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Pastor's Corner

Jesus said, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself." – Luke 10:27

With a new year, it is appropriate for us to reflect on what is most important to us and what we are to be as a Body of Christ. As we have felt stymied the past year, I have found myself saying more and more that all we can do is the next most loving thing. In my reading, I hear people talk about life and faith coming down to love. Not a romantic or emotional love, but an “*agape*” love that cares about the well-being of others, a love that is interested and working towards a world where all are able to thrive. I believe this is what we are also being called to as a church.

During the seasons of Epiphany and Lent, we will be using the book *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* by Robert Schnase. This will be the basis for our worship series and monthly congregational conversations so that we can share with one another the thoughts arising from listening to the Holy Spirit. The practices we will explore are Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity. None of these are new concepts but hopefully, Schnase’s work with Rev. Motz and my reflections will help us to dream and imagine a different way of being the church in our community.

This will challenge us to go places that are uncomfortable or where we would not normally go on our own, but that is how Christ works. Jesus also did not go where the religious authorities expected him to go. Rather he went to the people who were hurting, to the places that were forgotten by the religious leaders, and to the “untouchables,” not to convert them but to create relationships with them, to hear of their challenges and walk with them.

It matters how we live our lives, and when opportunities present themselves, we are called to love. Let us enjoy the journey together!

Blessings & peace,
Pastor Kathryn



**PASTOR
KATHRYN KUHN**

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A Message from the Council President

Well.....here we are in a new year! The shepherds and wise men have gone home. It seems the angel's song has hushed and the days seem like all the others. What impact has this Christmas season made upon your heart? What direction will your daily walk with God go? All the days seem to become like all the others in this COVID season. We all want things to be "normal"!!

Many people make New Year's resolutions to improve their lives. Losing weight, being on time, being more organized, cleaning up the clutter in our home. Have you considered making room on your list for the task that God is calling you to do....do you listen? This is my biggest fault. Oh yes....I pray, but do I listen? In the quiet after Christmas, may we all find time to listen to the voice of God. When we make time for this, I believe we find a peace and direction that is needed.

I was struck recently when I saw a news piece on the devastating tornadoes that ripped through the middle of the country in the second week of December. Terrible destruction that hit small communities. Home after home, small city downtown areas and churches torn apart to piles of rubble. People lost their loved ones and their "normal life" in a heartbeat. In the midst of such tragedy, there was an interview of a resident standing outside the wrecked church structure. His words resonated with me.....he said: "Yes, this is terrible and we will miss the old physical building, but this is not the church. The church is the people".

In the midst of what seems like wreckage and devastation in our lives in the pandemic, may we stop and listen for the voice of God. May we find direction for this new year. May we remember that WE ARE THE CHURCH whether it is inside the walls of our beautiful sanctuary or in the company of friends and family, or in our tasks of daily living. What is God calling you to do in this brand new year that reflects his desire for you and for this church and for this community?

Blessing and Happy New Year!!
Donna Carr

January Preaching Schedule

January 2: Reverend Kuhn

January 9: Reverend Kuhn

January 16: Reverend Kuhn

January 23: Reverend Motz

January 30: Reverend Kuhn



STAY CONNECTED!

Worship services continue to be available online via our [Website](#), [Youtube](#), or [Facebook](#). For bulletins and more information visit 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

2022 Pledges Now Being Received Online

With the busyness of the fall and Christmas season, or the reality of life changing events, you may not have had the opportunity to return your 2022 pledge. You are not too late! With Realm you now have the ability to pledge online. To make your pledge simply click this [link](#). You can also use the Realm Connect app or login into your profile to pledge (select “**giving**” and then “**+ pledge**”). Thank you for your continuing faithfulness to the ministry we share in Christ!

2022 Offering Envelopes: Pickup or Call for Delivery

If you have not yet picked up your 2022 offering envelopes, please do so following a worship service or by stopping by the office M-Th, 9-1pm. You can also call the church office (717-392-5718) to let us know you need your envelopes delivered.

Start Using Your New Giving Numbers

Due to changes in giving preferences and the multitude of changes in membership over the last several years, nearly everyone in the congregation has received a new giving number for 2022. The new numbers have been organized in a way that most people will continue with their new giving number for years to come.

You can either look to your 2022 offering envelopes to see your new giving number, or starting January 12th you will be able to view your new giving number on Realm. Thank you for your understanding as we seek to better steward the resources utilized in God’s ministry!



New Giving Option Now Available

GIVE VIA TEXT MESSAGE

Text ‘COA’ with or without the **amount** you want to give to **73256**

- ① Click the link
- ② Complete your gift

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 11, 2022:** The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah
- **February 8, 2022:** The Shack By William Young
- **March 8, 2022:** Code Talker by Chester Nez
- **April 12, 2022:** Rosie Project by Graeme Simision
- **May 10, 2022:** The Girl You Left Behind by Jojo Moyes

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 & News

Bazaar

Thanks to all who helped make our 44th Bazaar a success. We counted over 1049 visitors. We had about 30 vendors whose concerns were handled by Linda Eaton. Outreach sold about 100 quarts of soup. They are meeting soon to decide how the profit will be spent. The choir is very appreciative to all who donated cookie dough or baked goods. The choir table made \$616.86 of which 25% (\$154.22) was given to the church. The Apostles craft group had very good sales and enjoyed their location in Fellowship Hall. A quilt raffle brought \$100 that was donated to the Church's General Fund. The craft group will decide how their profits will be spent when they begin meeting again in Feb. A special thank you to Marty Holmes and Chuck Erisman for helping with parking and transporting the vendors from their parked cars to the Narthex.

This will be my last year Supervising the Bazaar. I have enjoyed it, but feel it is time for someone else to take my place. I have typed up a month by month listing of what was done this year as a guide or suggestion for the future. I will be happy to answer any questions my successor may have.

- Clara Kosmela

Praying in Color

Looking for something fun and different during the dark days of winter? Pastor Kathryn will be teaching a new way to pray that incorporates VERY easy body movement and coloring. Mark your calendar for three Tuesday evenings in the Fellowship Hall: Jan. 25, Feb. 1, Feb. 8 from 6-7 pm. Each family will have their own table and there will be appropriate distance so that we can also talk with one another. Please call the office or email Pastor Kathryn to pre-register so we can have the right number of tables prepared.

Worship at Burkholder Chapel, Homestead Village

On the first Sunday of the month, we will be offering a worship service for members living at Homestead Village at 1pm in Burkholder Chapel. This service is particularly designed for those living in the apartments for whom coming to church is physically challenging. We will also be bringing back the monthly worship in the Apostles Center for Care at 2 pm on the same days. These services will worship our Lord through word and song as we give thanks, confess, and share about the life of discipleship.

Transportation to Services

Are you a member who needs a ride to church? Do you need assistance with meals? Parish Life would like to help. Please call the Church office at (717) 392-5718 and give your name, phone number, and mention you would like to receive transportation!

Interested in Vaccinations?

We are continuing to encourage vaccinations for both COVID and flu. We have started an interest list. If we reach 25 names, we will pursue setting up a date for another vaccination clinic at COA. Call the church office and put your name on this list if you are interested. Any questions, feel free to call Donna Carr at 717-475-5285.

Would You Benefit from Home Visitations?

As we step into 2022 we are in the process of updating our Special Ministries list for the Eucharistic Ministers and pastoral staff. If your life and mobility situation has changed so that being physically present with the congregation is no longer a possibility, we would like to include you in this ministry. Inclusion opens you to receiving home communion from our Eucharistic ministers and pastoral visits over the year. For more information, or to signup, please contact the church office.



Inclement Weather Announcements

Winter has arrived! As a congregation, our policy is generally to follow the Hempfield School District. In the event of office closure or the inability to safely hold worship or other events we will post on WGAL-TV 8 and their app.

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

Communion Schedule for 2022

Sunday, January 2 – Epiphany
 Sunday, February 6 – 1st Sunday of the month
 Wednesday, March 2 – Ash Wednesday
 Sunday, March 6 – 1st Sunday of Lent – Eucharistic Ministers
 Sunday, March 7 – 1st Sunday of the month
 Sunday, April 3 – 1st Sunday of the month
 Thursday, April 14 – Maundy Thursday
 Sunday, April 17 – Easter
 Sunday, May 1 – 1st Sunday of the month
 Sunday, June 5 – Pentecost Sunday – Eucharistic Ministers
 Sunday, July 3 – 1st Sunday of the month
 Sunday, August 7 – 1st Sunday of the month
 Sunday, September 4 – 1st Sunday of the month
 Sunday, October 2 – World Communion Sunday – Eucharistic Ministers
 Sunday, November 6 – 1st Sunday of the month
 Sunday, November 27 – 1st Sunday of Advent – Eucharistic Ministers
 Tuesday, December 24th – Christmas Eve 3 PM service

Communion currently includes: cups with bread cubes, prepackaged juice cups, plate of gluten free bread Cups.

Will Reading This 3-Minute Article Change Your Life?

By Flo Waldron

Dear Overwhelmed Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I'm grateful if you're even taking the time to read this, because I know the past 22 months have stretched you past the breaking point. You barely have time or energy to do the laundry, buy the groceries, or accomplish the rest of the "adulting" tasks we're supposed to have mastered by now. Every day brings coworkers with short fuses, clients at the end of their rope, and kids in crisis from spending nearly two years with everything "normal" in their lives upended.

I get it. I'm right there with you. It's no wonder you feel completely detached from Life Before, especially your life at COA. Part of you misses how you used to attend Sunday worship in person, let alone other church activities – so much has changed since the pandemic started. And yet, while part of you wishes you didn't feel so detached – misses that sense of community you felt when you first became a member of COA – there's no way you can sandwich anything else into your life right now, because Pandemic Life is even crazier than Life Before was.

And yet here I am, urging you to sign up for the **FINAL** round of the *Transforming Congregational Culture* book group with Pastor Joe, starting Wednesday Feb. 2. And maybe I, or one of the other 40 people who've already done this study, have already said to you **"You should really consider joining – this is a great experience, and I learned a lot/grew a lot/it changed how I saw the world"** etc.

If one of us HASN'T asked you in person yet, PLEASE consider joining this final round.

If one of us asked you in September but you had too many things going on in the fall, PLEASE consider joining in February, now that your fall commitments and the holidays are behind you

If anything I've described above hits home for you, it's because I've been there too. I've got work and my family and the added layers of chaos that come with Pandemic Life, and I was hesitant when I signed up for the first round. A part of me thought I was insane for even TRYING to shoehorn another thing into my overstuffed schedule, especially during the summer.

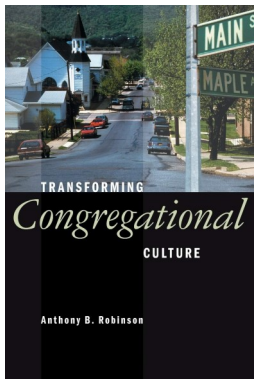
But another part of me was longing for a deeper sense of connection – especially to Church of the Apostles - than I've felt since Life Before got ripped away from us **The Church Wide Book Study gave me that sense of connection**. I got to meet people from across the congregation, and we got to have **real conversations**. Turns out, I wasn't the only one feeling isolated and alone, and missing everything the pandemic has obliterated.

The Church Wide Book Study also helped me feel more connected to my faith than I have in decades. Reading the chapters and discussing with other COA members each week gave me a renewed sense of purpose and identity as a Christian. As I found my sense of faith restored and strengthened over the course of the study, I found myself reflecting on all the places in my life that led me to COA – and even reaching out to friends I haven't spoken to in years. *Those rekindled connections to others outside of COA, as well as those within our church family, have helped sustain me through the ongoing months of this pandemic.*

And finally, the Church Wide Book Study has opened my heart wider to how I can be a better Christian within my own (church) family. You've probably seen the articles and announcements, here and elsewhere, about our new ROOTED Christian Formation class for grades 4-8. Maybe you have youth who've participated in the class, along with my own children. ***That class would not be happening if I hadn't joined the Church Wide Book Study.***

The sense of belonging I experienced in Book Study Round 1 meant so much to me, that I popped into Round 2 whenever I could, even though my fall schedule was even more hectic than my summer calendar. Round 3 will AGAIN include an evening Zoom option for all of us overbooked working parents, so I hope to pop in again during the Zoom meetings for this final session.

I sincerely hope to see you there, and that working through this book with other COA members will transform YOUR life the way it's transformed mine. For more information on how to register please see the church wide book study article on [page 7](#).



Church Wide Book Study

Wednesdays, February 2nd – March 16th, with a one week break on Wednesday, March 2nd as we celebrate Ash Wednesday. An online and in person option are available:

1. In person, 9-10am (parlor/narthex) – [Register here](#) or by calling the church office
2. Zoom, 7-8pm (Zoom) – [Register here](#) to receive Zoom login information.

If you would like to read a first hand account of how this book changed the perspective of a church member, please see the below article.

Let's Get Connected in 2022!

"Being Christian" Podcast

If you are looking to start the year with a new way of engaging with our worship, consider listening to the "Being Christian" podcast! This podcast is a collection of weekly sermons by Rev. Kuhn and Rev. Motz. The sermons are focused on how we may translate the Bible's teachings to modern day and how we interact with society and each other. You can listen to the latest episode each week at <https://anchor.fm/apostlesucc>.

Get Connected on Realm

Another way you can get inspired in this new year is to get connected on Realm! With direct access to the new online directory and new features like electronic giving and upcoming event notifications now is a great time to get connected with Realm! To get started contact the church office at office@apostlesucc.org with your current email address to receive your "Realm Invite"

Join in the discussion!

If you are on Facebook, don't forget to join the members only Church of the Apostles group where members can connect, share photos, ask questions and get spiritual motivation. To join the group please [click here](#), or you can [make an appointment](#) to get help from Schuyler in the office by calling (717) 392-5718 or emailing office@apostlesucc.org. Office hours are Monday - Thursday from 9 am - 1 pm, and Schuyler would happy to assist anyone wanting to join the Facebook group within that time frame.

Need Help Planning Your Event?

If you would like to advertise your event or want assistance with planning one in 2022, please email Schuyler at office@apostlesucc.org or call (717) 392-5718 to [schedule an appointment](#) to discuss your marketing needs, room availability, or any other logistics you may want assistance with. During this appoint Schuyler can provide you with a full list of marketing resources available, and you can select where you would like your event to be advertised among other helpful planning tools!



Community Outreach

Market Basket (Grocery Cards)

Are you willing to earn **5% cashback** for our church just by purchasing your usual groceries? At absolutely no cost to you! We hope so! That's why our sale of Grocery Cards here at COA continues undaunted while COVID safety precautions continue.

On the **1st and 2nd Sundays** of each month, you may order (with payment by cash, check or electronic payment) Stauffers (\$50), Giant (\$50), or Weis (\$50) Grocery Cards. Some cards may be available for immediate purchase and use. Purchased cards are useable the same as cash at the appropriate grocery stores. There are a couple ways to purchase grocery cards currently:

1. You may order cards (with payment at time of order) OR (to be paid for upon receipt) to be picked up on the first 2 Sundays of the following month. Cards may be ordered in the Narthex on the 1st or 2nd Sundays of January as well as succeeding months, following each worship service. Simply complete an available order form and attach your payment (check payable to COA with Market Basket on the memo line), cash, or completing an electronic payment when submitting an order form.
2. You may order cards for immediate purchase and pickup (we often, but not always, have some extra cards beyond the number that have been pre-ordered) by phoning Karen Helmeczi (717-299-2972) or emailing to: kjhelmeczi@gmail.com. Arrangements can be made to pick up and pay for these cards (check to COA as above or cash) on Sunday mornings or other convenient times or at the Helmeczi residence in Homestead Village (1832 Westcott Drive) very near the church or other negotiated locations.

Please call if you have questions - Karen Helmeczi



Holiday Gifting Ministry

It was very exciting to deliver the beautiful gifts to E. R. Martin School for forty students! Thank you to all who participated in our gift giving! You have all helped to make this holiday brighter for children who need our support. Thank you for your generous support of this wonderful Outreach ministry!

Adopt a Classroom

Last year our congregation and our commissions donated money to the Lancaster Education Foundation to adopt several classrooms at E.R. Martin Elementary in School District of Lancaster. This money was used to buy supplies for the classrooms that are not supplied by funding. The cost to adopt a classroom is \$250.00 and we are very excited that our commissions, once again, have each agreed to adopt a classroom. Now we are hoping to collect more monetary donations to add to that amount. Any amount that you wish to donate will help with this ministry. If you would like to donate towards adopting a classroom please write your check payable to COA and write ADOPT A CLASSROOM on the memo line. You can also donate through Realm or our website through electronic giving. We would like to give our donations to LEF by the first week in March. Thank you so much for your generous giving to all of our Outreach ministries.

Interested in Donating?

Food Bank Needs:

canned or boxed potatoes, peas, corn, soup, jam or jelly, green beans, pancake mix, syrup, oatmeal, tea-bags, canned pasta

Apostles

Assistance Needs:

dish liquid, laundry detergent, wash cloths, deodorant, paper towels, toilet paper, hair conditioner or shampoo, all purpose cleaners

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 Skip Rhodes at (717) 872-5913.

MISSION to the HOMELESS SPECIAL OFFERING

On **January 16th** we will be collecting our annual Mission to the Homeless special offering. 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.

I'm sure many of you have been horrified and also stunned at the damage to the Midwest, especially Kentucky, reeked by the tornado earlier this week. I was so moved to hear a pastor from Mayfield interviewed on CNN speaking that while the devastation and loss of life was incomprehensible he had a sense of hope as he witnessed "heroes," families, neighbors and other volunteers come together and tire endlessly to help those affected. He remarked that it made him think that this is what heaven is all about. "Diverse peoples coming together in the devastation and working together to help." Using funds donated to our Mission to the Homeless offering in 2021 and funds made from our soup sale at the bazaar, we will be donating \$1000.00 to the Penn Central relief effort for this natural disaster.

In addition to disaster relief, \$750.00 was donated from this 2021 special offering to ABBA's House earlier this year. Located in Kenya and started by Reverend Simon and Margaret Muhota, this "House" serves a dual purpose as an orphanage and school through grade 5. Those in the orphanage, presently 35, and additional children in the neighboring area, another 25, are provided food, water, and a "good and Godly education" something church member Randy Leonard was moved by when she visited several years ago. The funds were used for supplies for the school and orphanage, as well as the purchase of a stove.

These donations could not be made without the support of all of you. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Outreach Commission

Apostles Caring Carts

Thank you so much for the generous donations you gave to the Afghan refugees. I have taken three loads to Highland Presbyterian and they were thrilled with the amount we collected! Our next Ministry will be to collect donations for Appreciation Treat Bags for the heroes in LGH who have been working so hard throughout this pandemic. Our nurses and physicians are under a great amount of stress and we think that a treat bag to show our appreciation would show them that we care about them. We will be collecting treats and assembling the bags in a service similar to when we assembled the Blessing Bags. There will be a poster with sticky notes with items listed on them on the bulletin board. Stay tuned for more information on this Ministry to treat our local medical staff. As always, thank you for your generous support of all of our Outreach ministries.



Education & Family

Why/What is Faith Formation?

You may have heard this term used recently. The Education Commission is working on developing learning goals for Apostles Children's classes. Members felt the term Faith Formation, instead of Sunday School, is a more positive name. It better reflects the goal *To engage children and youth in a life of faith.*

Please keep the Education Commission members in your prayers as we continue to discuss and develop learning goals for our children.

Members of the commission are: Judy Waltman, Chair, Linda Lewis, Hannah Royer, Flo Waldron, Karen Youtz, Barbara Achtermann, Monica Daniels and Christa DiDomenico.

"Let the little children come unto me."
—Matthew 19:14



Apostles Community Preschool

717-392-5598

1850 Marietta Avenue
Lancaster, PA 17603

The children at Apostles Community Preschool had a fun, festive, faith-filled month of December! They learned about the true meaning of Christmas and celebrated the birth of Jesus through hands-on activities and sharing their blessings by giving to others.

The Preschool collected new toys for Toys for Tots. Many preschool families brought in gifts to spread some Christmas cheer to families in need. We filled two huge Toys for Tots bins! We also held our Christmas Shopping Room for the preschoolers to purchase gifts for their family members.

At any given moment this month, you could hear the sweet sound of children's voices singing "Silent Night," "Go Tell it on the Mountain," and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas!" The children also performed "Joy to the World" for

our annual Christmas Performance. They did a fabulous job and certainly sang their little hearts out. We wish everyone a very blessed and happy New Year!



Upcoming Youth Confirmation Retreat

When: Friday evening, March 18th to Sunday noontime, March 20th

Where: Camp Nawakwa

Cost: \$100 per person (2 nights lodging, 3 meals Saturday, 1 meal Sunday)

For Whom: Two program tracks: Youth in a current confirmation class, Youth not in a confirmation class or who have been confirmed

Rooted Kitchen Takeover

Homemade Latkes with Fresh Applesauce

By the time you read this, the Grades 4-8 ROOTED Program's First Official Kitchen Takeover will be in the books. Here are the recipes we made that day, so you can try them at home, if you like:

Potato Latkes with Onion

Adapted from Chef Bill Telepan's Michelin-Star Potato Latkes at <https://www.myjewishlearning.com/the-nosher/michelin-star-latkes-and-sufganiyot/>; serves 4-6

Ingredients:

2 lbs russet potatoes
1 medium onion
3 eggs
3 T flour
1 T salt
Cooking oil

Directions:

1. Place a colander over a mixing bowl. Using a large-hole box grater, grate first the potatoes and then the onion into the colander. Squeeze the mixture in the colander to remove excess moisture, allowing it to drain into the bowl underneath. Remove the colander and set it on a plate, to catch any remaining moisture that seeps out.
2. Allow the liquid in the bowl to settle, so the starch settles to the bottom; then carefully drain off the water from the top, leaving the starch on the bottom of the bowl. (A turkey baster works well for this.)
3. Add the eggs to the bowl and beat the egg-starch mixture together. Mix in the flour and salt. Then add the potato-onion mixture to the mixing bowl and combine thoroughly.
4. Line a plate with several layers of paper towel (to absorb excess oil). Add enough oil to a frying pan or electric skillet to cover the bottom; heat oil over medium-high heat (350 degrees for electric skillet). Using your hands, grab small handfuls of the potato mixture, squeeze lightly to remove excess moisture, place in heated cooking pan, and flatten slightly with a spatula; repeat until the pan is full.
5. Allow each latke to cook for a few minutes per side, until golden brown. Remove from the pan and place on paper-towel-lined plate in a single layer, adding more paper towel on top for each additional layer. Serve hot with fresh applesauce, sour cream, additional salt as desired, and/or salty cheese such as crumbled feta.

Fresh Applesauce

Adapted from Simple Applesauce in --The Cook's Illustrated Cookbook (2011), p. 758; approx. 1.5-2 cups

Ingredients:

4 large apples (approx. 2lbs)
1/2 c. water
1/4 c. sugar
Pinch of salt

Notes: Preferred apple varieties are Jonagold, Jonathan, Pink Lady, or Macoun. If you have a Foley Food Mill or similar device, there's no need to peel the apples. If you don't have something along these lines for mashing the cooked apples and separating them from the peels, you will want to peel them before cooking.

Directions:

1. Core the apples and place in a microwave-safe container. Add water, sugar, and salt. Cover the container, and microwave on HIGH 6-8 minutes, or until apples are thoroughly cooked.
2. Place your Foley Food Mill over a bowl, pour in the cooked apple mixture, and process to separate out skins. If not using a Foley Food Mill, mash the cooked apples together to desired consistency. Serve warm, at room temperature, or chilled; refrigerate leftovers for up to one week.



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 Gaudio
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
1/22	Olivia Motz
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**

Articles for the Crown

Please send articles for the February edition of the Crown to Schuyler Nissly, the Administrative and Communications Coordinator by Saturday January 15 at:

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 Schuyler.

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January 2

In memory of Lynwood & Doris Shaeffer and Miles Shaeffer by Sharon Shaeffer, daughter and sister

January 9

To the glory of God

January 16

To the glory of God

January 23

To the glory of God

January 30

To the glory of God

Thank You

We are fortunate to have such amazing sponsors like you and we thank you for your kind and generous support in helping us work for such an important cause. On this festive occasion, we are sending our warm wishes to you and your family. May the love of Christ fill your home and life and cause each day of yours to release countless blessings for you and your family. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

With love
Simon and Margaret, Abba House

Flowers are an integral part of our worship service. Not only providing a physical symbol of beauty during our worship, after the service they are given as a symbol of love and caring to a member of our community who is unable to be with us physically. The cost of our flowers and bulletins averages about \$140 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, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or send it into the office. A thank-you letter will be sent following your sponsorship with directions for sending in your donation. 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

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

Now is a great time to check out e-giving! Discover the ease and versatility that has people continuing to give electronically for all their faith-filled gifts to God's ministry. Give at www.apostlesucc.org/give

	November 2021	November 2020
Revenue	546,860.15	504,354.42
Operating Expenses	655,001.42	606,160.11
Net Operating Income	(108,141.27)	(101,805.69)

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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Upcoming Events and Activities

COA Events

- Every Monday, 9:30 am - 11:30 am, Bible Study
- Tuesdays, January 25 - February 8, from 6 pm - 7 pm, Praying in Color
- Wednesday, January 19, 6 pm - 8 pm, Preschool Open House
- Wednesdays February 2 - March 16 (except Ash Wednesday), Church Wide Book Study.
 - Two options are available a 9 am- 10 am in person and a 7 pm - 8 pm Zoom. To register sign-up in the Narthex, contact the church office, or register directly on Realm.
- Sunday, February 20, 3 pm, The Malta Band of Lancaster Concert

ACADEMY SOUNDWAVES

A CONCERT SERIES PRESENTED BY THE APOSTLES
ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

<p>SUNDAY FEBRUARY 20, 3PM</p> <p>SUNDAY APRIL 24, 3PM</p> <p>SATURDAY MAY 14, 7PM</p>	<p>The Malta Band of Lancaster</p> <p>The Robin Work Quintet</p> <p>Bill Hager Double Feature: Mystery Island and The Healer</p>
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All Concerts will be in the Sanctuary.
For more information please visit
WWW.APOSTLESUCC.ORG

New Faith Formation Programs!

EVERY SUNDAY

ROOTED FOR GRADES 4TH-8TH BEGINNING AT
9:55 IN ROOM 308

PRESCHOOL - 3RD GRADE IN FELLOWSHIP
HALL FOLLOWING CHILDREN'S TIME

Community Events

- Friday January 7, 5 pm - 9 pm, First Friday in Downtown Lancaster City
- January 8 - 15, 106th Pennsylvania Farm Show. For more information visit: www.farmshow.pa.gov
- Sunday January 30, Elvis Gospel Show at the American Music Theater. For tickets or more information please visit: amtshows.com

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