

# THE CROWN



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## Pastor's Corner

*I passed on to you as most important what I also received: Christ died for our sins in line with the scriptures, he was buried, and he rose on the third day in line with the scriptures. – 1 Corinthians 15:3-4*

We are moving through a difficult time in the world, our country and in our congregation. It is a time when we can feel lost and even afraid. The early church also felt lost and afraid. For them, the “world” was ruled by the Roman Empire which taxed and oppressed the people heavily. Their country or land was no longer theirs and they had no say in how it was run. Many lived day to day with just enough to survive another day. It was to people like this, as well as the merchants who supported the Apostle Paul’s ministry, that he wrote the quote above.

Although the way forward is not clear, we have a hope and an assurance that we have been saved through Christ’s actions and that the Holy Spirit will guide us and our decision-making if we are open and listening to it. Too often we rely on our own efforts and resources, as if we can save ourselves, which is foolishness. Rather, we are called to look at our world and ask the questions, “In what way can we bring more love into our community? What can we do to offer the news of Christ’s love and grace to others?”

Christianity from the beginning was about a different way of living. It was in their increased love, compassion and empathy for others that attracted the attention of others and many joined the faith. My fear is that we have become too immersed in the business and bureaucracy of “doing” church and have forgotten to “be” church to one another and our neighbors. It appears to be the time for our repentance and willingness to turn towards God who is our beginning and our ending. God can be our rudder to navigate us through the “storms” of our lives. Are we willing to follow?

Blessings & Peace,

*Pastor Kathryn Kuhn*



**PASTOR**

**KATHRYN KUHN**

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# A Message from the Council President

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## The Body of Christ - Reflections on 1 Corinthians 12

Recently I was in a gathering of members where a comment was made about a fellow COA member feeling forgotten because no one from the church had reached out to them after a trying loss of a loved one. I was really taken back when thinking about this. I went searching for some words from the Bible that would guide me. What did Jesus tell his followers about the Body of Christ?

In 1 Corinthians, the Apostle Paul described the Church as the Body. Paraphrasing: The Body is a unit made up of many parts. But the parts all have a purpose and a function. The Body needs ALL of its parts in order to be healthy. The modern day church is blessed to be the Body of Christ in the world and we have been blessed with many gifts and graces to share with others.

The 18 months - 2 years of COVID did separate us in some ways, but it is not an insurmountable barrier. My fondest wish for Church of the Apostles as the Body of Christ is to be the eyes, the ears, the mouth, the hands and the feet of Christ. If we hear of a fellow member who is hurting, I pray that each of us feels empowered to reach out to that person (as well as sending a message to the Pastor who may not have heard about the need). In addition to lifting others up in prayer, send a card or make a call to the person who needs support. If you notice someone has been missing from church services, can you take a minute to call or send a note? We ALL are the Body of Christ and help others to feel a part of that Body again.

Blessings,  
Donna Carr

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## Nature in Rader Park with Lisa Sanchez

Due to the success of our Wacky Wednesday program, we have added an additional date for everyone to come out and learn about nature. On Wednesday August 17th from 10 - 11 AM we invite you to join us in Rader Park for a presentation from Lisa Sanchez. Lisa is a Naturalist with the Lancaster County Parks, and her presentations are engaging to both adults and children. Registration is available through Realm or on our Facebook Page. We look forward to seeing you there!



## STAY CONNECTED!

Worship services are available online via our [Website](#), [Youtube](#), or [Facebook](#). For bulletins and more information visit [www.apostlesucc.com/sermons](http://www.apostlesucc.com/sermons).

Worship services can also be accessed **toll free** via the Worship by Phone Line at: 888-440-0106. No internet, no problem. You can worship by phone each week during the worship time or choose from the library of recorded worship services. Simply dial the toll-free number and follow the prompts.

# Church Happenings and News

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## Volunteers Needed

The church is considering opening the Fellowship Hall once again to host funeral receptions. In order to do this, we need volunteers willing to give their time to set up, serve, and clean up after the reception. We are looking for a group of volunteers, because due to the sporadic need, not all would be available for every reception. Please give this some consideration. If you are willing to be placed on this list, please call Arlene Gaudioso at (717) 394-6338.

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## Service on September 11th & Potluck Lunch

Please mark your calendars for September 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be having one combined service at 10:00 AM. This is traditionally a "return to worship" service after the summer months. During this time we will be having a brief introduction to the work that Agile Church will be beginning for COA in the coming months. There will be a Blessing of the Backpacks and a re-energizing of the Faith Formation Classes.

Following the service, join your fellow members for a yummy traditional COA Potluck Lunch in Fellowship Hall. Parish Life Commission will supply cold drinks. We are asking attendees to supply a dish that serves 6 or more following this last name breakdown:

A-G bring a Salad or Side Dish  
H-P bring a Main Course or Casserole  
Q-Z bring a Dessert

\*For all dishes please note any allergens including Nuts, Eggs, Milk, & Fish.

Either bring your dish to the kitchen on your way to church or bring them in the Narthex and we will have carts there to receive them and transport them to the kitchen for you. Please sign up in Realm or by calling the church office to sign up so we know how many people to prepare for.

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## Locked Doors Update

It has come to our attention that there is concern among members about our front doors being locked during the church's office hours. We are grateful that you feel ownership with the church and care about how welcoming it is. This is our goal too; however, we are living in very different times where churches have become targets for those who want to cause harm. If you plan on visiting during the posted office hours, please use the doorbell and a member of our staff will be happy to assist you. For emergencies, we have the main church number posted and we will connect you to a staff member based on the type of need. Please continue to give us feedback as we try to balance a desire for COA to be a welcoming church with safety concern for staff and volunteers.

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## Coloring August Sunsets in Rader Park

Join Rev. Kuhn at the Schellenberger pavilion for a new way to pray called "Praying in Color" on Wednesdays August 10, 17, and 24 from 7-8 pm. We will enjoy beautiful sunsets over the pond and learn to express our prayers on paper through crayons, markers or watercolors. This is an accessible event for all ages and abilities because there is no wrong way to do it! It is also a great experience for introverts as we take some personal time. Register for this event through Realm or by calling the church office.

## 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.

- **August 9, 2022:**  
American Dirt by Janine Cummings
- **September 11, 2022:** Booth by Karen Joy Fowler
- **October 11, 2022:**  
Bird In Hand by Christina Baker Kline

## 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.

# New Member Directory



### Adrienne & Robert Delaney

Sponsored by Barbara Butzer

Transferred from Vermont

Contact information is private



### Ann Beck

Sponsored by Elizabeth (Daughter) &

Jim Stoltzfus

Contact information is private.



### Jonathan Shaub

Sponsored by Bill Stock

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### Janice & Roger Morris

Transferred from First Reformed UCC, Lancaster

Contact information is private



### Michele & Jim Wherley

Sponsored by Holly Kleimo

Transferred from Stoverstown UCC, Spring Grove

Contact information is private

# Church Happenings and News

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## Lunch with Pastor Kuhn

We were so pleased by the interest and conversation in June at the “Lunch with the Executive Committee” that we want to continue to host these open conversations where you may bring your questions, concerns and suggestions that we may gather to connect and have open dialog. So mark your calendars for Saturday, August 20th from 12:30-2:30 pm in the parlor. We look forward to the conversation!

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## Dining Around

Do you want to meet more members of our congregation? Join the Dining Around group. You can join as an individual, a couple or a family. The groups will be for approximately 8 people and will share 4 meals together over a 6-month period starting in October 2022. The groups will be randomly selected. The meals can be anywhere—someone’s home, a park, or a restaurant. Please sign up in Realm or by contacting the church office by 9/16/2022.

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## Homestead Bible Study

Church of the Apostles UCC invites you to a five-week Bible Study held Tuesdays in August from 10:30 - 11:30 AM in Burkholder Chapel at Homestead Village or 7:00 - 8:00 PM online via Zoom. Les Helmeczi will guide the morning sessions at Burkholder Chapel and Mark Achtermann will guide the evening sessions via Zoom. Our Bible Study will focus on how the Bible is a collection of writings composed over a thousand years in three different languages that illustrates the relationships of humanity with God. How can we relate these writings from historical and social settings, which are often radically different from the situations of our own lives? How can we understand these words? How can we navigate this diversity of meaning? Focusing on the challenges of understanding ancient texts, our five-week study will help us build bridges between our world and the worlds of the Bible. Through our study, the Bible may better become for us a living word from God.

Church of the Apostles members and attendees, residents of Homestead Village, and other interested persons are encouraged to sign up through Realm or by contacting the COA office.

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## Office Staff Engagement Reminder

In our attempt to have the office be as productive and effective as possible, we are suggesting some points to remember when engaging with the office staff.

- Two weeks’ notice is required for marketing materials that are needed for an event.
- Scheduling an appointment is needed if an in-depth conversation is desired.
- Large projects are best served with a conversation at the initial planning phase.
- Please check in with the office volunteer when you arrive who will see if the staff person is available.
- Outside of the posted office hours, staff are working on predefined projects and are not expected to engage with individuals, phone calls or emails.



# A MUSICAL NOTE

## WITH LARS POTTEIGER

When I was a child, my favorite season was summer. Not only did I enjoy having time off from school, summer offered an opportunity to immerse in musical pursuits. I had more time to practice, furthered study at music camps, and attended outdoor concerts. Summer break became a wonderful sabbatical; a time to refresh, refocus, and grow. One of my favorite pieces from that time was Gershwin's "Summertime" from *Porgy and Bess*. What are some musical works that you find renewing, or remind you of the summer season?

Two of my favorite musical works are pieces that were intentionally written with a summer theme: "Summer", from Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*, and the aforementioned "Summertime". Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* is a violin concerto in which each movement is named for a season. This work is unique because it is one of the first pieces of programmatic music - music that has narrative elements to tell a story or represent a theme, even in the absence of sung text. Vivaldi used the orchestra to represent the sounds of rivers, storms, and all manner of flora and fauna. He even wrote and published sonnets to accompany this work, to guide performers in their interpretation of the piece and evoke the different seasons in sound. This work is still performed and recorded regularly. I recently encountered an excellent version of the "Summer" movement, transcribed and arranged for solo organ by organist Jonathan Scott. Scott performs this fast and difficult piece masterfully, and makes it look and sound effortless.

No song evokes the image of summer quite like "Summertime." This aria from Gershwin's opera is still well known nearly a hundred years later. I frequently get requests to play this song at gigs! There are many excellent recordings, from the languorous version in the opera to jazzy interpretations that offer the listener a rhythmic bounce. Country singer Willie Nelson recorded a sublime version of this piece on an album titled *Summertime* in 2016.

Our church musical ensembles are taking a well-deserved break for the summer. We will resume in September. I encourage you to prayerfully consider adding your voice to our Sunday worship services this fall and would love to see you at our rehearsals as you are able. Please email me at [Larsp@apostlesucc.org](mailto:Larsp@apostlesucc.org) for more information about how to get involved.

Blessings,

Lars

## Interested in Donating?

### Food Bank Needs:

- Cereal
- Canned Soup
- Canned Fruit
- Mac N' Cheese
- Potatoes (Box or Can)
- Canned Beans
- Rice
- Peanut Butter

### Apostles

#### Assistance Needs:

- Toilet Paper
- Tissues
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Soap
- Wash Cloths
- Hand Lotions
- Deodorant
- Paper Towels
- Laundry Detergent
- Cleaning Products
- Dish Cloths & Sponges

## Stamps for Veterans!

Remember we are still collecting used (cancelled) stamps off of envelopes to save for Veterans. Stamps can be dropped off in the office in a box labeled "Stamps". If you have any questions, please reach out to Linda Eaton at 717-393-0274.

## Community Outreach

### Refugee Families

The Welcome Team needs more people who could help out with the two refugee families from the Congo. We need drivers to appointments, childcare for the children, possibly drivers for the older children when school starts, and help with reinforcing their English lessons. If you would be available to help out, please contact Linda Lewis at (717) 333-1327 so she can send you the appropriate paperwork from Church World Services. There will be a child abuse check, a criminal background check, and two CWS forms to sign off on after reading the volunteer manual. Please call Linda if you have any questions. Thank-You!



After graduation we often lose touch with our students as they move on to college, careers, etc. Our goal this year is to shine a spotlight on what some of those graduates are doing this Fall.

**ETHAN SMITH** is heading to Shippensburg University this fall. He participated in multiple sports at Hempfield High, but leaves his calendar "open for exploration of opportunities at 'Ship'". Likewise, his first years there are "uncommitted" as to a major. His parents, Andy and Pam, and sister, Josie, will miss his "teasing" and broad smiles. Ethan has served COA as acolyte, usher, enthusiastic Rader Park camper and creek steward. We wish him best of luck in his endeavors at Shippensburg.

**JACK STOLTZFUS** experienced dual graduations. He walked the stage at L-S for his high school diploma, and earned a certificate in automotive technology at Lancaster Career & Technology Center. He plans to enter the workforce directly and exchange his present employment for a career in the automotive industry. He is actively job hunting. Jack and his parents Jim and Elizabeth, siblings Benja and Luci, and Grandma Anna worship with us regularly. Jack has served on Council, as acolyte, usher, and in the sound booth. We wish Jack the best on his current job hunt and in his future career.

Recently graduated or have a graduate you'd like featured? Please email Church of the Apostles at [office@apostlesucc.org](mailto:office@apostlesucc.org) with a short blurb about their graduation and future plans. We look forward to featuring more students as they begin their journeys after graduation.

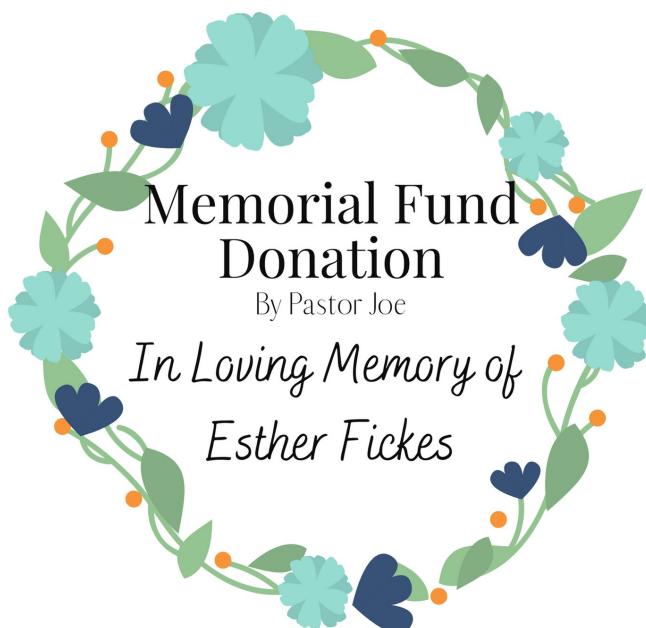


8/1	Carla Williams
8/2	Ingeborg Kepple
8/2	Betty Plamjack
8/3	Laurel Marx
8/4	Paul Hocker *
8/6	Donna Bechtold
8/7	Teigan Rohrbaugh
8/9	Kathy Barto *
8/9	Luane Morrison
8/9	Stephen Noland
8/10	Beverly Waltman
8/11	John Eshbach
8/11	Kandi Fickes
8/13	Kathy Duffey
8/13	Linus Whittington
8/14	Virginia Brown
8/14	Chris Conrad
8/16	Adrienne DeLaney
8/18	Bernie Fickes
8/18	Bill Stock
8/19	Pat DiDomenico
8/19	Judith Frable
8/19	David Schick
8/19	Jonathan Shaub
8/20	Alexander Watkins
8/21	Don Culp
8/22	Tom Weaver
8/23	Dan Fickes
8/24	Teresa Wilson
8/28	Nancy Hungerford
8/29	Pat Hess
8/29	Doris Robb
8/30	Kate Kendig

\* 90+ Birthdays

8/2	David & Karen Longenecker
8/2	Jim & Elizabeth Stoltzfus
8/2	Wade & Debby Walburn
8/8	Terry & Kandi Fickes
8/9	Jane & Steve McCartney
8/9	Stephanie & Cliff Rampaul
8/10	Judy & Larry Waltman
8/14	Les & Karen Helmeczi *
8/16	Joe & Sandy Weidel *
8/20	George & Donna Bechtold *
8/20	Karen & Don Culp
8/21	Skeeter & Donna Carr *
8/25	Tom & Linda Lewis
8/28	Herb & Patty Forry

\* 50+ Anniversaries







### **August 7th**

In Loving Memory of my mother & father,  
Arlene & Charles Keiter  
By Judy Klunk

In Loving Memory of Michael W. Steger  
By his wife, Nancy

### **August 14th**

In Loving Memory of John Markle  
By his wife, Audrey and Family

### **August 21st**

In Memory of Dawn Dougherty's birthday  
By her husband, Jim

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Fickes and Mr. &  
Mrs. Spangler on the birthdays of their  
children.  
By Dan & Bernie Fickes

### **August 28th**

In Loving Memory of my parents, Norma &  
John Bachman, my brother John and my  
sister.  
By Mary Ellen Bachman

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:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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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:**

**Wilma Klingler 717-584-6430**

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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

	June 2022	June 2021
Revenue	\$22,860.87	\$51,592.47
Endowment Draws	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenses	\$62,137.42	\$54,916.74
Net Operating Income	(\$39,276.55)	(\$3,324.27)

## 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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### Faith Formation Schedule

#### Summer Classes

June 12 – August 28th – Rader Park Summer Faith Formation: 3 yr-old – 8th grade all together during the 9am worship service.

### *Articles for the Crown*

Please send articles for the August edition of the Crown by Monday August, 15th to [office@apostlesucc.org](mailto:office@apostlesucc.org).

Please be aware that articles MUST be submitted by the 15th and be less than 200 words unless it has been previously arranged to have a longer article included or for a date extension. If you have any questions please direct them to the Administrative & Communications Coordinator, Paityn Nissly.

## *AUGUST PREACHING SCHEDULE*

**August 7 - Rev. Kathryn Kuhn**

**August 14 - Rev. Kathryn Kuhn**

**August 21 - Rev. Kathryn Kuhn**

**August 28 - Rev. Kathryn Kuhn**



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