

THE CROWN



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Pastor's Corner

By now most, if not all of you, have received a letter from Pastor Joe announcing the new position he has taken. This has come as a surprise and has left us grieving and questioning how we move forward together. In his time here he has helped us to dream again of what is possible and begin living into those dreams. Pastor Joe has also been "holding up a mirror" for us to take an honest look at ourselves. And I do say, "our" because I am enmeshed within this congregation and am beginning the process of self-differentiating myself because when I play many different roles with members, it makes it messy.

When we think of a community, we know that people come and go. They fulfill roles for a certain period of time. This is how it is with clergy because the congregation is so much more than any one of us. But we tend to think of ourselves more as a family, and we don't want anyone to leave the family. We do not want changes. We all prefer the known to the unknown, and yet, wisdom says, "Change is the only thing guaranteed in life." And through change are new possibilities.

Pastor Joe and I have worked diligently on our relationship but the reality is that we think very differently. I appreciate the questions he offers for our reflection, but we are also expending an incredible amount of energy working together which leaves neither of us in a place of flourishing. An example is that I came here and work with what we have to make the best of it and Pastor Joe sees what is here and dreams of how it can run more efficiently.

In naming this, I invite you to join me in the process of transforming our conflicts and harnessing our energy to move forward together. Know that we do not do this work alone. Christ accompanies us and guides us. And when we choose to follow, resurrection occurs!

Blessings & peace,

Rev. Kathryn Kuhn

Introducing Our New Administrative & Communications Coordinator

On Monday, May 16, Paityn Nissly began as our new coordinator. Paityn is very adept at the computer and is a quick learner of the programs we use. She is a detail-oriented and multi-task person. She is currently in college as an Earth Science Education major, and is taking classes part-time online at Millersville University. So alt-

hough this may not be a career position for her, this will help both of us through some transition time until we discern the best staffing configuration with which to move forward. She is also Schuyler Nissly's sister, a previous coordinator, so she has a lot of knowledge and support that is a phone-call away. Please join me in welcoming her!



PASTOR

KATHRYN KUHN

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A Message from the Council President

Growing in Faith

It has been so gratifying to see more folks coming back to in-person worship. Easter services and Mother's Day brought in some more people and we certainly hope to see more and more people coming back to our in-person worship. Our COA Council has been working through what we can do to be more welcoming to current and prospective members. We are hoping to grow our attendance through practicing our faith and sharing it with others.

In James 1:4 it is written "Let perseverance finish its work so that you be mature and complete, not lacking anything". We have an Investigation Team currently exploring various options in consulting organizations that may help COA persevere in our attempts to become a more mature and complete church. In a way, it's like planting a garden and waiting anxiously for the first green shoots to push through the freshly-tilled ground. We can't wait to see if all our work will bear fruit. But it can't be rushed. The seedling stage is the most important part of a plant's life-cycle.....it can't be rushed. We are waiting patiently to see what will "sprout" from the work of this Investigation Team. It will take work in review of our planting ground and patient seeding, watering and weeding to allow new life to spring forth. And, it will eventually take time and effort on the part of ALL of our members to bring this harvest forth.

God will sometimes allow us to go through challenges and hardships so that we can be molded into what HE wants us to be. He waits for us to come out of the trials of life "mature and not lacking anything". If we stay grounded in Jesus, we can persevere and grow stronger and allow the fruit of the Spirit to blossom in our lives. Let's invest time in prayer now to support the Investigation Team in their beginning efforts and then be ready to jump in when it's our time to put in the efforts.

Blessings!!
Donna Carr

Office Staff Engagement

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 not expected to engage individuals, phone calls or emails.



STAY CONNECTED!

Worship services are 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

Update to 11am Worship Van Service

Homestead residents are welcome to use our free van service to and from the 11:00 am worship service. Walkers and wheel chairs can be transported as long as passengers can traverse the three steps into the van (drivers can assist if needed). To participate, riders need to sign up each week in the activity's signup book located in the main lobby of Homestead's apartment building by 10 am each Friday. All signed up riders must be at the main entrance to Homestead's apartment building by 10:40 am in order to receive a ride.

E-giving: Maximize Your Contribution by Reducing Fees

A simple way to maximize your e-giving contribution is to move from a weekly contribution to bi-weekly or monthly automatic giving. This simple transition reduces the number of "per transaction" fees incurred throughout the year. Thus, the same weekly gift, given cumulatively once or twice a month, adds up to an increase of funds being directed to ministry, simply due to a reduction of processing fees.

Update to Gifts & Memorial Recognition Procedure

Knowing the love that many seek to convey through contributions to the Gifts and Memorial Fund, we are updating our practice for celebrating the lives honored and memorialized through these gifts. Starting in June, unless otherwise noted by the contributor, we will publish the names of those being honored or memorialized along with the names of those providing the contribution. Rest assured all financial information will remain confidential as we list these names. Our prayer is that this updated procedure will support the celebration of loved ones throughout our congregation.

Hospitals, Surgeries, Rehabs: Remember to Call the Office for Pastoral Care

With changing times it is harder and harder to receive information needed by the pastors to provide care for the membership. To help increase our ability to be supportive to you in times of health needs, take note of these recommendations:

- Admitted to Lancaster General Hospital: Register as a member of Church of the Apostles (this is the only regional hospital that will share names and room numbers with us – but only for patients registered with our church)
- Admitted to any hospital: Call the church office or pastor on call. Even better, tell your family now that you would like them to call the church if you are ever admitted to a hospital (and give them the church number)
- Going to Rehab: Contact the church office again so we know where to find you. Hospitals will not share discharge information.
- Surgery Coming Up: Call or email the pastors ahead of time so we can pray with you and know if you will be going home, to rehab, staying at a surgical center or remaining in the hospital

Thank you for helping us be the community of care and support we seek to be!

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.

- **June 14, 2022:** Four Winds by Christin Hannah
- **July 12, 2022:** Ap- ples Never Fall by Lianne Moriarty
- **August 9, 2022:** American Dirt by Ja- nine Cummings
- **September 13, 2022:** Booth by Ka- ren Joy Fowler

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 Bible Study Started May 31st

Dive into a study of the book of Philippians, with Pastor Joe, in a newly forming Bible Study. With just four chapters, this study is great for people wanting to dip their toes into a Bible Study experience and for those looking for a rich reflection on this deeply spiritual and passionate scripture.

Two ways to participate (registration requested by clicking [here](#) or calling 717-392-5718):

- In person: 10:30-11:30am in Homestead's Burkholder Chapel (located in the apartment building). Non-Homestead residents are welcome. Currently temperature checks and masking are required.
- Online: 7:00 – 8:00pm on Zoom – Register to receive login information

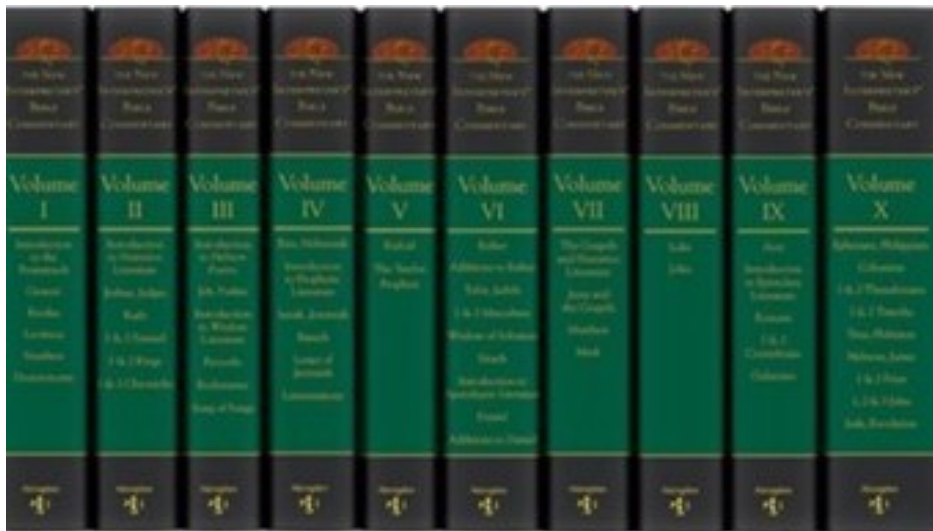
Classes & topics are as scheduled (if you can't make one week come for the following sessions):

- May 31st – Chapter 1
- June 7th – Chapter 2
- June 21st – Chapter 3
- June 28th – Chapter 4

Bring a bible and your curiosity as we explore and discuss with one another. All are welcome!

New Interpreters Bible Commentary Now Available

During the month of May an incredible resource for teachers, bible study leaders, and individuals was added to the church library (Rm 217). Whether you want to better understand a verse or a book of the Bible or you are preparing for an upcoming class, this commentary is designed for you. Written in bite-sized pieces with regular churchgoers in mind, these commentaries provide accessible scholarly research and theological reflection. Check them out this month to discover this great resource for yourself.



Church of the Apostles UCC

wAcKy WeDnEsDaY

A FREE reading program which offers a story, activity, and snack for children.

God's Animal Kingdom: Fur, Feathers, Fins, and Scales

Become an animal explorer as you learn about new animals each week!



June 29
Mammals



July 20
Fish



July 6
Birds



July 27
Amphibians



July 13
Reptiles



August 3
Help the Animals!

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 am

Dates: June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27 and August 3

Where: Rader Park on Church of the Apostles Campus

1850 Marietta Avenue Lancaster, Pa 17603

[Follow Apostles Way to the end behind Homestead Village]

Please register by clicking here. [Register here \(google form\).](#)

Participation in each week is not required. Join us as often as you would like!

This program is geared towards preschool to early elementary aged children. Caregiver attendance is required.

For more information please call 717-392-5718 or email office@apostlesucc.org

To register online, please click here: <https://forms.gle/uPnUdh6gXo1SvBfD8>

Registration is also available through the Church of the Apostles Facebook Page

Community Outreach

Helpful Hints For Seniors and Their Families

AARP works with the Home Care organization in PA communities supplying very helpful information. Their web address is www.homecare.org/lanaster-pa/

The site assists with information about Lancaster, its parks, senior centers, and Lancaster General Hospital which specializes in geriatric care. According to the site, the cost of health care in Lancaster is slightly higher than the national average, but the cost of living is lower. A cost of care comparison for health care facilities in Lancaster is given.

The Lancaster Office of the Aging is suggested as a valuable resource. They supply multiple services to help seniors maintain their independence. Services include assistance with tax preparation, Medicare options, eligible transportation possibilities, Jewish Family Care information and much more.

Garage Sale Celebrations

By Clara Kosmela

As chairperson of the 2022 church Garage Sale, I wish to thank many people. First, thanks to all who donated items to be sold - including cakes, sodas, hotdogs and rolls. Next, thanks to the 30 people who worked Monday to Thursday before the sale sorting, pricing, folding clothes and placing them on tables. Next, a big thanks to the 29 people who served as cashiers and Linda Eaton and Judy Waltman who counted the money from the sale. This year we had 12 helpers in the kitchen cooking hot dogs, cutting cakes and getting sodas from the refrigerator. They did a wonderful job. Last, but not least, thanks to Herb Forry, George Alspach, Marty Holmes, and Chuck Erisman who helped pack up and dispose of the unsold items. It was a busy, but fun time with interaction of church members (and nonchurch members) who otherwise might never have met. It was a great "Team Effort" of more than 70 people with a profit of \$6,703.80! The Garage Sale Committee consisting of Judy Jarvis, Cindy Williams, Linda Schock, Clara Kosmela, and Sandy Weidel (who had an excused absence) voted to hold off spending some of the profit for several months and then vote how to spend the remaining funds. The immediate expenditures voted on are: \$500 for COA's Refugee Family, \$500 for Apostles Assistance, \$400 for Seeds of Hope Garden, \$400 Pet Pantry , and \$400 for Prison Ministry.

POSITIVES FROM THE SALE:

1. Unsold clothing and shoes went to Grace Baptist Church across the street for a clothing giveaway.
2. Unsold household goods went to Goodwill.
3. Linda Lewis collected some items for a refugee family that will be coming to Lancaster.
4. Unsold books were taken for the Lancaster Library's book sale at the old Bon-Ton store at the end of May.

Interested in Donating?

Food Bank Needs:

- Cereal
- Rice
- Boxed/Canned Potatoes
- Tuna
- Tuna Helper
- Mac' n' Cheese
- Soup
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Corn

Apostles

Assistance Needs:

- Laundry detergent
- Cleaning Products
- Tooth Brushes
- Deodorant
- Toilet Paper

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.



Dear Church of the Apostles UCC,
Thank you for your generous donation of \$3,100.33 on 4/25/2022!
You make it possible for us to support student success and maintain a robust alumni association.

We couldn't do it without you!

Many thanks from
Sandi, Kathy & Jeremiah



Market Basket (Grocery Cards)

By Karen Helmeczi

On the **first and second Sundays** of each month, you may order (with payment by cash, check, or Realm) 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. The benefit is that the church gets a 5% return from our bulk purchases of cards. These additional funds are then used to support our Outreach programs.

There are a couple of 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 two Sundays of the following month. **You may now pay via the Realm site** (*plus courtesy fee*). Cards may be ordered **in the Narthex** on the 1st and 2nd Sundays of the month, following each worship service. Simply complete an available order form, attach your payment (check payable to COA with Market Basket on the memo line), Realm or cash, and give it to the person at the table.
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 location.



6/1	Teresa Clouser
6/1	Pam Smith
6/2	Darrell Schock
6/3	Mark Reinhardt
6/4	Tim Sterling
6/5	Debby Walburn
6/6	George Alspach
6/6	Patty Forry
6/6	Les Helmeczi
6/6	Stephanie Moore
6/6	Patricia Moran
6/6	Alexa Neiderer
6/7	Ann Berkow
6/8	Violet Koehler
6/8	Linda Mason
6/10	Barb Golden
6/10	McCoy Rohrbaugh
6/12	Louise Arms*
6/12	Wilma Klinger
6/18	Luke Bahling
6/18	Nettie Cimadamore
6/19	JoAnn Kerst
6/19	Joe Weidel
6/19	Morgan Wilfong
6/26	Walter Kreider *
6/27	Skeeter Carr
6/27	Dick Fehnel *
6/27	Chase Rampaul
6/29	Laura Bender
6/29	Karen Braun
6/29	Gail Noland
6/29	Mike Schaeffer



6/3	Mike & Sharon Schaeffer
6/5	Karen & Ken Whittington
6/6	Jack & Cathie Oliphant *
6/7	Nils & Wende Stenman
6/9	Larry & Judith Frable *
6/14	Joe & Christine Bahling
6/20	Chris & Brenna Bracken
6/21	Dorothy & Harry George *
6/21	John & Barbara Wylie *
6/21	Kate & Kerry Kendig
6/23	Grant & Joan Hansel*
6/27	Jere & Joyce Baker
6/29	Chuck & Nancy Hungerford *
6/30	Hannah & Geoff Royer

** 50+ Anniversaries*

Articles for the Crown

Please send articles for the July edition of the Crown by Wednesday June 15th to 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 and Communications Coordinator.

** 90+ Birthdays*



June 5th

In loving memory of her father, Robert Kinderman, and sister, Mary Pekala.

By Bev Moran

June 12th

In Loving Memory of the parents of Andy Appel.

June 19th

To the Glory of God

June 26th

To the Glory of God



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 \$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, 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. 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:

Jean Heidig 717-394-8733

Wilma Klingler 717-584-6430

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Parish Life Commission

(Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 7 pm in Room 308-310)

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Property Commission

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(Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 pm in the Parlor)

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Outreach Commission

 (Meets 2nd Monday at 7 pm every other month in the Parlor)

Chair: Jane McCartney

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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 touch, grace is being offered, healing is being nurtured, and the transformative reign of God is being shared.

Financial Report

	April 2022	April 2021
Revenue	\$33,290.02	\$68,168.55
Endowment Draws	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenses	\$66,838.84	\$54,551.53
Net Operating Income	(\$33,548.82)	\$13,617.02

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

June, July, August Classes

June 5 – One worship service at 10 am with confirmation. No Faith Formation for any age group. Children and youth are encouraged to attend worship with their parents.

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

June Preaching Schedule

June 5th- Rev. Kuhn
June 12th- TBA Guest Preacher
June 19th- Rev. Motz
June 26th- Rev. Motz

Upcoming Vacations

Pastor Kuhn will be having knee replacement surgery on June 6 and will be taking three weeks of vacation for recuperation and one week of working remotely as she rehabilitates her knee. She will return to the pulpit on Sunday, July 3.

Pastor Motz will be away June 11-18, June 30 - July 9, and July 18-24 and July 26 as he uses his accrued vacation and continuing education time.

Church of the Apostles Staff Directory

Pastors and Leadership

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sounds for the soul and more!



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