# THE CROWN



A Publication of Church of the Apostles, A United Church of Christ Congregation

September 2021 Vol. 45 No.9

## **Pastor's Corner**

Those of us who are studying *Transforming Congregational Culture* with Rev. Motz are learning about how the culture has changed over the years and considering the questions of how we are to move forward. We CANNOT just continue to do what we have always done. The wisdom of "build it and they will come" (referring to physical spaces) is no longer true. Religion has moved from being transactional to transformational.

Add on to this the pandemic which is limiting the size of our gatherings and keeping us more separated than we wish. The pandemic also forced us to push worship and some of our meetings online which has helped us to stay in contact with those who have moved away and opened us to many others looking for a spiritual home with whom to connect.

The next year will be a time of risk-taking and trying new things. This is a time to be curious and creative because this is a metamorphosis moment for the church. So we are looking into how we may offer some different online experiences for those who are looking for something during the week to keep them going. This is a time for us to hear your wisdom on the questions: What did you miss and long for that you couldn't do? What did you NOT miss? Where are you being fed spiritually? What might we invent going forward? Why has Christ called us together for this time?

Please consider these questions and make an appointment to talk with Rev. Motz, Donna Carr, myself or any other commission chair or Council member to share your thoughts. Look for additional opportunities to reconnect or become more closely connected with us.

Blessings & peace,

Pastor Kuhn



#### PASTOR KATHRYN KUHN

#### In This Issue

- Message from the Council President
- Council Corner
- Realm News and Updates
- Church Happenings and News
- Community Outreach
- Music Ministry
- Birthdays & Anniversaries
- Giving Report
- Upcoming Events & Activities

## A Message from the Council President

It seems hard to believe that we have arrived at SEPTEMBER already! Where did the summer months go? In our church, September brings "Rally Day" when we reassemble after the slower, less active summer-time of our church season and begin to re-focus on what God may be trying to tell us. Here is some food for thought from a reflection on James 1:19...."Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry." In this time of MANY different opinions about so many things in our country, I have been trying hard to become a good listener and to suspend pre-judgements.

Here's some homework for you. Take a drive around Lancaster city or county (or across the state or country) and take in the many lawn signs and bill boards. Or tune across the TV stations or radio stations (not just the one you usually tune into). On one side of the street, you might see a giant American flag draped around a bald eagle and a big truck covered with patriotic stickers that sits in the driveway. On the other side of the street you might see a lawn sign highlighting the latest social justice issues. Are these people feuding or are they friends? Is it possible that both people are believers in Jesus? We are called to live out the words of James quoted earlier, but too often we stubbornly hold onto our opinions and aren't willing to stop and consider what others are thinking. When we are talking with someone, are we truly listening to understand or are we already formulating an answer in our minds? My mother always said," You have two ears and one mouth for a reason".

As we come back to church more actively in this fall season, may we be challenged to be good listeners. If you are participating in the church-wide book study, I pray that you have actively listened to others' hopes and dreams for Church of the Apostles. It will require ALL of us actively participating, listening and sharing our hearts' desires with our fellow members. AND, it will require ALL of us digging in and putting in the work to become respectful of others and see them as children of God and see His Grace in each other. And it will require ALL of us to consider how we can be of SERVICE to others both inside the walls of COA and outside in our community.

Blessings! Donna Carr

## **Council Corner**

Council was pleased to learn that more than 25 people have signed up to participate in the congregational book study, <u>Transforming Congregational Culture</u> by Anthony Robinson. At the next Council meeting, we will revisit the topic of forming an investigative team to identify a partner, like Agile Church, to help us explore possible future directions and growth opportunities for Church of the Apostles.

A revised version of the Christian Behavioral Covenant was approved by Council at the July meeting. The covenant is biblically based and shows that it matters to us how we treat one another. We mention the covenant twice in our church by-laws. The basic principles of the covenant were not changed; however, the wording was modified to reflect a more positive approach. You may not have associated the principles with the covenant, but we have been exploring these concepts in our worship theme this summer.

Schuyler Nissly met with Council to explore some of her ideas on how best to market our church and our activities to the public (and to ourselves!) If you have photos or other information to share with her, please let her know.

We are beginning to prepare for 2022 in terms of defining our budget and in identifying new Council members. Prayerfully consider how your gifts, talents and treasures can enhance the ministries of our church. Remember, you are always invited to attend any Commission and/or Council meetings.

## 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.

- September 14th:
   <u>John Lewis and the</u>
   <u>Power of Hope</u> by
   John Meachum
- October 12th: <u>The</u> <u>Residence</u> by Kate Anderson Brower
- November 9th:
   Dearly Beloved by Cara Well
- December 14: Mrs. <u>Lincoln's Sisters</u> by Jennifer Chiaverni

## **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**

## **Realm Information and Updates**

#### **Record Worship Participation From Your Phone**

Knowing the need of churches to remain connected (and in new ways), you can now register your worship attendance using a mobile device. This is true whether you are worshipping in-person or remotely. All you need to access this option is the Realm Connect app (available for free from the App Store and Google Play) and a Realm Log in.



Once logged into the Realm Connect app (using the code: apostlesucc), select "Mobile Check-In" from the main menu. You will be able to register your attendance up to an hour before the service and until the service's end. If you would like to receive automatic notifications, select "Settings" at the bottom of the menu options. From there turn on "Push Notifications on This Device."

This new feature is one of the ways Realm is helping us remain the strong community of faith God has inspired us to be. Continue to look for additional functions and features as we continue to grow into all of what Realm has to offer our congregation.

#### In Person Help Sessions Now Available

Not sure how to log into your account? Want guidance on how to update your information? Just want to know more about Realm and why you might consider being a part of this new resource? Register for one of our September in-person training sessions by calling the church office today or by <u>clicking here</u>.

We will guide you through your questions while sharing what all Realm can do for you. Choose from any of the sessions listed here. All sessions will be held in the church parlor.

- Wednesday, 9/1, 12-1pm
- Sunday, 9/5, 10-10:45am
- Wednesday 9/8, 12-1pm
- Sunday, 9/12, 10-10:45am
- Monday, 9/13, 5:30-6:20pm

### Prayer Workshop: Grow In Your Discipleship

Though we may assume everyone knows how to pray, most people are intimidated and uncomfortable, especially when it comes to public prayer. Even Jesus' disciples asked Jesus how to pray. Join in this four-week workshop where we will learn and experiment together in the art, and deeply powerful spiritual discipline, of public prayer. In-person and Zoom options will be available each week with participants choosing the option best for them. For more information contact Pastor Joe. To register. call the church office or click on "In Person Sessions" or "Zoom Sessions" below:

<u>In Person Sessions</u>: Wednesdays, September 8<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am - 11:45am, in the Parlor

Zoom Sessions: Thursdays, September 9<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm – 7:45pm

## **Church Happenings and News**

## **COA Garage Sale**

The dates for the Church Garage Sale are getting close! I hope you have selected items you will donate for us to sell. They can be taken to Fellowship Hall 9 am to 9pm September 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> and 9 to noon on Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

I hope you have agreed to cashier and/or help Monday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>. All donated items must be sorted, priced, and put on tables. Clothing must be sorted, folded, or hung on hangers. We need many helpers for this!

Another way you can help is to donate hot dogs (not chicken), hot dog rolls, sodas (regular Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Orange), 24 bottles of water, or chocolate cake with peanut butter icing. If we do not need to buy these items, it helps our profit considerably. We also appreciate small baggies of 3-4 cookies or brownies.

If you are willing to donate something, please call the church office (717-392-5718) and tell them what you will donate. If you attend in-person worship and filled out a food request form you do not need to call the office.

#### "No Wrinkles on the Soul"

A new women's group is forming to talk about faith, scripture and navigating the aging process. We will use the book *No Wrinkles on the Soul* by Richard L. Morgan as our guide. It is not necessary to purchase the book to participate. We will meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month in the narthex from 9:30-10:30 am. Our next gathering will be Wednesday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### "Gifts of Imperfection"

In June, Pastor Kuhn preached on the Brené Brown's book, *The Gifts of Imperfection,* and several of you expressed interest in getting together to talk about it. A Zoom gathering on Tuesday, September 28, at 7 pm has been created to share initial thoughts and see if there is interest in having a larger conversation. Please check the calendar on the website or <u>click here to register.</u> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

#### Mark Your Calendar!

<u>Sunday</u>, <u>October 10</u> is Clergy Appreciation Sunday. We will have two labeled baskets on the table in the Narthex to receive cards of appreciation and thanks for Pastor Kathy and Pastor Joe. Take a moment to express your thanks for all they do for our congregation.

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.

#### **Pastoral Coverage**

In an earlier article, the Executive Commission shared that in gratitude for their leadership during the pandemic, we had given each of the pastors some additional vacation time in 2021. Neither pastor has taken much vacation to date so they will be taking that much-needed time off in the upcoming months.

Pastor Kuhn and Pastor Motz have scheduled their vacations so that at least one of them will always be available to the congregation. Again, we thank them for handling with grace whatever 2020-2021 threw our way in terms of COVID-19. We hope their time away will allow them to rejuvenate, decompress and connect with their families.

#### **Harvest Home Sunday**

In celebration of God's Autumn bounty, you are invited to share a portion of it with those less fortunate. We ask each member of our church family to bring non-perishable food and/or fresh produce from your home garden on Harvest Home Sunday - **September 12, 2021**. Monetary gifts may go into your special offering envelope for Harvest Home/Food Bank or donated any way you chose. These donations will support Church of the Apostles Food Bank and Hempfield Food Pantry in Landisville, where our Seeds of Hope garden produce is delivered each week.

If you have any questions, call Linda Shock (717) 371-8457.

With gratitude and thanks to almighty God for which bounty that he bestows upon us, The Outreach Commission.





## STAY CONNECTED!

Worship services continue to be 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

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

This COVID-inspired worship ministry resource continues to be a valuable way for people to stay connected to the worship life of Church of the Apostles. Moving forward, we will be exclusively using the 888 -440-0106 toll free number. If you have not made the move to the toll-free number, make sure you do so this September. If you have a yard sign for the 717-607-1850 number, please discard the sign. The local number will stop to function September 21st.

# Interested in Donating?

#### **Food Bank Needs:**

canned or boxed potatoes, peas, corn, soup, jam or jelly, green beans, pancake mix, syrup, oatmeal, teabags, 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**

## So Many Ways To Give!

From sharing one's abundance, to turning trash into blessing, there is such a diversity of ways to give of God's life. Check out these year-round "in kind" opportunities available through the church.

- **Food** Give the gift of life through quality non-perishable food donations. Donated items provide immediate help to those seeking support through the church and to those receiving support from area food pantries. Donations are received weekly at the church.
- **Clothing** Support community members in need by donating clean clothing in good condition. All clothing is distributed through the Lancaster County Council of Churches' Clothing Bank. Donations are received weekly at the church.
- **Personal & Home Care Supplies** Provide immediate care to those facing unexpected crises by donating laundry detergent, hand sanitizer, hand & body soap, shampoo, tooth paste, tooth brushes, toilet paper, paper towels, plastic wrap, and other household or personal care items. Donations are received weekly at the church.
- **Gently Used Blankets, Quilts, and Towels** Share God's love and grace with our four-legged companions. All donations support the local SPCA. Donations are received weekly at the church.
- **Used Instruments for Students** Make a difference in a child's life by donating your used musical instrument to a needing, scholarship student enrolled in the Apostles Academy of Arts and Sciences.
- **Aluminum Cans** Help support on-going projects and improvements at Rader Park. Place aluminum cans in the collection bin outside the Youth Center's lower entrance.
- **Cancelled Postage Stamps** Assist the Wounded Veterans Stamp Project by dropping off your cancelled postage stamps at the church office.
- Organic Matter for Compost Your leftover food scraps, vegetable peelings, and coffee grounds can help enrich the soil in the Seeds of Hope Garden. Place compostable items in the current year compost bin by the Seeds of Hope shed in Rader Park.
- **Box Tops** Join in supporting the Elizabeth Martin Elementary School. No clipping of Box Tops required. Simply download the Box Top app, select Elizabeth Martin Elementary School as your school to support, and use the app to take pictures of grocery receipts. All eligible purchases are automatically credited. That's it!
- **Grocery Gift Cards (Market Basket)** Purchase gift cards to Stauffer's, Giant, or Weis at face value through the church, and the congregation automatically receives 5% of the purchase cost. No extra fees to you! All proceeds benefit the Outreach ministries.
- **Glasses, Lenses, Sunglasses** Provide the gift of sight and eye health for those across the world by donating your used glasses, lenses, and sunglasses (prescription & non-prescription). All types, in any condition are accepted. Donations are received weekly at the church.

#### **Apostles Caring Carts**

Thank you to all who have donated to the ABBA Christian Orphanage and School in Kenya! We will continue to collect donations through September in the LARGE Caring Cart in the Narthex. Donations requested are new flip flops, jump ropes, rubber boots, pencils and pencil sharpeners, erasers, chalk, underwear, and socks. Thank you!

Donations for the Apostles Assistance Fund are collected in the SMALL Caring Cart in the cloak room. These donations include personal care and home care products. If you have donations of food, please put food on the gray cart in the cloak room. Thank you!



## **Pet Pantry**

Outreach collects gently used towels in the gray plastic storage closet in the cloak room. PLEASE do not put anything but towels in there. The Pet Pantry will not accept sheets and pillows. They will also not accept anything with fringes as the animals could choke on them. Thank you!

# A MUSICAL NOTE

The Apostles Academy of Arts and Sciences will begin its 2021-2022 concert season with an organ concert featuring Cindy Kahler, retired Director of Music Ministries at Church of the Apostles; Jon Lefever, Organist at Highland Presbyterian Church; and myself on September 19th at 3pm in the sanctuary. The Academy is also proud to present Phredd Ukulele One Man Band on October 24 at 3pm in the sanctuary. Phredd is a performer and entertainer whose specialty is writing and singing fun and engaging songs for kids. The Academy will accept a free-will offering at both performances in lieu of tickets.

The Adult Choir will begin rehearsing on September 2nd at 7pm. Please contact Nate if you would like more details for the retreat and upcoming choir season. The Children's Choir and the Bell Choir will also resume rehearsing in September. If you would like any information about these ensembles, please contact either Breanne or myself.

Peace and Blessings, Lars



9/2 Louise Wagner 9/3 Ruth Senior ** 9/5 Myra Yarnell ** 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 Clyde Holbein 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 Debra Sickles 9/29 Flynn Clark 9/29 Jonathan Paredes 9/30 George Bechtold		
9/3 Ruth Senior ** 9/5 Myra Yarnell ** 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 Clyde Holbein 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	/2 Christa DiDomenico	9/2
9/5 Myra Yarnell ** 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 Clyde Holbein 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	/2 Louise Wagner	9/2
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 Clyde Holbein 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 Marsha Erisman 9/25 Mathew Rice 9/25 Maeson Sheffer 9/27 Debbie Belsinger 9/28 Ann Harting 9/28 Debra Sickles 9/29 Flynn Clark	/3 Ruth Senior **	9/3
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 Clyde Holbein 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 Marsha Erisman 9/25 Mathew Rice 9/25 Maeson Sheffer 9/27 Debbie Belsinger 9/28 Ann Harting 9/28 Debra Sickles 9/29 Flynn Clark	/5 Myra Yarnell **	9/5
9/9 Cristina Bahling 9/9 Larry Waltman 9/13 Mic Bender 9/14 Bev Keller 9/17 Barbara Achtermann 9/17 Clyde Holbein 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	/8 Cathleen Bernhardt	9/8
9/9 Larry Waltman 9/13 Mic Bender 9/14 Bev Keller 9/17 Barbara Achtermann 9/17 Clyde Holbein 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 Debra Sickles 9/29 Flynn Clark 9/29 Jonathan Paredes	/8 Matthew Sweigart	9/8
9/13 Mic Bender 9/14 Bev Keller 9/17 Barbara Achtermann 9/17 Clyde Holbein 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 Maeson Sheffer 9/25 Maeson Sheffer 9/27 Debbie Belsinger 9/28 Debra Sickles 9/29 Flynn Clark 9/29 Jonathan Paredes	/9 Cristina Bahling	9/9
9/14 Bev Keller 9/17 Barbara Achtermann 9/17 Clyde Holbein 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 Jonathan Paredes	/9 Larry Waltman	9/9
9/17 Barbara Achtermann 9/17 Clyde Holbein 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	13 Mic Bender	9/13
9/17 Clyde Holbein 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	14 Bev Keller	9/14
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	17 Barbara Achtermann	9/17
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	17 Clyde Holbein	9/17
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	17 Lou Kosmela	9/17
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	Bev Moran	9/20
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	Betty Reiff	9/21
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	Tom Lewis	9/22
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	22 Sedona Watkins	9/22
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	Sharon Shaeffer	9/24
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	Marsha Erisman	9/25
9/25 Maeson Sheffer 9/27 Debbie Belsinger 9/28 Ann Harting 9/28 Debra Sickles 9/29 Flynn Clark 9/29 Jonathan Paredes	Ken Keller	9/25
9/27 Debbie Belsinger 9/28 Ann Harting 9/28 Debra Sickles 9/29 Flynn Clark 9/29 Jonathan Paredes	Mathew Rice	9/25
9/28 Ann Harting 9/28 Debra Sickles 9/29 Flynn Clark 9/29 Jonathan Paredes	Maeson Sheffer	9/25
9/28 Debra Sickles 9/29 Flynn Clark 9/29 Jonathan Paredes	Debbie Belsinger	9/27
9/29 Flynn Clark 9/29 Jonathan Paredes	Ann Harting	9/28
9/29 Jonathan Paredes	Debra Sickles	9/28
	29 Flynn Clark	9/29
9/30 George Bechtold	Jonathan Paredes	9/29
	George Bechtold	9/30





Wishing these perfect pairs a perfectly happy day.

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

\*\*50+ Anniversaries

# Wondering Where to Send Articles for the Crown?

Please send articles for the October edition of the Crown to Schuyler Nissly, the Administrative and Communications coordinator by Wednesday September 15 at: <a href="mailto:office@apostlesucc.org">office@apostlesucc.org</a>. Articles sent after the deadline will not make it into the September edition of the Crown so be prompt!



#### September 5

In loving memory of our parents by Ken and Bev Keller

In loving memory of Nellie Lewis by the Lewis and Braun Families

#### September 12

In loving memory of our daughter, Erin McCartney Nusbaum by Steve and Jane McCartney

#### September 19

In loving memory of Paula Alspach by Robert and Betty Perry

#### September 26

In loving memory of my mother and sister by Louise Arms

#### 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 or directly update your preferences through your Realm login and by signing up for our emails right on the home page at 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 <a href="https://secure.myvanco.com/YGMP/campaign/C-YH1E">https://secure.myvanco.com/YGMP/campaign/C-YH1E</a>. 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	e
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 Wilma Klingler 717— 584 — 6430

## COUNCIL MEMBERS AND COMMISSION CHAIRS

**President: Donna Carr** 

Ph: 717-475-5285

Email: skeetcarr@comcast.net

**Vice President: Stephanie Moore** 

Ph: 717-330-8892

Email: smmoore331@gmail.com

**Treasurer: Andy Smith** 

Ph: 717-615-1649

Email: andy.smith@bbandt.com

Secretary: Cathy Kenlin

Ph: 717-940-0364

Email: cmkenlin@comcast.net

**Education Commission** 

(Meets the 2nd Monday at 6:30pm in Fellowship

Hall)

Chair: Judy Waltman Ph: 717-285-7395

Email: jlwaltman@comcast.net

**Worship Commission** 

(Meets the 1st Monday of the month at 6:30pm in

the Narthex)

Chair: Bernie Fickes Ph: 717-925-9155

Email: penguindiva@verizon.net

**Parish Life Commission** 

(Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm in

Room 308-310)

Chair: Clara Kosmela Ph: 717-468-3492

Email: joli6291@yahoo.com

**Property Commission** 

(Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm in

Room 305)

Chair: Herb Forry Ph: 717-201-7863

Email: heforry@comcast.net

**Stewardship Commission** 

(Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7pm in

the Narthex)

Chair: George Alspach Ph: 717-201-2526

Email: galspach@aol.com

**Outreach Commission** 

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

the Parlor)

Chair: Jane McCartney Ph: 717-392-4844

Email: spmccartney@comcast.net

## **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 <a href="https://www.apostlesucc.org/give">www.apostlesucc.org/give</a>

	July 2021	July 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

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:

Steve/Monica Daniels (717) 299-6007 or monicadaniels54@gmail.com Lynn Steedle (717) 390-4152 or ccsteedle@gmail.com

Link 2:

Mary Ellen Bachman (717) 393-8922 Susan Shaak (717) 872-2987 Doug Nutt (717) 283-2937

Link 3:

Bev Keller (717) 898-2146 or bek0914@aol.com
Cindy Williams (717) 572-3808 or clwjbwilliams@gmail.com
Nancy Steger (717) 617-2635 or nancyasteger@gmail.com

Link 4:

Jean Heidig (717) 394-8733 or jean.heidig@gmail.com Donna Carr (717) 397-6305 or skeetcarr@comcast.net



## **Upcoming Event and Activities**

#### **COA Events**

- Sunday September 19 at 6:00pm, Owl Watch with Lisa Sanchez in Rader Park
- Sunday September 19 at 3:00pm, Organ Concert in the Sanctuary with Lars Potteiger, Cindy Kahler and John Lefever.
- Friday September 24 from Noon 6:00pm & Saturday September 25 from 8:00am 1:00pm, Annual Garage Sale
- Tuesdays from September 28 October 26, Heritage and Horizons. For more information on this program please visit <a href="https://www.apostlesucc.org/hh"><u>www.apostlesucc.org/hh</u></a>
  - **September 28:** 9:30am Dennis Simmons, "Teddy Roosevelt's Children Pt.1"; 10:50am Bob Wyble, "Portraits of Western Parks"
  - 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"
- Sunday October 24 at 3pm, Phredd Ukulele One Man Band

#### **Community Events**

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

## **Church of the Apostles Staff Directory**

#### **Pastors and Leadership**

#### **Senior Pastor**

The Rev Kathryn L. Kuhn ext. 8201 kathrynk@apostlesucc.org

#### **Associate Pastor**

The Rev. Joseph Motz ext. 8202 josephm@apostlesucc.org

#### Youth Leader

Jonathan Paredes

#### Music

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

Lars Potteiger ext. 8203 larsp@apostlesucc.org

## Director of Adult Choirs & Instrumental Music

Nathan Sheffer

#### Children's Choir Director Breanne Zipko

#### Office

## Communications and Administrative Coordinator

Schuyler Nissly ext. 8200 office@apostlesucc.org

#### **Finance Administrator**

April Fisher ext. 8207 finance@apostlesucc.org

#### **Operations**

#### **Property Manager**

Eric MacLaren ext. 8214 ericm@apostlesucc.org

#### Sexton

Larry Rongione

#### Technology Specialist Jonathan Shaub

# Connect With Us!







# Need Spiritual Inspiration?

Visit us at www.apostlesucc.org/faith-and-inspiration for weekly devotionals, sounds for the soul and more!



A Stephen Ministry Congregation

Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Permit No. 1065
Lancaster, PA

Church of the Apostles, UCC 1850 Marietta Avenue Lancaster, PA 17603-2398 Phone: 717-392-5718 Email: office@apostlesucc.org

