

October 2015 Newsletter
CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES



Harvest Time

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

WORSHIP 10:45 AM

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From the Pastor's Study

Pope Francis visited the United States last week. If you didn't know that, you are either living under a rock or in the wilderness someplace void of all human contact and without access to any form of media. Pope frenzy was everywhere and not just among Catholics. While eating at Wendy's last week with my friend's boys, an employee wiping off tables overhearing our conversation about the pope's visit began telling us how excited she was to have two tickets to see the pope in Philadelphia. She was giddy over the prospect. The pope's face was everywhere; on the front page of every newspaper and magazine and the first story every night on the evening news. Just a glimpse of him was considered a blessing. One barber even cut the pope's likeness on the scalp of one of his customers. Pope Francis bobble heads, coffee mugs and t-shirts were popular souvenirs. A man took the drinking glass the pope had drunk from and he and his wife finished the water considering the water to be blessed.

I didn't watch all of the coverage but did watch the pope deliver his simple and uncomplicated message to congress. I watched as politicians like John Boehner wept openly at hearing Christ's message to love one another. I think the hardened hearts of many men of power were softened that day. I think Mr. Boehner's decision to step down as speaker of the house was a direct result of what the pope said. Mr. Bohner was a changed man. I think thousands of hearts were changed all over the country by the pope during his visit.

I don't remember previous visits by popes to this country, the last in 2008. Was it because those visits received less coverage than this one? Or was it because the previous popes weren't as popular as Pope Francis, named The People's Pope? Was it his focus on the least of this world, the lost, the lonely, the forgotten people of the world that has endeared him to so many people both Catholic and Protestant? Was it the topic of one of his homilies about the importance of the simplest things we do for one another? There is no denying the pope's wide appeal despite these times when folks say they aren't that

interested in church or religion.

I watched the pope's final mass on Sunday afternoon in Philadelphia the day before he returned to Rome. An estimated 1 million people participated. It was a traditional Catholic mass with all the bells, candles, chants and incense and Latin one would expect. It was as high, traditional a church service as it gets. The music was both beautiful and moving as thousands of voices united as one singing praises to God. I was moved by the faces of the people worshipping as the cameras scanned the crowd. These were the diverse faces of **God's people; black, white, brown, men, women, children, babies, young, old,** the physically challenged, as well as those less visible; people of various sexual orientations; all these people together worshipping one God. The Eucharist was served to thousands. It was hard to imagine how that would be accomplished with such a vast number of people. And yet hundreds of thousands of people did receive the bread and wine, the body and blood of Christ in holy communion.

Pope Francis' visit did confirm something that I had doubts about; that people in this country are still interested in God and things spiritual. The pope, an ambassador for Christ, a man who represents Christianity was welcomed like a rock star by millions of people from all walks of life, from all kinds of religious backgrounds, and from no religious backgrounds. People really are still interested in God. What good news! How refreshing! How inspiring for those of us who are in the business of serving God and people **that don't always appear that interested in God. God is still speaking, and God's people are still interested and listening. What good news for the Church and for all people of faith.**

In Christian Love,
Pastor Michael

"Whenever two or three of you come together in my name, I am there with you."
-Mathew 18:20



September 16 Community Gardner's Dinner



September 19 Peace Pole Dedication Ceremony



Randy & Bob carry the Peace Pole out.



The children help to install the Peace Pole.



The children release the doves.

Our September 20 closing hymn, "Let There Be Peace On Earth" at the Peace Pole.



See more Peace Pole pictures on our website under Community Outreach and on our Facebook page.

***Birthdays
&
Anniversaries
in
October***



- 2 Dorothy Wetherald
- 3 Sue Dingle
- 10 Judy Fitz
- 14 Robert Bostwick
- 19 Donna Haugh
- 24 Tyson Berkey
- 28 Mary Lou and Timothy Misner
- 31 Nancy and Bill Luick

**Calendar of Events
October**

- 4 Worship 10:45 AM
- 6 NGA Ingathering 8 AM - 1 PM
- 11 Worship 10:45 AM
- 11 Consistory Budget Mtg. 12:15 PM
- 12 Social Seniors at Apostles 2-4 PM
- 12 Buchanan Trail Quilters 5:30 PM
- 18 Worship 10:45 AM
- 20 Silver Express Delivery 1:30 PM
- 24 Buchanan Trail Quilters 9AM-3PM
- 25 Church Growth Com. 9:15 AM
- 25 Worship 10:45 AM



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

Al Anon meets every Thursday
from 8-9 PM

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS *in October*

Lay Readers

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

***No assigned readers
for
October.***



The Nursery is Available if Needed.



Ushers & Greeters

October 4: Debbie & Brian Jacobs

October 11: Nevin & Sondra Monn

October 18: Bob & Trudy Sum

October 25: Darlene Sease & Bruce Barr



Communion Assistants

October 4: Debbie & Brian Jacobs and
Bob Stum

November 1: Tony & Donna Haugh and
Bob Stum



Social Seniors Meet at Apostles

Social Seniors will meet at the church
on October 12 from 2-4 PM.
Snacks will be provided.

Church Staff & Committees



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Choir Director:

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Spiritual Council Vice-Chair: *Dave Patterson* 762-1452

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Peace Pole Dedication and Installation

The day was picture perfect; sunny, blue skies and a warm wind. People conversed with one another as they shopped for Fair Trade items, local pottery and crafts. The sound of a guitar and the voice of our guest musician Daniel McCarthy flowed clear down Barnett Avenue. The Antietam Humane society was there with a dog named Shadow with the hope someone might give him a home. Kids and adults learned how to make origami peace cranes. Kids decorated their own peace pole for the church sanctuary in their unique way. It was a glorious day of fun and friendship, a day to celebrate peace. People gathered around the peace pole for the dedication. Children helped fill in the hole in which the 10 foot cedar pole was placed. Inspiring words about peace were heard and spoken by those in attendance. The children released white pigeons symbolic of peace doves as everyone sang "Blowin' in the Wind." It was a memorable day that will be repeated next year when our peace garden is dedicated. Thanks to everyone who helped make the day a success.



NGA Ingathering

The 2015 NGA Ingathering will be held at the Church of the Apostles on October 6.

The Mission of NGA - Needlework Guild of America is to improve the quality of life for economically disadvantaged individuals in the United States by collecting and distributing to them NEW gifts of clothes, linens, and personal care items.

Our desire is to help disadvantaged children, women and men by offering new items of clothing to help them become self-sufficient in life. The new clothes help bring warmth and comfort to those who need it most. A new outfit encourages a positive outlook on life.

The local branch of NGA services the following agencies: Waynesboro Community and Human Services, South Mountain Restoration Center, Pregnancy Resource Center, Franklin County Headstart Programs and Faith Community Outreach Ministries. These agencies provide us with requisitions as to their needs and we shop appropriately. A copy of the requisitions are posted in the Narthex or I will accept monetary donations and shop for you.

Thanks again, for helping those less fortunate.

Linda Hovis, Waynesboro Branch Secretary

A Visit to Hoffman Homes for Youth



The church will visit Hoffman Homes for Youth near Gettysburg on a Saturday sometime between now and Christmas. The home provides shelter and rehabilitation to children from ages 6 to 18 who have come from homes where they have been abused or have had experienced emotional trauma of some kind. A sign-up sheet for the trip will be in the narthex.

Trees Planted for Peace

Because the church purchased a children's Peace Pole, the organization that supplies the poles will have 10 trees planted in our honor through an organization called Trees for the Future. We will also receive a certificate for our participation in the Peace Pole project.



Apostle's Youth Group



A church youth group for ages 12 to 18 will meet for the first time on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 4 from 2:00 to 4:00. Randy Cramer and Pastor Michael will lead the youth in games, conversation, ideas, and just having fun. Snacks and refreshments will be served. If you know a young person who might be interested encourage them to attend.

A Roof Over the Side Church Entrance

The congregation has voted unanimously to build a roof over the sidewalk that leads up to the side entrance of the church. This new addition to the building will provide shelter from adverse weather and prevent the sidewalk from becoming icy in the winter. Construction will begin soon.

Fall Clean up and Spring Bulb Planting

In a few weeks it will be time to put away our summer planters and clean up the gardens for winter. Don't let the warm weather fool you. The temperatures can change quickly and a killing frost is soon to come. Volunteers are needed to help with the task. Please don't let the same people do the chores of the church by themselves. As you have heard it said, many hands make light work. Find inspiration to help by reading Exodus 31-38.



The daffodil bulbs that were planted around the cross have been thinned out. It is now time to replant those excess bulbs around the church. Volunteers are needed for that task as well. All your efforts will be worth it when you see them blooming in the spring.

Soul Food Ministries presents:
Working Families/Needy Families/Homeless Feeding

Location: Waynesboro Community and Human Services Parking lot (outside feedings)
 123 Walnut Street, Waynesboro, Pennsylvania 17268

Time: 5:00 PM Dates: See Calendar below

EVERYONE AND ANYONE IS WELCOME WHO WOULD LIKE A HOT MEAL

Anyone interested in volunteering or donating hot cooked food.

Please contact Selena Baker @ 240-520-8088 or Carl Booker @ 240-313-6298

2015

SEPTEMBER

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OCTOBER

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NOVEMBER

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DECEMBER

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28	29	30	31	1	2	3
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Hoffman Homes for Youth

A Psychiatric Residential Treatment Program for Children
815 Orphanage Road, Littlestown, PA 17340
717-359-7148 • Fax 717-359-2600
www.hoffmanhomes.com

C. Mitchell Snider, MBA, Chief Executive Officer

September 25, 2015

Church of the Apostles
United Church of Christ
Attn: Pastor Michael Cromer
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Waynesboro, PA 17268

Dear Friends,

***"There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children."
Nelson Mandela***

Since 1910, Hoffman Homes has been a place of peace, healing and hope to thousands of children and youth with severe psychiatric and psychological challenges throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Many licensing bodies and quality assurance organizations recognize our state of the art residential treatment program as a place where children truly regain stability and improve their coping skills for re-entry into societal life. We are excited about the opportunity to also ensure that the education they receive during their long-term stay is of the highest quality, which is why we are opening our own private academic school - Hoffman Academy - in the fall of 2015.

Hoffman Homes is one of only a few programs in Pennsylvania that provides a safe haven for these children who would otherwise be in restrictive psychiatric facilities, devoid of social, cultural and environmental stimuli to help them heal. Hoffman Homes demonstrates the utmost respect for children, youth and families and has a state of the art treatment approach on a 192-acre property with home-like residences the children share, unique alternative therapies and social/recreational opportunities. **It is a place to learn positive coping skills; to share past pain safely through unique creative therapies; to heal from abuse and be restored; to trust adults again by experiencing unconditional love and acceptance - a place of hope for children in great need.**

On behalf of the children we serve, THANK YOU for your gift of \$150.00 (check #6069) to support our mission. It is through the generosity of our donors that we have been able to help children for 105 years, and we hope for your continued support in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Brittane Varano
Brittane Varano
Director of Special Events
and Community Development

*Thank you, again for
all your support! I look
forward to some of the
church members visiting
in the near future!*



Dumaguete Kalaaman Center for Development

Silliman University Campus
6200 Dumaguete City, Philippines

August 29, 2015

Dear Sponsors and friends of the Church of the Apostles,

Greetings from the Philippines, I hope you are all having a wonderful day and that you are all in good health. Our weather here is now okay. It is quite hot but this is better compared to heavy rain and typhoon.

I continue to go to school every day and I am now in Grade IV. Every Saturday morning, I am also joining the church school classes at Kalaaman. We are provided with a vehicle so it is easy for us to commute to and from the center. I have many friends and it is good to meet other sponsored children aside from my regular classmates in school.

We celebrated Nutrition month last July in which we had a street parade. All of us brought different kinds of fruits and vegetables which we shared and ate together.

Thank you very much for helping me.

Love,

Nelwin



blue

Angry
bird



bird

black
Angry

**A letter from
Nelwin Adling,
our Sponser Child**

berol

bird

Angry

Yellow
Angry
bird

SERRV

Thank You

Thanks to those of you who supported SERRV and UPAVIM by purchasing their Fair Trade items. Your support helped people in other places in the world support themselves and their families. You will never know who you helped but your purchase did make a difference in someone's life.



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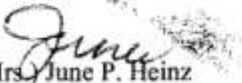
STAMPS FOR A LIVING
C/O The United Church
1920 G Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006-4303



September 6, 2015

Thanks for the philatelic material you sent RECENTLY (2. E.H.A.) Once again, we want to express our appreciation for the time and effort you've taken to gather up and mail the stamps to us so that we can continue to carry on our work with *Stamps for a Living* at St. Elizabeths Hospital. This program provides some wonderful therapy for our residents there. Keep up the good work. Bless you!

Sincerely,


(Mrs.) June P. Heinz
Church member and
Stamp Collection Volunteer

Thank you!

Thank
you



Dear church,

Thank you for the
flowers. They are
beautiful. I placed
them where all can see
as they pass by.

Helen Bryson

“Silver Express” Food Bank

Thank you for your help to fill their
bowls!



Donations for this month
will be delivered **October 20.**



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.



October 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.