



THE CROWN NEWS

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Pastor's Corner

Thanks to the 100 responses we received to the Worship Survey the decision to go to one service for a trial period into the fall was clear. The actual results for each of the questions were:

I have enjoyed worshiping with the whole congregation on single-service Sundays.

- o Strongly agree 70
- o Agree 20
- o I have no opinion 0
- o Disagree 2
- o Strongly disagree 6
- o Abstained 2

I see the wisdom of a well-designed blended worship experience as a way to reach new people and grow this church.

- o Strongly agree 62
- o Agree 19
- o I have no opinion 7
- o Disagree 5
- o Strongly disagree 6
- o Abstained 1

I want to continue our single-service Sundays experiment every Sunday.

- o Strongly agree 48
- o Agree 16
- o I have no opinion 11
- o Disagree 12
- o Strongly disagree 8
- o Abstained 5

So, the decisions became when and how do we make the service blended to the best of our ability. Our staff, Worship Commission and Council have given input into these decisions and our best wisdom is that we will have a single service on May 7, then on Sunday, June 4th we will begin with a new well-designed blended service. This is allowing us time to find new musicians as two of the musicians who play in our 9 AM band are not able to continue with us. The music staff is working on this right now and the band will be playing at the June 4th service, as well as having traditional organ music. And for the summer, we will continue with the 10 AM time frame.

For those who want something earlier, we will be offering Compassion Camp in Rader Park each Sunday at 9 AM for the summer. Compassion Camp will include opening devotions, Bible lessons, children's activities, adult discussions, crafts and opportunities to be together to learn about God in our beautiful outdoor space.

I know this adds change to our lives. Change can be scary, but for first the first time in my ministry with you, we have a clear decision and are moving with it. As we build the worship services for the next few months, we will be looking to create experiences that give you goose bumps, laugh and cry all in the same service. You are our best form of advertising, so please invite others to join us!

Blessings & Peace,

Pastor Kathryn Kuhn

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A Message from the Executive Committee

When we first installed the screens and began displaying the liturgy and songs on the screens, there were people in the congregation who really didn't like it. But a few months ago, when our A/V system was damaged by a power surge and we were without the projectors and screens for many weeks, there was a strong desire to return to what is now the status quo.

The survey results indicate a clear preference for the congregation to move to a single worship service on Sunday mornings. A common theme about our two services in the past was that we were two different congregations. The 11 AM service folks didn't know the 9 AM folks and vice versa. There was also a belief that the two services were vastly different. Over the years, we have experimented occasionally with the time and frequency of our services. We shifted the times to try and incorporate a Sunday School time between the services. Some years, we went to one service in the summer. And of course, the pandemic changed how we came together for over a year. Some of those changes have carried into today, as over 10% of our weekly attendance is now online and not in person.

There was a desire, then and particularly now, to gather together in one service each Sunday. There are many reasons for this, some internally focused and some externally focused. As we have been discussing this possibility, our goal as leadership was to make this decision in a thoughtful and informed manner with the support of Council and the Congregation.

We say that we worship so that we can praise and experience our God; to hear the message of God's teachings and God's truth; and to come together as God's people to share in our joys and our struggles. But in reality, worship is a very personal experience. The music that stirs my heart may not be the music that you grew up with in your worship experience. One person may prefer the officiant to wear formal robes with a more traditional service while another prefers a more contemporary service. Parents need to feel comfortable coming to a single service knowing that their younger children may not be able to sit quietly during the service and that that is ok. Someone visiting our church for the first time may never have experienced a worship service before and everything will be brand new to them.

As we move into having a combined service, we need to be able to offer ourselves and our worship leaders grace. There will be too much organ and there will not be enough organ. There will be too much formality and there will be too much casualness. There will be too many hymns and there will be too many drums. We will need to change our schedules to accommodate the time change. For those not used to children in the service, we will need to welcome our children into our worship space and enjoy their sounds of play and sometimes the sound of their frustration that they can't do what they want. We may need to find another seat or another pew if our usual seat is filled by someone else.

But just as we came to embrace the screens, we can move forward into embracing a single service and creating a new worship style at Church of the Apostles. The congregation has identified many benefits of making this move. And just as with any change, we will need to make adjustments and experiment with new approaches giving ourselves grace in the choices we make.

Sincerely,

Cathy Kenlin (Council Treasurer)

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Church Happenings and News

Graduates Wanted

The Education Commission will recognize graduates on Sunday, June 4th at the 10 AM combined worship. Members graduating from high school, college, technical school, etc. please contact the church office at (717) 392-5718 or office@apostlesucc.org. Please include where you are graduating from, what degree you will be receiving, your post-graduation plans and (if you have one) a picture of yourself for our June Crown!

Preschool Safety & Security

As a friendly safety and security reminder, only preschool and church staff should be accessing the preschool wing of the building during school hours. Monday-Thursday (9-2) and Friday (9-12:30). Please do not enter the double glass doors or open any of the exterior doors in the West Lobby/Fellowship Hall/Food Bank during this time, unless prearranged with the Preschool Director. Our staff are prohibited from allowing anyone into the building who isn't preschool staff. The safety of our students and staff is our top priority. Thank you!

Science in the Park

Once again COA is doing Science in the Park. This program gives inner-city kids an opportunity to come to Rader Park and explore nature. This year we will have only one class of 5th graders from Fulton School who will come to the park from 9 AM -1:30 PM on Tuesday, May 9th. Students will rotate through 4 stations: a stream study, a nature scavenger hunt, fishing in the pond and dissecting owl pellets. We can use your help at one of the stations or guiding a small group. Please contact Doris Robb (717) 393-7788 or Randy Leonard (717) 371-2853. Thanks for any help you can give.

Found Photograph

The COA archives has in its possession a framed photograph from 1915 of a large group of campers and staff of a Camp Becket in Massachusetts. Does anyone know the relevance of this photograph to COA? Please contact Linda Lewis at LLewis103@comcast.net if you can help. The camp is still in existence, and if no one claims the photo or can explain how it connects to our church, we will send it to the camp for its archives. Thank you!

Wacky Wednesdays

Again this summer, we will be holding Wacky Wednesdays at beautiful Rader Park for four Wednesdays in July. Dates will be July 5, 12, 19, and 26, with a special visit on Wednesday, Aug. 2, from Lisa Sanchez, Lancaster County Park Naturalist.

Times for the sessions will be 10:00 – 11:30 AM, with stories, crafts, games, and nature walks highlighting the theme, "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands!" Registration information will be sent out in June. WW is offered to children ages 3 – 10, with parent or guardian supervision. If you would be willing to volunteer for any of the weeks as a craft helper or game leader, please contact Linda Lewis at LLewis103@comcast.net.

Scam Warning

This is your friendly reminder that Pastor Kathryn, Jonathan Paredes, and all office staff will NEVER contact you via email or text asking for your help in purchasing gift cards. This is a very common scam used to get money from the vulnerable. Pastor Kathryn and all staff will call you if we need your help with something. To learn more about other popular scams please visit <https://tinyurl.com/WGALtop5scams>

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.

- **May 9, 2023:** Rose Run by Dolly Parton & James Patterson
- **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.

WHY GO TO A CHURCH CAMP?

Because it Strengthens the Church, One Camper at a Time

Camp is important for the following reasons:

- * *Faith formation and vocational discernment*
- * *Christ-centered community*
- * *Families*

The last reason Church camp is important is it Strengthens the Church. Yes, one camper at a time...and one more...and another -- one by one, over and over. As we know, there is strength in numbers.

As individuals come together, the qualities and abilities to do more, to be more, to feel more, to share more is - plain and simple - *more* of everything. There is strength in "more."

So why does camp bring "more" to the church to help it become stronger? Because **camp is a place where individuals:**

- * *Experience God*
- * *Develop confidence as leaders and followers of Christ*
- * *Ask questions and explore possibilities*

Camp provides a framework where:

- * *Life is given and life is received*
- * *Safety is provided and risks are taken*
- * *Skills are developed and lessons are learned*
- * *Relationships are established and connections are deepened*

Individuals leave the special setting of church camp poised to:

- * *Live by faith*
- * *Lead by example*
- * *Be involved and engaged with new and refreshed enthusiasm*

The church camp environment and experience prepares individuals to go home and not only *be the church more, but also to be more a part of church life.*

Two Camps available this summer for all ages-- kindergartners through high schoolers, families, adults, and older folks.

Camp Brochures are located at the Welcome Center or at Lutheran-Camping.org

Our church provides scholarships for any camper who wishes to attend. See Judy Waltman if you are interested.

The camp representative for our church is Beverly Moran, and the Lutheran Camps will deduct \$20 per camper for our congregation.

Penn Central Conference paid 50% of camp registration fees after what our church paid, and they will do that again this year.

The Lutheran Camps are Camp Kirchenwald in Lebanon, PA and Camp Nawakwa, in Adams County outside of Arendtsville.



Preschool News

Apostles Community Preschool will wrap up the 2022-23 school on May 12th! It's been a fun-filled, memorable year with lots of learning, love, and growth. Our preschoolers sang their hearts out and proudly displayed their artwork for their families at our Spring Sing and Art Gallery Show. Our Pre-K classes celebrated their moms with a Mother's Day Tea, and dads with "Donuts with Dads" days. Pre-K classes also visited Homestead Village and our "grand-friends." We will end the year with our Parent Council's End of the Year Carnival... It's sure to be a great time!

Summer Camp will begin the week of May 22 and run for 4 weeks. Our preschool friends will enjoy beautiful Rader Park every morning with nature walks, crafts, singing, water fun, and play!

We wish everyone a fantastic summer and we look forward to the 2023-24 school year beginning in September!



Down:

1. Holiday honoring military lives
3. What do you do to a house in spring?
6. Product made from bees
7. Spectrum of light in the sky after it rains
8. What a lawnmower cuts
10. Red insect with black spots
12. What birds make

Across:

2. April Showers Bring May _____
4. Holiday celebrating female parent figures
5. Holiday celebrating male parent figures
9. What you might carry if its raining
11. Flowers begin to do this
13. Dutch bulbs

A Musical Note

WITH
LARS POTTEIGER

Modern worship can take many forms. Traditional services make use of hymn singing and organ music. Contemporary services utilize praise bands and popular music. Many churches opt for “blended worship” by combining elements of the aforementioned types of services. But what exactly does blended worship entail?

Blended worship is a unique expression of the faith and life of a church and is a rich blending of traditional and modern elements, allowing the congregation to connect with God and one another. This approach is not a “one size fits all” approach to worship. Music can be shared in a service through more traditional elements like organ and choir-led singing occurring in the same service with a praise band and solo singers. Another possible way to blend musical elements in a service is to reimagine older hymns for a more modern type of ensemble like a band. One could even have the choir sing contemporary praise choruses with or without a band. There are many other unique and creative ways a church can use blended worship to revitalize and enliven music within a service. But why blend worship?

Blended worship allows us to more fully experience the musical gifts of the Holy Spirit, gifts from both the past and the present. There is a rich musical tradition upon which our faith is built that inspires hearts and minds. There are also creative individuals finding unique ways to express their faith through song and music using more modern sounds. We are stronger as a community and can grow in love and fellowship when we lift our voices in song together. Regardless of the age or time period of a given piece of music, God’s voice is still speaking - may we have the ears to hear it.

Upcoming events in the Apostles Academy Concert Series are as follows:

- May 21st at 3 PM - The Malta Band will give a concert in the sanctuary. The Malta Band is one of the oldest concert bands in the Lancaster area and has been in existence for over one hundred years.
- June 11th at 3 PM - Guitarist Dave Pedrick and multi-instrumentalist Ken Gehret will present a concert of Irish music in the pavilion in Rader Park. 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



Malta
BAND

CONCERT

MAY 21ST, 2023

3 PM IN THE SANCTUARY

Community Outreach

Hartman Center Camp Registration is Open

Fellow campers, our beloved Hartman Center will be available to us for one week this summer for church camp experiences in Milroy, PA. Here is a link to the information:

<https://penncentralconference.regfox.com/hartman-homecoming-week>. Brochures with registration slips are available in the office.

Annual Garage Sale Outcome by Clara Kosmela

As chairperson on the 2023 Church Garage Sale, I wish to thank many people. First, thanks to everyone who donated items to be sold, including hot dog rolls, chocolate cakes, cookies, and condiments, Next thanks to the more than 27 people who worked Monday through Thursday before the sale, sorting, pricing, folding clothes, and placing them on the tables. Next, a big thank you to the many who served as cashiers and money counters. Last, but not least, thank you to those who helped pack up and dispose of the unsold items, It was a busy, but fun time with interaction of church members(and non church members) who otherwise might not have met, It was a great "team effort" of approximately 70 people with a profit of \$7,637.63.

Positives from the sale were:


- 1.) Fun and camaraderie of those helping.
 - 2.) The unsold clothing went to our neighbor church, Grace Baptist, who will put it in their free clothing giveaway.
 - 3.) Money will be sent to Ukraine and Turkey.
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UCC Aid to Ukraine (From United Church of Christ)

We are grateful for your generosity in helping Ukrainians experiencing the devastation of war. Through the collaborative effort of donors like yourself, we raised over 3 million dollars for Ukraine relief. To see how your giving has made an impact, please visit the link below to view a webinar where our team discusses our European trip. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iQXFOahaLE8>

Apostles Caring Cart

We are continuing to collect donations for the new moms and babies in the Healthy Beginnings Plus program at LGH. Please consider participating in this Baby Shower by taking a baby foot from the poster, buying that item, and then putting it in the Caring Cart. We will collect baby supplies until the end of May.



Church of the Apostles UCC

CAN COLLECTION

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



Russell Weiser	5/3
Allison Carr	5/3
Cindy Williams	5/4
Bonnie Eshbach	5/5
Dorothy Wolf	5/6
Flo Waldron	5/6
Cindy Bischoff	5/7
Dillon Walters	5/8
John Hess	5/9
Chic Hungerford	5/10
Haley Breslin	5/10
Maggie Schick	5/12
Dennis Eyrich	5/14
Cindy Hendrix	5/14
Milo Paredes	5/14
Luca Paredes	5/14
Allison Alspach	5/16
Kenneth Kimmel	5/17
Erika Neiderer	5/17
Annette Shindler *	5/17
Lois Masho *	5/18
Carol Nielson	5/20
Finn Conrad	5/22
Nate Sheffer	5/27
Nina Bahling	5/27
Gail Frankhouser	5/28
Karen Culp	5/29
Karen Youtz	5/31

*90+ Birthdays



Breanne & Carlos Cornielle	5/1
Dick & Lois Cunningham	5/4
Mark & Molly Reinhardt	5/14
Earl & Janie Cardellino *	5/15
Dennis & Jennifer Eyrich	5/15
Judy & Rodney Ruppert	5/20
Erik & Ashley Laymon	5/25
Dick & Lois Millhouse *	5/28
Flo Waldron & Mike McCooey	5/31

*50+ Anniversary

Have an Articles for the Crown?

Please send articles for the June edition of the Crown by Monday, May 15th to office@apostlesucc.org.

Please be aware that articles **MUST** be submitted by the 15th 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.



MAY FLOWER SPONSORS

May 7th

**In Loving Memory of two U.C.C pas-
tors: Rev. Earnest Strasburger and**

Rev. Ed Steedle

By their Families

May 14th

**In Loving Memory of Skeeter's
mother, Magdalene Carr and Don-
na's mother, Evelyn Butzer**

By the Carr Family

**In Loving Memory of Sandy's moth-
er, Mrs. Mabel Kilgore, and Joe's
mother, Mrs. Garaldine Weidel**

By Sandy & Joe Weidel

May 28th

**In Loving Memory of Susan Nolt, a
Stephen Minister**

By Lynn Steedle

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
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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

	March 2023	March 2022
YTD Revenue	\$137,460.71	\$206,643.37
YTD Operating Expenses	\$166,256.41	\$165,750.63
Net YTD Operating Income	-\$28,795.70	\$40,892.74

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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Dear Friends at Church of the Apostles,

You are so kind and thoughtful to send me the beautiful Easter card here at Complete Care at Berkshire. I will be here for a longer time than I had hoped, but with more therapy I hope to get better. I wish all the people at COA a joyous Easter season and God's blessings on everyone there. I will try to write whenever I can. I love hearing from you. - Andree Goldman



Susie McCooey made it into the top half of the 2023 WITF Spelling Bee before being the third speller eliminated in Round 5 on the word "portentous". If anyone wishes to see the broadcasted version, it is now streaming at witf.org/bee (Parents: Flo Waldron & Michael McCooey)

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