



THE CROWN NEWS

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Pastor's Corner

Happy New Year! With the New Year, many of us reflect on the pieces of our lives that need to change for us to be happier, healthier, and hopefully more aligned with who Christ is calling us to be. As a congregation, we are also in this time. And thanks to the Agile Church Health Check, we have some pieces on which to begin working; however, our work is not complete without you!

Every member and friend of this congregation has a voice in how we will continue to shape our life together. So, we are looking to invite the participation of those who worship with us regularly to be part of the Jeremiah Project which we hope to undertake for the season of Lent. The Jeremiah Project is an intentional small group study. It will be a six-week weekly commitment and we will offer times throughout the week both in person and online. The sessions will be led by members who will be trained by Agile Church to facilitate the conversations. The purpose of the Jeremiah Project is to specifically and clearly name the Vision and Mission God has for us in this time.

This may be a once in a lifetime or generation opportunity for members and friends to participate in a church-wide discernment process to share where they believe the Spirit is leading the church. Everyone's input is needed and your participation is expected. This is a sacred discernment process, NOT a business planning exercise, nor is it meant to be a place to air grievances. This small group study is designed to be thought provoking and to illicit positive concepts for future ministry of members as well as the whole church body.

With a compelling Vision and Mission we can:

- Bring new life and energy to the church
- Deepen faith and spiritual connections
- Increase giving
- Increase volunteer engagement
- Generate ministry outside the church
- Simplify decision-making regarding budgeting and implementation of new ministries
- Attract new families and individuals looking for a place that exemplifies the values of Jesus by making a tangible difference in the world

I hope you will prayerfully discern your willingness to commit your time and energy to this opportunity!

Blessings & Peace,

Pastor Kathryn Kuhn

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A Message from the Council President

I'm hoping your holidays were filled with God's Blessing as were my family's. I have a small, fun-loving family that enjoys celebrating the season. My wife Arlene and I have been members of the church since 1976, first at St. Paul's then Church of the Apostles. We were encouraged to attend St. Paul's church by Sandy and Joe Weidel. As I begin my term as COA President in 2023, I'm reminded of Sandy and Joe's invitation to visit their church, and how appreciative we are to them some 46+ years later for helping us find our church family.

As we begin this New Year, I am appealing to each of you to reach out and invite neighbors, friends, co-workers, or family members to join us in worship. Also, don't forget those members that you know who have not attended COA in person for a while (some since pre-Covid). All are welcome to visit, connect, and experience the spiritual love, blessings, and support of our church.

I would like to introduce the COA Executive team for 2023. It consists of myself as President, Karen Braun as Vice President, Cathy Kenlin as Treasurer, and Johanna Baker as Secretary. The Executive Committee of our church is, among other duties, responsible for the management and support of all part-time and full-time staff.

2023 is a year that will be filled with challenges at COA as we work with the Agile Church group to re-examine our Church's mission and vision. Tom Lewis is the leader of the Agile Church Implementation team. In the weeks to come, Tom and his Agile Church team will be seeking team leaders for the Jeremiah Project, a process designed to engage the entire congregation by participating in small groups of prayer, meditation, and study. This process should produce a compelling mission/vision generated from the church's congregation, not from its leaders. As you learn more about the Jeremiah Project, we ask that you prayerfully consider helping your Church by leading one of these teams.

Blessings and Peace, Lou Gaudioso - Council President

A Message from the Executive Committee

Greetings from the executive committee! On December 19th, Council met for the last time in 2022. Prior to gathering in the narthex for a lovely time of fellowship, the current and incoming members of council met to vote on the new executive committee. With Donna Carr finishing her 2-year term as President, Lou Gaudioso has graciously agreed to step into the role in 2023. Karen Braun will continue as Vice President and Johanna Baker will continue as Secretary. Cathy Kenlin will remain in her role as Treasurer. We look forward to serving this coming year and are excited to see how the church continues to grow and share the love of God with ALL people!

Sincerely, Johanna Baker - Executive Secretary

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



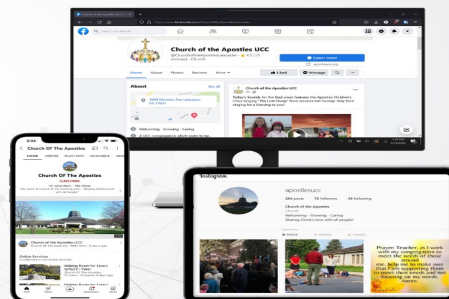
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Church Happenings and News

COA Kitchen Usage

Parish life oversees the COA kitchen. Please help us to keep the kitchen clean and rodent-free for all to use safely. We do not have a designated person who cleans the kitchen. With that knowledge, please remember to clean the kitchen after using it. There are rules for the kitchen to be followed which are posted in the kitchen. This is not a place to donate anything extra after using the kitchen. Please do not place items in the refrigerator that say for anyone to eat. Remember the church provides paper products to be used to avoid mis-matched products that do not fit on the shelves.

Volunteers Needed

Are you interested in helping Church of the Apostles UCC grow? We need volunteers to help write cards which are sent to new arrivals in our community. If you would be interested in helping with this weekly effort, please contact Don Hess at donhess39@gmail.com.

COA Collecting New/Lightly Used Winter Gear

Hello COA friends! We have an opportunity to reach out to show God's love to some middle school children (grades 6-8) who are desperately in need of warm winter gear. A staff member reached out to a neighborhood social media group that I'm a part of, and she shared that there are kids without even a coat in this cold weather! We will be collecting hats, scarves, gloves, and gently used sweaters and coats that would be appropriate for either girls or boys age 12-16. There will be a box by the Outreach Bulletin Board in the Narthex where you can place your donations. We will continue this collection until the end March. Please contact Donna Carr (717) 475-5285 if you have any questions!

APOSTLES ASSISTANCE NEEDS

- Paper Products
- Shampoo/
Conditioner
- Oral Hygiene
Products
- Soap
- Wash Clothes
- Deodorants
- Laundry Products
- Cleaning Products
- Dish Sponges/
Clothes

Congregational Q&A on Jeremiah Project

The Implementation Team invites you to another Q&A on Jan 8 between services to learn more about the Jeremiah project and to commit to supporting our using it as a tool to discern our vision and mission. We will be asking for commitments to participate in the project because it will not truly be God's vision and mission for us without your voice and participation. We are not fully the Body of Christ gathered here unless we all participate. So mark your calendars and we look forward to the conversation!

Christmas Service for Children

Held on December 23rd at 6PM.



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.

- **January 10, 2023:**
The Delight of Being Ordinary: A Road Trip of the Pope and Dalai Lama by Roland Merullo
- **February 14, 2023:**
Tobacco Wives by Adele Myers
- **March 13, 2023:**
School for German Brides by Aimie Runyan

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

COA Garage Sale Collections

Did you get a Christmas gift that you won't use? Did you get new clothes or dishes, and want to get rid of some older ones? If so, you are ready to start a collection spot for items for our next COA Garage Sale. We are successful when we have lots of items to sell-so please consider what you can part with (clothes, dishes, jewelry, collectibles, toys, games, sports memorabilia, books). Please hold onto these items until we are ready to accept them at the church. Thank you in advance, and if you have any questions please call Clara Kosmela at (717) 569-9960.

Giving Envelopes are located outside the office in the hallway nearest the bathrooms.



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Next Workshops:

January 20-21

February 10-11

7:00-9:00PM Friday and 9:00AM-4:30PM Saturday

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Preschool News

December was a busy month for our friends at ACP. Sing-alongs, crafts, parties, Christmas room shopping, and practicing for our Christmas Show, "Joy to the World", made the days leading up to our Christmas break fly by! Families donated hats and scarves for those in need and we had an overwhelming response to our Food Bank collection last month. We look forward to the new year which will surely be filled with lots of fun and learning.

Please continue to let family, friends, and neighbors know that registration for the 2023-24 school year begins January 2nd and we will hold an Open House on January 12th from 6:30-7:30PM. Check out our website and/or Facebook page for more information.



Happy Holidays from the ACP Staff

JANUARY CROSSWORD SEARCH

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Boots
Flurries
Frozen
Gloves
Hockey
Holidays
Hot Chocolate
Icicle
Igloo
Mittens
Penguin
Scarf

Shovel
Skates
Skiing
Sledding
Snow Angels
Snowball
Snowboard
Snowman
Snowsuit
Sweater
Toboggan
Winter



A Musical Note

WITH
LARS POTTEIGER

Water is essential to all life. We need it to survive. As Christians, we use water when we baptize. Jesus even turned water into wine. Not all forms of water are life-giving. Floods and storms cause destruction to property and life. Water can also freeze and present challenges as we navigate our day-to-day activities, particularly this time of year. Water is a theme in our worship services this Epiphany. Epiphany is a time for us to reconnect with our own baptisms as we celebrate the baptism of Jesus. We will use water-themed songs and other water-inspired elements in our services. What are some songs that use water imagery in the text that are familiar to you? How can you reconnect to the waters of your baptism in new life-giving ways this Epiphany?

Family Dinner Night and the Children's Choir rehearsal are back on-site at COA in room 303 on Wednesday evenings. The family dinner will start at 6pm, followed by the Children's Choir rehearsal at 6:30pm. Feel free to attend for food and family fellowship even if your children are not planning on attending choir. Please contact Children's Choir Director Breanne Cornielle if you would like to attend (bzipko@gmail.com).

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 perform regularly as an ensemble throughout southeastern and central PA. Please be sure to join us for this special concert!

Lars Potteiger



Church of the Apostles UCC

STAMPS FOR VETERANS

We are still collecting used (cancelled) stamps off of envelopes to save for veterans. Stamps can be dropped off in the office during posted office hours. If you have any questions please reach out to Linda Eaton at (717) 393-0274

Community Outreach

Apostles Caring Carts

A huge thank-you to all who participated in the annual Holiday Gifting Ministry! With your generous support, we were able to gift 41 students who attend Martin Elementary School. We definitely made a difference in the holiday season for these less fortunate children!

Our next ministry in the Caring Carts will begin in early January. We will be collecting much needed supplies for our very own Apostles Assistance Fund! There will be sticky notes on a poster on the Outreach bulletin board for you to choose to donate an item or two. The requested donations will be home care and personal care supplies for those who have needed to reach out to us for some help this winter. Please place your donations in the LARGE Caring Cart through January and February. Thank you from the Outreach Commission for all that you generously give to our various Outreach ministries! Through our strong Outreach ministries we can make a difference in the lives of so many!

Adopt a Classroom Program

Thank you to all of the commissions and members who donated funds to the Adopt a Classroom program in School District of Lancaster! We were able to donate a total of \$3,100 to Martin Elementary School and they were very appreciative! Please stop by the Outreach bulletin board to see the Thank You Banner that some of the students made for us! This just shows how we are making a difference in the lives of local students and spreading the love of Christ to others! Thank you!

Mission to the Homeless Special Offering

"Truly, I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

This month we will be collecting our annual Mission to the Homeless offering on January 15th. Over the years, this offering has helped support the efforts of local, national, and worldwide nonprofits who assist those struggling with homelessness in one form or another. To donate please use a giving envelope, Realm, or Vanco.

Thanks to the generosity of the congregation in 2022, a donation of \$1,250 was donated to Ukrainian relief and \$553.65 was donated to our Penn Central Conference Disaster Relief fund. The Ukrainian funding supported the efforts of our local Ukrainian church which has many direct contacts in that country for the most effective distribution of funds. The PCC disaster relief was specifically earmarked to assist flood-ravaged Kentucky.

Thank you for your continuing generosity!

The Outreach Commission

Interfaith Shabbat Service and Dinner

Some of you may remember that, pre-COVID, Congregation Shaarai Shomayim hosted a Sabbath evening service and dinner at which they welcomed and included those who participated with the Lancaster Interfaith Coalition. This chance to welcome us and share their worship and fellowship means a great deal to them. They value our friendship.

They are planning to hold such an evening on January 20th, and hope many of you will be able to join them, and bring others with you. This year they'll be doing the service first, starting at 6PM so we can spend more time over dinner after without any time pressure. They do need to limit space as their building is limited.

Please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C4CAA82EA4FF2-interfaith1>



1/2	Dick Cunningham
1/3	Herb Forry
1/3	Cathie Oliphant
1/4	John Wylie
1/6	Gail Stump
1/6	Ashley Walburn Hull
1/7	Chris Braun
1/8	Bernie Ochs
1/10	Arlene Gaudioso
1/11	Wende Stenman
1/12	Christine Gifford
1/12	Dorothea Greenawalt *
1/13	Almore Robb
1/14	Liam Dubs
1/16	Donald Koontz *
1/17	Delayne Breslin
1/17	Vincent Kuhn
1/19	Karen Helmeczi
1/21	Carol Burkholder
1/22	Jennifer Eyrich
1/24	Andree Goldman
1/24	Weston Koehler
1/29	Lois Millhouse
1/30	Caela McCooey
1/30	Jack Stoltzfus
1/31	Gabe Bravo
1/31	Chuck Erisman
1/31	Andy Smith

* 90+ Birthdays



1/14	Robert & Christine Gifford *
1/19	Stephen & Donna Lockey
1/31	Mike & Beth Buckwalter

* 50+ Anniversaries

Have an Articles for the Crown?

Please send articles for the February edition of the Crown by Monday, January 16th 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.



January

FLOWER SPONSORS

January 1st

In Loving Memory of Candy Cunningham

By Her Family

January 1st

**In Memory of Lynwood, Doris,
and Miles Shaeffer**

By Daughter and Sister, Sharon Shaeffer

January 8th

In Loving Memory of Harry Pakalnins

By His Wife, Rasma and
Daughter, Mara

**In Loving Memory of My Husband,
Dale Zabel**

By His Wife, Louise Zabel

**In Honor of the Birthdays of Al & Dale
Bischoff**

By Betsy Bischoff

January 15th

**In Honor of the Birthdays of Al & Dale
Bischoff**

By Betsy Bischoff

January 22nd

In Loving Memory of Candy Cunningham

By Her Family

January 29th

In Memory of Earl Butzer

By the Carr 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

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Phone number

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If you have any questions please
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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

	November 2022	November 2021
YTD Revenue	\$712,949.50	\$546,860.15
YTD Operating Expenses	\$657,167.87	\$655,001.42
Net YTD Operating Income	\$55,781.63	-\$108,141.27)

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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Fellow Church Member in Need of Help

Susan Shaak, a member of Church of the Apostles UCC, is looking for a person who would be willing to be in charge of her healthcare. If you or someone you know would be interested in helping out this member of our church, please call Susan at (717) 584 - 6791.

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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