PHONE: Call Toll Free (888) 440-0106 to listen to live services or services stored in the archive.

Online through our website:

<https://apostlesucc.org/worship-times/>

Youtube Channel: All previous services will be available via our [Church of the Apostles YouTube Channel](#)

Facebook Page: [Church of the Apostles](#)

Now Toll Free for All North America!



Our church is moving to a new kind of church record keeping solution called *Realm*. It primarily serves the administrative needs of our staff, but it also offers some exciting opportunities to support the way you are involved in our church. Not only will this improve work life for our ministry staff, it will make it easier for our church family to connect with each other, keep up with what's going on, and grow as a connected community of believers!

Look for more information in the April Crown as we begin to implement the software in the office and then out into the congregation.

We are excited for what *Realm* will be able to do in the life and ministry of our congregation!

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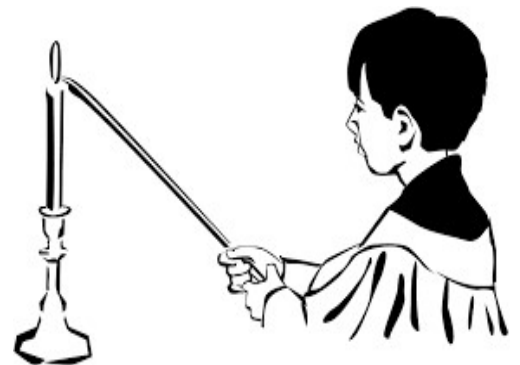
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- Full worship services with music, hymns, liturgy, and sermons
- A worship library of the nine most recent services
- Available to members and guests, in state and out of state
- The option to automatically receive a call each Sunday at 10am when the worship service begins
- The option to receive a print version of the bulletin mailed to your home in advance of the service (bulletins are also available online)



Acolytes for 2021

We are looking for individuals to help us share the light of



Christ with one another. Participants can be children, youth, and/or adults alike. Individuals would be responsible for lighting the candles at 6:00 PM on Thursday evenings during worship recording sessions. No experience is necessary! Please contact Stephanie Moore via email at: smmoore331@gmail.com or via phone at 717-330-8892 to receive help signing up for a date.

Thank you!

Stewardship

E-Giving Upgraded



Now is a great time to check out e-giving! Over the last several months our e-giving provider has been upgrading their services to make an easier, more aesthetically pleasing, and mobile -friendly giving portal. For existing users, everything has automatically transferred to the new portal. Use your same log in, view all your past contributions, while being able to access your saved payment methods. Check it out today and you will see how easy and informative it is:



www.apostlesucc.org/give

Market Basket (Grocery Cards)

Grocery cards are still available. Anyone can purchase \$50 grocery cards for Stauffers, Giant, or Weis supermarkets. We all need to eat and these cards don't cost you any more for your purchases. The church gets a 5% discount for purchasing in quantity so that rebate money can be used to provide help for those in need.

Grocery Cards may also be purchased and given to the church *Assistance Fund*. With this pandemic many people are in great need and would really appreciate a gift card. Since we may still be worshipping on-line it isn't possible to order and pickup those cards at the Church.

If you would like to purchase grocery cards just give me a call or email with your request. Try it. You might like it!

**Checks should be made out to the church with Market Basket on the note line.*

My phone number is: 717-299-2972.

Email: kjhelmeczi@gmail.com

I can deliver your cards or you could meet me in the church parking lot, or at my Homestead Village Cottage at 1832 Westcott Drive.

Worship

EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS 2021

Easter memorial flowers will be available this year "in memory of "or " in honor of" loved ones. We are planning on a *parking lot* Easter Service and, after the service, please drive up under the portico and a plant will be placed in your car.

Memorials will be listed in the April Crown. Please complete the order below and return to the church by March 21, 2021. Donations can be mailed to the church at 1850 Marietta Ave., 17603, or made online on the Give+ app.

Please fill out the information below:

My contribution to Easter flowers will be \$ _____

Presented by _____

"In memory of " **or** "In honor of" (circle one)

(Wording)

P.S. - When we return to worshipping in the Sanctuary then we would revert to ordering in the entrance area of the church.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Peace,
Karen Helmeczi



Parish Life



Let's Give Church of the Apostle's Kids an Easter Surprise!!!!

For several years we've asked our children in the Sunday school to color or create art work for the older folks and homebound from the church.....

This year we're going to "turn the tables" and shower our children with Easter cards from their church family. You can look in the directory for families with pictures of children/their names or look it up on the Mobile Directory. Alternately, you can call the church office Mon-Thurs 9:00 am - Noon and ask the volunteer for some children's names from the list in the office. We're going to try to surprise all the children with cards from their church family. Write them a fun note and let them know that you miss seeing their smiling face at worship services!! Please plan on mailing them to arrive in the week before Easter, which is April 4th this year.

(TIP: Dollar Stores have very cute cards at 2/\$1.00 or \$1.00 per piece. :):)

Any questions, call Donna Carr (717-475-5285)

Vaccines Coming!

Recently the Lancaster County Commissioners approved the creation of a vaccination site in Lancaster County (old Bon Ton store at Park City). Please stay informed of the progress and look for answers to your questions at: <https://vaccinatelancaster.org/>

Happy Anniversary

DATE	NAME
11	Dustin & Melissa Koehler
16	Ken & Bonnie Medved
18	Stephen & Gail Noland*
21	Gary & Virginia Brown*
22	Chris & Karen Braun

*50+



DATE	NAME
2	Patricia Sullenberger
3	Betsy Bishoff
5	Judy Jarvis
5	Jessica Motz
7	Rev. David Longenecker
9	Susan Shaak
10	Anya Sheffer
11	Scott Moore
12	Richard B. Miller
13	Marty Holmes
14	Kathleen Stoyer
14	Max Koehler
15	Kayla Azaroff
16	Peter VanBuskirk
16	Patricia Shane
17	Jean Cunningham*
17	Kelly Erisman
18	Sharon Schaeffer
19	Chris Bracken
21	Janelle Baker
22	Rev. Milton Gockley*
22	Erik Laymon
23	Luci Stoltzfus
25	Barbara Butzer*
27	Randy Morrison
27	Carolyn Rice
30	Gary Brown
31	Nathan Moore

*90+

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CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES PRAYER CHAIN

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

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