

# THE CROWN



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## Pastor's Corner

With a new school year also comes new opportunities within the church. This month we are welcoming Jonathan Paredes as our new Designated Associate Pastor and Agile Church as a consulting team to help us see how we may go about being the church in healthier ways. Please plan to attend the September 11th single service at 10AM and potluck afterwards to hear more about Agile Church and from Jonathan.

We are also going to be reimagining our youth group to be "Every Apostle" events to engage people of all ages to come, have fun and create community in ways we have not. Watch for announcements of monthly events and please plan to participate as you are able. The more we engage, the more we receive from the new relationships that will be built.

There will be a new book study on Rev. Michael Piazza's book, *Vital Vintage Church*, as we continue to understand how the church is changing and an in-person workshop with Rev. Piazza in our Fellowship Hall on Saturday, October 1. Mark your calendars to hear what he sees as "Hybrid Church" and not just "Hybrid Worship."

We are set to have a year of learning, growing and having a lot of fun along the way!

Blessings & Peace,

*Pastor Kathryn Kuhn*

## Welcome Back Jonathan Paredes



On September 1st, Jonathan begins his new role as Designated Associate Pastor for this school year. Jonathan is a familiar face to us as he did a year as a seminary intern with us and has been working with our youth ever since. In his new role, Jonathan will be back in the pulpit monthly as well as leading adult Faith Formation classes, advising the Education Commission as they reimagine Faith Formation and our goals for it, and helping with pastoral visitation. This is a contracted position for one year rather than a call, which is why a congregational vote was not needed.

As Jonathan is well-known, we hope his presence will help to provide stability as we work with Agile Church to discern who we are for the greater community in this time and place.



**PASTOR**

**KATHRYN KUHN**

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# A Message from the Council President

“Endings and Beginnings”  
(Based on Luke 24:13 - 32)

We are still in the adjustment phase as we transition on without Pastor Joe. There is some lingering sadness and this is quite normal. Saying goodbye is not easy; it can make us wonder how we will adjust in this time. Plus, we are saying “Hello Again” to Pastor Jonathan, a time to reconnect and move forward. In addition, we have the exciting opportunity of our Health Check Visit with Agile Church at the end of September.

So, as we are in this time of flux, how can we center ourselves and reduce our sense of worry and anxiety? In the Bible, there is the story of the disciples and their sense of loss as they walked the road to Emmaus after the death of Christ. There was sadness in the end of the relationship and they struggled to understand what the future would hold. In their journey with Jesus, in the lessons he taught, he tried to prepare them for what his death would mean and what lay ahead. But it was so much for the men to put together!!! But then, as they walked on, they encountered the Risen Christ and received a fresh start!

We should take heart and try to look at our endings as a step to new beginnings, full of blessings, opportunities and fruitfulness. As we engage with the Agile Church consultants, let's listen and watch for the Risen Christ in the lessons learned from them and each other as we begin to chart a path forward for Church of the Apostles. Also, let's support and listen to each other as we encounter God in each member's hopes and dreams for our congregation.

Blessings,  
Donna Carr



**STAY CONNECTED!**

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

Worship services can also be accessed **toll free** via the Worship by Phone Line at: 888-440-0106. No internet, no problem. You can worship by phone each week during the worship time or choose from the library of recorded worship services. Simply dial the toll-free number and follow the prompts.

# Church Happenings and News

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## New Book Study

“Vital Vintage Church” is a book of hope for mainline churches. Its author, the Rev. Michael Piazza, is one who worships every Sunday and has led several churches from a perceived “death” into new life. In this book, we will explore his ideas and talk about how we see this working within our church. Rev. Piazza is also the leader of Agile Church which will be coming to consult with us and hopefully to help us discern our mission for our next season of life. Please prayerfully consider if this is a conversation you want to be part of as we explore our specific place as Church of the Apostles UCC.

Classes will begin on Sunday, Sept 18 with meetings:

- Sundays at 10 AM in the Parlor
- Wednesdays at 9:30 AM in the Parlor
- Wednesdays at 7 PM on Zoom

Please register through Realm, by signing up at the Welcome Center, or by contacting the church office. Books will be available for purchase for \$5.

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## Dining Around

Do you want to meet more members of our congregation? Join the Dining Around group. You can join as an individual, a couple, or a family. The groups will be for approximately 8 people and will share 4 meals together over a 6-month period starting in October 2022. The groups will be randomly selected. The meals can be anywhere—someone’s home, a park, or a restaurant. Please sign up in Realm or by contacting the church office by 9/16/2022.

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## Service on September 11th & Potluck Lunch

Join us for one service at 10 AM as we welcome the Agile Church consultants who will introduce themselves via video and tell us a bit more about what we can expect from the Health Check-up on Sept 29-Oct 1 and the options for the Jeremiah Project, which would help us discern our vision and mission, over the winter months. There will be a short video within the worship service and a longer video during the potluck in our Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

After our service, join your fellow members for a traditional COA Potluck Lunch in Fellowship Hall. Parish Life Commission will supply cold drinks. We are asking attendees to supply a dish that serves 6 or more following this last name breakdown:

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

\*For all dishes please note any allergens including Nuts, Eggs, Milk, & Fish.

Either bring your dish to the kitchen on your way to church or bring them into the Narthex and we will have carts there to receive and then transport them to the kitchen for you. Please sign up in Realm or by calling the church office to sign up so we know how many people to prepare for.

## 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.

- **September 11, 2022:** Booth by Karen Joy Fowler
- **October 11, 2022:** Bird In Hand by Christina Baker Kline

## 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.

# 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.

## 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 all month long. 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.

## Apostles Caring Cart

We will be collecting donations for a Ukrainian family who is living with the Breslin family. The Breslin family has very graciously taken in a family of three from the war-torn country of Ukraine. The family is a mother, father and a baby boy. We will collect donations during September and October. Please take a sticky note from the poster on the Outreach bulletin board, purchase that item listed on the sticky note, and put it into the large Caring Cart. Please remember that the small Caring Cart located in the cloak room is always used to collect donations for the Apostles Assistance Fund. Thank you so much for your continued generous support of our Outreach ministries!

## Apostles Community Preschool

Apostles Community Preschool will begin the 2022-23 school year on September 12<sup>th</sup>! We look forward to welcoming approximately 145 2-5 year-old children. We are offering two tot classes, four classes of 3 and 4 year-olds, and four classes of Pre-Kindergarten. We have many of our amazing staff returning this year with a new addition, Hannah Royer, and Jeannie Clausen is ACP's new registrar. This year we expect to resume our partnership with Homestead Village and visiting with our "grandfriends."

As a reminder, our school drop-off takes place from 8:55AM-9:15AM in both the front and back parking lots and pick-up times are from 11:20AM-11:35AM. Please be aware that this will be a busy time around the church property. Also, we kindly ask for your patience and cooperation as ALL doors, including the interior glass double doors, will be locked during our school hours. Please do not unlock any exterior doors during school hours. Thank you for your understanding as keeping our children and staff safe is our top priority.



CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES UCC

# Harvest

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**"COME YE THANKFUL PEOPLE COME  
RAISE THE SONG OF HARVEST HOME  
ALL IS SAFELY GATHERED IN  
'ERE THE WINTER STORMS BEGIN"**

The end of summer heralds the season of harvest festivals when farmers begin to reap the rewards of their labor through the growing season. There are many people whose lives are weighed down with the strain of poverty and food insecurity. As we rejoice in the abundant blessings that God intended for all people, let us share from what we have been graced with, with those less fortunate than ourselves.



Your donations of non-perishable foods may be placed at the altar on Sunday, September 11th during our 10 AM combined worship service. Monetary gifts may be placed with your special offering envelope for Harvest Home/Food Bank or made online through Realm.

# Church Happenings and News

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## Bible Study Continues This Fall

Church of the Apostles UCC invites you to another four weeks of Bible Study, Tuesdays, September 20th & 27th, and October 4th & 11th, from 10:30 - 11:30AM in Burkholder Chapel at Homestead Village and/or 7 - 8 PM via Zoom. After building some bridges in August between our current world and the world of the Bible through several tools for interpretation (hermeneutics/ exegesis), we'll attempt to use some of that learning as we look at the Biblical story of creation in the early chapters of the book of Genesis. Les Helmeczi & Mark Achtermann will guide the morning sessions at Burkholder Chapel and evening sessions via Zoom. Church of the Apostles members and attendees, residents of Homestead Village, and other interested persons of any religious or non-religious persuasion are welcome to register through the COA office ( (717) 392 - 5718 or [office@apostlesucc.org](mailto:office@apostlesucc.org)). Please bring a Bible (any translation), your courage, and your curiosity.

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## Thank-You To Our Implementation Team

The following members have volunteered to be on our implementation team for our work with the Agile Church Consultants. They are Barbara Achtermann, Johanna Baker, Jen Eaton, Lou Gaudioso, Tom Lewis, and Doris Robb. If they call for your help, we hope that you will be inclined to volunteer.

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## Flu Shots

Melissa Koehler from Hillcrest Pharmacy will be giving flu shots at COA on Sunday, October 2nd between services in the West Wing Lobby. Please call the office or register on Realm if interested by September 30<sup>th</sup>, so she knows how many to prepare for. We look forward to continuing to keep our church and community healthy.

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## Becoming An Apostle

If you are interested in exploring membership with Church of the Apostles, join Pastor Kuhn for either the 10-11 AM or 12-1 PM session in Rm 304, for four meetings on September 18, October 9, October 23, and November 13 towards membership. Together we will deepen faith, build connections, and discern God's leading. Those interested may register on Realm or by calling the church office.

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**WANTED: CURIOUS MINDS GRADES 4-8**

<b>WHAT:</b> Designing/ engineering, building, cooking, occasional movie parties, making friends, & having fun	<b>WHEN:</b> Sundays 8:55-10am, starting Oct. 16	<b>WHERE:</b> Room 308 (past the Purple Bears room)	<b>REWARD:</b> Snacks, fun, & unforgettable experiences	<b>QUESTIONS:</b>  Text Flo 717-823-2493 or email <a href="mailto:waldr005@umn.edu">waldr005@umn.edu</a>
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**ROOTED IN FAITH: Grades 4-8 Christian Formation program**



The church consulting organization – Agile Church – will begin its work with COA in September. Church of the Apostles will receive guidance from the Agile Church group to determine actions our Church can take to promote growth in both membership and church attendance.

Agile Church comes highly recommended by other UCC Churches we have spoken with concerning their approach and follow-through in helping to focus key church functions (promoting church to neighbors, welcoming visitors, follow-up with visitors, etc.). The Agile Church organization is headed by Rev. Michael Piazza who, in addition to his work with Agile Church, also serves as Senior Pastor at a UCC Church in New York City. He has written numerous books dealing with revitalizing main-stream Protestant churches and putting them back on a growth path.

There will be two phases to this initiative:

- ♦ **Healthy Church Checkup** – Agile Church will visit COA September 29th through October 2nd to meet with Church leadership and other church membership to understand the church policy/practices and attend Sunday services. We will receive a 20 to 40-page report from them recommending actions we should take to revitalize specific areas of our church.
- ♦ **Jeremiah Project** – The focus of this engagement is to work with the congregation to define a mission statement for the church which energizes the congregation overall and becomes what the church is known for. A decision to proceed with this initiative will be based on a vote at our November Congregational Meeting. If we decide to proceed, this effort will be undertaken in the first half of 2023.

A key date to keep in mind is September 11th where a 5-minute video presentation by Rev. Piazza on what to expect from their consultation will be included in the 10 AM combined Church service. Following our service, a 15-minute video presentation will be apart of the “Pot Luck” luncheon. During the luncheon, there will be time for you to ask questions of Church Council about this initiative. We deeply hope that you will join us for these special events and join in the conversation about our church’s future.

On Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> COA will be hosting Hybrid Hope: Church of the Future for Churches with a Future, an interactive workshop for pastors, leadership teams, key volunteers and congregations who are interested in the future of the church. Rev. Michael Piazza will be leading this workshop and community involvement is encouraged. Registration is required through Realm for this event with a \$5 cost

 A poster for the "Hybrid Hope" event. It features a photo of Rev. Dr. Michael Piazza, a man with short grey hair wearing a blue shirt and a dark vest, standing against a background of white clouds. The text on the poster includes:
 

- Join Us For**
- HYBRID** (in large white letters) with *Hope* (in blue cursive script) below it.
- With Special Guest*
- Rev. Dr. Michael Piazza**
- Workshop Leader
- Registration is Required**
- \$20 With Catered Lunch**
- \$5 BYO Lunch**
- 1<sup>st</sup> October** and **9 AM START**
- Participants are encouraged to arrive by 8:30 AM for check-in, pastries, refreshments, and fellowship time.
- Church of the Apostles  
United Church of Christ
- 1850 Marietta Ave.  
Lancaster PA  
(717) 392-5718

# A MUSICAL NOTE

## WITH LARS POTTEIGER

There is a hymn for every season of life. We sing many types of hymns; hymns to celebrate our joys, hymns of lament and mourning, and hymns of hope. Hope is not always easy to find in our lives. To hope is to see the possibility of things to come even when we feel stuck. Hope encourages us to press forward and place one foot in front of the other.

“Abide With Me” is a classic hymn that encourages us in our despair, written by the Scottish Anglican Henry Francis Lyte. Lyte wrote this hymn while he was dying from tuberculosis. The hymn text was inspired by Luke 24:29, where the risen Christ appears on the road to Emmaus. *But they constrained him, saying, “Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent”. And he went in to tarry with them.* Luke 24:29 KJV.

Lyte originally penned the opening phrase “Abide With Me” about twenty years prior to completing the hymn while visiting a friend on his deathbed. The friend kept uttering this phrase and Lyte was compelled to begin writing this beloved hymn. It took Lyte facing his own mortality to complete the hymn, which was first sung at his funeral.

The Apostles Academy is proud to announce the start of their 2022-2023 concert season this fall. Christian Singer/Songwriter Kira Shcherbakova will perform on 9.11.22 at 3pm in Rader Park at the pavilion. The Jazz Ministers Big Band will bring their swinging arrangements of classic hymns to our sanctuary on 9.18.22 at 3pm. Please check in future editions of the Crown for more information about Academy concerts coming up later this year.

May the hope of Christ's resurrection fill your heart with joyful expectation this season!

Peace,

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 Radar Park. Either have them in plastic bags, or deposit them in the large marked can.



After graduation we often lose touch with our students as they move on to college, careers, etc. Our goal this year is to shine a spotlight on what some of those graduates are doing this Fall.

**LAUREL MARX** graduated from Country Day and is off to Leigh University. We are grateful to her for her contributions to our Church Worship through her dance. Dance and theater will be a part of her life at Leigh, too. She will major in environmental science with a minor in entrepreneurship. Two of her favorite memories are walking through the 'Christmas in the Country' bazaar, and the Christmas Eve services.

**NOAH WALTMAN** graduated from Penn Manor High School. He's taking his time deciding his next steps, while working behind the scenes ("I like it that way") as dishwasher at TRIO. "It's fun, and I like having more freedom than when I was in school." Noah has special memories of helping kids fish in Rader Park's pond, and Wacky Wednesdays.

**JONATHAN PAREDES** selected Fellow of Nollau Life Institute. The Nollau Life Institute was established by the Council for Health and Human Service Ministries of the UCC. It aims to introduce future leaders in the Church to the needs of people served by the 400 agency members of CHHSM. Those include Hospitals, Children's Services, Community Centers, & Senior Citizen's Communities. These agencies were founded as missions of the Denomination, Conferences, and individual UCC churches. Together they provide \$877 million in uncompensated services a year. CHHSM provides training, networking, strategic planning and consultation to member agencies. In late June, Jonathan spent a week of intensive study with the Nollau Life Institute in Wisconsin. Church of Apostles was able, through the Schellenberger-Rader endowment funds, to assist with his costs to attend. "The most meaningful thing was the hopefulness for the future." There was time to learn, stop to think, reflect and internalize new concepts. His small group, "five randomly picked strangers, with their own life stories and own ministry experience from diverse locations in the US came together in a week and forged a bond that is life-giving and affirming" He looks forward to the exposures during the remainder of this academic year, and "how that will influence my perspective and ministry work going forward...I thank Church of Apostles for the investment in my ministry".

Recently graduated or have a graduate you'd like featured? Please email Church of the Apostles at [office@apostlesucc.org](mailto:office@apostlesucc.org) with a short blurb about their graduation and future plans. We look forward to featuring more students as they begin their journeys after graduation.

# Community Outreach

## Refugee Families Update

Our two new refugee families are settling into Lancaster and seem to enjoy all it has to offer. Visits to Rader Park, Lancaster Central Market, orientation at the children's schools, soccer practice, attending church activities at the Congolese Friends Church, and the start of the school year are all keeping them busy. Vincent, the oldest, is playing soccer on the Jr. High team at McCaskey. He and Tosha, his cousin, have completed the "Earn-a-Bike" program at The Common Wheel, a bicycle shop in Reservoir Park. Twice a week for four weeks, they learned how to repair used bikes that they had chosen, earning the bike, a helmet, lock, and light. They are quite excited to have their bikes at home now. In September, Shukuru and cousin Jango will get the chance to also earn their bikes through this program. Tosha is attending Wheatland Middle School; her siblings Jango and Auser go to Lafayette Elementary. Vincent is at McCaskey and his brother Shukuru is at Wharton. They are enrolled as English Language Learners (ELL) and will receive a great amount of attention from caring teachers in learning English. We are so anxious to see how they progress!

The Welcome Team and the refugee families are so appreciative of all the kind donations that you have provided. From gifts of bed linens to housewares, from furniture to monetary donations, it shows what a generous and caring congregation we have at Church of Apostles. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for helping these two families get a start at a new life, free from fear and violence.





# Mum Sale

BENEFITING THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

6 1/2" POTTED MUM  
(ASSORTED COLORS): \$5

9" POTTED MUM: \$10 (5 COLORS)  
WHITE, YELLOW, RED, PURPLE,  
OR BRONZE

12" FALL HANGING PLANTER  
(ASSORTED COLORS): \$20

MUMS SUPPLIED BY FRYSVILLE FARMS  
PLEASE CONTACT PAITYN NISSLY  
IN THE OFFICE TO ORDER

ORDERS DUE BY 9/6

PICKUP ON 9/22 FROM 4-6  
PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

QUESTIONS? EMAIL  
OFFICE@APOSTLESUCC.ORG





# Local Volunteer Opportunities

## Amedisys Hospice in Harrisburg PA

Currently looking to recruit compassionate people to become volunteers and part of our team in various locations in Dauphin County, Lebanon County, and Lancaster County. As a hospice volunteer, they would provide companionship and emotional support to our patients and their families. It can be as simple as a visit with a patient just to chat, read to them, or simply brighten their day. If interested in volunteering with Amedisys Hospice please contact Tamara Jaroszewski at (717) 944-4466.

## Water Street Ministries in Lancaster PA

Volunteer at Water Street Ministries. Children's Ministry: Spend time with children in homelessness, teaching and showing the love of Jesus. Dental and Medical Professionals: provide health care to those overcoming poverty. Openings include counselors, physicians, dentists, nurse practitioners, hygienists, PAs and nurses. More opportunities online at [wsm.org/volunteer](http://wsm.org/volunteer). Questions? Email [volunteer@wsm.org](mailto:volunteer@wsm.org).

## American Cancer Society, Northeast Region

One of the biggest roadblocks to cancer treatment is lack of transportation. The American Cancer Society Road To Recovery program provides patients with free rides to and from cancer-related medical appointments. Volunteer to become a Road To Recovery driver. Visit [cancer.org/drive](http://cancer.org/drive) or call 1(800) 227-2345.

## Habitat for Humanity of Lancaster & Lebanon

Lancaster Lebanon Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization that helps families build and improve places to call home. We believe affordable housing plays a critical role in strong and stable communities. You don't need to wield a hammer to volunteer with Habitat! There are so many ways that you can get involved. Our volunteer program offers a wide range of charitable activities for all skill-sets. If you are interested in volunteering with Habitat please go to [lancasterlebanonhabitat.org/volunteer-opportunities/](http://lancasterlebanonhabitat.org/volunteer-opportunities/) or contact Audrey Lilley at [Audrey@llhfh.org](mailto:Audrey@llhfh.org).





9/2	Christa DiDomenico
9/2	Louise Wagner
9/3	Ruth Senior*
9/8	Cathleen Bernhardt
9/8	Matthew Sweigart
9/9	Cristina Bahling
9/9	Larry Waltman
9/13	Mic Bender
9/14	Bev Keller
9/17	Barbara Achtermann
9/17	Lou Kosmela
9/20	Bev Moran
9/21	Betty Reiff
9/22	Tom Lewis
9/22	Sedona Watkins
9/24	Sharon Shaeffer
9/25	Marsha Erisman
9/25	Ken Keller
9/25	Mathew Rice
9/25	Maeson Sheffer
9/27	Debbie Belsinger
9/28	Ann Harting
9/28	Debra Sickles
9/29	Flynn Clark
9/29	Jonathan Paredes
9/30	George Bechtold

*\* 90+ Birthdays*



9/1	Tim & Sue Stirling
9/6	Mic & Laura Bender
9/6	Daniel & Kitty Flynn
9/7	Darren & Samantha Hackenburg
9/9	Tim & Stephanie Albert
9/10	Joel & Jeannie Clausen
9/16	Nick & Sara Bravo
9/23	Randy & Lisa Sweigart
9/30	Ken & Bev Keller *

*\* 50+ Anniversaries*



## Articles for the Crown

Please send articles for the October edition of the Crown by Thursday September, 15th to [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 the Administrative & Communications Coordinator, Paityn Nissly.





### **September 4th**

**In Loving Memory of Nellie Lewis**

By Tom & Linda Lewis

**In Loving Memory of Betty Holmes**

By Her Husband Marty

### **September 11th**

**In Loving Memory of Paula Alspach & Betty Perry**

By George Alspach

**In Honor of Linda Fuller**

By Her Husband Ed

### **September 18th**

**In Honor of my Mother, Sister,  
and Baby Donald**

By Louise Arms

**In Loving Memory of Betty Perry & Paula Alspach**

By Robert Perry

### **September 25th**

**In Honor of Ken Keller's 85th  
Birthday**

By Wife Bev and 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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### **Parish Life Commission**

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### **Property Commission**

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

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### **Outreach Commission**

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

Chair: Jane McCartney

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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

	July 2022	July 2021
<b>YTD Revenue</b>	\$214,569.73	\$227,269.36
<b>YTD Operating Expenses</b>	\$435,460.07	\$417,901.69
<b>Net YTD Operating Income</b>	(\$158,937.80)	(\$120,153.82)

## Church of the Apostles Prayer Chain

If you have a need or concern for yourself or others, please call or email any person on the Prayer Chain and your request will be sent through all the links of the chain and the power of prayer will be a blessing to you and yours.

Steve/Monica Daniels	(717) 299-6007 or monicadaniels54@gmail.com
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Cindy Williams	(717) 572-3808



### Faith Formation Classes:

Christian Formation classes are held weekly during the 9 AM service (in Rader Park) for ages 3 years old to 8th grade. Youth group (6th – 12th grade) is currently on break until the fall. Weekly classes can be accessed on the private Sonshine Sunday Facebook group.

### Thank-You Letter

Thank-you, Tom and Linda Lewis, for the delicious dinner they provided us. It was not only yummy, but we had the opportunity for two families to sit down and share stories and a meal.

Thank-You,

The Breslins & Yastrub Families

### An Open Thank-You to the Members and Friends of Church of the Apostles, UCC,

I want to thank you for all your prayers of healing of my right foot. Special thanks to Judy Waltman, Andrew Appel, and Pastor Kathryn Kuhn for all they've done. As soon as swelling is normal I will wear shoes. I'm hoping to attend the church services in September. God is good, all the time.

In Christian Love,

Marianne Deaner

## September Preaching Schedule

September 4th - Rev. Kuhn  
September 11th - Rev. Kuhn  
September 18th - Rev. Kuhn  
September 25th - Jonathan Paredes

# Church of the Apostles Staff Directory

## Pastors and Leadership

### **Senior Pastor**

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### **Designated Associate Pastor**

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

#### **Choir Director**

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

#### **Music**

Nathan Sheffer

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

Breanne Zipko

## Office

### **Finance Administrator**

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Jonathan Shaub

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