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Pastor's Corner

I am so excited to "be back"; but the truth is, I never left you. Thank you all for your warm and welcoming comments. I'm glad to be back and ready to make the most of my time here with you all. As we shift from summer to fall during this time, I want to name a slight shift in our church and how some of our ministries are hosting events. Since COVID-19 separated and isolated us from being together, now that we are returning to in-person events, we want to start doing things together. These "Every Apostle" events are for the entire church body. We want to include everyone whether member, friend, or stranger to these events. We want to have fun and laugh and start to share life together again. We want to host these events as a church community with lots of hands and committees involved so we all share ownership in the planning and success of these events. Church of the Apostles is our church so let's come together and share the wonderful gift that is our community with those around us. To make it clear, we are asking that you would invite friends to these events so that they can share and experience the Apostles' community without the pressure of coming to church.

EVERY APOSTLE EVENTS COMING UP:

Kayaking on October 8th at Muddy Run Park

- Water and Kayaking Safety class starts at 10am
- Lunch is at 12pm (bring a side to share)
- ♦ 1-4pm free time on the lake

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Apostles and Homestead Halloween Parade & Party October 22nd

- Park at Church of the Apostles main lot
- Parade through Homestead Village starts at 4pm
- Party at Rader Park until 6pm
 (Transportation from Rader Park to parking lot will be available)

Let's have fun and do life together again. My office door is always open.

My new catch phrase: Don't forget to sign up somehow for these events so we can do our part to host you!



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JONATHAN PAREDES

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A Message from the Council President

I LOVE Fall! The cooler weather, the weather change, the smells of crispness and the colors of the change of season in reds, oranges and gold (and yes....pumpkin spice) Somewhere I read that God shows us how beautiful letting go can be, as He directs the seasonal change of the trees and leaves begin to fall. Earlier in the summer, the trees were full of bountiful green leaves and now they are bursting with the warm hues of the fall. But also, remember before there was the fullness of summer, there were the bare branches of winter and then the budding shoots of spring. A season for everything in its time.

For every ending there is a new beginning. Leaves fall ...but the trees still stand. Church of the Apostles is in that season of change. The winds blow and the leaves fall. But the strong trunk and branches are there as a constant. The strong foundation of the church that is Church of the Apostles is still there standing strong. We are just finishing a Health Check Review with Agile Church consultants and we await their assessment report. We are going to be challenged to hear the voice of God speaking through the information that will be shared.

Let's look at the information and the change through the lens of the change of the seasons. We go through all kinds of seasons and those seasons change us. God is telling us to let go and see what I can do...."Behold, I make all things new!" Let me show you what I can teach you. Here is strength in your branches through me. We may have to let go of the old things so we can grow a new perspective for a new season.

Fall blessing, Donna Carr



A Night with Bailey Run

The Ware Center

42 N. Prince Street • Lancaster, PA 17603

- Saturday, October 15th, 2022
- Ticket Price: \$10.00 Doors Open: 6:00 PM
 - Opener: Jeff Miller at 7:00 PM
 - Bailey Run at 8:15 PM
 - Complimentary Wine and Beer prior to the performance
 - Silent Art Auction from Local Artists

All proceeds will go towards the Dr. Paula M. Wilson Scholarship for Future Educators

Tickets are available in the church office during posted office hours.

Please bring cash.



STAY CONNECTED!

Worship services are available online via our <u>Website</u>, <u>Youtube</u>, or <u>Facebook</u>. For bulletins and more information visit <u>www.apostlesucc.com/sermons</u>.

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

Heritage & Horizons Fall 2022

On October 4th our 2022 Heritage & Horizons program will begin at Church of the Apostles. This year we are offering two sessions (9:30 - 10:30AM & 10:50 -11:50AM) every Tuesday in October. There will be a \$20 registration fee to attend all four weeks, or a \$7 fee per week. To find out more about the program, our speakers, and how to register, please visit our webpage at apostlesucc.org.

Blessing of the Animals

Join us from 1 - 3PM on Saturday, October 15th in Rader Park for our Blessing of the Animals. The Humane League of Lancaster County will be joining us with some adoptable cats. We will also be collecting donations of dry/wet dog & cat food in the Narthex until the event. No registration is required for this event! Please come and bring your furry friends. Take note: Dogs must remain on leash at all times, cats must remain in a carrier or on a leash, and all other furry/scaly friends must remain in a carrier.

Halloween Parade & Party

As a part of our new "All Apostles Events" program we will be hosting a Halloween Parade and Party on October 22nd starting at 4 PM. Our parade will start at COA and make our way through Homestead Village for residents and members of COA to watch. Residents of Homestead Village are encouraged to decorate their home or doors. Our parade will end in Rader Park where there will be a movie, music, yard games, snacks, tractor rides and crafts for everyone to enjoy. Prizes for best group costume, best house decorations, best Homestead floor decorations, and more will be awarded. No registration is required and our event will happen rain or shine! We hope to see everyone there!

Bazaar Help

This year we will be selling sodas and waters at the Bazaar on November 12th. It would be a big help if you could buy a 12-pack of soda or a case of water and put it in the kitchen. There will be a tripod and poster with post-it notes in the Narthex so you can indicate which kind of soda you will purchase. Take a post it note and sign your name. We are looking for water bottles, Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Diet Sprite, Root Beer, and Sunkist Orange. You may also call the church office and let us know what you'll be donating.

October Special Offering

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States.

It is based on James 5:4. "Hear the cries of the field workers whom you have cheated of their pay. The wages you held back cry out against you. The cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty."

One third of this offering supports the Council for American Indian Ministry.

Two thirds is used to provide grants to UCC church organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts and direct service projects. Decisions on projects are based on resolutions that were passed at our General Synod meeting.

Many churches collect the offering on October 2 as part of World Communion Sunday, but contributions may be given through the month of October. You can give your offering in the special offerings envelope or through Realm.

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.

- October 11, 2022:
 Bird In Hand by
 Christina Baker Kline
- November 8, 2022:
 <u>Mad Girls of New</u>
 <u>York</u> by Maya
 Rodale
- December 13, 2022: <u>Prince and the Prodigal</u> <u>gal</u> by Jill Eileen Smith
- January 10, 2023:
 The Delight of Being Ordinary: A Road Trip of the Pope and Dalai Lama by Roland Merullo

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 come.

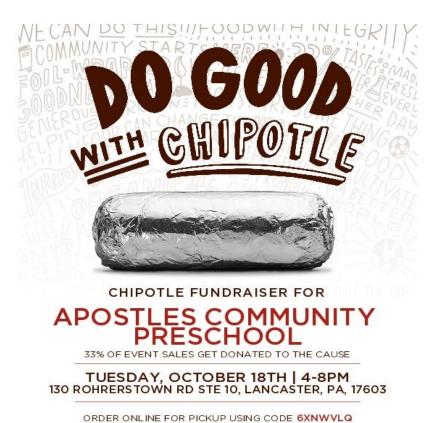
Church Happenings and News

Hospitality Table Needs Volunteers

We have re-opened the Hospitality Table on the first Sundays of each month between services. Parish Life is looking for volunteers to manage the table while it is open. We are currently in need of volunteers for 11/6, 12/4, and 2023. If interested please contact Erika Neiderer at (717) 413-7246.

Preschool Begins 2022-23 School Year

Preschool began its 57th year a few weeks ago! Our 140 children and 17 staff members are off to a great start! Our September curriculum theme was "Carnival of Friends." During this unit, teachers focused on building a classroom community through carnival activities, including dramatic play, literacy, art, science, music and movement. Children learned about their peers and made new friends through cooperative games and hands-on activities. The unit will conclude in the beginning of October, with a special carnival day where students will play a variety of traditional games. At the end of this month, our Parent Council will host an Ice Cream Social and we also had a Scholastic Book Fair from September 26th-30th. We are looking forward to a fabulous year of learning and growing through God!



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OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT

For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify, \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

Community Outreach

Did you know?

Did you know Lancaster is listed in AARP's Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities? Lancaster has readily available transportation with a high number of handicap-accessible vehicles. The city also ranks high for housing affordability and neighborhood quality. There are numerous neighborhood parks, several trails and greenways in the city. Also to be found are several senior centers that offer fitness classes, educational opportunities and social activities. Transportation is available by request. The overall cost of living in Lancaster is lower than the national average.

Aging in place is a practical option for many in Lancaster county. Moderate homecare costs are very close to the national average.

The Lancaster Office of Aging provides informational assistance to help area seniors maintain their independence. The office offers Medicare insurance counseling. If you have in-home care needs check www.homecare.org/Lancaster-pa/

Did you go to Camp Andrews in the 1950's?



We are looking for former Camp Andrews campers. Who was there when you were there? Do you remember a counselor? or kitchen helper? What was the favorite song you sang? We're making a Who's Who list! Add your name to it. We are also looking for any pictures you'd be able to share. Please email bachtermann@comcast.net or call Barbara at (717) 824 - 3265

Connecting with Neighbors

On Thursday, September 23rd, Johanna Baker, Earl Cardellino, and Pastor Kuhn attended a Meet & Greet for the recipients of the School Lane Hills magazine, *Stroll*, at the new Spring House in Homestead Village's Farmstead area to get to know some of our neighbors. We were invited to participate

because we advertise in this publication and through these monthly events we are able to get to know people in this neighborhood who live close to our church.

The October Meet & Greet will be a Trunk or Treat event at Lancaster Country Day. Our Education Commission, Preschool staff and church staff are working together to prepare a trunk and participate to promote the church and our preschool.



A MUSICAL NOTE

WITH LARS POTTEIGER

Prayerful Practice (A Practice of Prayer)

I encourage my piano students to practice. Regular practice is necessary to make progress on a musical instrument. Like my students, I don't always want to practice. Daily practice not only helps me to improve on my instrument, it also has the ability to center my heart and mind. When I am open to practice in a spirit of prayer, the process of practice and music-making can become transformative.

Music requires us to be both expressive and receptive. We can express emotions through the music we make. However, music is not only about being expressive. Making good music requires an ability to listen to other musicians and to react to the sounds that are present as we perform. To be truly expressive in performance, we must listen to the other musicians performing as well as the audience. How can we be more expressive and receptive when we pray? How can we be more present with God and others when we worship? Are there new ways for us to encounter God in our day-to-day activities?

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*. Please check in future editions of the Crown for more information about Academy concerts coming up later this year. The French writer Victor Hugo stated that "music expresses that which cannot be put into words and that which cannot remain silent". I pray that you may find unique and exciting ways to encounter God in all you do!

Blessings,

Lars



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.

The True Meaning of Halloween By Jonathan Paredes

At the risk of sounding like a holiday scrooge and an old man yelling at kids for walking on my lawn, we have forgotten the real meaning of October 31st. If I could, I would quiz you all on the meaning of this date and if you fail, I'd take away your membership card until you completed confirmation class once again. But, since I don't have the authority and can hear my own self-righteousness in my perspective, I'll do what all theologians do. I'll write about it.

It is the most important date in our Christian tradition, outside the events in the Bible. The significance of this date is lost on most church people with the exception of Christian history nerds. The story for me starts with an insignificant gift from Jack Oliphant as he was preparing to move to Texas. He gave me a coin commemorating the 400th anniversary of the start of the Protestant Reformation. Using my quick math skills, I realized that this coin was over a hundred years old. I said I'm quick, not that I'm good at math. I began to contemplate how something that is so historic and formative to our faith tradition became so forgotten. I blame the kids and their fun Halloween with their fancy costumes and candy. At least this year, we will remember the day that changed church history forever.

It all began with a squirrely monk in Wittenberg, Germany. Martin Luther published *The Disputation on the Power of Indulgences*. We like to picture Martin Luther defiantly, courageously, and loudly nailing the document to the enormous wooden church door with a giant hammer, waking everyone up in the town, knowing that he was forever changing the church. But in reality, it was a tranquil and academic event. He was putting it as a bulletin for people to read prior to his organizing an academic discussion on his ideas. As we know them today, *The 95 Theses*, was Luther challenging the Catholic church on its teachings of stewardship, salvation, and the role of the priesthood of the believers. For us, the rest is the complicated UCC history.

So, on the upcoming October 31st, we are celebrating the 505th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. I have no suggestions on how to celebrate but I do wish you the warmest and best on Reformation Day 2022. For the record, I will not yell at people for not remembering and I will absolutely enjoy the festivities that we have planned for our Parade and Party on October 22nd. However, I did contemplate dressing Milo and Luca as Luther and Tezel but Lucy won't let me shave their heads. . . yet.



This 19thcentury painting by Julius Hübner sensationalizes Luther's posting of The 95 Theses Before a crowd.

Kappy Birthday!

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10/2	Audrey Markle	
10/2	Adam Zipko	
10/3	Linda Lewis	
10/3	Jim Jolly	
10/3	Rev. Kathryn Kuhn	
10/3	Cat Stenman	
10/4	Kerry Kendig	
10/5	Richard Ochs, Jr.	
10/7	Cooper Bahling	
10/8	Jim Stoltzfus	
10/10	Bonnie Medved	
10/11	Terry Fickes	
10/11	Vera Hocker *	
10/13	Jeanne Eckman	
10/13	Mary Walters	
10/15	Nancy Blechschmidt	
10/16	Robin Lucey	
10/16	Heather Rice	
10/16	Jack Oliphant	
10/18	Abe Breslin	
10/19	Doug Nutt	
10/21	Reid Clausen	
10/22	Joanna Baker	
10/22	Robert Gifford	
10/23	Lisa Christoffel	
10/23	Nancy Ann Steger	
10/24	Sandy Weidel	
10/26	Connor Kendig	
10/27	Mackenzie Cornielle	
10/28	Brenna Bracken	
10/30	Elizabeth Stoltzfus	
10/31	Clara Kosmela	

* 90+ Birthdays



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10/2	Deb & Jay Aukamp		
10/5	Louise & Thomas Aument		
10/11	Darrell & Linda Schock		
10/18	Beth & Jennifer Thompson		
10/18	Stephen & Monica Daniels		
10/19	David & Mary Schick		
10/19	David & Pamela Smith		
10/21	Randy & Luane Morrison		
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10/29	Richard & Bernice Ochs*		
10/30	Vera & Paul Hocker*		

* 50+ Anniversaries

Articles for the Crown

Please send articles for the November edition of the Crown by Monday October, 17th to 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.



October 2nd

In Loving Memory of Bertha & Ralph Ruble and Anna & Wilbur Eshbach

By Bonnie & John Eshbach

October 9th

In Honor of Pastor Kathy

By Wilma Klingler

October 16th

In Memory of Ashley Clark (Emma Rose's Mother)

By the Carr Family

October 23rd

In Loving Memory of Rev. Glenn & Janet Rader

By the Family

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

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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

	August 2022	August 2021
YTD Revenue	\$400,052.04	\$417,134.21
YTD Operating Expenses	\$491,714.08	\$481,348.65
Net YTD Operating Income	(-\$91,662.04)	(-\$64,214.44)

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 Classes:

Christian Formation classes are held weekly during the 9 AM service (in Fellowship Hall) for ages 3 years old to 3rd grade. Starting October 16th 4th - 8th grade will meet in Room 306.

Thank-You Letter from the Breslin & Yastrub Families

Thank-you Jane McCartney, Nancy Steger, Louise Zabel, Karen & Chris Braun, and Donna Carr for the delicious meals that you provided for us and the Yastrub family from Ukraine. These meals greatly help us in this time of transition and makes the Yastrub's feel welcomed in our community. We would also like to thank the Apostles Outreach Commission and the Congregation of COA for all the wonderful donations for the Yastrub family. Their 2-year-old son has been enjoying all the toys, books, and clothing (diapers too).

Thank-You Everyone,

The Breslin and Yastrub Families.



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