

November 2017 Newsletter



CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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From the Pastor's Study

A few evenings ago I went along with my 4 year old grand-niece Skyler, Trick or Treating, as did her mom, her grand-mother, and her father, my nephew Abram. The moon was bright the air was crisp and cold. It was the perfect night for dressing up and collecting candy door to door. The sidewalks were filled with children dressed in every kind of costume you could imagine and some you might not have imagined. Skyler was dressed like one of her favorite characters, a Minion. A beagle at one house was dressed like an ice cream Sunday! Many of the adults who handed out candy to the children were also in costume. A lady we decided must have been a school teacher handed out Halloween pencils. There was lots of fun and laughter. My nephew seemed especially joyful shouting "Happy Halloween" to the people on their porches. I was reminded again of how much I loved Halloween when I was a child; the costumes, the free candy, the excitement of running throughout the neighborhood often with no more supervision than other kids my age. I was reminded too that despite the ugliness that is going on in the world, there is still much joy, laughter and many reasons to be thankful if we chose look for the joyful things in life and take part in them.

Before we left my nephew's house he told me about something that happened to him this past week. The inside of his mouth had begun bleeding for no apparent reason. When the bleeding had subsided his taste buds were functioning again. As most of you know my nephew fell from a third floor balcony in July and suffered many life threatening injuries. His survival and recovery in less than three months has been nothing short of a miracle. What I hadn't known is that since his accident he had lost his sense of taste. He had had surgery to repair both sides of his broken jaw and a plate had been inserted so that the bone would heal correctly. Perhaps his loss of his ability to taste was due to the surgery or to internal mouth injuries. Whatever the reason, he is now able to taste food again; another unexpected blessing for which to give thanks added to a long list of blessings associated with his recovery.

November, with its official day for giving thanks, always seems the most appropriate month to remember and be reminded to give thanks for all things. Yet giving thanks and celebrating all the goodness of our lives should be an everyday habit. There isn't a day that goes by that we are not blessed in some way; sometimes in a big way and at other times small. And yet it seems that we more often focus on the negative things that have happened to us, things that are often rather petty when we stop to think about it. It would do us good to

compare our personal complaints with those of others. When we are about to complain about something immediately stop and think of who might be dealing with something far worse than we are.

“I’m so mad. I couldn’t watch my favorite show last night because the cable was out.”

Thousands of people are still without power for weeks due to a hurricane.

“My internet service is so slow I won’t stand for it! I’m switching providers!”

Thousands are still waiting for food, water and medical aide to arrive after a natural disaster.

“I had to wait in line for ten minutes at McDonalds before I received my meal! Outrageous.”

The line for a bag of rice and some bottled water was a mile long and when it was our turn to get our share there wasn’t anything left.

“I never have enough money left to buy what I want. All I do is pay bills.”

Another day, another week wondering where we will get the money to buy groceries and pay the utility bills.

“I have never liked the way I look. My nose is too big, my eyes are too far apart, I hate the color of my hair.”

I am so glad the surgeon was able to put me back together as much as he did.

The accident was horrible, the recovery will be long and painful but I’m glad I am still alive to see my children grow up.

“There is never anything good to eat in this refrigerator.”

I hate when I have to send the kids to school hungry, but I had nothing to give them this morning.

What have you complained about his week? What have you complained about today? What have you been grateful for? For what have you thanked God today? I am reminded every Sunday during the singing of our offertory song of what we should all be most grateful for; the one who feeds the hungry, heals the sick, restores the broken, provides living water from which comes news life.

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks for he’s given Jesus Christ, his son.

And now let the weak say I am strong, Let the poor say I am rich.

Because of what the Lord has done for us, give thanks.

In Christian Love, Pastor Michael

Mercersburg Academy Candlelight Service



If you have never experienced the magnificent candlelight service at the Mercersburg Academy in Mercersburg I greatly encourage you to do so this year. The service is held in the Mercersburg church which itself is a magnificent piece of architecture; a gothic building built in the 1920's to honor the alumni of the school who lost their lives during WW I. The church is lit with hundreds of real candles and decorated with numerous live Christmas trees and pine boughs. The services are on December 10 at 4:30 and 7:30. I encourage you to arrive as much as one hour before the service because of its popularity. People come from all over to attend this beautiful and meaningful service.

Poinsettia's for Christmas

The deadline for ordering poinsettias for the sanctuary this Christmas is November 26. Order forms will be in your bulletins during the next few weeks. Consider purchasing a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of someone in your life.



Fall Desserts are Needed

Donations of fall desserts are needed for the Mercersburg Association Fall Meeting on November 12 and Social Seniors on November 13 are needed.

Annual Potluck Luncheon & Meeting

The Annual Congregational Potluck Luncheon and Meeting will be held on November 19 after the worship service.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



I thank the church for their expressions of sympathy on the death of my Aunt Mary. Your cards and the beautiful floral arrangement are greatly appreciated. ~ Jim Heefner

Thank you for the beautiful floral arrangement delivered after my hip surgery. It really makes the house cheerful. ~ Martha Smith

50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The former St. Paul - Harbaugh Charge of the UCC officially became The Church of the Apostles, UCC at a Uniting Service held at Trinity, UCC, Waynesboro on March 26, 1967.

The Joint Study Committee is shown in the following photo. Our celebration will continue with monthly newsletter photos of the Legal, Finance & Building Committees as well as progress photos leading up to the Building Dedication in 1969.

A 50th Anniversary committee will be formed to plan a Service of Celebration to commemorate the Building Dedication in 2019.



Back Row: Donald McCleaf, Bruce Barr, Roy Hawbaker.

Front Row: Andrew Fitz, Cleo Martin, Rev. Swisher.

***Birthdays & Anniversaries* in November**



- 3 Joshua Misner
- 5 Bruce Barr
- 7 Robert and Shelley Benchoff
- 27 Colin Berkey
- 27 Sondra Monn

Welcome New Church Member

The church welcomes its most recent new member Joanne Keech by transfer of membership from her former church. Joanne attends worship services with



Larry Little who became a member several years ago.

Calendar of Events November

- 5 Worship 10:45 AM
- 7 Election Day All day
- 12 Worship 10:45 AM
- 12 Mercersburg Association
Fall Meeting 2:30 - 5 PM
- 13 Social Seniors at Apostles 2-4 PM
- 19 Worship 10:45 AM
- 19 Annual Congregation
Luncheon & Meeting After
Worship
- 20 College Club 6 PM
- 21 Silver Express Delivery 1:30 PM
- 26 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 November*



Ushers & Greeters

November 5: Donna Levick & Randy Cramer

November 12: Tony & Donna Haugh

November 19: Nevin & Sondra Monn

November 26: Jean High & Bob Stum

Communion Assistants

November 5: Donna Levick & Randy Cramer

December 3: Brian & Debbie Jacobs



Social Seniors

Social Seniors
will be held at
Church of the Apostles
on November 13

from 2-4 PM.

Brian Jacobs
will present a program
on his
Baltic Voyage.

“Silver Express” Food Bank

Thank you for your help to fill their
bowls!



Donations for this month
will be delivered **November 21.**



All canned/boxed food on the shelves will be delivered

CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

CONSISTORY MEMBERS



Julia Cramer

Jean High

Mary Lou Misner

Martha Smith



Donna Levick

Sondra Monn

Nevin Monn

Brian Jacobs

Christmas Worship Services

December 24, 2017 - 10:45 AM:

Worship to celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent.

December 24, 2017 - 7:00 PM:

Candlelight Service to celebrate Christmas Eve.



ANNUAL MEETING **November 19, 2017**

Potluck Meal after the worship service
Business Meeting begins after the meal

Votes will be taken for the following:

The proposed 2018 Budget

Amendments to the Constitution and By Laws

Pastor's three quarter Call Agreement to begin Jan. 2018

Election of Consistory members, term to begin Jan. 2018

Consistory Nominees:

Judy Fitz

Richard Hovis

Bert Hovermale

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***We need one more congregation member
volunteer to serve on Consistory:***

- 3 year term
- Only 6 meetings per year held on Sunday after worship
- Meetings usually 1 hour or less

Contact Mary Lou to volunteer!

The following is for your review prior to the vote in November:

- Consistory voted to approve the following proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws.
- A congregational vote to approve will be held at the Annual Meeting on November 19, 2017.
- Contact Consistory president, Mary Lou Misner with any questions at 717-749-3839 or mlmisner@pa.net.

Proposed Constitution & By-Laws Revisions

ARTICLE VI. MEMBERSHIP

Current:

Membership in this church shall be open to any person who has been baptized, and who has been confirmed or has made public confession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We further affirm that membership is open to all persons regardless of race, class, or ethnic background.

Proposed Change:

Membership in this church shall be open to all persons who are seeking a relationship with God and fellowship with a community of believers. We further affirm that membership is open to all persons regardless of race, age, ethnicity, religion, national origin, physical health challenge, mental health challenge, gender identity, sexual identity, economic status, immigration status, marital status, or educational status.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Currently no by-law addresses our Use Of Facilities Contract agreement

Proposed insertion of letter " f "

- f. They are responsible to oversee the rental contract that must be used to schedule special events on the church property. Our facilities are available to members and outside groups.

ARTICLE XIII. Property

1. Addition at the end of the paragraph...All persons can be married on church property no matter their gender identity, sexual orientation, race or religion.



Waynesboro Community And Human Services

October 18th, 2017

**Donations
of
Home-made
Pies,
Cakes,
&
Sweet
Breads
are
needed.**

Dear Friends:

Thanksgiving brings to mind family and friends gathered around a large table feasting on turkey, dressing and all the fixings. There are many people in the Waynesboro community who will not be able to get together for a family meal. With the help of local churches and businesses we are able to provide a special meal. The Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd at Evangelical Lutheran Church, 43 S. Church St. from 11AM – 1PM. Anyone who will be alone Thanksgiving day or who is unable to prepare a meal themselves is invited to attend.

Would you please share the information about this dinner in your church newsletter and bulletin? We are counting on the bakers in your congregation to donate homemade pies, cakes and sweet breads for the dinner. Baked goods should be delivered to the Church on Wednesday, November 22nd between 1:00 & 3:00PM or on Thursday, November 23rd by 10:00 AM. Any food that is left over will be donated to the New Hope Shelter.

Anyone who is interested in helping to set up on Wednesday, or serving or delivering meals on Thursday should call WCHS at 762-6941 by November 10th to sign up to help. Enclosed is a flier to post for the Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner.


Giving thanks for our Community Thanksgiving Dinner and community support.

Sincerely,

Denise Esser
Director

Julie Mohn
Case Worker





Where will you be for Thanksgiving?

Don't eat alone...

Please join us...

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Held on Thanksgiving Day,

November 23, 2017

11 AM—1 PM

At the Evangelical Lutheran Church

43 S. Church St

Waynesboro, PA 17268

Please sign up

In person at:

Waynesboro Community and Human Services

123 Walnut St

Waynesboro, PA 17268

Or Call:

717-762-6941

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST SAYS

Thank You!

To the members of

APOSTLES UCC, WAYNESBORO

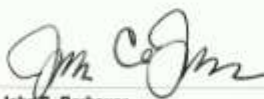
For your 2016 contribution of

\$5,000.00

For Basic Support of

Our Church's Wider Mission

Changing Lives



John C. Dorbauer
*General Minister and President
United Church of Christ*



Conference Minister
Penn Central Conference
Rev. Dr. Monica Dawkins-Smith



God is still speaking,

**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



God is still speaking.

Thank You!

To the members of

Church of the Apostles UCC, Waynesboro

for being a **5 for 5 Congregation** of
the United Church of Christ in 2016.

5 for 5 Congregations support Our Church's Wider Mission Basic Support and the Neighbors in Need, One Great Hour of Sharing, Christmas Fund, and Strengthen the Church Special Mission Offerings of the United Church of Christ.

John C. Dohseer
General Minister and President
United Church of Christ

Conference Minister
From Central Conference
Rev. Dr. Monica Dawson-Smith



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



Many thanks for the
dial cards, cards, prayers
and phone calls at
the time of my recent
surgery.

Thank You
Charles W. High

Thank you





Robert "Pap" Lynerd Obituary

Robert David "Pap" Lynerd passed away peacefully on October 17, 2017 at Waynesboro Hospital. Pap was born on June 3, 1922 in Hanover, PA. He was the son of the late Orville and Myrtle (Green) Lynerd. He graduated from Eichelburger High School in 1942. He graduated from Shippensburg College. Pap married Margaret Elizabeth "Betty" Maun on January 24, 1959.

Pap is survived by his sons, Robert Bryan (Wendy) of Osterburg, PA and Michael David (Margie) of Greencastle, PA. He is also survived by grandchildren, Katherine (Kenny) Chidester of Kingwood, WV; Elizabeth (Aaron) Lantzner of Osterburg, PA; and Matt Lynerd and Megan Lynerd of Greencastle, PA. He is also survived by special niece Peggy McCleary, Waynesboro, PA. There are also numerous Lynerd nieces and nephews surviving.

Pap was preceded in death by his parents, brother William Orville (Emily) Lynerd, and sister-in-law Josephine (Mark) McCleary.

Pap served in the South Pacific in the Navy during World War II.

Pap worked many jobs throughout his young adulthood. He was employed as a football trainer and scout during his schooling at Shippensburg College, where he attended and graduated after serving in the Navy. He was a longtime teacher of biology and industrial arts at Washington Township High School and Waynesboro High School, from which he retired in 1984. He served as coaches for the football, basketball, and golf teams. Post retirement, Pap continued to substitute teach. He also established an encore career working at Penn National Golf Course, South Mountain Golf Course and the Waynesboro Country Club.

Mr. Lynerd was involved in many community service organizations. He joined the Lion's Club in 1958, where he received both the Melvin Jones Fellow Award and the Lions International 50 Year Service Award. Pap was a scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts of America, earning the Silver Beaver Award. Pap was also a member of the American Legion and the Church of the Apostles, United Church of Christ, Waynesboro.

Graveside services will be held at 1:00 PM, Friday, October 20th in Green Hill Cemetery, Waynesboro where military graveside honors will be conducted by the Honor Guard of Charles Nitterhouse VFW Post #1599, Chambersburg, PA. There will be no public viewing. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Waynesboro Meals on Wheels (check made out to FCAAA), 30 W North St Waynesboro PA 17268 or the Rouzerville Lion's Club, PO Box 337 Rouzerville, PA 17250.



September 27, 2017

Church of the Apostles
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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary A. Paxton".

Mary A. Paxton
Director, Office of Philanthropy and Stewardship

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Please forward an address change to the Church office.



November 2017

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.