



# THE CROWN NEWS

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## Pastor's Corner



*"When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." – Matthew 9:36*

"Creating Community" has been a theme running through my mind since Easter. It began with the new furniture in the main lobby which invites conversation around tables and creates an atmosphere of hospitality. Through the Jeremiah project, I have had several members tell me that it has been life-giving to meet other members and have a greater understanding of who we are. I have heard of people wanting to continue to gather in social ways following the project because they enjoy being together.

Like the first disciples in the Book of Acts, we are better together. That was one of the large lessons from the pandemic. The old premise that one should "pull yourself up by your bootstraps" and be about your business is not enough. God created us as social creatures who need one another. And yet, in our country right now we are creating more and deeper divisions. Some historians have remarked that today's polarization is similar to what existed prior to the Civil War. That is not a part of history that we want to repeat!

The wisdom that I have gained from listening to others is to focus on the humanity of each other. If we choose compassion and care for another, we can see and remember the pieces we share in common. We all want to be valued, heard and loved. So this summer, we are focused on creating community and encouraging compassion.

In Rader Park each Sunday at 9 AM, we will have Compassion Camp to remind us that all living things need shelter, food, air, water and community. In worship at our single 10 AM service, we will explore the scriptures to see how Jesus treats those he encounters and what he teaches about compassion and care.

I hope you will join us for this exciting time!

Blessings & Peace,

*Pastor Kathryn Kuhn*



## REMINDER

On June 4th, 2023 Church of the Apostles will be moving to one combined worship service at 10 AM. This service model will continue throughout the summer. Feedback and participation is encouraged as we experiment with this new service model.

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# A Message from the Executive Committee



*"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord,  
plans for your welfare and not for harm,  
to give you a future with hope."  
Jeremiah 29:11*

I would like to congratulate our congregation on the completion of the first phase of the Jeremiah Project! When first proposed, many were skeptical that we would meet the minimum participation threshold for success. We met, and then surpassed that proposed number. Through the past 6 weeks new relationships have been formed, familiar relationships have been strengthened, and there is a new energy flowing through the congregation.

While our official small group meetings have concluded, the work is not yet complete. On June 10<sup>th</sup>, the group facilitators will participate in a day-long workshop with Coy James, from Agile Church, and the group lifted up to participate in the writing of the vision and mission of COA. All of the discussions from the six weeks will be dissected and analyzed to find common themes to help answer what God is calling us to be and who God is calling us to become.

Over the summer, the Vision writing team will work with Coy to craft a clear and concise vision and mission statement that reflects OUR values. Our new vision and mission statement will become the framework for how we serve the community. It is time to take the next step forward in becoming the most loving and welcoming congregation in Lancaster County!

Looking forward to our future,  
Johanna Baker (Council Secretary)

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



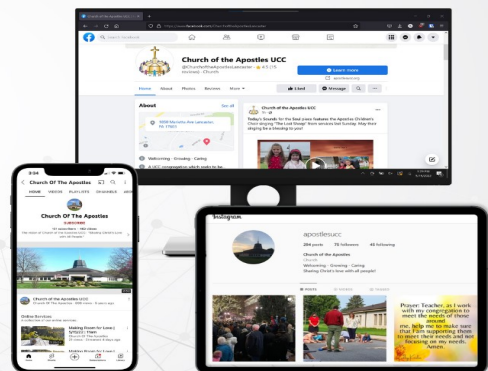
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# Church Happenings and News

## Science in the Park Thank-You

It was a great day in Rader Park for the students from Fulton Elementary who participated in our Science in the Park on May 9th. There were about 25 students, some of whom are just learning English. The students rotated through four activities. They did a stream study, a nature scavenger hunt, dissected owl pellets and went fishing. All of this was possible thanks to our amazing volunteers, who guided the students through each activity with enthusiasm and love, and exemplified the hymn "They will know we are Christians by our love". Thank-you to our amazing volunteers and we are looking forward to Science in the Park '24.

## What Happens to Jeremiah in June?

The final Jeremiah Project session met on May 28<sup>th</sup>. **Thank you to those 91 people who participated.** The notes taken at each of those 48 sessions are being collated and weighted. Any idea that is mentioned in more than one group carries more weight. Any idea that parallels one of the 31 "focus" recommendations from the Agile Church Healthy Church Report will be noted as well.

Agile Church Consultants will visit us again on June 10th to review our progress with The Implementation Team and all the facilitators and co-facilitators of the Jeremiah Project. Look for a report from this meeting in the July Crown.

A select group of "wordsmiths" will translate our collective ideas into a mission and vision statement following the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Wishing that they work independently and swiftly, individual "wordsmiths" will be identified only as they reveal the result of their work on our behalf. We have not yet established a deadline for that work. Please, pray for this group, and for patience from all of us as they deliberate.



# Compassion Camp

Join Church of the Apostles UCC every Sunday in Rader Park Pavilion for Compassion Camp, an intergenerational program that explores what it means to have compassion for ourselves, others, and the world. We will cover this in the areas of shelter, food, water, air and community.

No Registration is Required to Attend

Camp Starts **June 4th** at 9 AM

**Rader Park Pavilion**

1899 Apostles Way Lancaster, PA 17603



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## 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 13, 2023:** The Crimson Chord by Jill Eileen Smith
- **July 11, 2023:** Surviving Savannah by Patti Callahan
- **August 8, 2023:** Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult

## 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 of the Apostles UCC

## Wacky WeDneSday

A summer reading program which offers stories, arts/crafts, games and nature activates

## He's Got the Whole World in His Hands!



**Ages: 3-10 years**

**Dates: July 5, 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2**

**Time: 10-11:30 am**

**Where: Rader Park on Church of the Apostles Campus - 1850 Marietta Ave.**

**(Follow Apostles Way to end behind Homestead Village)**

**Caregiver attendance required**

**For more information email [llewis103@comcast.net](mailto:llewis103@comcast.net)**

**Please register by June 16 - scan here**



# A Musical Note

WITH  
LARS POTTEIGER

## “For the Beauty of the Earth”

1) *For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies.*  
(refrain) - *Christ, our Lord, to you we raise  
this, our hymn of grateful praise.*  
-Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1864)

“For the Beauty the Earth” is one of my favorite hymns. The text is beautifully poetic and reminds me to reconnect with God’s bountiful creation with a sense of awe and wonder. It should come as no surprise that Pierpoint wrote this hymn while he was wandering around the English countryside in 1863. When singing this text, we are not only admiring God’s creation, we are also expressing gratitude with each repetition of the refrain. As we become more connected through smartphones and computers, we sometimes forget to take time to “smell the roses.” Japanese culture has a practice called “nature bathing,” in which people spend time in natural spaces to decompress and recharge. This is approached like a form of meditation - the idea is to take in the natural world as it occurs in the moment, creating a mental break from everyday activities. It reminds me a bit of what Pierpoint did when he wrote this hymn.

We are blessed at Church of the Apostles to have a beautiful green space in Rader Park. If you have not spent time in the park, I hope that you will join us for one of our upcoming events. This summer the Apostles Academy of Arts and Sciences is proud to present a series of concerts in Rader Park at the pavilion. The upcoming concerts in the Apostles Academy Summer Concert Series are as follows:

- June 11th at 3 PM - Guitarist Dave Pedrick and multi-instrumentalist Ken Gehret present a concert of Irish music. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be held in the sanctuary.
- July 8th at 6:30 PM - Local jazz ensemble Swing Street performs classic swing-based jazz. Bring your dancing shoes for this wonderful dusk concert where we will swing under the stars. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be held in the sanctuary.
- August 13th at 3 PM - Church of the Apostles’ very own guitarist and vocalist Abe Breslin performs classic rock and popular hits in an acoustic format. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be held in the sanctuary.

*A freewill offering will be taken in lieu of tickets for these concerts.*

Blessings, Lars

**IRISH MUSIC CONCERT**

**3 PM**

**11 JUNE**

**DAVE PEDRICK** **KEN GEHRET**



Rader Park Pavilion  
1899 Apostles Way, Lancaster PA 17603

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(717) 392-5718



# Congrats Grads!



**Tristin Neiderer**

Graduated from Hempfield High School  
Plans to attend Messiah University  
to study Mechanical Engineering and to play Lacrosse.



**Alexa Neiderer**

Graduated from Juniata College  
with Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry  
and Minor in Spanish and Hispanic Cultures  
Plans to attend Medical School (No School Chosen)



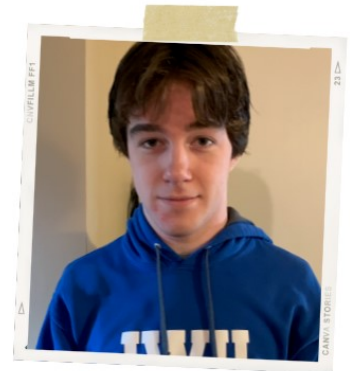
**Nathan Sheffer**

Graduated from Liberty University  
with Executive Certificate in Special Education



**Kamron Fickes**

Graduated from Hempfield High School  
Plans to attend Johnson and Wales University  
to study Cyber Threat, Intelligence and Defense  
and to Wrestle



**Connor Kendig**

Graduated from Manheim Township High School  
Plans to attend Lafayette College  
to study Computer Science





# Community Outreach

## Lancaster Theological Seminary - The Way Forward Campaign

Lancaster Theological Seminary was founded in 1825 at Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA, as a seminar of what was then called the Reformed Church in the United States, often called the German Reformed to differentiate it from the Dutch Reformed or the Reformed Church in America. There was **one** professor, **five** students, and approximately **200** books in the theological library.



In the month of June, Church of the Apostles will give congregants the opportunity to donate towards the Lancaster Theological Seminary's Campaign. Donations can be made through Realm, Vanco or through offering envelopes.

Your gift will generate growth for the seminary by expanding their outreach by making their programs more accessible to a wider range of students, updating technology, expanding online learning and offering more classes to the community. Your gift will also renew, repair, and restore their historic facilities to better serve the students and the community.

## Apostles Caring Cart

Thank you all so much for your very generous donations to the moms and babies in the Healthy Beginnings Plus program at LGH! We were able to supply these moms with many wonderful baby items!

Our next ministry in the Caring Cart will be to collect donations for ABBA House which is a Christian School and Orphanage in Kenya. We have collected donations for them once before and they were extremely grateful for our generosity! Randy Leonard has visited this home/school and has shared wonderful stories and pictures with us. Please watch for suggestions for donations on the Outreach bulletin board in mid-June. We will not get the list of needs until then. We will collect all summer. Please note that our Outreach bulletin board has been moved from one side of the Narthex to the other. It is on the wall to the left of the Parlor door. Thank you for your continued generosity to our outreach ministries. We are continuing to spread God's love to ALL people.

## POWER for a Moral Budget Rally in Harrisburg

Members of Church of the Apostles UCC have been invited to attend *POWER for a Moral Budget: Action & Advocacy Day* on June 7th, 2023 hosted



by POWER Interfaith. This upcoming Action & Advocacy Day will center around urging lawmakers to pass a fair and moral budget, which includes: full and fair funding for education, increasing the minimum wage, ending wage preemption, and sustainable home repair.

This event will take place in Harrisburg and there will be a bus offered for those attending to ride. The bus will leave from the Lancaster Shopping Center (former AC Moore) at 8:45 AM on Wednesday, June 7th.

To register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/POWERforaMoralBudget>.

For more information contact Beth Reeves at POWER Interfaith at [hernonreeves@hotmail.com](mailto:hernonreeves@hotmail.com).






6/1	Pam Smith
6/2	Darrell Schock
6/3	Mark Reinhardt
6/4	Tim Stirling
6/5	Debby Walburn
6/6	George Alspach
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	Wilma Klinger
6/18	Luke Bahling
6/18	Nettie Cimadamore
6/19	JoAnn Kerst*
6/19	Joe Weidel
6/19	Morgan Wilfong
6/23	Kathy Zerby
6/26	Walter Kreider *
6/27	Leroy Carr
6/27	Chase Rampaul
6/29	Laura Bender
6/29	Karen Braun
6/29	Gail Noland
6/29	Mike Schaeffer

\*90+ Birthdays

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
6/14	Roger & Janice Morris
6/20	Chris & Brenna Bracken
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 *

\*50+ Anniversary

### Have an Articles for the Crown?

Please send articles for the June  
edition of the Crown by  
Friday June, 16th to  
[office@apostlesucc.org](mailto: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.





**June 11th**  
**In Loving Memory of my Parents**  
 By Andy Appel

**In Loving Memory of my Wife,**  
**Bonnie Jolly**  
 By Jim Jolly

**Can you find all the Rainbows in this  
 edition of the Crown?**

**Look for this Rainbow -**



**How Many Did you Find? \_\_\_\_\_**

Correct Answer = 13

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 the office:**

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**Outreach Commission**

(Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7 pm every other month in the Parlor)  
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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

	April 2023	April 2022
YTD Revenue	\$170,851.65	\$239,933.39
YTD Operating Expenses	\$221,956.42	\$232,589.47
Net YTD Operating Income	<b>-\$51,374.77</b>	\$7,343.92

## 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.

Steve/Monica Daniels	(717) 299-6007 or monicadaniels54@gmail.com
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Dear Donna Carr & Church of the Apostles Friends

Thank-you so much for all your prayers and the lovely tulips. They lasted several weeks and were a spot of sunshine as I recovered. COA always has a special place in my heart.

Love & Blessings, Shirley Reindollar (Founding Member of COA)

Dear COA Community,

Thanks for the prayers and good wishes which have sustained me over the last few weeks while my heart is "a-flutter" and I wait for the right conditions for the doctors to put it back into a "normal rhythm". I have needed more patience than normal to "sit tight".

Many Thanks, Barbara Achtermann



## Tuesday Tussles With God

Join Mark Achtermann and Les Helmeczi on Tuesdays at 10:30 AM in Burkholder Chapel at Homestead Village or on ZOOM at 7 PM.

**Contact the church office at**  
**office@apostlesucc.org or (717) 392-5718 to join**





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