

***June 2015 Newsletter***  
***CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES***



*UCC Children's Book Drive*

***UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST***

***WORSHIP - 10 AM***

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## From the Pastor's Study June 2015

A UCC poster on our church wall reads, "Blessed to Be a Blessing." UCC congregations are currently collecting new and gently used children's books for children in need. Randy Cramer and I will take the books you have donated to the annual conference on June 12. Added to the donations from other congregations in the Penn Central Conference, the books will then be distributed to communities where children may not have access to many books.

Last Sunday everyone who attended worship service was given an envelope marked "Seed Money". Inside was a ten dollar bill to be used to purchase books for the children's book drive. Some of you were probably surprised to receive money from the church. Most money exchanged on Sunday morning is usually given in the other direction; from the congregation into the offering plates as a tithe to the church. The money you received to buy books was one of the first tithes the church will make to people in need. It is my hope that you have become inspired and are excited to be able to help improve the lives of children in need. Our tithing is out of gratitude for the financial gifts the church has received over the past year. We are sharing our abundance with others.

As I write this article early in the week there are already three times the number of books on the book collection table as there was last Sunday morning. Some folks were so excited about buying books they went out right after church and bought books and returned to the church with them before everyone had gone home. Imagine the smiles on the faces of the children who will eventually receive these books, perhaps the first book they have ever owned. Perhaps they will wonder, *Who are these people we don't even know who thought of us and sent us books?*

I was fortunate to grow up in a house that encouraged reading. That was because my father was an avid reader. Unfortunately after a stroke 8 years ago he is no longer able to retain the memory of something he has just read. **When I was in elementary school in the 1960's students were able to purchase paperback books for as little as 35 cents apiece from the Scholastic Book Club.**

My parents allowed me to order as many books as I wanted. The day the book order arrived the teacher would open the box and distribute the books around the classroom; a book or two or sometimes three to each student. But when the teacher came to my desk she would often be carrying my order of as many as ten books; everything from mysteries, books about animals, science, history, novels, joke and riddles books. I was in my glory that day although a little embarrassed by my over indulgence.

Books allowed me to explore everything that interested me. I was able learn, imagine, meet people and go places in my mind through the magic of reading. Books also allowed me to escape the loneliness I often felt as a child. I lived in a house where there was little conversation between parents and children. Rarely did anyone ask us children how we were doing, how was school, what was on our mind, what might be worrying us. It was a lonely existence and I spent a lot of time in my bedroom reading, imagining myself someplace else or as someone else.

Sometimes during the week when I am in my office at the church someone will call and ask for assistance. I tell them to come by the church and see me. They almost always have children with them, sometimes toddlers and some in their early teens. I am always saddened when children through no fault of their own must live in a family that is struggling with issues such as poverty, sickness, addictions, unemployment, domestic abuse, abandonment by a parent. I see children who are obviously suffering from lack of some of the basic things children need to grow into physically and emotionally healthy adults. Many children lack some of the basic things children need to succeed in life such as nourishing food and educational materials such as books; food for the mind.

**One of my personal ministries is to give children's books with a religious theme to the children who come to the church with adults who are asking for assistance.** Last week I gave a Veggie Tales book to a little boy who was here with his grandmother. That Veggie Tales book may be the first or the only book that child receives that introduces him to God; that tells him about Jesus, or introduces him to some of the basic principles of Christianity. A seed

has been planted through that book given to a little boy from a pastor in a church many years ago. I still have some of the very first books I received from school and from Sunday school fifty five years ago.

**The United Church of Christ campaign “Reading Changes Lives”** suggests that congregations donate to our schools basic school supplies that help children to read. Commit an hour or two a week to teach a child or an adult how to read. I was a reading tutor almost thirty years ago. Once a week I would go to the home of a man in his forties who had never learned to read. Despite that handicap he had graduated from high school, was employed and was raising a family. He by spent his entire life pretending he could read. After a year of tutoring he was able to read the newspaper, not well, but enough to understand what he was reading. A few months ago I ran into him **a local fast food restaurant. We hadn’t seen me in almost thirty years but remembered me and invited me to sit down and eat with him.**

Most of us are so blessed. It is easy to forget just how blessed we are. We have comfortable homes, a car to drive, a roof over our head, clothes on our back, food on our table, are employed or retired and have money in the bank. It is easy to forget that for many people the things we take for granite are a luxury to people, something they may have never had, will never have or have always been striving to achieve. For those of us who have been given much, much is expected of us. Scripture repeatedly tells us to give to those in need for it is when we give that we receive. It is in our compassion for the least of this world that we are more like Christ. It is in the giving of ourselves to those in need that are we humbled and mindful of just how blessed we are.

**In Christian Love,  
Pastor Michael**

*And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. He who scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever”. 2 Corinthians 9: 8-9*

# Church of the Apostles

## Elders and Deacons

2014 - 2015

### Elders

Randy Cramer      Jean High  
Dave Patterson      Martha Smith

### Deacons

Trudy Stum      Donna Levick  
Nancy Dinterman      Brian Jacobs

Church Leadership  
*Elders & Deacons*



## Altar Flowers

There is a sign-up calendar on the bulletin board in the Narthex for those wishing to donate altar flowers. Flowers can be purchased or provided from your own garden. If you purchased flowers and would like the purchase to be credited as a donation, place the receipt in a white envelope with your name and church envelope number in the upper right hand corner. You can place this envelope in the offering plate. If you want to supply flowers, but are unable to make the purchase, contact Nancy Dinterman at 762-3735.

# ***Birthdays & Anniversaries in June***



6/1 Bob and Pat Bostwick  
6/2 Betty Lynerd  
6/3 Robert Lynerd  
6/4 Katie Fitz  
6/12 Ernest and Beverly Fitz  
6/12 Gilbert Hovermale  
6/14 Bill Luick  
6/18 Beverly Fitz  
6/20 Mary Lou Misner  
6/21 Eric Jacobs  
6/22 Robyn Dingle  
6/26 Robert Benchoff

# **Calendar of Events June**

7 Outdoor Worship	10 AM
7 Property Committee	11 AM
8 Buchanan Trail Quilters	5:30 PM
14 Worship	10 AM
16 Silver Express Delivery	1:30 PM
21 Worship	10 AM
28 Worship	10 AM
28 Church Growth Com.	9:15 AM



Weight Watchers meets every  
Tuesday at 5 PM  
and Wednesday at 9 AM

# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS *in June*

## Lay Readers

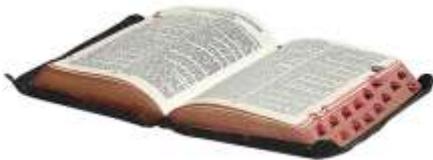
The scriptures will given to you the week before you are scheduled to read.

June 7: Judy Fitz

June 14: Bob Benchoff

June 21: Pastor Michael

June 28: Bob Stum



*The Nursery is Available if Needed.*

## Acolytes

The youth in our church will acolyte. If they are unavailable, then the Pastor or another congregant will bring "The Light of Our Lord" into the sanctuary.



## Ushers & Greeters

June 7: Jean High & Judy Fitz

June 14: Bob Benchoff & Dave Patterson

June 21: Donna Levick & Ernie Fitz

June 28: Bob & Trudy Stum



## Pastor Out of the Office

Pastor Michael will be out of the office from June 8-15. He will not be on vacation but home if you need to contact him with an emergency.

## Church Staff & Committees



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**Organist:** *Jim Heefner* 765-9534  
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**Vice-President:** *Jean High* 762-7794  
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**Christian Outreach:**  
**Lay, Life, & Work:** *Linda Hovis* 762-7350  
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**Stewardship & Finance:** *Donna Haugh & Jean High*

# Penn Central Annual Conference

Consistory president Randy Cramer and Pastor Michael will attend the Penn Central Annual Conference in Selinsgrove from June 12-14. This will be the first time a member of the congregation has attended the conference with the pastor for many years. They will return with new ideas and inspiration for continuing the churches growth and ministry.



## Summer Worship

Sunday worship will be at 10:00 AM beginning June 7 until September. Our worship service will held outdoors usually the first Sunday of each month weather permitting. There will be no communion during the summer months.

## Flowers for the Altar

This is the time of year when many of us have flowers in our gardens. Why not bring a vase of your flowers for the church altar on Sunday morning. No need to tell anyone beforehand. Just bring them.



## Peace Pole Garden Project



Work has begun in preparing a place for the peace pole in front of the church lawn near the biblical garden. A large cedar shrub has been removed from the area where the pole will be installed. A garden will be planted around the pole this season and expanded each year. Our peace pole will have 8 plaques, two plaques on each side will read **May Peace Prevail On Earth** written in English, German, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Hebrew, Cherokee and Arabic. The community will be invited to attend a dedication ceremony after the pole and garden have been installed.



## COMMUNITY GARDEN THANK-YOUS & NEWS

Thanks to Nevin Monn & Andrew Lowrey for doing the initial rototilling of the garden plots this spring, and thank you to Trey Gelbach for creating a landscaped “Gardener’s Shade & Rest Area” under the large blue spruce between the gardens and the children’s playground.

Trey has volunteered again this year to keep the area between the gardens mowed and has added keeping the garden edges tidy. He will be using a new string trimmer that has been purchased for our lawn care. Thank you, Trey !

## OUTDOOR MINISTRY THANKS & SUMMER NEEDS

Thanks so much to everyone who adopted trees and areas to mulch, it all looks so beautiful ! A special thanks to Nevin & Sondra Monn, who adopted trees and also did the large beds along both sides of the church; and a special thanks to Donna Levick, who weeded, planted, edged and mulched the biblical garden, the bed under the cross, the Amsterdam road sign bed, and did the same with Bev Fitz & Mary Lou Misner for the Outdoor Activity Center beds. Thanks also to Donna, Nevin, Bev, Mary Lou & Pastor Michael for planting the sidewalk planters so attractively !

Volunteers are needed to help with watering the planters throughout the summer, especially if the summer is hot & dry.

Our sidewalks need cleaned ! We are looking for volunteers to help with this project. We’ll be using buckets of bleach water, brooms & the hoses.

Please contact Bob Benchoff or Bruce Barr.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF FRANKLIN COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES

Go to [www.franklincountyhabitatforhumanity.com](http://www.franklincountyhabitatforhumanity.com) for the many ways you can volunteer, for the current worksite schedule simply email Bruce Burr (That’s Burr, not Barr.), Coordinator of Volunteers at [doxdad@gmail.com](mailto:doxdad@gmail.com)



# 1897 Pastoral Letter and Financial Statement

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Newport, PA

PARSONAGE, NEWPORT, PA., January 1, 1897.

To The Members of St. Paul's:

A year has passed since I received a formal call from the representatives of this Congregation, the Church Council. During this year I finished my course in the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, preaching for you at intervals until I located here permanently on Sunday, June 7. Although the work during that time has not been all that was desired, nevertheless success has come to us in part, at least. God be praised for the interest which has been shown during this otherwise unsatisfactory period! That the Lord has been with us is proven by the following facts:

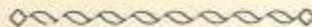
Our membership has been increased by the addition of twenty-two zealous workers. We have lost during the year by death, one; by removal, one. Our Missionary Society, C. E., "Heralds of the Cross," and Jr. S. C. E. are all in a good condition. Our Prayermeeting is well attended on Thursday evening. Our Sunday School has increased from a total attendance of less than two hundred to two hundred and fifty. Our Music has gradually developed, both in Sunday School and Church. The orchestra of nine pieces in the Sunday School is a splendid addition. The choir, with its talent, constantly practicing, is becoming an attraction for the public as well as an instrument of worship. Our morning and evening services are well attended, and the young people, the hope of the church, are found in all the services. Has not the Lord blessed St. Paul's richly? But have you done all you could? As an individual member of this congregation, your vows place you under obligations to do your duty. Your duty to your church is to pray for her pastor, to attend her services, to practice her teachings, to pray for her prosperity, to give to her support, to work for her success, to cordially greet her members, and to invite others to her services. This is what you promised to do when you joined it. Have you been faithful? Will you be faithful? We dare not stop to rest, for to rest means to rust. Make the coming year better and more fruitful than the past. My earnest prayer is that you may live consistently and labor faithfully until called to your reward.

*"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen."*

Affectionately, your pastor,  
G. M. DIFFENDERFER.

"FREELY YE HAVE RECEIVED, FREELY GIVE."

### A Financial Statement For 1896.



#### RECEIPTS.

#### EXPENDITURES.

Envelopes for Pastor's Salary.....	\$ 736.60	}	Synodical Benevolence.....	\$ 335.78
			Pastor's Salary.....	670.00
Envelopes for Benevolence.....	336.09		Janitor.....	96.00
			Organist.....	45.00
Voluntary and Special Contributions.....	480.04		Organ Blower.....	12.00
			College Contingent Fund.....	10.50
Basket Offerings.....	294.90		Parsonage Repairs.....	468.91
			Church Repairs.....	5.06
			Stable Repairs at Parsonage.....	11.69
			Taxes on Church Property.....	15.61
			Insurance (3 yrs.) church and parsonage.....	90.75
			Coal, Oil and Supplies.....	57.83
			Supply Preachers.....	41.00
			Printing.....	4.40
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1847.63</b>		<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$1864.33</b>

"WITH WHAT MEASURE YE METE, IT SHALL BE MEASURED TO YOU AGAIN."



May 20, 2015

Church of the Apostles  
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Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your gift of \$366.00 received on 5/11/2015 in support of the United Church of Christ's One Great Hour of Sharing.

Your gift enables the United Church of Christ to accompany people impacted by disaster around the world. Through UCC Disaster Ministries, you are active in the Philippines as people negotiate land rights and build new homes. You are in China with rural people experiencing earthquakes. As people of western African nations confront the Ebola virus, you are part of strengthening local health systems as well supporting the care and protection of individuals. The United Church of Christ's commitment to vital and sustained relationships with partner churches and organizations enable you to be in the right place at the right time to assist people in their recovery and rebuilding.

We invite your continued prayer, your continued commitment, and your continued support as those impacted by disasters recover their homes, livelihoods, spirits and dreams.

You can keep up on recovery efforts through stories on-line and via Facebook and Twitter:

[www.ucc.org/disaster](http://www.ucc.org/disaster)

Facebook – One Great Hour of Sharing (UCC)

Twitter - @OGHS\_at\_UCC

Thank you for your generous contribution.  
Together in the Spirit,

Rev. Dr. Mary Schaller Blaufuss  
UCC Global Sharing of Resources Team Leader

*Your gift is at work in  
disaster, refugee ministries  
& sustainable development.  
Thank you.*



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CONTINUING TESTAMENT  
EXTRAVAGANT WELCOME  
CHANGING LIVES

*God is still speaking,*  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



May 20, 2015

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your gift to Our Church's Wider Mission. We are deeply grateful for your congregation's gift.

Your support of OCWM permits us to provide for operating expenses, equip leaders, support clergy in ministry, foster healthy and vital congregations, advocate and witness for justice, respond to disasters and tragedies, send help around the world, and preach a welcoming and open understanding of Christian faith.

Thank you for your vital support and faithful partnership. Please accept our sincere thanks and good wishes.

Faithfully,

Cheryl Joseph Williams  
Director of Philanthropy and Stewardship



## From: Above the Rest Florist

Dear

*Friends at Church of Apostles*

It is with some emotion that we communicate that we will be closing as of June 17th, 2015. We are excited to begin the next chapter in our lives as we plan to move south to pursue our dreams. We appreciate the opportunity to be included in the births, marriages, celebrations and unfortunately the grieving of family members of your family. We have not only created business relationships but friendships as well. We appreciate your patronage and support during our years servicing the Waynesboro area. We are looking forward to moving on to our future goals . We thank you for including us in your events and special times. We will hold these memories dear to us and thank you for the opportunity to be a part of the changes in your lives. We wish you all the best!!

## “Silver Express” Food Bank

Thank you for your help to fill their  
bowls!



Donations for this month  
will be delivered **June 16.**



All canned/boxed food on the shelves will be delivered  
each month to ensure freshness.

**THE CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES  
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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

*Please forward an address change to the Church office.*



**June 2015**

***MISSION STATEMENT***

*We are called together to worship God, united by the Holy Spirit, and chosen as instruments of our Lord's purpose to teach, support and serve all people. We witness to the church, the community and the world by showing joy in the faith and using our talents to praise God.*