



THE CROWN NEWS

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Pastor's Corner



The Season of Lent begins this year on Wednesday, February 22 with our Ash Wednesday service at 7 PM in the sanctuary. With Lent, I want to challenge us to be more purposeful and aware of our discipleship by taking on three spiritual disciplines. They are:

- Attend worship each week to be part of the community and intentionally meet others you don't know yet. Using Jonathan's words, "Be the church. Come to church."
- Increase your giving of time and money to show yourself that you can make God's work a priority in your life. Practicing good stewardship of our resources is an act of ministry.
- Do an act of justice or mercy each week with the confidence that opportunities will present themselves. This may be as simple as giving a larger tip to the one who serves your table or cuts your hair. It may be an act of forgiveness for one who needs to hear it.

During our worship series for this season, we will focus on the spiritual discipline of "letting go." We will explore letting go of our selfishness, our need for power, our cultural norms that limit us, our perceptions which keep us from seeing others with love and grace, our expectations which lead to disappointments, and our desire to control our lives and that which is in it. The thought of "letting go" can be a scary premise until we remember that we trust in the one who loves us more than we understand. This is to whom we are "letting go." Our "letting go" allows Christ to move within us and speak to us in ways that lead to more joy-filled living.

May we trust God enough to be willing to let go. Or at least, be willing to be willing to let go!

Blessings & Peace,

Pastor Kathryn Kuhn



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A Message from the Executive Committee

As we move toward spring, these next few weeks and months are going to be very important in the life of Church of the Apostles. After Easter, we will engage in the Jeremiah Project, a product of Agile Church. The goal of the project is renewal through vision, achieved by members joining together in prayer and discussion to discern God's plan for COA.

The success of the Jeremiah Project is dependent on an extremely high level of congregational participation, as the discussion from these meetings will serve as a guiding force for determining our future. Small groups will meet with facilitators at mutually convenient times and locations.

I am asking you to prayerfully consider if you possess the gifts to serve as a facilitator. Lead facilitators are:

- Someone you would call for personal prayer.
- Someone who is a spiritual leader of the church.
- Capable of being honest and vulnerable.
- Skilled facilitators or teachers.

Supporting facilitators have complimentary gifts of being:

- Gifted with hospitality and organization.
- Great note-takers.
- Able to lead communication for team members.
- Able to facilitate in the absence of the lead facilitator.

Group diversity is important, so spouses should not facilitate within the same group. Facilitators will be trained on April 2nd after the 10:00 service. They will be fully supported by Agile church as we move through the project. Please call the office if you would be willing to serve in this way.

Sincerely,

Johanna Baker (Council Secretary and Implementation Team)

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



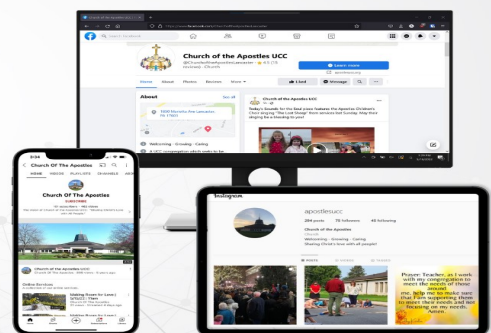
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Church Happenings and News

Chair & Light Body Stretching & Exercises

Join our friends at Salem UCC for a free exercise program being held from 6:30-7:15PM on February 20th. Meet in the Fellowship Hall of Salem UCC, bring a positive attitude and have some fun with no equipment. Donations will be accepted for this free-to-you program.

Hospitality Table Volunteers Needed

Do you enjoy seeing people gather in the lobby on Sunday mornings for conversation? Would you like to help encourage this? The Implementation Team is looking for people to host the Fellowship Table on Sunday mornings.

All you need to do is purchase some salty and sweet snacks, arrange them on the table by the steps in the lobby, and put them away before you leave for the day. There are even pre-packaged snacks in the kitchen for your use if you prefer. If you are interested in hosting the Hospitality Table this year, please click the 'Serving' tab on Realm or the Realm Connect App, scroll to opportunities, pick 'Hospitality Table Host', leave a comment with which Sunday you would like to host, and submit your interest. If you are not yet on Realm or are having trouble submitting your interest, please email office@apostlesucc.org.

Exterior Door Re-Keying

All exterior doors have been re-keyed to abide by our key policy approved by Council in October. For the safety of our children and staff, we want to know who has access to the building when the office is closed. If you wish to have a key, please request a key application from the office at office@apostlesucc.org or by calling 717-392-5718. All old keys can be dropped off at the office for recycling. If you wish to read the key policy, this is also available through the office volunteer.

Usher Meeting

On Sunday February 19th, at 10:00 AM in the parlor there will be a meeting for our usher volunteers. All current ushers are asked to attend and anyone who is interested in becoming an usher is cordially invited to attend. This is a meaningful way to serve the church and we hope you will prayerfully consider being a member of the usher team. We hope to see you there!

A Slice of Psalms

A well-known and much-loved book of the Bible, Psalms, offers (more or less) 150 songs of praise, thanksgiving, trust, and challenge. Here we find beautiful expressions of deep emotions we all experience. The sentiment of the songs is sometimes familiar, and sometimes strange. Join us for three weeks in February as we explore a slice of this feast from the ancient world, still resonating with us today! Coming on Tuesdays February 7th, 14th, and 21st, 2023. Join us at the Church of the Apostles/Homestead Village Bible Study, meeting 10:30-11:30AM in Burkholder Chapel and/or 7:00-8:00PM on Zoom. If you plan to join us please consider notifying the church office: office@apostlesucc.org. Facilitated by Mark Achtermann and Les Helmeczi.



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.

- **February 14, 2023:** Tobacco Wives by Adele Myers
- **March 13, 2023:** School for German Brides by Aimie Runyan
- **April 11, 2023:** Death at LA Fenice by Donna Leon

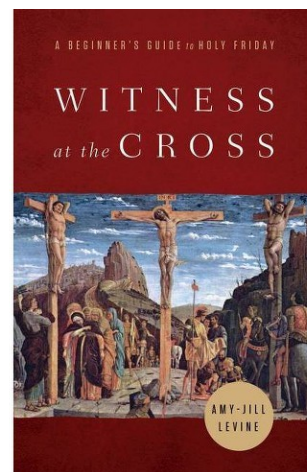
Upper Room Daily Devotionals

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.

Church Happenings and News Continued

Lent Book Study

Come & join us for a 6-week Book Study starting on Sunday, February 26th at 10 AM in the Parlor. We will be reading *Witness at the Cross* by Amy-Jill Levine as we experience Holy Friday from the perspective of those who watched Jesus die. If you are unable to attend the in-person sessions on Sunday mornings, we will also be offering a 7 PM session on Wednesdays starting March 1st on Zoom. To reserve a copy of the book please contact Barbara Achtermann at bachtermann@comcast.net or to register go to shorturl.at/ajvK6



I Love You AROUND THE WORLD



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| 10.__ JAPANESE | J. TE AMO |
| 11.__ TURKISH | K. NAKUPENDA |
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| 13.__ GREEK | M. 愛してます |

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Preschool News

ACP kicked off the year learning all about nursery rhymes. *Mother Goose was on the loose* at ACP! We had a Nursery Rhyme Olympic Games in the gym and even dressed as our favorite nursery rhyme characters.

Apostles Community Preschool also explored Iceland, the Land of Fire and Ice, during the month of January. Children used their imaginations to fly across the ocean to learn all about Iceland, from its active volcanoes and geysers, to interesting animals like puffins and foxes, and its Viking history. We had lots of cold weather fun!

The Preschool had a very successful Open House for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. We currently have a limited number of openings available. If you or anyone you know is looking for a loving, caring, high-quality educational preschool experience for your child, registration is still open and we would be honored to be your child's first school experience. Please contact Jeannie Clausen, jclausen.acp@gmail.com, for more information regarding registration.



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RAISE SOME DOUGH

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FUNDRAISER DATE: February 15, 2023

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A Musical Note

WITH
LARS POTTEIGER

“*Agape* is something of the understanding, creative, redemptive goodwill for all men. It is a love that seeks nothing in return. It is an overflowing love; it’s what theologians would call the love of God working in the lives of men. And when you rise to love on this level, you begin to love men, not because they are likeable, but because God loves them.” Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

We don’t really celebrate Valentine’s Day in church, or do we? This holiday originated as a feast day celebrating Saint Valentine and acts by martyrs in the early Christian church. Our more contemporary approach to celebrating this holiday came about in the 14th and 15th centuries, where people in some countries shifted the focus in this celebration to romantic love, as an ideal of courtly love flourished in Europe. Our more modern traditions for this holiday stem largely from this influence.

The Ancient Greeks had seven words for love, each with a different meaning. In the quote above, Dr. King uses one of these Greek terms; *agape* is considered to be a type of love that shows a love for God and strangers, or love that is exemplified through charitable acts. When considering a meaning of love through this lens, I think of how much we are encouraged to do this through our faith already. It’s as if daily we are called to celebrate this type of love in our lives! I often pray for the ability to love in a way that Dr. King describes in his quote - selflessly and loving others as God first loved us. This is important because there are times we are all unlikeable, but God still loves us. We are encouraged to love in this way in many of the hymns we sing, prayers that we use in worship, and scriptures that we read. This type self-sacrificing love that is called for in the Greek word *agape* connects more closely to the essence and spirit of the original celebration of Valentine’s Day as compared with a more modern celebration that focuses on chocolate, flowers, and romantic love. What are some new ways you can demonstrate *agape* with family, coworkers, and friends this February? How can understanding *agape* enrich our celebration of Valentine’s Day and give us a new perspective in faith?

The Apostles Academy is hosting a concert featuring the Temple Avenue Jazz Band on February 26th at 3pm in the sanctuary. This talented ensemble met while in school at Temple University and still performs regularly throughout southeastern and central PA. I hope that you are able to attend and experience this wonderful band!

Agape,

Lars



Church of the Apostles
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TEMPLE AVENUE JAZZ

Sunday,
February 26th
at 3PM

CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES SANCTUARY
1850 Marietta Ave,
Lancaster PA 17603

Community Outreach

February Special Offering

There is a Special Offering envelope for February 12th to give monetary support to the Apostles Assistance Fund. The Apostles Assistance Fund helps those in need of emergency funds for various reasons and it also provides home care and personal care items to those in need. Rev. Kuhn gets many requests for financial help, gas cards, and grocery cards. We have a food "bank" at COA which supports people with food needs. We also have a collection of supplies to fill other needs such as personal and home care requests. Please consider donating generously to this fund. You can donate a physical check with Apostles Assistance Fund written on the memo line or you can donate on-line throughout the year. Thank you for your support!

Apostles Caring Cart

We are collecting donations of personal and home care supplies for the Apostles Assistance Fund in the LARGE Caring Cart in the Narthex. There is a poster on the Outreach bulletin board with sticky notes for you to take and donate the item written on the note. We will collect through February and March. If you would like to donate food, that can be placed on the grey cart or in the SMALL Caring Cart in the cloak room. Thank you for all that you so generously donate to our Outreach ministries! Thank you for sharing God's love with all People!

Bilombele & Generina Families Update

Many thanks for your generous donations to the Refugee Christmas Fund in December. The Welcome Team was able to purchase coats, hats, gloves, and warm clothes for all eight of our friends. We still are planning to get snow boots. The families were most appreciative of these items and asked me to thank all of you for your kindness!

Samaritan Center of Lancaster

In case you didn't know, we are a partner church with the Samaritan Center of Lancaster. As a partner church, our leadership can attend workshops on congregational leadership and our membership has access to vouchers to pay for therapy sessions. If you have need for a voucher, please speak with Pastor Kuhn directly.



Church of the Apostles UCC CAN COLLECTION

We are saving aluminum cans to be returned to the recycling center for profit! Cans can be dropped off at the Youth Center at Rader Park in the large marked bin. Please have them in a plastic bag if possible. Thank-You for your continued support of this program.



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| 2/1 | Jere Baker |
| 2/1 | Nils Stenman |
| 2/1 | Bob Delaney * |
| 2/3 | Brody Moore |
| 2/4 | Kelley Brown |
| 2/4 | Nick Bravo |
| 2/4 | Jill Craven |
| 2/5 | Larry Frable |
| 2/6 | Marianne Deaner |
| 2/6 | Susan Stirling |
| 2/6 | Mason Koehler |
| 2/8 | Glenn Ebersole |
| 2/9 | Joy Angevine * |
| 2/9 | Lisa Ann Sweigart |
| 2/13 | Cole Kendig |
| 2/13 | Dorothy Freeman |
| 2/14 | Mary Ellen Bachman * |
| 2/14 | Miles Clausen |
| 2/15 | Emerson Brown |
| 1/16 | Joe Bahling |
| 2/16 | Nora Bravo |
| 2/18 | Michele Wherley |
| 2/20 | Kristine Martin |
| 2/20 | Paityn Nissly (Staff) |
| 2/23 | Deb Aukamp |
| 2/24 | Shirley Miller |
| 2/27 | Rasma Pakalnins * |

* 90+ Birthdays



No Anniversaries this Month

Have an Articles for the Crown?

Please send articles for the March edition of the Crown by Wednesday, February 15th to office@apostlesucc.org.

Please be aware that articles **MUST** be submitted by the 16th 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.



February 5th

In Loving Memory of Erin McCartney Nusbaum, and Son-In-Law,

Max Nusbaum

By Jane & Steve McCartney

February 12th

In Loving Memory of Charlie Klinger

By His Wife

February 19th

In Loving Memory of Clayton K. Stehman

By Tom & Linda Lewis

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:

Jean Heidig - (717) 394-8733

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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

| | December 2022 | December 2021 |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| YTD Revenue | \$754,532.89 | \$711,997.58 |
| YTD Operating Expenses | \$709,873.71 | \$711.997.58 |
| Net YTD Operating Income | \$44,659.18 | \$0.00 |

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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Answers to I Love You Around the World: 1J, 2C, 3F, 4G, 5A, 6E, 7L, 8B, 9I, 10M, 11D, 12K, 13H

Things to do this February in Lancaster, PA

- ◇ Book your tickets to see one (or two) great shows this month, The Play that Goes Wrong will be taking stage at the Fulton Theatre, and Murder on the Orient Express is showing at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre.
- ◇ Head to Lititz from February 17th to March 26th for the Lititz Fire & Ice Festival. Tickets Required.
- ◇ Celebrate Black History Month with an exhibit from local artists called Of Light And Legacy located at the Ware Center in Lancaster and on display till February 28th.
- ◇ And don't forget, February 21st is Fasnacht Day! Visit one of your local bakeries to get yours!

FAITH FORMATION

Every Sunday

*ROOTED FOR GRADES 4TH-8TH
BEGINNING AT 8:55 AM IN ROOM 308*

*PRESCHOOL - 3RD GRADE IN ROOM 306
FOLLOWING CHILDREN'S TIME*

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