



THE CROWN NEWS

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Pastor's Corner

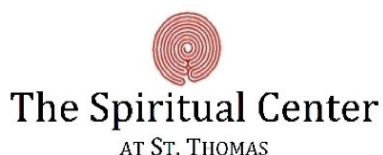
We are living through a unique and interesting time in history. Within the business world, we are struggling with the role that artificial intelligence will take. In the religious world, we speak of living through another reformation or transformation of the church and how we are the church. In our congregation, we have a new Vision and Mission before us, based on the wisdom of the congregation and the leading of the Holy Spirit. Fortunately, this is not the first-time humanity has been challenged and there are lessons to be learned from the past.

For the next six weeks, we will be looking at the wisdom of the Hebrew scriptures with stories of challenging situations and how God intervened and brought hope. We will intertwine the biblical stories with moments from the Apple TV hit show "Ted Lasso" whose motto was "Believe." So, if you are feeling a bit like a "fish out of water," you are not alone. We are living through a time that will be recorded in history books.

And this is a time of discernment where we will make some decisions, but I invite you to hold questions in your heart. Between now and October 22nd, pray about whether the new Vision and Mission are right for us in this time. Pray about how you may faithfully and financially support these statements with your gifts of time and resources. If you hold these questions, the Holy Spirit will guide your answers because we worship a faithful God.

Blessings & Peace,

Pastor Kathryn Kuhn



Interfaith Insights: Jews 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 evening, October 11, 2023, at 7PM, Rabbi Jack Paskoff, the spiritual leader of Congregation Shaarai Shomayim in Lancaster, will present 'What Jews Want Christians to Know.' Rabbi Paskoff, who has been a resident of Lancaster since 1993, ac-

tively engages in the local community. He is a member of the Lancaster Interfaith Coalition and contributes regular columns to the local Lancaster newspaper. To attend the October 11th event, please RSVP by emailing SCAST-1@outlook.com or calling the Spiritual Center at (717) 569-3241 ext. 304.

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A Message from the Executive Council

Greetings from Executive Council!

It is an exciting time in the life of COA. Last month we unveiled our core values, and brand new vision and mission statements. In worship, some of our Vision Writers shared the process by which they extracted the most resounding ideas from the Jeremiah Project and refined them into the core values, vision and mission that have been presented to you.

You have had a chance to ask questions, make suggestions for clarification, and hopefully pray about how these new statements reflect where Church of the Apostles is at this moment in time. We live in a rapidly changing world and we all know change can be scary. But I can feel new energy here. It's in your smiles and hugs in the Narthex, your singing during the service, and your generosity in our ministries. The Holy Spirit is breathing new life into us.

During the service on October 22nd, we will vote on the new statements. Should you choose to affirm them, the implementation team will share our next steps and opportunities for getting involved during the potluck immediately following the service.

There are no guarantees in life and we cannot predict the future, so now is the time for a leap of Faith. God is calling us into a bright new future and is with us every step of the way. Let's lean into this opportunity to be a beacon of love to one another and our community.

Sincerely,
Johanna (Council Secretary)



JOIN US!

MOCKTAILS & MEANING

10.19.23
6:30 - 8:30 PM

EDUCATION FUNDING IN PA
w/ Beth Reeves from POWER Interfaith

MOCKTAILS - DISCUSSION - COMMUNITY

www.apostlesucc.org/Mocktails&Meaning

Church Happenings and News

Neighbors in Need (NIN)

Embracing our October mission with purpose, the United Church of Christ presents "Neighbors in Need" (NIN). This initiative champions acts of justice and compassion across the United States. One-third of this offering uplifts the Council for American Indian Ministry, while the remaining two-thirds are channeled into grants for UCC organizations. These funds bolster a range of justice-oriented projects, advocacy campaigns, and hands-on service endeavors. Project selections adhere to resolutions passed during our General Synod meeting.

Although many congregations collect this offering on October 1st in observance of World Communion Sunday, contributions are welcomed throughout the entire month of October. You can contribute your offering using the special offering envelope, through Realm, or via Vanco. Together, let's make a difference in the lives of our neighbors.



Halloween Candy Collection

Supplies are being gathered for our 2nd annual Halloween Parade & Party! We welcome donations of wrapped candy, snack bags, party favors, and peanut-free items. Feel free to drop-off your contributions in the designated bin located in the Narthex. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

"Come to the Table" Potluck Luncheon

Save the date! Join fellow COA members for a potluck lunch in Fellowship Hall after the 10AM service on Sunday, October 22nd. The newly formed Compassion Team will share valuable insights, fostering conversations with their team members. Additionally, the Implementation Team will update us on our journey towards realizing our Vision and Mission, as well as other ongoing activities.

The Parish Life Commission will supply drinks. Please bring a dish based on your last name:

- A-G: Salad or Side Dish
- H-P: Main Course or Casserole
- Q-Z: Dessert

Drop off your dish in the kitchen or Narthex prior to our service, where carts will be available for transport. RSVP on Realm or by calling the church office to let us know you're coming.

Compassion Corner

The Compassion Team is actively seeking contributions for our Compassion Corner bookcase. We're in need of various resources, including books related to managing depression, anxiety and grief, as well as relaxation and mindfulness materials such as books and CDs. Additionally, we're looking for journaling books, adult coloring books and colored pencils, word search puzzle books, and stress reduction tools like pop-its and squeeze balls. If you have any questions or would like to donate, please don't hesitate to reach out to Donna Carr or Ellen Schellenberger. Thank-you for your support!

Compassion Team Training

In September, 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. Our team members are Donna Carr, Barbara Achtermann, Robin Lucy, Andy Appel, Milt Gockley, Holly Kleimo, and Ellen Schellenberger. Contact Donna Carr, (717) 475-5285, to schedule a meeting.

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 10, 2023:**
The Letters by Luanne Rice & Joseph Monninger
- **November 14, 2023:**
Once A Crooked Man by David McCallum
- **December 12, 2023:**
Horse by Geraldine Brooks
- **January 9, 2024:** The Other Family Dictor by Karen Fine

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

Explore Retirement Living Open House:

Dive deep into the heart of Lancaster County during the 11th Annual Explore Retirement Living Open House, where the distinguished Life Plan Communities unfurl the very features that have repeatedly crowned the region as a premier retirement haven. On Saturday, October 21 from 10AM to 4PM, seventeen of these Life Plan Communities graciously invite guests to explore their premises. It's an immersive experience, offering a firsthand glimpse into the quality of life they promise.

Especially noteworthy is the Homestead Village's lineup for the day. From an enlightening opportunity fair that can guide your next steps, to intimate tours of their beautiful campus homes and delightful refreshments that tickle the palate, it's a day of discovery, camaraderie, and the essence of what retirement living in Lancaster stands for.

Date: Saturday October 21, 2023

Time: 10AM – 4PM

Location: Location: The Bachman Center 633 Community Way



The 51st Annual Lancaster CROP Walk

In memory of Father Alexander Veronis

October 15, 2023

1:00 Registration

1:30 PM Program

2:00 PM Walk Begins

at the

Annunciation Greek

Orthodox Church

64 Hershey Ave.

Lancaster, PA



Matt Barcaro from WGAL will be the emcee!

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/lancasterpa>

For more information contact

Rev. Dr. Chris Rankin

chris@trinityeastpete.org

Preschool News

Preschool began its 58th year a few weeks ago! Our 140 children and 19 staff members are off to a great start! Our September curriculum theme was "Amazing Me." During this unit teachers focused on building a classroom community and celebrating all of the ways we are special and unique. Children learned about their peers and made new friends through cooperative games and hands-on activities.

Our Nature Explorers Enrichment Program is underway on Monday afternoons. Our Pre-K friends will enjoy all that Rader Park has to offer!

We have a lot of fun events and activities planned for the first part of the year-- a visit from the Rohrerstown Fire Company during Fire Safety Week, a school-wide nature program from Lisa Sanchez of Lancaster Parks and Recreation, and Pre-K visits to Homestead Village. We are looking forward to a fabulous year of learning and growing through God!

Maggie Biggs

Director

Apostles Community Preschool



Preschool Security Notice

As our preschool classes are back in session, we kindly request your patience and cooperation in maintaining security. During school hours, ALL doors, including the interior glass double doors, will remain locked. We ask that you refrain from unlocking exterior doors or propping them open during these hours.

If you require access to the building, please use the front church entrance. Additionally, we kindly request that any non-preschool-related activities take place in the preschool area outside of our school hours, which are from 9AM to 2PM. If access is needed during these hours, please contact the preschool administration to make suitable arrangements.

You can reach out to Maggie Biggs, Director, at mbiggs.acp@gmail.com or Jeannie Clausen, Assistant Director, at jclausen.acp@gmail.com for assistance. We sincerely appreciate your understanding, as the safety of our children and staff remains our foremost priority.

A Musical Note

WITH
LARS POTTEIGER

Protestant denominations celebrate Reformation Day each year on Oct 31st. This date marks the day in 1517 that Martin Luther nailed his ninety-five theses to a church door in Wittenberg, Germany, which protested practices of the Catholic Church, thereby sparking the Reformation. Other European countries followed suit with similar movements, most notable of which is the Calvinist movement of the 16th century, established by the Frenchman, John Calvin. The Genevan Psalter is a compilation of communal psalms intended to be sung in the vernacular. This collection, created in response to Calvin's teaching, features a hymn tune that we still sing titled Old Hundredth.

Old Hundredth appears in Protestant hymnals with various text settings. It is in our own Chalice hymnal a total of three times. Originally associated with Psalm 134 when it was published in the Genevan Psalter, Old Hundredth receives its current name due to the connection with Psalm 100 titled "All People That On Earth Do Dwell." Another text sung to Old Hundredth is "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow," commonly known as the Doxology. While these have become standard hymns over the years, they were created in a time of radical reforming in the church, which reshaped future Christian theology and practices.

The Apostles Academy is excited to announce some upcoming events this fall:

- * Multi-media artist and storyteller Bill Hager and his troupe will return to Church of the Apostles on Oct. 21st, 2023 at 7PM in the sanctuary for a special double feature premier of two tales. Mr. Hager will tell the stories of "Medusa and the Pearl of Poseidon" and "Bridgid O'Callahan and the Turquoise Prince" and then talk about the behind the scenes process that went into the creation of both the oral and photographic stories.
- * Mountain dulcimerist Dave Haas will perform a program of dulcimer music on Nov. 5th, 2023 at 3PM 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 3PM 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.

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

Peace and Blessings,

Lars



Church of the Apostles UCC
Presents our 2nd Annual:

HALLOWEEN PARADE & PARTY

COSTUMES, BICYCLE
RAFFLE, LIVE MUSIC,
CRAFTS AND ICE-CREAM!

21 October at 4pm

Free entry
Register Here



1850 Marietta Ave.
Lancaster, PA 17603





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
10/4	Mark Achtermann
10/5	Richard Ochs, Jr.
10/7	Cooper Bahling
10/8	Jim Stoltzfus
10/10	Bonnie Medved
10/11	Vera Hocker *
10/13	Mary Walters
10/16	Robin Lucey
10/16	Heather Rice
10/16	Jack Oliphant
10/18	Abe Breslin
10/19	Douglas 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



10/2	Deb & Jay Aukamp
10/5	Louise & Thomas Aument
10/8	Beth & Jennifer Thompson
10/11	Darrell & Linda Schock
10/18	Stephen & Monica Daniels
10/19	David & Mary Schick
10/19	David & Pamela Smith
10/21	Randy & Luane Morrison
10/29	Richard & Bernice Ochs *

*50+ Anniversary



**Please Use the Form to the
Right or Call the Office to
Sponsor Flowers**

Have an Article for the Crown?

Please send articles for the November
edition of the Crown by
Sunday, October 15th to
office@apostlesucc.org.

Please be aware that articles **MUST** be sub-
mitted by the 15th and be less than 200
words. All articles must include a Who,
What, Where, When, Why and How. If you
have any questions please direct them to
the Administrative & Communications
Coordinator, Paityn Nissly.



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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(Meets 2nd Monday at 7 pm every other month in the Parlor)
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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 2023	August 2022
YTD Revenue	\$407,041.24	\$400,052.04
YTD Operating Expenses	\$412,699.09	\$491,714.08
Net YTD Operating Income	-\$5,657.85	-\$91,662.04

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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Congratulations to OUR BASKET WINNERS



Luci Stoltzfus



Flo Waldron



Pastor Isaac Abongela

FAITH FORMATION

Every Sunday

ROOTED FOR GRADES 4TH-8TH BEGINNING
ON OCT. 22 AT 8:55 AM IN ROOM 308

PRESCHOOL - 3RD GRADE IN ROOM 306
FOLLOWING CHILDREN'S TIME



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