



THE CROWN NEWS

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Pastor's Corner



April is a very important month at Church of the Apostles UCC.

Sunday, April 2, we will celebrate Palm/Passion Sunday as we “travel” through Holy Week with the disciples. Please check our Facebook page for videos Jonathan created to guide us on this journey with the disciples. This is a single service at 10 AM with Holy Communion and an opportunity to give feedback on the single service model. This survey is also available on Pg. 11 of this edition of the Crown.

Thursday, April 6, is Holy Thursday or Maundy Thursday which we will celebrate in the Fellowship Hall around tables. Our ROOTED faith formation class will be helping us celebrate a Seder meal like Jesus did with his disciples on the night of his betrayal. Then we will continue the story we know by celebrating Holy Communion around the tables. This is an interactive celebration that is meant for all ages. Families are encouraged to attend!

Friday, April 7, is Good Friday and we will commemorate it with a Tenebrae service, or Service of Shadows, in the sanctuary with the readings of Jesus’ arrest, trial, crucifixion and death. In this service we will hear from those who are in the story, so additional readers are needed. Please speak with me directly if you are interested in reading.

Sunday, April 9, is Easter Sunday which we celebrate first at the pavilion in Rader Park at 7 AM followed by snacks and fellowship. Then at 9 AM and 11 AM we will celebrate in the sanctuary. Please consider which service works best for you. Holy Communion will be shared at each service.

Then beginning the week of April 9th, we will start our Jeremiah Project sessions to help us delve deeper and listen to what the Spirit is calling us to be and do together. Within each session, we will explore a question a week and the answers will be given to the Implementation Team to be held until it finishes. Then another team, the Vision Team, made up of congregation members and leaders will work with the Agile Church leadership to discern commonalities and the wisdom of the response. A new vision and mission statement will be drafted and put to the congregation for a discerning period, to see if it feels right for us.

Blessings & Peace,

Pastor Kathryn Kuhn

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday April 2nd
Palm Sunday

One Service with
Communion at
10 AM in
Sanctuary

Thursday April 6th
Holy Thursday

One Service with
Communion at
7 PM in
Fellowship Hall

Friday April 7th
Good Friday

One Service at
7 PM in
Sanctuary

Sunday April 9th
Easter Sunday

7 AM Service in
Rader Park
9 & 11 AM Services
in Sanctuary

A Message from the Executive Committee

Did you know there are six commissions that meet on a regular basis to plan and implement the works of the church? Each commission has a unique mission and purpose in the life of the church. For example, the Property Commission focuses on the maintenance and improvements of the church facility and grounds. While the Outreach Commission is the hands of the church, working with needs in the greater community. The Stewardship Commission oversees the financial well-being of the church. Education Commission plans and implements Christian Education programming and is the liaison with Apostles Preschool. The Worship Commission oversees and directs the programs related to weekly worship such as communion, music, bulletins, ushers, readers, greeters, flowers, etc. Parish Life is the commission that cares for the needs of the congregation with fellowship opportunities, receptions, dinners, dining around groups, garage sale and more.

Each commission is made up of members who feel called to use individual talents in each area. The commission has a member who volunteers as chairperson. Each Church Council member is assigned a commission to attend as a leadership representative. In 2023, Church Council members have been tasked with attending more commission meetings in place of monthly Council meetings. The Church Council will meet quarterly, to allow Council members time to visit commission meetings and be more involved in the work of the commissions.

Anyone is invited to attend a commission meeting. It is helpful to contact the commission chair in advance so they can plan for attendance needs such as agendas and chairs. A list of commission chairs and meeting information is found in the Crown or by contacting the Church office.

Thank you to all six of the commissions of Church of the Apostles!

Jeremiah Project Update

There are 76 church members/prospective members registered for sessions as the CROWN goes to print. **We are still welcoming registrations through EASTER (April 9)** Sessions are once a week for six weeks. Some start the week after Easter, some the following week. Focused on defining what **God is calling Church of Apostles to be**, this is an opportunity to share deeply with each other, strengthening our individual and church-wide faith.

Obviously, the more people who commit to a session, the better sense we will have of our future together. **Sign up on REALM, call the Church Office for help registering, or sign up in the Agile Church Notebook** under Jeremiah Project. The book is checked daily to consolidate and adjust sessions as necessary.

Follow us on social media to stay up-to-date on church events and watch past services



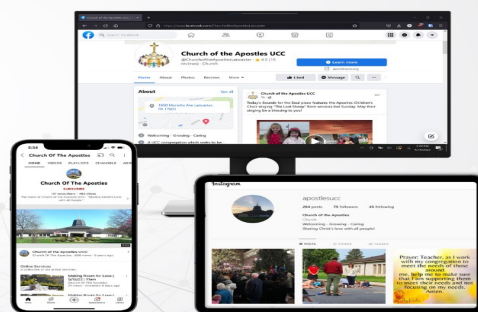
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Church Happenings and News

Helen Elmer & Frank Bernhardt Scholarships

Each year, the Education Commission awards two scholarships to confirmed, active members of COA who are high school seniors. The Helen Elmer scholarship is intended for a youth intending to further his/her education at a college or university, while the Frank Bernhardt scholarship is for someone attending a trade or technical school.

Applications can be found in the church mail slot in the office marked "Scholarships". Applications should be returned to the same slot in the office by **April 30**; scholarship recipients will be notified by May 30. Please contact Linda Lewis (LLewis103@comcast.net) with any questions.

Volunteers Needed for Hospitality Table

Once again, we are asking for volunteers to host the Hospitality Table throughout the year. Hosts will purchase snacks such as cookies, chips, etc for the congregation to enjoy between the Sunday services. To sign-up please call the Church office with a Sunday in mind or sign-up on Realm under the Serving tab.

Market Basket

As you have seen in the announcements, Market Basket is taking a short break while we change leadership of the program. Karen Helmeczi, who has done a wonderful job of organizing this ministry for several years, is stepping down and Karen Culp will be filling the position soon. It takes some time to get these cards ordered and delivered so that we can get them to you loyal customers. Please watch for announcements when Market Basket is "up and running" again. Thank you to all of those who support this ministry! We would LOVE to have many more shoppers using this means to get your grocery gift cards! Buying cards through us helps to support our breakfast ministry and other wonderful Outreach projects. Thank you!

Easter Trivia

Q.1 What plant has come to symbolize Jesus' resurrection?

- A. Lily B. Palm Leaf C. Peyote

Q.2 Which United States President held the first egg roll?

- A. Rutherford B. Hayes B. Theodore Roosevelt
C. Grover Cleveland

Q.3 Where was Jesus arrested?

- A. Garden B. Temple C. Upper Room

Q.4 In which country did the Easter bunny originate?

- A. Italy B. Germany C. The United States

Q.5 What animal did Jesus ride into Jerusalem on?

- A. Horse B. Emu C. Donkey

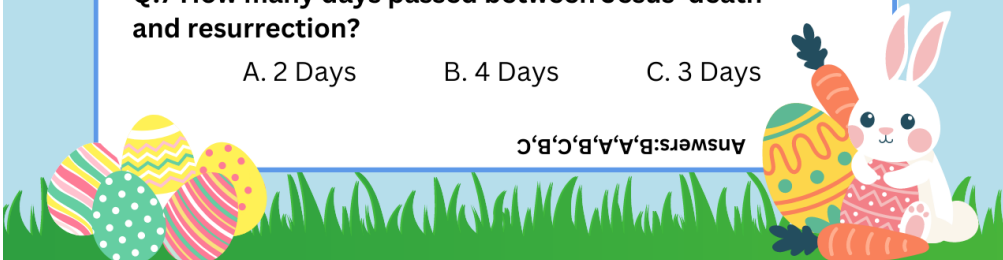
Q.6 Before 1953, how long did it take to make a marshmallow peep?

- A. 5 Hours B. 27 Hours C. 102 Hours

Q.7 How many days passed between Jesus' death and resurrection?

- A. 2 Days B. 4 Days C. 3 Days

Answers: B, A, A, B, C, B, C



Parish Life Book Club

Book Club meets in the Narthex on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2:00 pm! Please consider joining us whether you have read the book or not. Below are our upcoming books and days. Any questions? Contact Clara Kosmela at (717) 569 - 9960.

- **April 11, 2023:** Death at LA Fenice by Donna Leon
- **May 9, 2023:** Run Rose Run by Dolly Parton & James Patterson
- **June 13, 2023:** The Crimson Chord by Jill Eileen Smith
- **July 11, 2023:** Surviving Savannah by Patti Callahan
- **August 8, 2023:** Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult

Upper Room Daily Devotionals

Looking to grow your spiritual practices with daily prayer, scripture, and reflection? The Upper Room is a great resource provided by the church to aid you in knowing and experiencing God more fully. Pick up a copy any Sunday at the Welcome Center or call the church office if you need a copy mailed to you. The devotionals are free with donations being welcome.



Preschool News

During the month of March, ACP students learned about the weather through experiments, art, and literature. We also spent time preparing for the Spring and Easter season. Our Pre-K classes visited Homestead Village residents and celebrated our Dads.

We are looking forward to April, egg hunts and all things Easter. Each class will also have a spring music and art show. ACP is a busy place from now until the end of the school year!

Our April Dine-Out Night is at Panera on April 19th.

Panera
FUNDRAISING

Help support us!
**APOSTLES
COMMUNITY
PRESCHOOL**

20%
OF SALES
WILL BE
DONATED

**April 19, 2023
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm EST
130 Rohrerstown Rd**

Use code **FUND4U** at online checkout, in the Panera App, or at the kiosk in-cafe.*

Bring this flyer or show a digital copy to your cashier when ordering at the cafe or enter the promo code FUND4U at checkout on Panerabread.com or the Panera App to ensure your organization gets a portion of the proceeds.** Learn more at fundraising.panerabread.com

*Gift card and catering order placed on Panerabread.com, and delivery orders placed through third-party sites are excluded and will not count towards the event. Other restrictions apply. For complete details, visit: <http://fundraising.panerabread.com/terms-conditions/>. **Services vary by cafe.

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AMY BANKS QUARTET



**JAZZ VOCALIST FROM
LANCASTER, PA**

APRIL 30TH, 2023

**3PM IN
SANCTUARY**

CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES

GARAGE

SALE

Donations Accepted
April 10 - 12 from 9 - 8 PM
April 13 from 9 - 12 PM

- Clothing
- Collectibles
- Home Furnishings
(Bedding, Curtains)
- Jewelry
- Home Decor
- Small Furniture
(Chairs, Tables)
- Small Working
Appliances
- Sports Items
- Tools
- Toys
- Pet Items
- Books
- Puzzles
- Plants
- Dishes
- Seasonal Decor
- Linens



Friday, April 14 | 8-2 PM

Saturday, April 15 | 8- 1 PM

1850 Marietta Ave, Lancaster PA 17603

* Some profits will be donated to Disaster Relief

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A Musical Note

WITH
LARS POTTEIGER

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today” - Charles Wesley, 1739

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

All creation join to say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious king; Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!

Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ was led, Alleluia!

Following our exalted head, Alleluia!

Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today” is one of the most widely sung hymns of Easter. Its bold text and boisterous tune add joy to the Easter celebration in many churches. Author Charles Wesley was one of the most prolific hymn writers and was a leader of the Methodist movement. He originally wrote eleven stanzas for the hymn compared to the four stanzas that we have in our Chalice hymnal. When Wesley first wrote this hymn in 1739, it had a very different sound compared to the current version that many churches use. This hymn is now typically sung to the tune “Easter Hymn,” but was originally sung with different hymn tunes, minus the “Alleluias” at the end of each line. The “Alleluias” were added in the early 19th century by an unknown author and have become a standard part of the hymn text ever since, adding to the celebratory nature of the hymn. The addition of the “Alleluias” also allows for the text that Wesley wrote to better fit with the meter for the tune “Easter Hymn.” I find this text particularly powerful because it captures both Christ’s death and resurrection. The overall tone of this hymn is one of victory and joy, even as we are reminded of the journey we have been through during Lent and Holy Week.

The next event in the Apostles Academy Concert Series will feature the Amy Banks Quartet on April 30th at 3pm in the sanctuary. Banks is a sought after jazz vocalist and performer in Lancaster and Central Pennsylvania, and is sure to deliver a high energy performance with her ensemble. The Malta Band will give a concert on May 21st at 3pm in the sanctuary. The Malta Band is one of the oldest concert bands in the Lancaster area, and has been in existence for over one hundred years. A freewill offering will be taken in lieu of tickets for both of these concerts. I hope you are able to attend.

Peace and Blessings, Lars

Community Outreach

Outreach Donation

The Outreach Commission has donated \$1,000 to ABBA, a Christian School/Orphanage in Kenya. We have collected donations for this wonderful school previously and will be collecting needed supplies again over the summer. We will also be collecting monetary donations throughout the summer. Please watch for more details about this collection in the coming months.

Collections at COA

Did you ever wonder what exactly we collect at COA and where these collections take place? Well, many collections take place in the cloak room. When you enter the cloakroom from the entrance on the left you will first see a closet with first aid and medical supplies and a wheelchair to be used in case of emergencies. The second closet is for donations for the Pet Pantry. The Pet Pantry is asking for donations of dog and cat food and gently used towels. They will NOT accept sheets, large blankets, comforters., and bedspreads. In that same closet we also collect eyeglasses for the Lion's Club and tabs from aluminum cans. The tabs must be secured in baggies. Cancelled postage stamps (also for the Lion's Club to be passed on to Veterans) are collected in the office in a basket on the shelf behind the volunteers' desk. In the third closet we collect gently-used clothing which is taken to the clothing bank at the LCCC on Queen Street or some of it is taken to Community Aid. The next shorter cabinets are to be used to collect food for our "Food Bank". Please place only food donations inside these two short cabinets. Our food collection goes to a few places. Some of it is bagged and given upon request to those in need and the rest is given to the Food Hub at LCCC and the Food Pantry at Zion Lutheran Church in Landisville. Next to the food collection cabinets is the SMALL Apostles Caring Cart which is consistently used to collect personal and home-care supplies for the Apostles Assistance Fund. Across the cloak room on the other side is the Lost and Found box for articles left in the building. We collect donations for special ministries in the LARGE Apostles Caring Cart which is in the Narthex near the fellowship table. Those collections change throughout the year with various ministries that we do for community and global outreach. Lastly, we collect aluminum cans at the Youth Center. You may also drop bagged aluminum can tabs there as a secondary location. We hope this helps you find the right place for your donations. As always, thank-you so much for all of your generous donations of personal goods, home care supplies, aluminum tabs, cancelled stamps, and donations to all our various special ministries.

Celebrating New Beginnings at LGH with our Next Outreach Ministry

Our next Ministry in the LARGE Caring Cart will be in the form of a Baby Shower! Everyone loves celebrating babies, so for the month of Mother's Day we would like to "shower" the mothers in the Healthy Beginnings Plus Program at LGH. This is a valuable program which helps first-time, low-income mothers and infants receive health care services, health education, emotional support, and guidance. A team of doctors, certified mid-wives, nurses, and social workers provide support to these new mothers. It is a wonderful program! We will be collecting donations for the infants through the end of May. Please take a "baby foot" from the poster on the Outreach bulletin board and donate that item written on the "foot" and put your donations in the LARGE Caring Cart by the last Sunday in May. Thank you for all that you generously donate to our Outreach ministries. We are definitely spreading God's love to ALL people!



4/2	Barbara Bimson
4/3	Sallie McMinn
4/4	Michael Buckwalter
4/4	Aria Rampaul
4/4	Lois Schousen*
4/5	Beth Buckwalter
4/6	Timothy Albert
4/6	Jim Eaton
4/6	Allison Weiser
4/6	Sunshine Whittington
4/7	Jim Dougherty
4/9	Randy Sweigart
4/11	Cole Bravo
4/11	Jane McCartney
4/13	Kristi Newport
4/14	Ethan Smith
4/14	David Miller
4/15	Peter Schmiechen
4/16	Joyce Baker
4/16	Katherine Seiler
4/18	Susie McCooey
4/20	Ashley Laymon
4/20	Richard Millhouse
4/21	Larry Neiderer
4/22	Kamron Fickes
4/23	Lou Gaudio
4/23	Janice Morris
4/28	Dawn Zipko
4/28	Carl Zartman

*90+ Birthday



4/7	Holly & John Kleimo
4/14	Don & Pat Hess*
4/15	Jonathan Paredes & Elsy Santizo
4/21	James & Connie Souders

*50+ Anniversary

Have an Articles for the Crown?

Please send articles for the May edition of the Crown by Monday, April 17th to office@apostlesucc.org.

Please be aware that articles MUST be submitted by the 15th and be less than 200 words. All articles must include a Who, What, Where, When, Why and How. If you have any questions please direct them to the Administrative & Communications Coordinator, Paityn Nissly.





April 9th

**In Loving Memory of our Daughter,
Cristine Sue Dormer**

By Pat & Don Hess

April 16th

**In Loving Memory of
Candy Cunningham**

By Her Family

**In Loving Memory of Florence &
Elsworth E. Kistler, and Marie & J.
Glenn Ebersole, Sr.**

By Daughter and Son, Helen & J.
Glenn Ebersole, Jr.

April 23rd

In Loving Memory of Bob Miller

By His Wife, Shirley and Children

**In Loving Memory of Wilbur & Anna
Eshbach, and Ralph & Bertha Ruble**

By John & Bonnie Eshbach and Family

Flowers are an integral part of our worship service. Not only providing a physical symbol of beauty during our worship, but allows us to honor and remember the cloud of witnesses who have enriched our lives. The cost of our flowers and bulletins averages about \$110 a week. Our suggested contribution for sponsoring flowers and bulletins is \$35; however, any amount is welcomed and appreciated.

If you would like to sponsor flowers, fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or send it into the office. Please include your sponsorship donation with this form or check the box below if making your donation online through Realm.

Thank you for your support in this important ministry,

Worship Commission

I would like to sponsor flowers on the following date:

"In honor of" or "In memory of"

Your name

Phone number

☐ Check here if sponsorship donation has been made online.

Please place this form in the church office or an offering plate.

If you have any questions please contact:

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Giving Report

Thank you for your continuing generosity to God's ministries. Your ongoing, regular contributions allow us to live out the mission and calling gifted to us by God. Through you, lives are being touched, grace is being offered, healing is being nurtured, and the transformative reign of God is being shared.

Financial Report

	February 2023	February 2022
YTD Revenue	\$67,499.31	\$179,383.64
YTD Operating Expenses	\$104,823.84	\$104,052.17
Net YTD Operating Income	-\$37,324.53	\$75,331.47

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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Dear Church of the Apostles UCC,
As we enter the second half of the school year, I am writing to thank you for adopting 12 classrooms at Martin Elementary School. I know the teachers are using your donation toward much needed supplies for their classrooms. As a member of the LEF board, I just wanted to let you know that we are very grateful for your support.
- From Margaret Hazleff (Lancaster Education Foundation)



Susie McCooey competed in the March 18, 2023 WITF Spelling Bee. She represented Rohrerstown Elementary School. What an honor just to earn a spot in the final BEE! We'll let you know how she finished next month. (Parents: Flo Waldron & Michael McCooey)

Luke Bahling was honored as a Student of the Month of March at Centerville Middle School. These students have exhibited excellent scholarship and contribution to the school community. (Parents: Cristina & Joe Bahling)

Worship Survey (Also Available in Palm Sunday and Easter Bulletins)

Please only fill out once. Mail to Office or Drop in Offering Box.

I have enjoyed worshiping with the whole congregation on single-service Sundays.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ I have no opinion
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree

I see the wisdom of a well-designed blended worship experience as a way to reach new people and grow this church.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ I have no opinion
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree

I want to continue our single-service Sundays experiment every Sunday.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ I have no opinion
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree

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