# March 2015 Newsletter CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES



Nancy & Trudy playing the Jug

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#### From the Pastor's Study March 2015

I don't remember Lent being observed in the small, rural Methodist church I attended as a kid during the 1960's. I also don't recall a special service for Ash Wednesday or Maundy Thursday. Maybe they were observed but my parents didn't attend the services or they did attend but didn't take me with them. I do remember our church having a Good Friday service. I had little understanding of the significance of Good Friday except that it was the name given to the day Jesus was crucified. But I never understood why that day was called "good". Why would the day on which Jesus was killed be called "good"? I do remember as a kid hearing that on the afternoon of Good Friday the sky would often grow dark and stormy as it did at the time of Jesus' death. I waited to see if the sky would turn dark on Good Friday and sometimes it did.

Despite having no history with Lent or with the special days leading up to Easter, I have, as a minister, come to understand and appreciate the spiritual significance of these special days. Now I cannot imagine Easter without observing Lent or without special services for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. I would also include Palm Sunday as a significant day for me, the day we celebrate our Jewish heritage with a Christian/Jewish Seder. All of these special days in the church set this time of year apart from the rest of the year and designate this period of time as significant by being potentially life changing for us as Christians.

Unfortunately, it seems many Christians don't have an interest in these special days anymore. Attendance for the Ash Wednesday service and Holy Week services is around 12 at most and often less. Even the attendance for Easter Sunday has declined in recent years.

I was talking to one of the ladies from weight watchers the morning of Ash Wednesday. "Will you have much of a turn out at your church service this evening?" I asked her. "No, not many. Maybe a dozen or so." She replied. "Same with us." I said. Perhaps many Christians have forgotten the significance of these special days leading up to Easter or in the past just observed them

because they felt obligated just as they once felt obligated to go to church on Sunday. Or perhaps it is because in today's self-centered world, many people including Christian's, aren't interested in doing anything they don't feel like doing, they have decided is unimportant, or doesn't immediately satisfy them in some way.

But those who do still observe the forty days of Lent and attend the special services for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday do find them to be meaningful and an important part of their spiritual growth. Someone commented after our Ash Wednesday service that they never fail to be moved by having ashes placed on their forehead; a humble reminder that God created us from the dust of the earth, a reminder of how impermanent our human life is, and a reminder that our human bodies will again return to dust some day. But perhaps many of us don't want to be reminded of that truth. When we stop to acknowledge that we are human we can't help but be humbled by just how fragile and fleeting life really is and by the reality that our lives are not in our hands but in Gods.

In the same way that regularly attending church services gradually changes us through the years, participating in the special days set aside by the church throughout the church year changes us as well. We may not notice the change the first time, the second time or maybe for a very long time, but we are changed on a level that is subtle and significant. That change will be unique for each one of us according to where we are in our spiritual journey. It is the same as with the simple act of regular tithing. We will never fully learn what God wants to teach us, how much God wants to prosper us, if we refuse to return to God a small portion of the blessings God bestows on us every day.

Even though Ash Wednesday has passed and Lent began on February 18, it is not too late to begin participating in these special days leading up to Easter. I encourage you to take time, even if it is only a few minutes a day, to read the daily writings from the UCC writer's Lenten book and reflect on your life.

Where are in your relationship with God? How much of yourself are you giving to God? What does God want you to know that will change your life for the better? Be mindful of that still small voice that is speaking to you. Don't dismiss it as your mind speaking to you. It is the voice of God through the Holy Spirit offering you guidance. Ask God questions and expect an answer. What do you want of me God? How can I better serve you? Where am I falling short in my relationship with you? Help me God with my human frailties and shortcomings. Surrender your life to God knowing that God knows what is best for you. Allow this special season within the church year to renew and replenish your faith so that when Easter Sunday arrives with its promise of hope and new life you too will find you have been resurrected from your old self into a new person who reflects more brightly the light of Christ.

In Christian Love,
Pastor Michael

"Therefore, if any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold the new has come." -2 Corinthians 5:17



# 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. Flowers may also be ordered through **Above the Rest** Florist at 762-8181. The cost is around \$35 for two vases that will be delivered to the church Sunday morning at no extra cost.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries in March



- 1 Laurie Hovermale
- 3 Erica Pryor
- 5 Tony Haugh
- 6 Maude Barr
- 7 Pat Bostwick
- 9 Tim Misner
- 12 Dan Ritchey
- 14 Trudy Stum
- 14 Mae Kauffman
- 15 Richard Hovis
- 15 Steve Leidig
- 20 Sandra Smith
- 20 Gilbert and Laurie Hovermale
- 25 Mitchell Leidig
- 29 Jake Jacobs

### **Calendar of Events**

## March

| 1 Worship                | 10:45 AM   |
|--------------------------|------------|
| 3 Book Study             | 10 AM      |
| 8 Worship                | 10:45 AM   |
| 8 Consistory             | 12:15 PM   |
| 9 Social Seniors         | 2 - 4 PM   |
| 9 Buchanan Trail Quilte  | rs 5:30 PM |
| 15 Worship               | 10:45 AM   |
| 16 College Club          | 7 PM       |
| 17 Silver Express Delive | ry 1:30 PM |
| 22 Worship               | 10:45 AM   |
| 29 Church Growth Com.    | 9:15 AM    |
| 29 Palm Sunday Service   | 10:45 AM   |
| 29 Seder Meal            | 3 PM       |
|                          |            |



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

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS in March

## Lay Readers

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

March 1: Randy Cramer

March 8: Bob Stum

March 15: Donna Haugh

March 22: Debbie Jacobs

March 29: Laurie Deavers



#### 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**

March1: Jean High & Judy Fitz

March 8: Bob & Trudy Stum

March15: Tony & Donna Haugh

March 22: Brian & Debbie Jacobs

March 29: Danny & Laurie Deavers

#### **Communion Assistants**

March 1: Randy Cramer, Jean High &

Judy Fitz

April 5: Danny & Laurie Deavers,

Ernie Fitz

#### **Social Seniors**



Social Seniors will be held at Trinity State Line on March 9, from 2- 4 PM.

Refreshments will be served.



#### **Church Staff & Committees**

Pastor: Michael Cromer Home: 717-776-7612

Cell: 717-816-2940 Email: mcromerm@aol.com

Church Office: 762-4113 Email: apostlesucc336@embargmail.com

Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 8:30 AM - 3 PM

Secretary: Linda Ritchey 762-1789

**Volunteer Financial Secretary:** *Judy Fitz* 762-4028

Treasurer: Linda Ritchey 762-1789

Choir Director: Reg Rice

Organist: Jim Heefner 765-9534

Consistory President: Randy Cramer 717– 387-1657

Vice-President: Jean High 762-7794

Altar Guild: Danny & Laurie Deavers 717-655-5078

Archive: Linda Ritchey 762-1789

Christian Education: Christian Outreach:

Lay, Life, & Work: Linda Hovis 762-7350 Outdoor Ministry: Bob Benchoff 749-5202

Property: Bruce Barr (301) 824-2849

Spiritual Council: Randy Cramer (717)387-1657

Spiritual Council Vice-Chair: Dave Patterson 762-1452 Stewardship & Finance: Donna Haugh & Jean High

#### Christian/Jewish Seder

This will be the 5th year that Church of the Apostles will hold a Christian/Jewish Seder meal. This special event has become a popular addition to our preparation for Easter. An average of 30 people have attended the Seder each year, many of those people have had no previous understanding of this Jewish tradition. Those who have attended have found it to be a meaningful spiritual experience. It has deepened their understanding of the Jewish heritage that Christians share. A Christian/Jewish



Seder meal is based on the traditional Jewish celebration meal at Passover. We as Christians observe this meal because it is a reminder to us that God did not first reveal himself to us but to the Jewish people. It is also a reminder that Jesus was a Jew. This year's Seder meal will be held on March 29 at 3:00 pm. A community potluck will be held after the symbolic meal. The Seder meal is a sacred time of worship that follows a certain order. It tells the Exodus story of the Jewish people. It is a time for adults to educate the young about their spiritual heritage and a time for the adults to renew their own memory of their past. This is a joyful time of fun and fellowship. Everyone is invited to participate from the very young to the eldest of the church family. Everyone is welcome to attend and to bring a friend. Please bring food to share at the potluck that follows the symbolic Seder meal. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex or you may call Pastor Michael to reserve your place at the Seder table or if you have any questions. His cell phone number is 816-2940.



## Valentine Party and Concert a Success

Thanks to everyone who attended our annual Valentine party with Tom Jolin and his cloggers on February 8. As usual we had a great time with good food, good music, and great dancing.

## **Holy Week Services**

Holy Week is the week leading up to Easter Sunday. It is the last week of the season of Lent. There are two special weekday services during Holy Week.

#### Maundy Thursday Service April 2, 6:00 PM



On Maundy Thursday the church remembers Jesus' last meal with his disciples in the upper room prior to his arrest and crucifixion. The day marks three key events in Jesus' last week on earth; the washing of his disciple's feet, his institution of the Eucharist (communion), and his new commandment to love one another.

The name Maundy Thursday comes from the Latin *mandatum novum*, referring to the new commandment Jesus taught his disciples, to love one another. In other words, this is "new commandment" Thursday. We will, as we have other years, share a simple of meal of soup and bread before the service. Please bring a soup and some bread to share for the **meal at 5:30**. In the past we have shared communion sitting at a table in the front of the sanctuary. This year communion will be served as served by the early church by intinction; come forward, take a piece of bread, dip into a chalice of wine and eat. In addition to communion you are invited to participate in a foot washing by Pastor Michael. Participants will come forward, sit in a chair, remove their shoes and socks. Water from a pitcher is poured over your feet and then dried with a towel. Despite any reservations you might have about his part of the service, I encourage you to participate in the foot washing. It is a powerful, humbling, experience that adds richness to this special service that cannot be put into words.

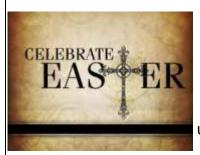
#### Good Friday Service April 3, 6:00 PM

On Good Friday the church marks the death of Jesus. It is called "good" because of what Jesus' death means for the redemption of the world. This somber service includes a dramatic reading of the gospel account of Jesus' passion (the suffering of Christ after the Last Supper including his crucifixion.) Although this is a somber service we should



not be sad. Instead we should show profound wonder and gratitude as we rejoice in the purposes of God, who wishes to redeem his children, and offer gratitude for God's greatest gift.

#### Easter Sunday Service April 5, 10:00 AM



Easter Sunday is the day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Our service will be a service of joy, celebration, renewal. Our children will again decorate a bare wooden cross with flowers as part of our service. Please note that the service is at **10 AM** which is earlier than our usual Sunday service.

#### **Time to Order Easter Flowers**



It may seem early but you know how fast the months pass. Easter flower order forms will be in your bulletin. Please put your order form with your payment in the offering plate or mail it to the church office

by March 15.

#### **The Covenant Players Come to Apostles**

Three members of the Christian acting troupe, Covenant Players, will present an hour of thought provoking theater in the sanctuary on March 15. This special event will be in place of our usual 10:45 Sunday worship service. The Covenant Players, created in 1963, have presented non-denominational, Christian themed theater in 82 countries and 6 continents. For more information about Covenant Players see the additional flyer in this month's newsletter. This will be a great opportunity to invite someone who has been away from church for a long time or has no history with church. A love offering will be taken after the performance. A potluck will follow the performance.

#### Host/Host's needed for the Guest Actors

The three actors from Covenant Players, two male and one female, will require room and board for Friday night, March 13, and Saturday night March 14. They prefer to stay in a private home but if none is available hotel accommodations will be provided for them. You need not host all three actors. See Pastor Michael if you are interested in having some interesting overnight guests who I am sure will have many interesting stories to share with you during their stay.

A Note From Betty Yeakle Dean Church Family.

Thank you of sending
me so many valentines. They
are so gutty. They are so gutty
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Betsy youlle.



## COVENANT PLAYERS

## ...a ministry of faith

When Covenant Players began in 1963, drama in the church was an unknown, untried idea for many congregations. And a professional touring drama ministry serving the church was not only unthinkable, but seemingly impossible! But through the faith and vision of Covenant Players' founder and playwright, Charles M. Tanner, the ministry became a reality. And over forty-five years later, Covenant Players continues to serve the Lord Jesus Christ and the church throughout the world.

In those years, Covenant Players' touring units have performed throughout 82 countries on 6 continents in over 20 languages. In addition to live drama, the ministry includes live music, sound recordings and workshops in drama, communications and missions. Each unit of Covenant Players seeks to go'where the people are', thus fulfilling Jesus' command to 'go into all the world and preach the gospel'. Whether it is a worship service, Sunday school, fellowship program or special emphasis program, Covenant Players seeks to fit into the life of each individual church, utilizing dynamic plays crafted to bring to life the challenges and blessings that the Christian faces on a daily basis.

By design and practice, Covenant Players is totally a ministry of faith, A non-endowed, non-profit corporation, not affiliated with any church or other organization, Covenant Players' financial support is derived from the performing engagements and other donations. Those funds pay for vehicles, gasoline, insurance, maintenance, office space, phones and utilities - literally every expense such a massive undertaking entails ...plus the entire income of the missioners themselves. They are paid a weekly stipend - when the money is available. Many of them are committed to lifetime careers on this basis, because they are dedicated to the ministry.

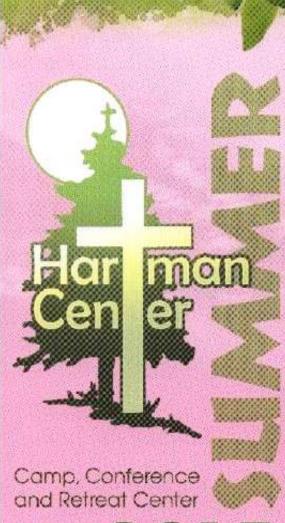
Founded in faith, continued in faith, Covenant Players looks to the future, hopeful and expectant of the Lord's guidance, eager to serve the Lord and His people - wherever they are called,

#### CHARLES M. TANNER, Founder

Covenant Players

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CAMP INFO

Hartman Center offers a variety of camping adventures and is open to all people who want to experience what it means to enjoy Christian community in the midst of God's creation. Whether it be through casual conversations, singing, playing. Bible study or worship...

Hartman Center reminds us of the richness and diversity of God's creation, the call to praise and thank God, and the charge to care for our world.

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Full camp descriptions and list of what to bring to camp is available at HARTMANCENTER.COM









REGISTRATION begins at 4:00 on Sunday or 2:00 on Wednesday, whichever day your camp begins. Camper picked is at 9 am on Wednesday or 9 am on Saturday.

Camper mail may be sent to: Camper Name; Harrings Center; Camp Number or Camper Area; 5725 Old US Hwy 322, Milroy, PA, 17063.

Send completed registration form to the address below or reaster quickly on me at hardman center.com

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Summer Camp

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## 2015 SUMMER GAMP STEEDULE

Early Bird Registration Discount of \$50 (\$25 for 3 Day) - BEFORE April 1st

| DATES          | EVENT NAME   | DIRECTORS                           |              | COST           | GRADE | AREA               | LIMI  |
|----------------|--|-------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|-------|--------------------|-------|
| June 15-19     | Bay Camp in York County<br>Salem UCC, Dovor                                  | doy Georecht                        | 1500         | \$75           | 1-6   | Salem              | 50    |
| WEEK 1         | Fishing Camp   | BushnelbLands                       | 1501         | 8375           | 3-Ad. | A                  | 16    |
|                | All Sorts of Sports  | Koser/Proctor                       | 1511         | \$375          | 8-10  |                    | 20    |
| MEEL           | Plonger Adverture  | Dave Gington                        | 1521         | 8375           | 4-6   | P.1                | 30    |
| June 21-27     | Mission Impossible   | Andrew Bucher                       | 1831         | \$375          | 6-8   | P-II               | 20    |
| Counselor      | Courselor In Training (CIT)  | Betsy Bruaw                         | 1541         | \$375          | 10-12 | ML                 | 20    |
|                | Pay It Forward   | Slacey Hollman                      | 1551         | 1375           | 6-12  | SH                 | 16    |
|                | Pioneer Advertigre   | Carol Price                         | 1502         | 8375           | 4-6   | A                  | 18    |
|                | Team Building Adventure  | Ryan Yoder                          | 1512         | 9375           | 7-9   | а                  | 20    |
| Weetle o       | Hoope Camp   | Jim Hanswell                        | 1522         | \$375          | 4.7   | P4                 | 20    |
| WEEK 2         | Ninja Camp   | Xaviar Johnson                      | 1532         | 3385           | 9-12  | P-11               | 12    |
| June 28-July 4 | Intergenerational (6/23-7/1)   | Jason/Cindy Minnigh                 | 1542         | 8225           | K-Ad  | ML                 | 8 Un  |
| in in          | Intergenerational (7/1-4)  | Jason/Cincy Manaton                 | 1552         | 5225           | K-Ad  | ML                 | 8 Uni |
|                | Intergenerational (Full Week)  | Jason/Cincy Minnish                 | 1862         | \$375          | K-Ad  | ML                 | 3 Uni |
|                | Getting Started (6/29-7/1)   | Norda Druckermiller                 | 1572         | \$225          | 1-3   | SH                 | 18    |
|                | MADO (Music, Art, Dance, Drama)  | Grant Planes Libertoning            | 1503         | \$395          | 8-12  | AB                 | 60    |
| WEEK 3         | Pioneer Adventure  | Johnnie Lengel                      | 1613         | \$375          | 4-6   | P4                 | 30    |
|                | eXtreme Camp   | Crothers/Snyder.                    | 1523         | \$375          | 6.6   | P-1                | 15    |
| July 5-11      | Intergenerational (7/5-8)  | Tim/Knaline Butz                    | 1533         | \$225          | K-Ad  | ML                 | 8 Un  |
|                | Grand Comp (7/8-11)  | Laudenräch/Namet                    | 1543         | \$225          | K-Ad  | ML                 | Bun   |
|                | Creative Arts  | Marge Anderson                      | 1553         | \$385          | 6-5   | SH                 | 16    |
| Sp             | How ToHeve Fun!  | Back/Feir                           | 1504         | \$375          | 9-12  | A                  | 18    |
|                | Speak For The Trees  | George Robertson                    | 1514         | \$375          | 5-7   | В                  | 20    |
| WEEK 4         | Must Bugs and God  | TBA                                 | 1824         | \$375          | 46    | PH                 | 30    |
| July 12-15     | Wilderness Survival  | Zeilers/Druckenmiller               | 1534         | \$975          | 7-10  | P-II               | 16    |
|                | Grand Camp (7/12-15)   | Alice Fauch                         | 1544         | \$225          | K-Art | ML                 | & Uni |
|                | Intergenerational (7/15-18)  | Chris/Acce Rankin                   | 1954         | \$225          | K-Ad  | ML                 | 8 Uni |
|                | Getting Started (7/15-18)  | Ouellette/Hoover                    | 1564         | \$225          | 1-4   | SH                 | 16    |
|                | Water World<br>Soccer  | Megan Snyder                        | 1505         | \$375          | 6-8   | A                  | 16    |
| WEEK 5         | Pioneer Adventure  | Tom/Allean Downing                  | 1515         | \$375          | 6-9   | В                  | 20    |
| MEEVO          |  | Chuck/Korl Eleanhart                | 1525         | \$375          | 4-6   | P-1                | 30    |
| July 19-25     | Challenge Camp   | Brendan Bents                       | 1535         | \$375          | 7-10  | P-II               | 16    |
| Cemp of        | Intergenerational (7/19-22) Camo of the Heart (7/22-25)                      | Mindy Dowsett                       | 1545         | \$225          | K-Ad  | ML                 | 8 Uni |
|                | Pun and Pages  | Kara Druckenmiller<br>Cindy Minnien | 1565<br>1565 | \$300<br>\$375 | 7-12  | ML                 | 12    |
|                | Senior High  | Ren Oelaich                         | 1506         | 9375           | 9-12  | A.                 | 16    |
|                | Noah's Ark   | TBA                                 | 1516         | 5375           | 3-6   | 8                  | 24    |
|                | Lions, Hobbits & Hogwarts, C Myl   | Church-Young/Visimer                | 1526         | \$375          | 6-0   | P                  | 30    |
| WEEK 6         | Archery  | Cathy Church                        | 1536         | 8275           | 7-10  | P4I                | 12    |
| July 28-Aug 1  | Intergenerational (7/26-29)  | Mikro/Aleahia Hawkins               | 1548         | 3225           | K-Ad  | ML                 | 8 Uni |
| in<br>in       | Intergenerational (7/29-2/1)   | Mika/Aleahia Hawkins                | 1556         | 8225           | K-Ad  | M.                 | 8 Uni |
|                | Intergenerational (Full Week)  | Mike/Aleshia Hawkins                | 1586         | \$378          | K-Ad  | ML                 | 8 Unt |
|                | Guitar Fun & Strom Camp  | Tim Dugan                           | 1576         | 5395           | 7-10  | ЭН                 | 12    |
| Dates TOA      | Algonquin: Canceing<br>Through God's Creation<br>(for into call camp office) | Bruce/Narda<br>Druckermiller        | 1507         | TBA            | Adult | Ontario,<br>Canada | -6    |

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#### WHEN

SATURDAY, May 02, 2015

#### TIME

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#### WHERE

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#### WHY

TO RAISE NEEDED FUNDS FOR OUR RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAM AND INCREASE COMMUNITY AWARENESS ABOUT MENTAL ILLNESS AMONG YOUTH

#### CONTACT

mmurren@hoffmanhomes.com 717.359.7148 ex. 4500 Save the Date

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Thank you for hosting a SERRV Sale in fall 2014!



Nora. the Philippinas



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#### **George W. Vanden II Obituary**



George W. Vanden II, 88, a resident of Quincy Village, passed away Friday, Feb. 6, 2015, in the nursing home.

Born April 11, 1926, in Cairo, Illinois, he was the son of the late George W. Sr. and Mary E. Vanden.

Mr. Vanden was a graduate of the University of Baltimore with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Management.

Mr. Vanden's entire adult working history was in direct support to our nation. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1944, serving in World War II in the Pacific Theater in communications and high speed radios operations field. He later served in the Japan Occupation Forces Command and at Ft. Ord, California, until the start of the Korean War. As a member of the 1st Calvary Division in Korea in 1951-1952, he participated in continuous combat operations from Seoul to Puson, to the Chinese border and back to Seoul. For his services he was awarded numerous valor, citations and Battle Stars for combat operations. He was discharged from military service in 1954 and then served in positions of significant responsibility in National Level Intelligence Organizations until his retirement in 1975.

He married his soul mate and true love, Mrs. Frances Marian (Angle) Vanden in 1974. During retirement, they traveled the world and enjoyed life to the fullest. Mrs. Vanden passed away July 2, 2011.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his son, Gregory Kirk in 1982.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, 2015, in Grove-Bowersox Funeral Home, 50 S. Broad St., Waynesboro. Burial will be private in Little Rose Hill Cemetery, Clear Spring, Maryland.

#### **Church Growth Committee**

**New Members** 

Our newly formed Church Growth Committee

held it's first Sunday 9:15-10:15 meeting on January 30. Everyone is welcome to join the committee at the next meeting on March 29 or any of the monthly meetings. The committee is anxious to hear church growth ideas from everyone! One way to do it is to use the note cards beside the "Idea Box" to write them down and drop into the box, or call, email or tell any of the following committee members about you're ideas:

Pastor Michael, Randy Cramer, Danny Deavers, Nancy Dinterman, Donna Levick, Reg Rice, and Bob Benchoff

#### **Inclement Weather on Sundays**



We are now in the season of snow, sleet, and freezing rain. If you are not certain whether or not we will be having a worship service on a Sunday when the roads may be hazardous, please check the churches answering machine or you can always call Bob Benchoff on Sunday morning. His number is 377-4729.

#### "Silver Express" Food Bank

Thank you for your help to fill their bowls!







Donations for this month will be delivered **March 17.** 

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

THE CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES 336 BARNETT AVENUE WAYNESBORO, PA 17268-0288

#### RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Please forward an address change to the Church office.



## **March 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.