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**2018  
ANNUAL REPORT**

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***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.***

### ***Mission Statement***

***We are called together to worship God, united by the Holy Spirit, and chosen as instruments of God'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.***

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Christian Outreach  
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Lay Life and Work  
Outdoor Ministry  
Property  
Spiritual Council  
Stewardship and Finance  
Worship

### LEADERS

Linda Ritchey  
Mary Lou Misner  
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Robert Benchoff  
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Bruce Barr  
Julia Cramer  
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# 2018 PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

*By Pastor Narda Druckenmiller*

Hopefully you have noticed the **BE THE CHURCH** sign that is now hanging in our Fellowship Hall at Apostles. This sign is one of two that were posted outdoors on the property here at Apostles for several years. These signs speak volumes as to who we are as a community of God's people and what we believe we are called to be about in service and ministry in not only our church, but the community and the world beyond. It gives me great joy to know that I have found this to be the case with Church of the Apostles United Church of Christ. This congregation is truly striving to live into the message that this sign lists as what we believe we as a church community should be about.

As your Designated Pastor for a period of 2 – 3 years, along with Conference staff from Penn Central Conference and the leadership here at Apostles, we have set goals and used the “**BE THE CHURCH**” Mission Planning Guide to help identify where energies exist for ministry that can be built upon, then to develop specific outcomes/impacts and plans toward realizing the benefits of those outcomes, and finally to offer tools and strategies for measuring progress toward achieving the stated outcomes/impacts as a congregation.

One of those ministries that was identified and built upon was the Pollinator & Wildlife Habitat and the addition of the Monarch Waystation with official designation. This team of dedicated individuals (I will not list in fear of omitting someone), took another step in offering an educational opportunity by hosting a program on the Monarch Butterfly and gifting those who preregistered and desired a nursery with caterpillars and milk weed leaves for food to take home and observe the amazing process of the lifecycle of the Monarch Butterfly. This amazing ministry has promoted the vital practice of protecting and caring for our environment.

The Community Gardens continue to be offered to folks in the area who desire to maintain and plant their own vegetable gardens. Once again there were several gardens dedicated to growing produce for Community and Human Services here in Waynesboro. This ministry promotes our call to share earthly resources.

The Silver Express ministry continues to provide non-perishable food items, eggs, fresh fruits, sandwich meats, cheese, and bread to the folks at Trinity House, a low income housing complex in Waynesboro. Along with groceries donated by our church members, the Team shops for groceries and delivers them monthly, the third Tuesday of each month. What wonderful relationships have developed due to this outreach ministry.

The A. C. T. Fund is a ministry where all monies donated are given to Waynesboro Community and Human Services and is designated for the Backpack Program. This provides a healthy food pack for children in the Waynesboro School District who do not have sufficient food at home over the weekend. This program

serves approximately 175 students each week. Caring for those less fortunate than others is part of our calling.

Weight Watchers continues to utilize our facility on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings. I have enjoyed meeting many of the folks and am grateful we are a church willing to share our beautiful facility with outside groups. Other groups are Buchanan Trail Quilters, College Club, Life Line screening and the Hospital Auxiliary Greens sale. Sadly we are no longer being used by AL anon since the local chapter has dwindled to so few members and now attends a group in Gettysburg.

As in the past, Apostles is again involved in the ministry of the Fellowship of Churches in Waynesboro. This enables us to join with other UCC churches, denominations and ministries in our area to promote and offer special events that promotes and embraces diversity, fights for the powerless, reject racism and share the love of God. There were several worship experiences we were able to be a part of this year. In May I was able to participate in a National Day of Prayer service held in the new out-door area for Main Street Waynesboro. Also in May I participated in a Poverty Simulator held by Community and Human Services that was very eye opening and hopefully will be offered again in the near future. In October, along with members of our Community Outreach Team we were one of three churches who sponsored the Pet's and Blessings event at Red Run Park. We provided hotdogs, snacks and bottled water free to all who attended. We hope to participate again. The other October event was the CROP Walk now held on the Washington Township walking path. Shep and I were the only ones able to make it this year but we are hoping to grow that number next year and exceed the \$210.00 we raised. The other event I took part in was the Community Thanksgiving Service held at the ELC in Rouzerville. I continue to attend the bi-monthly meetings hosted by various churches represented. This is an area where three other members have given of their time to attend some of these meeting and help get other members at Apostles involved in opportunities for ministry.

Since coming to Apostles the week after Easter last April 2018, I have appreciated joining in on other opportunities for ministry and the many ways Apostles is living into the BE THE CHURCH message. I have made it my practice to be in the office on Wednesday mornings into the afternoon. There have been some weeks, due to holidays, vacations or doctor appointments that I have switched to another day of the week. We print the bulletin for the next Sunday Worship on Wednesdays most weeks. There were 29 Wednesdays and 6 other weekdays I had office hours.

**APRIL:** I led 3 Worship Services with one lifting up the theme for Earth Day. I attended Waynesboro Ministerium, Mercersburg Ministerium, and Social Seniors. I made 5 home visits with 3 receiving home communion. I made 2 nursing home visits.

**MAY:** I led 4 Worship Services with Communion on the first Sunday and honoring Mother's and women who have been like a mother to many for Mother's Day. I attended the Mercersburg Annual Meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup>, Consistory, Waynesboro Ministerium, Mercersburg Ministerium, Social Seniors at Apostles, a Poverty Simulator hosted by Community & Human Services, Silver Express, Fellowship of Churches meeting and gave the Invocation and Benediction at the Memorial Day Celebration and Service at Memorial Park. It was also a joy to help many of our folks with the preparing and planting of the amazing Monarch Waystation and doing outside work on the grounds of the church property. So glad we are embracing the gift of all the acreage around the church and trying to find ways to educate others and give them ways to care for the environment.

**JUNE:** I led Worship 3 Sundays with honoring our Graduate on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Communion at our first Outdoor Worship Service for the summer on June 10<sup>th</sup> and honoring the Fathers and men in our lives on Father's Day, June 17<sup>th</sup>. On June 8-9 I attended Penn Central Conference Annual Meeting at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, PA. I took part in Silver Express on the 19<sup>th</sup>. From June 23 thru July 2<sup>nd</sup> I journeyed to Baton Rouge, Louisiana to join with folks from Trinity UCC, Waynesboro, to rebuild homes alongside Fuller Center.

**JULY:** I led 4 Worship Services with Communion on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately we moved inside for worship that day due to rain. On June 8<sup>th</sup> I left for Hartman Center Church Camp to lead a 3-Day Getting Started Camp thru the 11<sup>th</sup>. I took part in Silver Express, The Monarch Program offered by our Outdoor Ministry Team, and Fellowship of Churches meeting. Since Consistory meets every-other-month I reported 5 home visits, 1 hospital visit and 1 nursing home visit.

**AUGUST:** I led 3 Worship Services, with the 19<sup>th</sup> having Outdoor Worship followed by our Church Picnic. All month Apostles collected School Supplies for Community and Human Services and it was truly amazing all the items we collected. Another way Apostles is caring for the poor, as the BE THE CHURCH message reminds us. I saw the Apostles community at their best as I did a Celebration of Life Service for Danny Deavers on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Your love and care for this Family's time of need was inspiring.

**SEPTEMBER:** I led 4 Worship Services. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> there was the Dedication of the Gardener's Shed in memory of Denny Bonner, during the worship time. On the 30<sup>th</sup> we held our first Healing Service since my coming to Apostles. I attended Waynesboro Ministerium, Mercersburg Ministerium, Social Seniors, and Silver Express. We joined with Trinity UCC to have a Free Outdoor Movie Night. The Consistory met in September, and several members and myself attended a Webinar given by the PA Academy of Ministry for three of the Conferences in PA. I did 6 home visits with 2 people receiving communion.

**OCTOBER:** I led 4 Worship Services with Communion on the first Sunday. I also dedicated all the items of clothing, sleep ware, health & beauty aids that many of you donated for the NGA's yearly collection. Our folks continue to give and share deeply of time, talent and resources. I took part in the Pet's & Blessings event at Red Run Park with many of our folks. Shep and I represented Apostles at the Waynesboro CROP Walk thanks to many of you sponsoring us with your monetary donations. I attended Mercersburg Ministerium, Social Seniors, Book Study, and Silver Express. Two other couples joined with myself as we enjoyed riding the Potomac Eagle Train Ride with Trinity UCC, Waynesboro.

**NOVEMBER:** I was able to take a vacation trip to Disney with our oldest son and his family that we had been planning for almost 2 years. I greatly appreciate your willingness to give me the time away with family. You also were willing to Worship with Trinity UCC, Waynesboro for their 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on November 18<sup>th</sup> when the speaker was our General Minister and President of the UCC, Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer. What a wonderful experience and chance for Apostles to look back at history when 62 people left Trinity UCC to form St. Paul's UCC on Potomac Street in Waynesboro. I led 1 Worship Service in November. I attended Book Study, Waynesboro Ministerium, Social Seniors, Mercersburg Ministerium, and a Fellowship of Churches meeting. I took part in the Community Thanksgiving Service and did a House Blessing for a family in the church. We did not have a Consistory meeting in November but I did 7 home visits with 2 communions, 1 hospital visit, and 1 nursing home visit.

**DECEMBER:** I led 5 Worship Services with Communion and Hanging of the Greens observed on the first Sunday. We continued decorating the church following a lite lunch after the worship service. What a joy to share my first Christmas Eve Candle Light/Communion Service with you all. I attended Waynesboro Ministerium and Social Seniors. On Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> our Youth and many of our folks visited Sugar Hollow Alpaca Farm and learned about these beautiful creature. On Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> a group of us enjoyed Christmas Caroling to 4 of our Shut-Ins. We all were enjoying this life! I also helped lead worship at Hearthstone Nursing Home here in Waynesboro, on three Sunday evenings this month. For December I had 2 home visits, 2 hospital visits and 2 nursing home visits.

Many of our Teams met this year following worship on Sundays and some during the week. I look forward to working with all the Teams in the new year as we continue to work to move Apostles forward. One last important effort was being part of the Team that worked to bring the Constitution and By Laws of Apostles up to date with the language we are now using for committees, which are now called Teams, and arranging the structure of the document so it would be easier for our folks to follow.

Thank you to everyone whose love for Apostles and God is continuing to keep this congregation living into the calling to **BE THE CHURCH!**

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM**

Pastor Narda has a special Children's Message each Sunday, and mostly provides the props and treats.

Children's Sunday School is a time for the children to take a break during the worship service to be in fellowship with each other, reflect on the Pastor's Children's message, color, play, read a story or see a video.

The children's offerings were designated to support a child in the Phillippines, Nelwin Adling, through the Global Ministries of the U.C.C. Julia Cramer, Randy Cramer, Bob Benchoff, and Mary Lou Misner, Leader

## **50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY TEAM**

Meetings were held on July 25, August 29, October 31 and November 28. 2019 celebration dates have been set. Saturday, June 8 will be a sit down dinner and an inspiring concert. Sunday, June 9 will be our Worship Service with Keynote speaker Rev. Dr. Monica Dawkins-Smith, Penn Central Conference Minister; and an Alumni Choir will present special music. The Team will continue to meet and enhance the plans for this milestone celebration.

Judy Fitz, Richard Hovis, Mary Lou Misner, Pastor Narda Druckenmiller and Robert Benchoff, Leader

## **ARCHIVE TEAM**

The Archive Committee maintains our archives and artifacts, and assists people in the community who request information from our St. Paul and Harbaugh church record books.

Linda Ritchey, Leader



## **CHRISTIAN OUTREACH TEAM**

The team has been involved in many ministries this year:

UCC Special Offerings: One Great Hour of Sharing  
Neighbors in Need  
Strengthen the Church  
Veterans of the Cross (Christmas Fund)  
Hartman Center Love Offering  
Strengthen the Church

Also a special offering was sent to Penn Central Conference to aid victims of hurricanes and flooding.

Community: Trinity House- Silver Express Food Delivery Monthly  
Waynesboro Human Services-  
All funds from (ACT Fund) Apostles Care Team for their  
Weekend Backpack Food Program,  
Garden Produce,  
Back-to-School Supplies,  
Glove, Scarf, Mitten, Hat, and Sock collection.  
Hosted guest speaker- Denise Esser.  
Waynesboro Homeless Shelter-  
Hosted Guest speaker Shari Houdeshell from their Esther  
House for women.  
College care package for Arianna Taylor  
Pet Blessing at Red Run Park  
Joint Movie Night and Ice Cream Social with Trinity UCC  
Homebound Members- Visits and Christmas Caroling  
Waynesboro Area Crop Walk

Other Ministries: Hoffman Homes for Children-  
Birthday Cards with money monthly,  
Christmas Gifts.  
Hosted guest speaker Janet Bebeau.  
Sponsored student Nelwin Adling of the Philippines through  
Global Ministries Child Sponsorship Program with  
money, cards and care package.

We are grateful to our Church family for their support of the outreach and ministry of this team.

Linda Hovis, Donna Levick, Sondra & Nevin Monn, Donna Haugh, Jean High, Mary Lou Misner, Julia & Randy Cramer, and Judy Fitz, Leader

## **STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE TEAM**

An audit was performed to review 2017 transactions in the checking account. The team met with Barry Ratcliff, our Edward Jones financial adviser, in August to review our portfolio. The budget was approved for 2019 and recommendations were made to Consistory to change the name "budget" to "Spending Plan", along with several additional changes to the church By-Laws.

As a result of the financial changes made in 2018, we will begin 2019 with a balanced operating budget while protecting our investments for the future of the church.

Linda Ritchey, Treasurer; Judy Fitz, Financial Secretary; Bob Benchoff, Mary Lou Misner; Donna Haugh and Jean High, Co-Leaders

## **LAY, LIFE AND WORK TEAM**

February 25 Pot Luck Luncheon/Farewell to Pastor Michael

July 8 Team meeting/Nancy Dinterman stepped down as Leader

August 19 Picnic/outdoor worship

October 28 Italian Luncheon/Annual meeting

Linda Hovis provided leadership for the August and October events and funerals, Donna Levick, Beverly Fitz, Katie Fitz, Sondra Monn, Debbie Jacobs, Trudy Stum and Nancy Dinterman, Leader

## **SPIRITUAL COUNCIL**

The Spiritual Council members are the Elders of the current Consistory: Richard Hovis, Judy Fitz, Mary Lou Misner and Julia Cramer, Leader. They meet, as necessary, for organization and structure, spiritual needs of the pastor and members, Constitution and By-Law revisions, pastor and secretary evaluations for salary recommendations.

## WORSHIP TEAM

The team reactivated in February. A resignation letter was received in January stating that our pastor, Michael Cromer, would end his employment February 25. With the guidance and leadership support from the Penn Central Conference and the Mercersburg Association the team began to plan worship services for the next six weeks. Linda Ritchey, Secretary of the Mercersburg Association, was instrumental in accomplishing this task due to her knowledge and contacts within the Mercersburg Association. The following services and leaders were as follows:

- February 25: Farewell Service of Worship for Michael Cromer with Rev. Mark Ruzicka, we had a pot luck luncheon, special cake and presentation of a Memory Book to Pastor Michael.
- March 4: Rev. Nora Foust, Associate Conference Minister of the Penn Central Conference, led the Worship Service.
- March 11: A Hymn Sing Worship was held with lay leader, Robert Benchoff, and Organist, James Heefner.
- March 18: Alyssa Boyer, a third-year student at Lancaster Theological Seminary, led the Worship Service.
- March 25: Rev. Gloria McPherson, Mercersburg Association, lead the Palm Sunday Worship Service.
- April 1: Rev. Gloria McPherson, Mercersburg Association, lead the Easter Worship Service.

With guidance from the Penn Central Conference, Consistory hired Narda Druckenmiller as our Designated Part-Time Pastor. Her employment began on April 2, 2018.

Linda Hovis, Gilbert Hovermale, Joanne Keech, Larry Little, Mary Lou Misner, Secretary/Treasurer Linda Ritchey, Organist James Heefner

## **PROPERTY / OUTDOOR MINISTRY TEAM**

The Team performed many tasks in 2018:

- Completed the annual maintenance service on the mower
- Prepared the stone base for the Dennis Bonner Memorial Shed
- Power washed and painted the mower shed to match the new shed
- Weeded, fluffed and added mulch to property beds & planted five planters
- Installed a new spigot with hose and nozzle on the south side of the building
- Organized a Pollinator & Wildlife Habitat group
- Became an official Monarch Butterfly Waystation with [Monarchwatch.org](http://Monarchwatch.org)
- Created a new 75-plant mulched nectar garden at the Habitat
- Hosted a community monarch butterfly program and distributed free caterpillar nurseries
- Rescued two groups of monarch caterpillars from the community
- Planted sunflowers in the Habitat to beautify the neighborhood, to feed the pollinators and wildlife, and to cut and give to church and community members
- Maintained a mowed walking path in the Habitat
- Watered beds and planters
- Trimmed dead and low-hanging branches from the trees on the property
- Purchased a larger tankless water heater to provide better hot water service
- Upgraded the narthex ceiling light units and one kitchen light unit to LED
- Monitored intermittent narthex roof leak and contacted roofing companies for a solution
- Arranged for Long's Tree Experts to donate their services to fell the blue spruce along Barnett Avenue for the Waynesboro Hospital Auxiliary to use for their Greens Sale, and to return to remove the trunk & limbs
- Completed the Fall outside property clean-up
- Contacted C-Ely Signs and Graphics of Waynesboro to make improvements to the moveable letter lawn sign
- Controlled inside ants with ant bait traps with first infestation, needed to have a treatment by Real Kill professional services after a more widespread second infestation
- Kept the lawn mowed and the snow plowed

Robert Benchoff, Randy Cramer, Nancy Dinterman, Nevin Monn, Robert Stum, Brian Jacobs, and Bruce Barr, Chairperson

## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

*From their Fall 2018 Newsletter*

### **“Still Building on Faith”**

This is a home Jesus Built! Habitat for Humanity of Franklin County stepped out in faith several months ago, trusting in God to provide, and did he ever! Today, the duplex at 158 & 162 South 4<sup>th</sup> street is nearing completion. Churches, businesses, agencies and social groups have come out in droves to build, fund, and pray for this project. All of the needs so far for this project have been met. An Open House and Dedication was held on Sunday, November 11th.



Bob Benchoff, Church Contact Person

## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

*From their Fall 2018 Newsletter*

### **“Spreading Our Wings”**

Your local habitat serves ALL of Franklin County, PA. It is our desire to serve all of the county proportionately to the population. We will be spreading our wings a little as we plan to build in Fayetteville, and in Waynesboro in 2019. We are excited about our upcoming build schedule.

With this plan, there are some challenges. We are going to need volunteers from the communities we will be building in. This is a great opportunity for people near the build sites who have wanted to get involved but have not been able to in the past. Do you go to church, or have friends that live in Fayetteville, or Waynesboro? Be sure to share these opportunities with them.

We recently tried to improve our volunteer experience as well. There is a very simple application on our website - [www.habitatfranklinpa.org](http://www.habitatfranklinpa.org) - and we provide an orientation for all prospective volunteers. The orientation helps volunteers understand the organization and know what they are working to accomplish.

We will need the support of new organizations, businesses and people as we build in new communities. We need three things to be successful in our mission. First, we need funding, all donations, small to large help us build affordable houses. Second, volunteers, we can't build a house by ourselves, it takes dozens of volunteers. Third, and most importantly, PRAYER. We need you to purposefully, consistently, and specifically pray for habitat, our mission, and our team.



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