

# THE CROWN



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## Pastor's Corner

*"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all." – Ephesians 4:4-6*

Throughout the scriptures there is a constant theme and message of being united with the community of God's people. From the people of Israel to the spreading house churches inspired by the witness of the apostles, the calling of God has been that of bringing people together into life-giving community. No wonder then we have experienced such heartache throughout this pandemic as we have sought to physically distance ourselves from one another for the sake of the health and care of those within the community. My heart has been touched by the many stories I have heard from you about your experiences through this time and your deep longing to engage once again fully as God's people.

One of the lights of inspiration I have personally witnessed over the last several months has been through the summer Church Wide Book Study. The joy present in those sessions, as people discussed and reflected together, made my heart sing. Certainly part of the joy was because we were coming together in ways that allowed us to engage with one another. But more than that was the depth of sharing about hopes and dreams and belief in the movement of God's Spirit. If you are looking for this type of connection and inspiration, I highly encourage you to join the new series starting October 6<sup>th</sup>.

What has also become clear in this time has been the need to more intentionally engage and support congregational members in being Christ's community together. We can't wait until things return to normal. We need to be about God's community now. This is what has inspired our move to the Realm membership software program you have been hearing about. Though the last several months have been primarily invested in simply updating member contact information, over the next couple of months we will be developing the program's true benefits – a leadership support and membership engagement tool – that will better allow us to provide pastoral care, share resources, connect people with ministries that matter to them, and much more.

If you have not yet attempted to login to Realm, now is a great time to do that. If you need support or have questions, contact the church office. We would look forward to the opportunity to help you.

As we continue to retool for the ministry we are called to, please continue to share your thoughts, needs, and recommendations so that together we can be the body Christ has united us to be.

Yours In Christ,  
*Pastor Joe*



**PASTOR**

**JOSEPH MOTZ**

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# A Message from the Council President

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Welcome to Fall! Over the past several months, the Council has been revisiting the Covenant for Christian Living which appears in our Policy Manual and Bylaws (For a historical perspective, a large framed original copy hangs in the Choir wing hallway)

Why the effort? Well.....we are living in a very challenging time and there are many different opinions about MANY things in our daily life. But as Christians, we are called to handle these differences as people guided by the teachings of Jesus.....in fact: framing it in "WWJD? What would Jesus do?" We looked at the Covenant and felt that it was time to refresh it in a positive light and emphasize the words of the Bible that underlie its tenants. We strive to treat each other as brothers and sisters of the family of Christ.

Please review the Covenant which is printed in full in this issue of the Crown. We will be asking members to join in reaffirming it during the November annual meeting.

Blessings,  
Donna Carr

## Update from Reopening Task Force

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Hello Fellow COA members!

The Re-opening task Force continue to monitor the trends in Covid infections in our Lancaster County area as well as staying on top of the latest CDC recommendations. In September, we re-instituted the indoor mask mandate due to a steady increase in the positive cases in Lancaster County. (The positive cases were at a low of 1.1% in July but as of the middle of September, it was at 9%) The Delta variant has caused an increase in strain on hospital and nursing home staff as they work to care for increasing numbers of sick people. We also continue to stress social distancing indoors and hand sanitizing. Sunday School staff are using appropriate measures to help to keep our children safe.

No one likes wearing masks....but it will help to protect the vulnerable members of the congregation including immuno-compromised and children unable to yet be vaccinated, then I think we are willing to hang in there. We will continue to offer outdoor service at 9:00am as long as the weather permits. On line and phone worship options continue to be available. Considerations for the upcoming Christmas Bazaar have been made. We are making plans to offer a Covid Vaccine Booster clinic thanks to our "resident pharmacist", Melissa Koehler. This will be along with a Flu Vaccine Clinic to be offered as we expect this to be an intense flu season this year.

Please continue to forward any questions or concerns to the Task Force to me at e mail ([skeetcarr@comcast.net](mailto:skeetcarr@comcast.net)), text or phone call(717-475-5285), or have an old fashioned conversation with me :)) I thank my fellow task force members: Bernie Fickes, Barbara Achtermann, Linda Lewis, Judy Waltman, Erika Neiderer, Erick Maclaren, Herb Forry and Pastor Kathy for their ongoing commitment to serve the congregation in this way.

## Council Corner

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Although no firm decisions have been made, Council continues to move in the direction of establishing an investigative team to help us explore possible future directions and growth opportunities for Church of the Apostles. We are pleased with the active participation in the congregational book study and are hopeful to have a second book study to bring more congregational voices into the discussion.

As you think about your faith and your participation in Church of the Apostles, what ministry initiative most excites you and makes you want to jump into action? What brings you closer to God? As we explore future possibilities, it will be important for us to define our congregational mission and vision.

The Realm software implementation is progressing well. There will be training sessions held in September. For those of you using the mobile app, you can check-in and mark yourself present in worship rather than using the paper sign-in sheets. Thank you for those who returned your profile forms and a gentle reminder to those who have not yet done so.

# Church Happenings & News

## 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 (s) or not. Below is our upcoming books and days Any Questions? Contact Clara Kosmela at (717) 569 - 9960.

- **October 12th:** The Residence by Kate Anderson Brower
- **November 9th:** Dearly Beloved by Cara Well
- **December 14:** Mrs. Lincoln's Sisters by Jennifer Chiaverini
- **January 11:** The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah

## 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.



### No Wrinkles on the Soul

*A devotional book discussion to springboard topics of faith and aging!*

Every 4th Wednesday of the Month at 9:30 am in the Narthex

## "No Wrinkles on the Soul"

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, this group will use the devotionals from this book as a springboard to talk about faith and aging. It is to help us deepen our faith and explore the questions we have as we age. For October, we will meet in the narthex for an hour on October 27 at 9:30 am Please join us for the conversation!

## "Gifts of Imperfection"


Do you struggle with feeling "not good enough?" Do you want to be more faithful to who God created you to be? Then you may want to learn about "wholehearted living." This is a group which will study the book by Brené Brown which invites us to step into life with more courage, compassion and connection. We will also be talking about how these ideas align with scripture and the teachings of Jesus.

Beginning October 11 through November 29, there will be two classes with an in-person option on Monday mornings in Room 305 at 10:30 am and a virtual class on Wednesday evenings via Zoom at 7 pm. You do not need to commit to a specific time but may choose the time that suits your schedule best each week.

STUDY GROUP

### *Gifts of Imperfection*

OCTOBER 11 - NOVEMBER 29



MONDAYS AT 10:30 AM, ROOM 305  
WEDNESDAYS AT 7PM, VIA ZOOM

## Pastor Appreciation Sunday

Please join COA members in showing your thanks and appreciation for Pastor Kathy and Pastor Joe on Sunday, October 10. We will have a labeled basket for each of them on the table in the Narthex for members to leave notes and cards. (If we are still worshipping outside at 9:00 am- the baskets will be available by the outside altar under the portico) And certainly, personal conversations expressing your sentiments would be .

*They have previously received several extra vacation days to use over the next few months as a message of acknowledgement of their extra efforts during this especially trying COVID season.*

# Church Happenings and News

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## Church Wide Book Study - Transforming Congregational Culture

We are excited for you to join in this study that so many others at COA have already found to be deeply meaningful for the church and their personal journey of faith! Of this summer's study on Anthony B. Robinson's book, Transforming Congregational Culture, congregational members have stated:

*"There couldn't be a better book written for our congregation."*

*"This study has changed the entire way I have been looking at church."*

*"I have been transformed by this book, and I am not a person who reads books!"*

Most significantly though has been the unified conclusion of the twenty some participants stating: *"More of our congregation needs to experience this study!"*

Therefore, starting the week of October 4<sup>th</sup> we will hold a new 6 week series (with a one week break the week of October 25<sup>th</sup>) on Robinson's book.

To engage as many people as possible there are three options for participation:

- In person: Sundays from 10:00-10:50am or Wednesdays from 1:00-2:30pm
- By Zoom: Thursdays from 7-8pm

Please register for the day you will primarily seek to attend by clicking the links above, signing up in the narthex, or contacting the church office. You are welcome to switch between sessions as needed, and if you can't make a week simply join in the following week.

Note: Wednesday's session is specifically designed with non-readers in mind. Its extended time will allow more teaching of the book content in addition to the group discussions held in the other sessions. Therefore the book is recommended, but optional for Wednesday sessions.

If attending Sunday or Thursday sessions, be sure to get the book: Transforming Congregational Culture by Anthony B. Robinson. You can pick up one from the church or you can order a used copy from Amazon (for under \$10) or any other used book retailer. To prepare for the first session, read the chapter one and two before arriving.

If you have any questions, contact Pastor Motz.

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## Mobile Giving: GivePlus+ App Deactivated September 30th



Our e-giving provider has made a major update to their mobile giving app. The update is resulting in the GivePlus+ mobile app being replaced with the Vanco Mobile app. We are not changing companies. Therefore all of your giving information, scheduled gifts, and login information is remaining the same. The only difference is if you are using the GivePlus+ mobile app you will need to download the new Vanco Mobile App.

The new Vanco Mobile app is a free download from either the Apple App store or Google Play store. Once downloaded, log in and search for "Church of the Apostles."

If you directly access e-giving through the church website there is nothing about this change that impacts you.

## Mark your calendars!

All Saints Sunday: October 31 at 10 am

This year we will remember all of our member saints who have died in 2020 and 2021.

As part of this year's celebration we are looking for individuals who knew a member and are willing to speak about them.

If you are willing to speak, please contact the church office or Pastor Kuhn.

The following is a list of people to be honored:

Charles Diller	Carol Horn	Jack Silknetter
Ed & Nancy Fitzkee	Mel Hough	Louise Tshudy
Helen Bernhardt	Paul Irion	Marion Webb
Don Freeman	Bill Irwin	Barry Williams
Fred Geiger	Bonnie Jolly	Lynn Williams
Gerri Gibbs	Norma Kaye	Paula Wilson
Kit Gregory	Peggy Kreider	Ruth Wilson
Marie Herr	Harriet Latschar	Dale Zabel
Bob Hilliard	Helen Preston	

## October Preaching Schedule

October 3: Reverend Kuhn

October 10: Reverend Motz

October 24: Reverend Kuhn

October 31: Reverend Kuhn

## Choir Bake Table!

The choir will be hosting the bake table at the bazaar but no more pies and apple dumplings. The Bischoff family has retired from baking and we thank them for all the years of pie baking. The choir will have a cookie bake Friday, Nov 12 beginning at 12:00PM in the kitchen. We ask for donations of cookie dough, drop or slice and bake, no cut outs, and we will bake the cookies and package them for the bazaar. All baked goods must be prepackaged and if you want to bake your own cookies bring them to the kitchen by 12:00 and we will package them or bring your cookie dough. Other baked goods, cupcakes, candy, etc. are gratefully accepted. Thank you for your support!

## Congregational Connection Ministry

Would you enjoy being the source of joy and grace in the life of another person? Do you have the time to listen and care about the wellbeing of other people? If this sounds like you, I would like to talk with you more about a new ministry opportunity focused on connecting and caring for our membership in a richer and more intentional way. And the best part is you will be able to engage in this ministry of grace and care from the comfort of your home during times that work best for you, because this will be a phone call based ministry.

I look forward to your call (717-392-5718 x8202) or email ([josephm@apostlesucc.org](mailto:josephm@apostlesucc.org)) to learn more.

- Pastor Joe

## Realm – Insights from Help Session

We have learned a lot through the September in person help sessions. Here are some of the highlights that will likely be a help to you.

### What is Realm?

Realm is a computer software program designed to be a resource to members, leaders and church staff.

**For Members:** Realm provides you with immediate access to up-to-date information (like the church directory, information about giving, and very soon information on upcoming events) and the resources to easily communicate with others in the church. We are also developing the ability for you to join ministry groups and to volunteer for ministry opportunities directly through Realm.

**For Leaders:** Realm will provide you with tools to work with you team (from taking attendance, sending reminders, sharing resources, and scheduling events). Plus it will help you identify people potentially interested in serving with one of your ministry activities.

**For Staff:** Realm is providing you with a comprehensive database to organization your ministry with members, guests, and other ministry partners.

### How Do I Signup?

Because Realm is internet based, you need to provide current email address to the church office. Once we have a current email address, we will send you an invite from Realm. If you have any difficulties with the initial login process, contact the office. The initial setup is where we have seen the most questions. Note: only members are being provided logins to Realm.

### How Do I Find the Login Page After Creating My Account?

If you didn't save or bookmark the page when first logging in, bookmark this address: <https://onrealm.org/apostlesucc/SignIn> and you will easily find it every time.

Keep on asking us questions as we continue to share with you this great resource.

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## Church of the Apostles - A United Church of Christ

We are one (1) of the twenty-one (21) churches in the Lancaster Association, and as such, according to the by-laws, we have a responsibility and a privilege to have our members recommended to serve on one of the four Lancaster committees. Therefore, I ask our members to please prayerfully consider this responsibility should you be asked to use your gifts on one of the four standing committees who require lay-members and authorized clergy to serve for three years .

**On Ministry-** holds accountable all authorized ministers within the association and offers support and guidance for the congregations.

**Members in Discernment** -work with persons studying to become authorized ministers, preparing them for Ecclesiastical Council & for Ordination in our denomination.

**Mission & Ministry-** work for enrichment of church life & leadership, global missions & support, youth ministry, social action & service.

**Nominating-** recommend persons for all offices where there are vacancies.

Please consider these important committees should you be contacted to join. Should you have any questions and/or wish to volunteer, please contact Bev Moran (717-990-9044). I am on two of these committees & a delegate to Penn Central Conference.

## Interested in Donating?

### Food Bank Needs:

canned or boxed potatoes, peas, corn, soup, jam or jelly, green beans, pancake mix, syrup, oatmeal, tea-bags, canned pasta

### Apostles Assistance Needs:

dish liquid, laundry detergent, wash cloths, deodorant, paper towels, toilet paper, hair conditioner or shampoo, all purpose cleaners

## 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 Skip Rhodes at (717) 872-5913.

## Community Outreach

### Market Basket (Grocery Cards)

Are you willing to earn **5% cashback** for our church just by purchasing your usual groceries? At absolutely no cost to you! We hope so! That's why our sale of Grocery Cards here at COA continues undaunted while covid safety precautions continue.

On the **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays** of each month, you may order (with payment by cash or check) Stouffers (\$50), Giant (\$50), or Weis (\$50) Grocery Cards. Some cards may be available for immediate purchase and use. Purchased cards are useable the same as cash at the appropriate grocery stores. The benefit is that the church gets a 5% return from our bulk purchases of cards. These additional funds are then used to support our Outreach programs. There are a couple ways to purchase grocery cards currently:

1. You may order cards (with payment at time of order) OR (to be paid for upon receipt) to be picked up on the first 2 Sundays of the following month. Cards may be ordered in the vestibule or on the sidewalk outside on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays of October as well as succeeding months, following each worship service. Simply complete an available order form and attach your payment (check payable to COA with Market Basket on the memo line) or cash.
2. You may order cards for immediate purchase and pickup (we often, but not always, have some extra cards beyond the number that have been pre-ordered) by phoning Karen Helmeczi (717-299-2972) or emailing to: kjhelmeczi@gmail.com. Arrangements can be made to pick up and pay for these cards (check to COA as above or cash) on Sunday mornings or other convenient times or at the Helmeczi residence in Homestead Village (1832 Westcott Drive) very near the church or other negotiated locations.

*Please call if you have questions - Karen Helmeczi*

### October Special Offering: Neighbors in Need (NiN)

**ALL CHILDREN HAVE THE RIGHT TO SIMPLY BE CHILDREN! Neighbors in Need** (October 3, also during the month) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of Justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NiN funds support the **Council for American Indian Ministry**. Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries. NiN grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. ***This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.*** At present, *nearly 100%* of the monies raised from NiN SMO(Special Mission Offering) are used to *fund our mission projects and programs* which include our largest commitments to NiN grants and CAIM.

Some funds from NiN have been put in a Covid-19 relief fund to assist those greatly impacted by the pandemic. These ministries are especially crucial during this time of Covid19. The Native Americans and immigrant populations are being hit especially hard with this virus and the economic downfall that it has brought. **Please give generously to help our brothers and sisters in need.**

*"I'm telling the solemn truth: Wherever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me – you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40)*

# A MUSICAL NOTE

## WITH LARS POTTEIGER

The Apostles Academy of Arts and Sciences is proud to present Phredd Ukulele One Man Band on Oct 24 at 3pm in the sanctuary. Phredd is a performer and entertainer whose specialty is writing and singing fun and engaging songs for kids. You can read more about Phredd at his website [phreddcentral.com](http://phreddcentral.com). The Academy will accept a free-will offering at this performance in lieu of tickets.

Peace,  
Lars



## STAY CONNECTED!

Worship services continue to be 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

### Worship By Phone: Moving Exclusively to Toll Free Number

If you have not yet made the switch, please note our Worship by Phone ministry has moved to exclusively being offered on our toll-free number: 888-440-0106. With all the same user-friendly features offered, it is a seamless switch. If you do have questions, please contact us at the church office.



## Education & Family



### New Fellowship Opportunity for Grades 4-8 Youth

By Caela McCooley

Hey - I don't know if you've heard, but we're starting a new program for youth in grades 4-8. We're calling it "Rooted," as in "Rooted in Faith." It's a good place to come if you want to meet and hang out with other kids our age, learn new stuff, and (oh yeah, I almost forgot) EAT - and sometimes even make the food together first, before we get to eat it! (Personally, that's my favorite part.)

It's going to start later this month, **October 24, at 8:55 am in Room 308**. (Why so early? Because - well, like I said before, food. Hint, hint.) If you're in grades 4-8, you probably already got an invitation in the mail from my mom about this. If you're a parent of someone in grades 4-8, you should have gotten an email from my mom; let her know if you didn't.

My sister Susie and I REALLY hope you can come join us. If you want to know more, or save a seat (and also let my mom Flo know about any food allergies she needs to know about), reach out to her at [waldr005@umn.edu](mailto:waldr005@umn.edu) or text 717-823-2493.

Oh, yeah, and if you're a parent of a youth in this age group, she'd love to have you drop in here and there to help with some of the stuff we're going to do - so please contact her if you're interested! (Especially second Sundays of the month - she needs a rotating signup of helpers to come then, so let her know if you can cover one of those. Thanks!)

## Upcoming Events for Families

Trunk or Treat  
Saturday October 16  
4pm - 6pm



To sign up to volunteer please use the [volunteer sign up form](#), to sign up to attend or decorate a trunk please use our [registration form](#).

Phredd Ukelele One  
Man Band

Sunday October 24  
3pm in the Sanctuary



Apostles Community Preschool

## Back to School at Apostles Community Preschool

On Monday, September 13th, the halls of Church of Apostles were filled with happy voices, as Apostles Community Preschool began its 56th year! For the 2021-22 school year, Apostles Community Preschool offers one 5-day morning class, one 4-day morning class, three 3-day morning classes, one 2-day extended day class, two 2-day morning classes, and three 2-day Tot classes.

Janet Rader Memorial Scholarships provide financial assistance to children who may otherwise be unable to attend preschool; over \$22,000 has been awarded over the past decade. We welcome donations or memorial gifts to the scholarship fund at any time.

The staff this year includes Heather Ault, Ashley Bole, Katie Calderone, Cammie Camens, Jeannie Clausen, Paula Divenyi, Deborah Franck, Melissa Harris, Molly Linkey, Joanna Loewenstein, Megan May, Stephanie Moore, Mindy Paglia, Tapley Ann Paxson, Michelle Reich, and Karen Youtz. Maggie Biggs is the Director of the school; Linda Lewis serves as Registrar; April Fisher is the Treasurer.

Our preschoolers started out the year by building their classroom communities. We sang songs, made beautiful artwork, played, and prayed together. In October, we have a week dedicated to "Safety." We will learn about fire safety, 9-1-1, and car safety. Then it is all things fall-- leaves, acorns, pumpkins and fall science experiments!

Please remember that our drop-off car line runs from 8:50AM-9:15AM every day. Please try to avoid Apostles Way and the front parking during those times.

Apostles Community Preschool is grateful that Church of the Apostles mission and outreach recognizes the importance of the early years in the development of the child and the Christian nurturing that can take place in a church-sponsored preschool.

Keep watching the Crown for monthly Preschool updates.

# Summer Sunday School in Rader Park



THIS SUMMER WAS AN  
INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY FOR  
THE CHILDREN TO LEARN ABOUT  
CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION!  
THEY CREATED ART PROJECTS,  
LEARNED ABOUT BOOMWACKERS,  
DID A SCAVENGER HUNT AND  
EVEN HAD A CREATION PLAY  
PERFORMANCE!

# COVENANT FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

Drafted: June, 7, 2021

Adopted by Council: July 19, 2021

Relying on the Grace of God...

We will do our best to live the fruits of the spirit... love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control [Galatians 5:22-23a], remembering that this is Christ's church and we are members, servants and stewards of His church and His community

We will extend hospitality to all people and create an environment of inclusiveness

We commit to communicating openly about the life of the church and its mission

We will discipline ourselves to pray daily for this body

We will actively seek opportunities to work for the good of all [Galatians 6:10]

We realize our words and our behaviors can communicate many things. We interpret what we see and hear based on our own many experiences: our faith, our fears, our visible and invisible loyalties, our sense of self and our sense of others

We will celebrate and nurture the gifts and graces each of us brings to the table, recognizing that a healthy community requires a variety of gifts and that we have all been blessed in different ways [1st Corinthians 12]

We believe that everyone is trying her/his best to bring glory to God through Church of the Apostles

We will listen to, invite and encourage all points of view

We will ask questions to clarify our understanding, or to raise another point of view, but not to put others down

We will feel free to engage in critical discussion, saying what's on our minds, with no hidden agendas, speaking the truth in love [Ephesians 4:15]

We will recognize our mutual accountability for success, supporting group decisions regardless of our own perspectives, striving to achieve consensus

We will encourage our brothers and sisters who try to engage in supportive conversations directly [Galatians 5:19-21]

We will speak only for ourselves unless asked to bring an issue to the group on behalf of another person

We will speak directly with anyone who feels that we have offended her/him, or anyone we feel has offended us, privately, in a timely manner. We will not talk to anyone else about it unless we have agreed to ask a witness to be present. When we make mistakes, we will admit them and make amends [Matthew 5:21-24, Matthew 18:15-20].



10/2	Audrey Markle
10/2	Adam Zipko
10/3	Linda Lewis
10/3	Jim Jolly
10/3	Rev. Kathryn Kuhn
10/3	Cait Stenman
10/4	Kerry Kendig
10/5	Richard Ochs, Jr.
10/7	Cooper Bahling
10/8	Elizabeth Stoltzfus
10/8	Jim Stoltzfus
10/10	Bonnie Medved
10/11	Terry Fickes
10/11	David Irwin
10/11	Vera Hocker **
10/13	Jeanne Eckman
10/13	Mary Walters
10/15	Nancy Blechschmidt
10/16	Robin Lucey
10/16	Jack Oliphant
10/18	Abe Breslin
10/19	Douglas Nutt
10/20	Patricia Rineer
10/21	Reid Clausen
10/22	Joanna Baker
10/22	Robert Gifford
10/23	Lisa Christoffel
10/23	Nancy Ann Steger
10/23	Schuyler Nissly
10/24	Sandy Weidel
10/26	Skip Rhodes, Jr.
10/26	Connor Kendig
10/27	Mackenzie Cornielle
10/28	Brenna Bracken
10/31	Clara Kosmela

**\*\*90+ Birthdays**



10/2/1993	Deb & Jay Aukamp
10/11/1975	Darrell & Linda Schock
10/12/1963	Daniel & Marianne Thoman **
10/16/1976	Carl & Elaine Zartman
10/8/2016	Beth & Jennifer Thompson
10/18/1980	Stephen & Monica Daniels
10/19/1991	David & Mary Schick
10/19/2002	David & Pamela Smith
10/21/1978	Randy & Luane Morrison
10/28/1989	William & Roberta Stock
10/29/1966	Richard & Bernice Ochs **
10/30/1965	Vera & Paul Hocker **

**\*\*50+ Anniversaries**

### Thank Yous

I wish to thank Eric, Jonathan Paredes and Pastor Kathy for helping me move on August 29<sup>th</sup>. Thank you so much!  
– Susan Shaak

### Articles for the Crown

Please send articles for the November edition of the Crown to Schuyler Nissly, the Administrative and Communications Coordinator by Friday October 15 at: [office@apostlesucc.org](mailto:office@apostlesucc.org). Please be aware that articles MUST be submitted by the 15th 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 Schuyler.



# OCTOBER WORSHIP FLOWER SPONSORS

## October 3

In loving memory of Bertha and Ralph Ruble, Anna and Wilbur Eshbach by John & Bonnie Eshbach and Family

## October 10

In loving memory of Rev. Glenn Rader & Janet Rader by Their Family

## October 17

In honor of the glory of God

## October 24

In honor of the glory of God

## October 31

In honor of the glory of God

## Want to Receive the Crown Digitally?

If you would like to update your preferences on how you are receiving the Crown whether that be digitally, print, or both, please contact us at [office@apostlesucc.org](mailto:office@apostlesucc.org) or directly update your preferences through your Realm login and by signing up for our emails right on the home page at

[apostlesucc.org](http://apostlesucc.org)



Flowers are an integral part of our worship service. Not only providing a physical symbol of beauty during our worship, after the service they are given as a symbol of love and caring to a member of our community who is unable to be with us physically. The cost of our flowers and bulletins averages about \$140 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, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or send it into the office. You can also sponsor flowers online at <https://secure.myvanco.com/YGMP/campaign/C-YH1E>. A thank-you letter will be sent following your sponsorship with directions for sending in your donation. 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

**Please place this form in the church office or an offering plate.**

**If you have any questions please contact:**

**Jean Heidig 717— 394 — 8733**

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## Giving Report

Now is a great time to check out e-giving! Discover the ease and versatility that has people continuing to give electronically for all their faith-filled gifts to God's ministry. Give at [www.apostlesucc.org/give](http://www.apostlesucc.org/give)

	August 2021	August 2020
Revenue	297,747.87	259,782.43
Operating Expenses	417,736.69	366,246.91
Net Operating Income	(119,988.82)	(106,464.48)

# Church of the Apostles Prayer Chain

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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.

## Link 1:

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## Upcoming Event and Activities

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### COA Events

- Tuesdays October 5 - October 26, Heritage and Horizons. For more information on this program please visit [www.apostlesucc.org/hh](http://www.apostlesucc.org/hh)
  - **October 5:** 9:30am - Dennis Simmons, "Teddy Roosevelt's Children Pt.2"; 10:50am - Janice Balmer, "8 Dimensions of Health"
  - **October 12:** 9:30am - W. Earl Long, "Diners and Unusual Eateries in the USA"; 10:50am - Michelle Ingham, "VITA - Volunteer Income Tax Assistance"
  - **October 19:** 9:30am - Kevin Shorner-Johnson, "Peace-Building through Music"; 10:50am - Ross Hetrick, "Thaddeus Stevens, the Greatest Unknown Person in American History"
  - **October 26:** 9:30am - Harry Meyer, "Korea: The Forgotten War"; 10:50am - Cheryl Steberger, "Lancaster County Prison: Focus on the Future"
- Saturday October 16, 4pm - 6pm, Trunk or Treat
- Saturday October 17 & 24, Steve Wilson Student Art Showcase
- Sunday October 24 at 3pm, Phredd Ukulele One Man Band
- Saturday November 13 from 9am - 3pm, Christmas in the Country Bazaar and Craft Show
- Sunday December 5 at 3pm, The Fayette Avenue Brass Quartet Concert

### Community Events

- Sunday September 12 from 1:00pm - 7:00pm, Hamilton Park Church Climate Fair. For more information on this event, [click here](#).
- Sunday September 12 at 4:00pm. "Don't Join the Cloister," Old Zion German Reformed Church (Brickerville) Anniversary Service. For more information please [click here](#).

# Church of the Apostles Staff Directory

## Pastors and Leadership

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