# THE CROWN NEWS

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#### **Pastor's Corner**

If you remove the yoke from among you, the accusing finger, and malicious speech; If you lavish your food on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; Then your light shall rise in the darkness, and your gloom shall become like midday.... "Repairer of the breach," they shall call you, "Restorer of ruined dwellings." —Isaiah 58:9–10, 12

Now that we have affirmed our new Vision and Mission statements, it is time to begin living into these statements as a congregation which came from you in the Jeremiah project groups. Yes, there is significant outreach to those in need in our statements, and in order to do this work, we are to rely on a deep well of faith. It is in our faith where we are challenged to grow!

More and more, I think we are poised to be a place of refuge and healing – a lovingly progressive voice in a conservative community - a people who deeply care about the plight of our neighbors and the strangers in our community. We are a people who have experienced our own challenges and survived. Now it is time to be the people who help others not just survive but to thrive; however, we have been afraid losing our security, our future, which we see tied to our endowments. This is a time when we are being called to make a greater impact in our community. There are people struggling to survive in our community – struggling for shelter – struggling for food!

I invite you to begin deepening your faith by joining in prayer on Wednesdays from 12:30-1 PM, to pray for justice and peace in our world. In our sanctuary, we will be offering a prayer vigil in conjunction with the Churches for Middle East Peace.

For the Advent and Christmas seasons, we will be focused on the "Gift of Being Present," looking to use our gift of time and attention as some of the most important things we can share. For this season, we ask you to look for pictures of gatherings you have hosted or been part of where time and attention was shared, and share them with us for use in worship. Please email these pictures to Paityn at <u>office@apostlesucc.org</u>.

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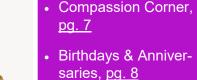
Pastor Kathryn Kuhn



Following our 10 AM Worship Service in Fellowship Hall

Our agenda and budget review will be dispatched via mail shortly

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# A Message from the Council President

I thought that this was an interesting article going around the internet entitled "Lucky."

If you could fit the entire population of the world into a village consisting of 100 people, while maintaining the proportions of all of the people living on Earth, that village would consist of...

57 Asians, 21 Europeans, 14 Americans (North, Central, and South), 8 Africans

There would be...

52 women and 48 men, 30 Caucasians and 70 non-Caucasians, 30 Christians and 70 non-Christians, 89 heterosexuals and 11 homosexuals, 6 people would possess 59% of the wealth and they would all come from the USA, 80 would live in poverty, 70 would be illiterate, 50 would suffer from hunger and malnutrition

If we looked at the world in this way, the need for acceptance and understanding would be obvious...

If you woke up this morning in good health, you have more luck than one million people, who will not live through the week...

If you can go to your place of worship without fear that someone will assault or kill you, then you are luckier than 3 billion people...

If you have a full fridge, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you are wealthier than 75% of the world's population...

If you currently have money in the bank, in your wallet, and a few coins in your purse, you are one of 8 of the privileged few amongst the 100 people in the world...

We are certainly blessed to have a church family that loves us and lucky enough to meet many of the bullet points listed above. Let us go forth and serve others in our community and beyond and be thank-ful in all the ways God has blessed us.

Lou Gaudioso Council President



# **Church Happenings and News**

#### Bake Sale at Crafter's Marketplace: Nov. 11th

The choir's bake stand will be featured at this year's Crafter's Market on November 11th. We're seeking an abundance of scrumptious cookies to tempt attendees. Kindly drop off your cookie contributions at the kitchen by 12PM on Friday, November 10th, and we'll handle the packaging for the sale. Additionally, we warmly welcome other baked goods, cupcakes, candies, and more. Your support is greatly appreciated!

#### **Crafter's Marketplace**

Get ready for a delightful day of creativity and community at our first Crafter's Marketplace hosted by Church of the Apostles on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 3 PM. This exciting event boasts the participation of 30 handpicked vendors, showcasing a stunning array of handmade treasures including ceramics, knit, quilts,

table runners, wreaths, paper items, and fabric yo-yo designs. Whether you're searching for unique gifts or simply want to support local artisans, this marketplace has something for everyone.





In addition to the incredible vendors, the Church of the Apostles' own craft group will be present, offering their exceptional creations. Plus, satisfy your taste buds with the Apostles' Adult Choir's homemade baked goods. As you shop, don't forget to refuel at the food trucks; Noel's Café will be serving up coffee, teas, smoothies, and hot chocolate, while Mad Dash Concessions will tantalize your palate with artisan grilled cheese sandwiches. Mark your calendars for this memorable day of artistry and community spirit!

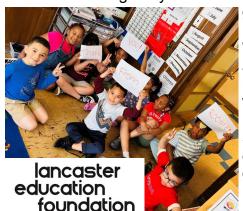
#### **Covid-19 Vaccines**

Melissa Koehler of Hillcrest Pharmacy is scheduled to return on November 5<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM, following the worship service, to administer Covid-19 vaccinations. If you've already registered for these shots, there is no need to register again; simply come for your appointment in the Parlor. If you wish to receive the latest Covid-19 vaccine and haven't registered previously, please contact the office at (717) 392-5718.

#### Adopt-A-Classroom 2023

The Outreach Commission is currently backing a campaign to support Adopt-A-Classroom. This initiative aims to assist teachers in classrooms within the School District of Lancaster by providing grants for essential learning supplies. In 2022, we successfully conducted this giving campaign, and thanks to the generous contributions of our members, we were able to donate \$3,100 to the District. These funds were distributed among early education classes (Pre-K - 3rd





grade) at the Martin and Carter MacrRae schools.

We invite you to join us in making a difference. Please consider making a donation through REALM or VANCO, or you can write a check payable to COA with "Adopt-A-Classroom" in the memo line. Our campaign will run until the end of 2023.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to reach out to Donna Carr at (717) 475-5285, a member of the Outreach Commission. Thank you for your support!



#### 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.

- November 14, 2023: Once A Crooked Man by David McCallum
- December 12, 2023: <u>Horse</u> by Geraldine Brooks
- January 9, 2024: <u>The</u> <u>Other Family Dictor</u> by Karen Fine
- February 13, 2024: <u>Village of the Third</u> <u>Reich</u> by Julia Boyd & Angela Patel

#### 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.

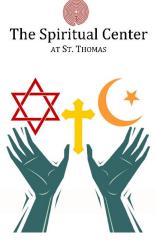
# **Community Outreach**

#### Support Climate Justice

Giving Tuesday, on November 28, 2023, is approaching, and the United Church of Christ (UCC) is actively preparing to showcase their strong dedication to climate justice. Deeply concerned about environmental issues threatening our planet's health, UCC committed, in 2022, to a fiveyear focus on environmental justice for Giving Tuesday campaigns.

With a financial goal of \$75,000, UCC aims to support two initiatives. Your contribution enables new cohorts in Climate Hope Summer, empowering youth to advocate for impactful climate legislation. Your gift also bolsters the success of UCC's 2024 Earth Day Summit, a platform for innovative environmental justice solutions.

For additional information about their outreach efforts or to donate, please visit <u>https://shorturl.at/azB57</u>.



# Interfaith Insights: Muslims Speak to Christians

In today's complex world, where discerning truth can be challenging and differences often lead to conflict, it is essential to embrace open dialogue and understanding. Join St. Thomas' Spiritual Center, located at 301 Saint Thomas Road, Lancaster, PA 17601, for a thought-provoking presentation:

On Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 7PM Dr. Vinitha Moopen, a practicing Pediatrician in Lititz and a Lancaster resident for 15 years, will present 'What Muslims Want Christians to Know.' Dr. Moopen, MD,

is deeply involved in the community, having served on various boards and as a speaker for educational programs. She also contributes a monthly medical segment to the Fox 43 morning program. Dr. Moopen is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in Islamic Studies and enjoys reading and traveling. To attend on November 8th, please RSVP at <u>SCAST-</u> <u>1@outlook.com</u> or call (717) 569-3241 ext. 304.

#### **Supporting Jewish Communities**

In these challenging times, it's more important than ever to come together as a community to support one another and extend our help to those in need. The recent conflict in Israel has left a significant im-



pact on our Jewish brothers and sisters, and many organizations are working tirelessly to provide assistance and relief. We'd like to share some valuable resources with our congregation to aid in this noble endeavor.

1. American Friends of Magen David Adom (AFMDA): afmda.org

2.Jewish Federation's Israel Emergency Fund: form.jotform.com/232792945496978

- 3. Arava Institute for Environmental Studies: arava.org
- 4. Friends of Roots: friendsofroots.net



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. Some of our Pre-K classes also had a visit from a Manor Township Police Officer. We loved the opportunity to have these community heroes visit us at ACP!

Fall is finally 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. Lisa Sanchez came to our school to give us a presentation about nocturnal animals. 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 and having our Friendsgiving Celebration.

Be sure to save the date for our Christmas Program: December 18 & 19 at 10:30 AM. We welcome all church members to attend one of our programs!

#### **Gratitude for Apostles Caring Carts Donations**

The Outreach Commission extends our heartfelt gratitude to all those who contributed to the overflowing Caring Cart, brimming with invaluable donations for ABBA House, the Christian orphanage/school in Kenya. Your kindness will make a significant impact in meeting the needs of these children.

Our next endeavor with the Caring Cart revolves around the Holiday Gifting Ministry. Can you believe that the season of giving is fast approaching? As in years past, we will be providing gifts to students at Elizabeth Martin Elementary School who are less fortunate than us. Keep an eye out for forthcoming announcements regarding this initiative!

Additionally, we'd like to remind you that the small Caring Cart in the coat room is designated for the collection of personal and home care supplies. This ongoing effort supports the Apostles Assistance Fund. We appreciate your ongoing support of our Outreach ministries, as it is through these actions that we share the love of Christ with all people.





# A Musical Note WITH LARS POTTEIGER

All Saints Day may not seem as important a holiday as Christmas and Easter are in the liturgical calendar, but this day, celebrated on November 1st, recognizes two core parts of our faith: remembrance and resurrection. On this day, Christians remember those who have died in the past year, celebrating both their lives and resurrection into life eternal. It helps us to connect with believers from the past who have gone before us in the faith and to remember those we love who have joined the church triumphant.

One of the more widely sung hymns on All Saints Day is "For All The Saints," sung to the melody Sine Nomine. Sine Nomine was written by the English composer Ralph Vaughn Williams. Other well known hymn melodies of his include the melody, Randolph, for "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" and melody, Down Ampney (named after the town of his birth) for "Come Down O Love Divine." Sine Nomine was not the original melody used in "For All The Saints." The original melody for this text was titled Sarum and was used for the hymn until 1906 when Vaughn Williams composed Sine Nomine. Vaughn Williams' melody is noted for being more interesting and musically sophisticated in nature, replacing Sarum as the melody commonly sung today.

The Apostles Academy is excited to announce upcoming events:

Mountain dulcimerist Dave Haas will perform a program of dulcimer music on Nov. 5th, 2023 at 3 PM in the sanctuary. Mr. Haas is a popular dulcimer instructor and jam leader at music festivals in the U.S. and abroad and has published numerous instructional materials for the instrument.



Former Apostles' Handbell Director Ron Bellamy and the Philadelphia Handbell Ensemble, which he currently directs, will perform a Christmas program on Dec. 2nd, 2023 at 3 PM in the sanctuary. This is one of the premier handbell ensembles in the tri -state area comprised of advanced-level ringers from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware.

Academy teacher Eldonna Filardi's voice and her piano studio will have their Christmas recital on Dec. 16th at 2 PM in the sanctuary. (No freewill offering will be taken at this recital)

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

# **Church Happenings and News Cont.**

#### **Compassion Corner**

The Compassion Team is here to support you with information and assistance in the realm of mental health. Every Thursday, you can reach out directly to schedule a private and Confidential listening session in the Compassion Corner, also known as Pastor Jonathan's office. To ensure your privacy, we recommend parking in the Choir parking lot and entering through that door.

While we are not therapists, we are here to lend a compassionate ear and provide information on local mental health services and emergency contacts. Additionally, we are building a resource library (Compassion Corner) in the Associate Pastor's office and will have a team member available every second Sunday to assist you. Feel free to drop by after any Sunday service to borrow books or access resources. If you have any questions about this ministry, please don't hesitate to reach out to Donna Carr at (717-475-5285) or Ellen Schellenberger at (717-945-1310).

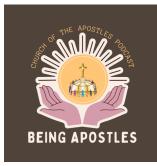
#### A New Volunteer Opportunity

Would you like to be involved in the preschool? Do you love working with children? Can you spare some time between the hours of 9:00-11:30 AM? ACP is looking for volunteers to help in some of our preschool classes. This might be reading one-on-one to a child, playing a game, or helping with a special project. Please contact Maggie Biggs (<u>mbiggs.acp@gmail.com</u>) if you are interested in being a volunteer! We will de-



velop a list of individuals from COA who we will contact when a need arises. This is a great opportunity to share in one of the greatest ministries of the Church while spreading God's love to our littlest Apostles.

#### "Being Apostles" Now on Apple Podcasts & Spotfiy



We are thrilled to share with you a brand new way to connect with your faith and take the Sunday worship experience with you wherever you go! Whether you're on your daily commute, hitting the gym, or just in need of a moment to reflect, this podcast will be right there with you, offering inspiration and companionship

Find us on Apple Podcasts at <u>tinyurl.com/BeingApostlesOnApplePodcasts</u> and Spotify at <u>tinyurl.com/BeingApostlesOnSpotify</u>

#### Compassion Team's Listening Sessions

On September 23rd, 2023 the Compassion Team received training from Liz Grubb of Mental Health America. The training focused on listening without judgment and providing resources for those seeking professional help. To arrange a private, confidential listening session with any of our team members, please refer to the schedule posted below:

- November 2nd: Ellen Schellenberger, (717) 945-4057
- November 9th: Barbara Achtermann, (717) 824-3265
- November 16th: Mark Achtermann, (717) 823 -3398
- November 22nd: Holly Kleimo, (717) 413-2322
- November 30th: Ellen Schellenberger, (717) 945-4057

#### Compassion Corner

Following the 10 AM service, the Compassion Corner will be accessible for anyone interested in exploring books and other mental health materials. This resource will only be open on the second Sunday of the month and can be found in the Associate Pastor's office. A Compassion Team member will be on hand to assist you in locating what you require.



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11/6	Roger Morris		11/14	John & Bor	
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11/26	Lynn Steedle*	11/30		Leonard	



11/2	Peter & Katherine Seiler
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+ Anniversary

Pastoral Thank-You's

han and I want to thank the egation for their encouragent of our ministries during stor Appreciation Month. Kuhn & Jonathan Paredes

# NOVEMBER FLOWER

## November 12th In Loving Memory of Harry Pakalnins

By Daughter, Mara, Wife, Rasma, and Friend, Vince Kuhn

## Have an Article for the Crown?

Please send articles for the December edition of the Crown by <u>Friday, November 17th</u> to <u>office@apostlesucc.org</u>.

Please be aware that articles MUST be submitted by the 17th 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. 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:

> (717) 392 - 5718 or office@apostlesucc.org

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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**

	September 2023	September 2022
YTD Revenue	\$482,393.58	\$420,499.64
YTD Operating Expenses	\$515,368.45	\$549.941.53
Net YTD Operating Income	-\$32,974.87	-\$129,441.89

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## 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 Lynn Steedle Bev Keller Nancy Steger Jean Heidig Donna Carr Mary Ellen Bachman

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Thank-you for the cards and prayers during the weeks of recovery from pain due to a heart monitor implant. I appreciate your caring thoughts.

#### Sincerely, Judy Jarvis

Dear Church of the Apostles,

All of us from Homestead's Cottage neighborhood thank-you for sharing your hospitality with us during our chicken barbeque gathering on Thursday, September 28th. We had planned an outdoor gathering to share each others company and our meals together, but the cool, damp, and cloudy weather left us longing to be inside. We appreciate your accommodations.

#### Thank-you,

Les & Karen Helmeczi, Barbara Achtermann, Doris Robb, Arlene Hughes, Pat & Bob Newton, Bob & Peggy Sneath, Leo Kaufhold, Nancy Steger, Joy Walker, Milton Gockley, Jean Heidig, Joe Keating, Jim & Linda Bear.



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