

# THE CROWN



A Publication of Church of the Apostles, A United Church of Christ Congregation

November 2022 Vol. 46 No. 11

## Pastor's Corner

During this season of fall, we celebrate the end of this year's growing year and harvest as we prepare for winter. It is the cycle of the seasons which include birth, life, death and rebirth. It is also the cycle of life which we celebrate as Christians. Jesus taught us that there is more than we understand to life. We are resurrection people who believe in rebirth!

This being said, it is time for our Christmas in the Country Bazaar to come to an end so that something else can be born. For the past several months, the leadership has been in conversation about the bazaar because of several factors. The number of vendors has reduced as some have retired and others switched to online sales only. Our commissions are not willing to make all the food we had in prior years. For many years, we have been short on help putting all the furniture back into place after the bazaar. Although we have been talking to many people, no one has been found to chair the bazaar. So we will host our 45<sup>th</sup> and Final Christmas in the Country Bazaar this year as a scaled back event. Through these conversations there is already talk of a vendor only event run by the vendors on our traditional date and using only the West Lobby and Fellowship Hall. This will give our craft group a nice opportunity to sell their creations.

AND we want to **celebrate** all that we have gained over the years by hosting the bazaar! Who are the members who have chaired this event? We want to publicly thank them in worship. What was the most valuable part of the bazaar to you? We want to know this so we can celebrate all the different thoughts we have. Are there specific memories you are willing to share about the event? Please write them down so we can share them within the congregation. Please email or write down your answers to these questions and get them to the office or me, so we can celebrate the life and ministry of this important mission within our congregation.

Blessings & Peace,

*Pastor Kathryn Kuhn*



**PASTOR**

**KATHRYN KUHN**

### In This Issue

- Message from Council President, [pg. 2](#)
- Church Happenings & News, [pg. 3](#)
- Preaching Schedule, [pg. 3](#)
- Preschool News, [pg. 4](#)
- Community Outreach, [pg. 5](#)
- A Musical Note, [pg. 7](#)
- Birthdays & Anniversaries, [pg. 8](#)
- Flower Sponsors, [pg. 9](#)
- Financial giving report [pg. 10](#)

**CALLING ALL MEMBERS!  
CALLING ALL MEMBERS!  
CALLING ALL MEMBERS!**

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on November 20th, 2022 following one worship service at 10AM in the Sanctuary. The agenda for this meeting and our budget review are on their way! We look forward to seeing everyone there!!!

# A Message from the Council President

## Embrace Diversity

This month I was searching for words to share about a personal struggle I am having. I overheard a person commenting about someone who is gay. I held back and didn't openly confront the person making what I perceived to be a hurtful comment. I prayed about it. And as I was sitting in church this Sunday, I glanced up at the UCC Banner with the statements of who we should be as members of the UCC. The words "Embrace Diversity" jumped out at me. I know this has been a point of contention in our (and other churches). But I believe that it is not an issue for many of the current COA members including myself.

I went to the bible looking for something that might speak to this. I was drawn to the story of the Samaritan woman at the well and her encounter with Jesus as told in John 4: 1-42. What can we learn from this encounter? That Jesus came to change the world as she knew it. Some others may write off this woman as being unclean or immoral or not worthy of inclusion. But in their discussion, Jesus reveals his mission to save and bring salvation to ALL. Not just Jews, but all people including Samaritans. Like the woman at the well, if we drink from the water of life offered to us by Christ, we can become fountains of compassion for others.

We all desire new life for Church of the Apostles. Soon, you will be hearing from the Health Check report from Agile Church and their advice about how we can begin to turn things around and begin to grow again. We need to embrace the word of God and give the water of life to All the diverse people that God created. Will you "join me at the well" to drink the water of new life for COA?

Blessings,  
Donna Carr



## Life Group Looking for New Members

Our Church of the Apostles Life group is looking for new members to join our group. We meet monthly to share Bible Study, prayer, food and fun. But most importantly we support each other through life as Christians. Singles or couples, all are welcome! Call Donna Carr for more information at (717) 475 - 5285. If we get more interest than our current group can support we will help build a second life group.



## STAY CONNECTED!

Worship services are available online via our [Website](#), [Youtube](#), or [Facebook](#). For bulletins and more information visit [www.apostlesucc.com/sermons](http://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

---

## Cookies, Cookies, Cookies!

The Adult Choir will once again have the bake table at the Christmas Bazaar. We are asking all our wonderful bakers out there to send in your cookies for sale. Please bring them to the kitchen Friday November 11th, between 10-11AM and we will package them for sale. Please name your cookies and mark if they contain nuts. Can you help us have 50 dozen to offer the attendees? We are also asking for sheet cakes to be able to offer folks a piece of cake when they take a break from shopping. Of course, any other baked goods will happily be accepted. Every Christmas the choir donates to help a family in need and funds from the bake table help us do that. We want to be busy Friday morning, Nov 11th so bring in those cookies and any other tasty treats! As always thank-you for your support!

---

## All Saints Day, November 6th

To celebrate those who have passed since November 2021, we request that you send the names and pictures of your loved ones or friends to the office before November 4th so we can put together a slide show for our worship services on November 6th. If you have a picture of a member you would like used, please send those also or we will look for an older directory photo. We will also celebrate those who were well-known within our society and will be including those in our slide show. If you have physical pictures, please allow us to scan the images and return them to you. Pictures may be placed on the Office Volunteer's desk on Sunday mornings or scheduled to be brought in during office hours. Let us celebrate all who joined the Communion of Saints!

---

## Grocery Gift Cards for November

**HEADS UP!!!** November 6 & November 13 are Market Basket (Grocery Gift Cards) pick-up and order days. Collect your ordered \$50.00 Grocery cards for Giant, Stauffers & Weis Grocery Stores. You may also order cards for December. Cards are available following the 9:00 & 11:00 am services. As usual, there are some cards available for on-the-spot purchase. If you shop at Giant, Stauffers or Weis stores this is your chance to purchase cards. This purchase gives twice – You purchase groceries with your cards and the church gets a 5% return to use toward other Outreach projects. Thanks for your continued support of this valued program.

---

## Epiphany Workshop

Would you like to explore the scriptures? Are you a creative person looking for a place to engage? Would you like to be part of the decisions that go into creating our worship services? On Saturday, November 19 from 9:30 -11 AM in the parlor, Rev. Kuhn will be doing a workshop on the season of Epiphany. We will talk about the point of the season and read the lectionary scriptures for the season. We will talk about where we are as a congregation and what we need to hear in worship. Please register through Realm or call into the office to be registered.

---



## NOVEMBER PREACHING SCHEDULE

**NOVEMBER 6, 2022**

Pastor Kathryn Kuhn

**NOVEMBER 13, 2022**

Pastor Kathryn Kuhn

**NOVEMBER 20, 2022**

Pastor Kathryn Kuhn

**NOVEMBER 27, 2022**

Jonathan Paredes



## 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.

- **December 13, 2022:**  
Prince and the Prodigal by Jill Eileen Smith
- **January 10, 2023:**  
The Delight of Being Ordinary: A Road Trip of the Pope and Dalai Lama by Roland Merullo
- **February 14, 2023:**  
Tobacco Wives by Adele Myers

## 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.

## Preschool News

During the month of October, children at ACP learned about Fire Safety. The children practiced fire drills at school, learned how to call 9-1-1, and stop, drop, and roll. Our firefighter friends from the Rohrerstown Fire Department even came to visit! They taught us how to be safe in the event of a fire and showed us all of their cool equipment.

We had a great turn out for Parent Council's Ice Cream Social and Book-fair. There was also a Safety Fair, where children had the opportunity to climb into a fire truck, a police car, and an ambulance.

Fall is here and we can feel the air turning colder and see the leaves changing colors! The children at ACP learned about the autumn colors as they watched the leaves change and learned about the animals in the fall as they get ready to hibernate. At the end of the month, we had our traditional Halloween Parade and Celebrations.

In November, we look forward to focusing on friendship and helping others by collecting items for the COA Food Bank.

Our next Dine-Out Fundraiser is at Isaac's on Centerville Road on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Please consider supporting our school!



### Support Our Fundraiser

Our organization earns 15% of all Dine-In, Take-Out, Catering and Gift Card Orders.\*

**Wednesday, December 7, 2022**

### To Benefit

**Apostles Community Preschool**

### At Isaac's

**Centerville**

**245 Centerville Rd. Lancaster**

**ONLINE ORDERS** - Enter "Fund" in the box on the payment page.

**TAKEOUT ORDERS** - Let Isaac's team member know you are part of our fundraiser when placing your order.

\*Sorry, we cannot accept coupons, discounts or Loyalty perks on Fundraising orders.



# Community Outreach

---

## Apostles Caring Carts

Apostles Caring Carts Thank you so much for the wonderful and generous donations to the family from the Ukraine staying with the Breslins! Your continued generosity to all of our Outreach ministries amazes us! We are finished with this particular collection at the end of October but you can continue to reach out to the Breslins if you want to see if there are any new needs. Our Holiday Gifting Ministry will begin next month so please watch for the name tags to appear on the Outreach bulletin board. We will be gifting students attending Martin Elementary School again. These gifts will be collected in and around the large Caring Cart. Details will be in the Bulletins and Crown next month.

It has come to my attention that there seems to be some confusion about the two Caring Carts. The LARGE Caring Cart is used for short term collections of donations for specific Outreach ministries and it remains in the Narthex. Collections usually last about two months. Details about these collections are always posted on a poster on the bulletin board next to the fellowship table. The SMALL Caring Cart is located in the cloak room and is used as an ongoing collection site for the Apostles Assistance Fund. Food, personal care supplies, and home care supplies are collected all year in this Cart. Thank you for your continued support of our Outreach ministries.

---



**HERSTORY: A RECITAL  
OF ART SONGS BY  
WOMEN COMPOSERS**

Featuring: Jaime Namminga &  
Amanda Russo Stante  
November 6, 2022 at 3PM  
1850 Marrietta Ave, Lancaster PA 17603



*45th Annual*

# CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY BAZAAR AND CRAFT SHOW

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12,  
2022 | 9AM - 3PM

GIFTS - DECORATIONS - FOOD TO GO



CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES UCC  
1850 MARIETTA AVENUE LANCASTER, PA





## Interested in Donating?

### Food Bank Needs:

- Cereal
- Canned Soup
- Canned Fruit
- Mac N' Cheese
- Potatoes (Box or Can)
- Canned Beans
- Rice
- Peanut Butter

### Apostles

#### Assistance Needs:

- Toilet Paper
- Tissues
- Shampoo/ Conditioner
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Soap
- Wash Cloths
- Hand Lotions
- Deodorant
- Paper Towels
- Laundry Detergent
- Cleaning Products
- Dish Cloths & Sponges

### 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.

### Can Collection

We still are saving aluminum cans. They can be dropped off at the Youth Center at Rader Park. Either have them in plastic bags, or deposit them in the large marked can.

## A MUSICAL NOTE WITH LARS POTTEIGER

### A Song of Thanksgiving - "Let All Things Now Living"

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the Creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who guides us and leads to the end of our days. God's banners fly o'er us; God's light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

-Katherine K. Davis, 1939

One of the hymns I love to sing in this season of Thanksgiving is "Let All Things Now Living". The tune for this hymn is much older than the hymn itself and has a very interesting story behind its development. Katherine K. Davis composed the text of this beloved hymn in 1939, using the previously composed tune "The Ash Grove". The first English version of "The Ash Grove" was published in a volume titled *Welsh Melodies, with Welsh and English Poetry* in 1862, but the original version dates back even further to Scotland. "The Ash Grove" was a harp tune that was widely known among Welsh harpists in the early 18th century. In Welsh this song tune is titled *Llwynn-onn*, and tells a tragic tale of the love between a sailor and Gwen of Llwyn, who dies at the end of the story in a lonely ash grove. There is also an earlier comparison of *Llwynn-onn* to a similar tune in John Gay's *The Beggar's Opera* from 1729. The practice of using a known melody and setting different words to it was very common in the 18th and 19th centuries. These alternative texts were one of the earliest forms of sheet music called broadsides, and were a precursor to the burgeoning sheet music industry in the United States. Broadside capitalized on the familiarity of the melodies to the general public.

The Apostles Academy is hosting a concert featuring vocalist Amanda Russo and pianist Jaime Namminga on November 6th at 3pm in the sanctuary. This collaborative duet has an exciting program planned titled *HerStory: A Recital of Art Songs by Women Composers*. The Academy is also hosting a Christmas concert featuring former Apostles Bell Choir Director Ron Bellamy and his wife Linda Lorgus on December 18th at 3pm in the sanctuary. I hope that you are able to attend!

Blessings,

Lars





11/1	Holden Clausen
11/2	William Newport
11/4	Reece Wilfong
11/5	Noah Waltman
11/6	Roger Morris
11/8	Ann Beck
11/8	Samantha Hackenburg
11/8	Thomas Moran
11/8	Robert Perry *
11/9	Allison Bender
11/9	Kimberly Bender
11/9	Kevin Ghaffari
11/9	Jocelyn Morrison
11/9	Molly Reinhardt
11/10	Doris Liepa *
11/11	Daniel Flynn
11/12	Breanne Zipko
11/13	Josephine Smith
11/13	Jennifer Watkins
11/14	Louise Aument
11/14	Stephen Daniels
11/15	Barbara Wylie
11/16	Clara Schenke *
11/17	Sara Bravo
11/17	Linda Eaton
11/18	Beth Thompson
11/21	Robert Frankhouser
11/22	Evelyn Sheffer
11/23	George Frey
11/23	Bryce Walburn
11/24	Jennifer Eaton
11/24	Sara Jane Kimmel
11/25	Leigh Breslin
11/26	Pauline Brown *
11/26	Lynn Steedle *
11/26	Jennifer Thompson
11/27	Anna King *
11/29	Donna Carr
11/30	Monica Daniels
11/30	Randy Leonard



11/2	Peter & Katherine Seiler
11/6	Jenn & Keith Watkins
11/7	Nate & Emily Sheffer
11/9	Larry & Erika Neiderer
11/14	John & Bonnie Eshbach *
11/23	Clara & Lou Kosmela
11/24	Kenneth & Sara Kimmel
11/27	Mary & Dan Walters

\* 50+ Anniversaries

### Articles for the Crown

Please send articles for the December edition of the Crown by Friday, November 18th to [office@apostlesucc.org](mailto:office@apostlesucc.org).

Please be aware that articles MUST be submitted by the 17th 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 & Communications Coordinator, Paityn Nissly.

\* 90+ Birthdays





## **NOVEMBER FLOWER SPONSORS**

**November 6th**

**In Loving Memory of My Wife,  
Colleen**

By Milt Gockley

**November 13th**

**In Loving Memory of My Daughter,  
Tara Renae & My Wife, Kelle**

By Joe Lainhoff

**November 20th**

**In Loving Memory of My Husband,  
Charles and My Son, Ric**

By Louise Arms

**November 27th**

**In Loving Memory of  
Harry Pakalnins**

By Rasma & Mara Pakalnins

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:**

**Wilma Klingler 717-584-6430**

# COUNCIL MEMBERS AND COMMISSION CHAIRS

**President: Donna Carr**

Ph: 717-475-5285

Email: skeetcarr@comcast.net

**Vice President: Karen Braun**

Ph: 717-471-5987

Email: karenbraun87@gmail.com

**Secretary: Johanna Baker**

Ph: 717-799-0001

Email: Johanna.baker@yahoo.com

**Treasurer: Cathy Kenlin**

Ph: 717-940-0364

Email: cmkenlin@comcast.net

**Education Commission**

(Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 pm in room 304)

Chair: Judy Waltman

Ph: 717-285-7395

Email: jlwaltman@comcast.net

**Worship Commission**

(Meets the 1st Monday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Choir Room)

Chair: Bernie Fickes

Ph: 717-925-9155

Email: berenicefickes4@gmail.com

**Parish Life Commission**

(Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 7 pm at 1866 Villa Court)

Chair: Clara Kosmela

Ph: 717-468-3492

Email: joli6291@yahoo.com

**Property Commission**

(Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 7 pm on Zoom)

Chair: Herb Forry

Ph: 717-201-7863

Email: heforry@comcast.net

**Stewardship Commission**

(Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 pm in room 304)

Chair: George Alspach

Ph: 717-201-2526

Email: galspach@aol.com

**Outreach Commission**

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

Chair: Jane McCartney

Ph: 717-392-4844

Email: spmccartney@comcast.net

## 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

	September 2022	September 2021
YTD Revenue	\$420,499.64	\$439,288.31
YTD Operating Expenses	\$549,941.53	\$538,877.89
Net YTD Operating Income	<b>(-\$129,441.89)</b>	<b>(-\$99,589.58)</b>



## 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
Lynn Steedle	(717) 390-4152 or ccsteedle@gmail.com
Bev Keller	(717) 898-2146 or bek0914@aol.com
Nancy Steger	(717) 617-2635 or nancyasteger@gmail.com
Jean Heidig	(717) 394-8733 or jean.heidig@gmail.com
Donna Carr	(717) 397-6305 or skeetcarr@comcast.net

Mary Ellen Bachman	(717) 393-8922
Susan Shaak	(717) 872-2987
Doug Nutt	(717) 283-2937
Cindy Williams	(717) 572-3808



### Faith Formation Classes:

Christian Formation classes are held weekly during the 9 AM service (in Fellowship Hall) for ages 3 years old to 3rd grade. ROOTED for 4th - 8th grade will meet in Room 308.

### Christmas Events to Come

With Christmas right around the corner, we would like you to keep in mind this season our children's programs coming up. In December we will be hosting in conjunction with the preschool a Cookies with an Elf event. We will also be having a Christmas service for children on Friday December 23rd at 6PM geared to keep children engaged as we learn about the symbols of Christmas. Please keep an eye in next months Crown for more information on these events and others. We will also have a blue Christmas service online.



# Church of the Apostles Staff Directory

## Pastors and Leadership

### **Senior Pastor**

The Rev Kathryn L. Kuhn ext. 8201  
kathrynk@apostlesucc.org

### **Designated Associate Pastor**

Jonathan Paredes ext. 8202  
jonathanp@apostlesucc.org

## Music

### **Director of Music Ministry & Interim Bell**

#### **Choir Director**

Lars Potteiger ext. 8203  
larsp@apostlesucc.org

### **Director of Adult Choirs & Instrumental**

#### **Music**

Nathan Sheffer

### **Children's Choir Director**

Breanne Zipko

## Office

### **Finance Administrator**

April Fisher ext. 8207  
finance@apostlesucc.org

### **Administrative & Communications Coordinator**

Paityn Nissly ext. 8200  
office@apostlesucc.org

## Operations

### **Property Manager**

Eric MacLaren ext. 8214  
ericm@apostlesucc.org

### **Sexton**

Larry Rongione

### **Technology Specialist**

Jaben Jury

**Connect With  
Us!**



**Need Spiritual  
Inspiration?**

Visit us at  
[www.apostlesucc.org/  
faith-and-inspiration](http://www.apostlesucc.org/faith-and-inspiration)  
for our service bulletins,  
sounds for the soul and more!

Non-Profit  
Organization  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
Permit No. 1065  
Lancaster, PA

Church of the Apostles, UCC  
1850 Marietta Avenue  
Lancaster, PA 17603-2398  
Phone: 717-392-5718  
Email: office@apostlesucc.org  
www.apostlesucc.org

