

October 2016 Newsletter



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From the Pastor's Study

It was a beautiful September Sunday afternoon. The sky was blue, the temperature comfortable and no humidity. It was the day of the churches final outdoor worship service of the season to be followed by the churches annual picnic. The outdoor worship area provided the setting for the service as well as the picnic that followed. Tables were lined with trays and bowls of food; fried chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad, macaroni salad, garden salad, ice tea and a wide variety of deserts. Although attendance was lower than in previous years everyone agreed that the time spent together sharing a meal and conversation after worshipping together was an event they were grateful to be a part of.

"It was one of the most beautiful weddings I have ever attended." "What a joyful celebration." "Wasn't that nice?" Those were just a few of the many comments heard after an outdoor wedding held in the same space as the church picnic a week before. Children ran across the church lawn, hid behind trees and shrubs, laughed and bounced in a bouncy house rented for their enjoyment. Homemade signs everywhere expressed tender and sometimes funny sentiments. The weather, although threatening at times cooperated in the end providing a beautiful fall like afternoon and evening. Flowers, strings of lights wrapped around tree trunks, hanging orbs of lights, jars with flickering candles along the walkways and on tables, all added to the beauty of the event. Children participated in the wedding ceremony which was lighthearted, joyful and yet spiritually meaningful. Friends and family listened and participated in the ceremony as the couple exchanged rings and vows the service ending with a kiss. An impressive spread of delicious appetizers followed by a catered buffet assured that no one went home hungry. And of course there was dancing, deserts and a beautiful wedding cake to top it all off. It was an event that will long be fondly remembered by all who attended.

The following Tuesday by early evening, it was still hot even though the first day of autumn was just a few days away. It was the day set aside for folks who planted gardens in the churches community garden plots to come together to share a meal and fellowship. Fifteen gardeners brought a variety of foods to share; tomatoes, a pepper casserole, a squash casserole, a zucchini casserole, crusty bread, sage butter, tomato pie, ham and beans, baked beans and franks,

cold jasmine, and Earl Grey tea to drink and ice cream for desert. What a feast! Everyone who set aside an hour to come celebrate the end of the growing season was glad they did. Although lasting only an hour, this event, like the special events that came before it, would for a long time be fondly remembered by those who were there.

Events like I have just described are an important part of church life. They are events which bring people together. Not everyone who attends may be a member of the church yet everyone takes home a fond memory that comes from a sharing a meal and spending time in fellowship with one another. It is an **important part of what "church" is all about. It isn't just attending worship** services once a week, being on a committee or consistory or just financially supporting the church. Being part of a church family includes spending time together, sharing a meal and conversation with friends, family and sometimes strangers. The full benefit of being part of a church family is not fully appreciated unless one sets aside time in their busy secular lives for church events throughout the year.

Jesus attended many such events throughout his short ministry. He took time to slow down, share a meal with friends, family and often strangers. Those times he spent eating, drinking and conversing at a special event like a wedding or just a daily meal were an important part of his ministry. Because people are more relaxed, open and receptive during a celebration, it was an opportunity for him to **listen to what was going on in people's lives and to share himself with others.** Likewise when you and I as members of a church family interact with one another **and strangers we too have the opportunity to listen to what is going on in people's** lives and share ourselves as Christians. We have the opportunity to extend compassion, concern, or perhaps joy to someone who is comfortable sharing a part of their lives with us. In doing so we dispel any negative impressions people may have about church people, about Christians of which there are many. Sometimes the growth of a church, the growth in number of people of faith, occurs outside the church, the place where many people are today.

In Christian Love,
Pastor Michael

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am among them."-Jesus

Community Gardner's Dinner

Fifteen gardeners attended this year's community garden outdoor dinner. It was a beautiful but hot early evening dinner that consisted of mostly vegetable dishes; tomato pie, zucchini casserole, pepper casserole, crusty bread, sage butter, ham and beans, baked beans, squash casserole, salad, vegetable dip, Jasmine and Earl Grey ice teas, and ice cream for desert. Everyone agreed it was a delicious meal unlike anything you could get in a restaurant.





***Birthdays
&
Anniversaries
in
October***



- 2 Dorothy Wetherald
- 3 Sue Dingle
- 10 Judy Fitz
- 14 Robert Bostwick
- 19 Donna Haugh
- 24 Tyson Berkey
- 27 Nevin Monn
- 28 Mary Lou and Timothy Misner

**Calendar of Events
October**

- 2 Worship 10:45 AM
- 4 NGA 8 AM - 1 PM
- 9 Worship 10:45 AM
- 9 Consistory 12 PM
- 10 Buchanan Trail Quilters 5:30 PM
- 16 Worship 10:45 AM
- 18 Silver Express Delivery 1:30 PM
- 23 Worship 10:45 AM
- 30 Worship 10:45 AM



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

AI Anon meets every Thursday
from 8-9 PM

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS *in October*

The Nursery is Available if Needed.



Ushers & Greeters

October 2: Bob Benchoff & Randy Cramer

October 9: Ernie Fitz & Jean High

October 16: Brian & Debbie Jacobs

October 23: Nevin & Sondra Monn

October 30: Bob & Trudy Stum



Communion Assistants

October 2: Bob Benchoff &
Randy Cramer

November 6: Donna Levick & Judy Fitz

Big Yellow Container

There is a new; actually an old, bright yellow trash can for recyclables near the kitchen. It has been in the kitchen closet for many years. This is not just an ordinary trash can. On it are many of the names of the young people who attended this church over twenty years ago. See whose name you recognize written on the can. They were ahead of their time in being mindful of the trash we throw away that can be recycled.



Social Seniors



Social Seniors will be meeting on Monday, Oct. 10 from 2 until 4:00 p..m. in Harbaugh Hall at Trinity United Church of Christ in Waynesboro. Please come and enjoy the fun, fellowship and food. Hope to see you there.

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NGA Ingathering

The 2016 NGA Ingathering will be held at the Church of the Apostles on October 4.

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



God Bless This

Church ☺

*This note
was left in the
Prayer Request Box*

Junior council take oath

By Dustin Haluska
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WAYNESBORO — A pair of Waynesboro Area Senior High School juniors didn't know what to expect at a borough council meeting.

What they encountered on Aug. 17 in Waynesboro was a full house in council chambers that eventually erupted into cheers when council voted to exclude restaurant inspections from a potential agreement.

"It was a little overwhelming because I didn't know whether I was going to understand what was being said. Even when we left we had to put the pieces together as to why people were clapping," Arianna Taylor said.

Classmate Sophia Van Gilder added, "I was kind of nervous to meet everyone at first."

Some of the anxiety for Taylor and Van Gilder went away at Waynesboro Borough Council's most recent meeting Wednesday night as they were sworn as junior council



Junior Councilperson Arianna Taylor and alternate council member Sophia Van Gilder were sworn in and took their seats for the first time at Wednesday night's Waynesboro Borough Council meeting.

members and given seats with their own individual name plates.

"They are really good about having us in there and it makes me less nervous about it," Van Gilder said.

Taylor will serve as the junior councilperson,

while Van Gilder will be the alternate. Each will work together to bring a youthful perspective to Wednesday nights.

This is the first year that Waynesboro has adopted a Junior Councilperson Program, which is promoted by the Pennsylvania State

Association of Boroughs with the goal of giving young people an opportunity to participate in local government.

Councilman Chad Rooney has spearheaded the process of bringing the program to Waynesboro.

Their terms will run until May 24, 2017. Rooney pointed out that several council decisions each year involve the younger generation in some way. He's hoping that Taylor and Van Gilder can not only serve as advocates for their generation, but bring some fresh ideas to the table.

"I'm kind of interested in getting the ball rolling with new ideas and I think that it's really important to have someone from our age group with something to say. It shouldn't have to be your job to be involved so I think this such a good opportunity for us and I don't know what we are going to be able to help with, but as long as we are able to help, it's a good thing," Taylor added. Taylor would like to get into politics, while Van Gilder has her future sights set on a job with the state department.

Overheard one Wednesday Morning...

after the Weight Watchers meeting was over. One of the ladies leaving the building said to her friends, *"I feel like I'm at the Dupont gardens when I come here."* commenting on the garden alongside the new porch.



A Private Wedding

Douglas Gardner and Sharon Daugherty were married in a private ceremony held in the church sanctuary. Pastor Michael conducted the service.

Another Shared Meal

The folks who volunteer at Waynesboro Human Services shared a meal in the church social hall this week. The meal featured many homemade dishes prepared by the volunteers including two smoked turkeys. Everyone expressed gratitude for the use of the church's social hall and commented on how beautiful the church is inside and out.



Danny might be coming home this weekend!

This past Wednesday marked the 5th week that Danny has been at University of Penn Hospital In Philadelphia.



Church Picnic





Waynesboro Community And Human Services

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September 1, 2016

Dear Church of the Apostles,

Students in the Waynesboro Area and Greencastle Antrim School Districts have settled in to the daily routines of school life. We at WCHS are feeling grateful that we were able to help 277 children in 129 families start school with the necessary school supplies required for their class. We were able to do this only through the generosity of the community donating school supplies and monetary donations. Thank you for your donation of school supplies.

Parents were relieved to not worry about how they would be able to provide these supplies and their children were excited to fill their book bags with new school supplies as well as clothing.

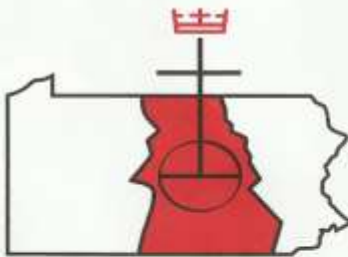
That's a great way to start the school year.

Together we are making a difference to our neighbor's in need.

Sincerely,

Denise Esser,
WCHS Director

Julie Mohn, Case Worker



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Dear Friends,

Thank you so very much for your \$100.00 contribution to Brenda Waleff's Memorial Gift. Brenda has been such a spirit-filled life in our Conference over the years. We miss her deeply even as we thank God for her life and witness. I want you to know that as of this date, we have received almost \$5,500.00 that we are able to pass on to the Waleff family. Megan has recently returned to Australia. Dustin has started back to school. Lou is now back at work.

Please know that we will let the family know you made a contribution (without mentioning the amount). We hope this letter will be enough of a thank you note. It would be a bit overwhelming to ask Lou to write more than 60 notes.

Thanks again. And thanks for your on-going support of our ministry of the Penn Central Conference.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Bushnell".

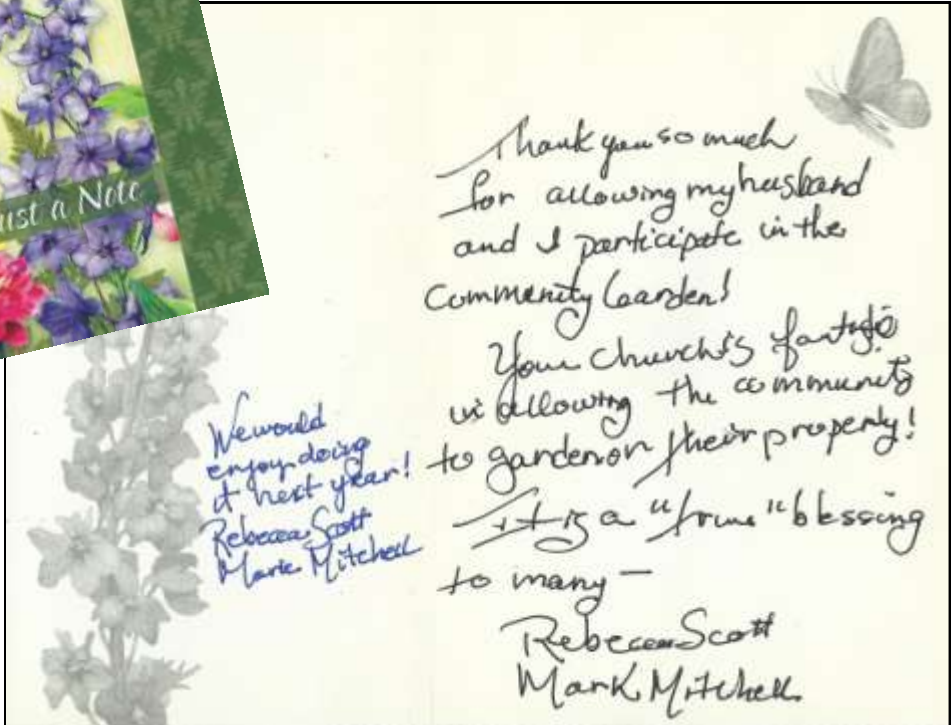
Dave Bushnell
Acting Conference Minister

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God is still speaking in Central Pennsylvania

Community Garden

Thank You



"Silver Express" Food Bank

Thank you for your help to fill their
bowls!



Donations for this month
will be delivered **October 18.**



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

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Please forward an address change to the Church office.



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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.