

# ***August 2018 Newsletter***



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# THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR.....

***“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind....You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”***

*Matthew 22:37&39*

Many times we find that during the summer months, things slow down for most of us, especially when it comes to what is happening at church. Here at Church of the Apostles that has not been the case. Most of the committees of the church (we are now calling Teams), have been meeting to discern how we can best utilize our resources here at Apostles and the ways God is calling us to minister to our fullest potential.

One “Team” that has been exploring new possibilities for ministry for Church of the Apostles is the Growth Team. Each of the Team members along with myself, have been praying and reading various books on church growth and vitality to assess a new approach to doing ministry in our church. One of the books is a guide developed for small churches within our denomination entitled “BE THE CHURCH”. This meme should sound familiar to most of us since we have had two outside banners proclaiming this message for several years.

The banner says: **BE THE CHURCH – Protect the environment. Care for the poor. Forgive often. Reject racism. Fight for the powerless. Share earthly and spiritual resources. Embrace diversity. Love God. Enjoy this life.** These nine statements represent a collective call to action, a call to Be the Church. Let me break down these nine statements in a way that will be more helpful to us when considering our call to be the church:

## **BE THE CHURCH...**

### ***Protect the environment***

Because it is God’s handiwork and because it is precious to God.

### ***Care for the poor***

Because they are God’s handiwork and because they are precious, especially precious to God,

### ***Forgive often***

Because God has forgiven you.

### ***Reject racism***

Because the very heart of the good news is that walls are torn down and that people...all people, all races...are reconciled to each other.

### ***Fight for the powerless***

Because we have a common enemy, the pride and greed and fear that drive us apart and robs all of us of the richness of life God intends for us.

### ***Share earthly and Spiritual resources***

God blesses us so that we may be a blessing.

### ***Embrace diversity***

Because only together, in all our extravagant variation, do we fully reflect the glory of God.

### ***Love God***

You do understand, don't you, that loving God is not an obligation, but an extraordinary privilege?

### ***Enjoy this life***

Really? That's on the list? Yes, really! Enjoying this life is an important part of what it means to be the church.

So, the next step is to bring you, the members of Church of the Apostles, into the process by asking you to complete a preliminary assessment of our church's activities over the past five years. This will help us to identify where energies may exist that can be built upon within the congregation. These assessments are available now at the church office. Our hope is that you will become a part of this important time in the life of Church of the Apostles as we try and discern tangible, adaptable ways to develop programs and activities to live into God's beloved community with clear outcomes. In the words of Rev. John Dourhauer, President and General Minister of the UCC: "It has been nothing short of remarkable how much energy the 'BE THE CHURH" meme has created across the life of our UCC...No matter your size or location, this resource will help bring alive a vision of the church that has excited and inspired so many."

May we here at Church of the Apostles UCC find our way to live out the "BE THE CHURCH" meme to know and share God-inspired joy!

Blessings, Pastor Narda

## **Pastor's Vacation**

Pastor Narda will be on vacation from August 3 - 10.  
Please contact Rev. Irene Pouliot from Trinity State Line at  
1-240-707-1290 with any pastoral needs while she's away.



# ***Birthdays & Anniversaries in August***



- 8/2 Linda Hovis
- 8/14 Robert Stum
- 8/15 Linda Ritchey
- 8/17 Sophie Misner
- 8/17 Cole Leidig
- 8/17 Reid Leidig
- 8/21 Donna and Tony Haugh
- 8/23 Ethan Berkey
- 8/24 Robert & Trudy Stum
- 8/27 Charles and Jean High
- 8/30 Donna Levick

# **Calendar of Events *for* August**

- 5 Worship 10 AM
- 12 Worship 10 AM
- 19 Outdoor Worship 10 AM
- 19 Picnic After Worship
- 21 Silver Express Delivery 1:30 PM
- 22 Stewardship & Finance 1 PM
- 26 Worship 10 AM
- 26 Christian Outreach 11 AM
- 29 50th Anniversary Team 1 PM

## **SAVE THE DATE**

*Ice Cream Social & Outdoor Movie at  
Church of the Apostles  
**Friday September 7**  
More details to come!*



Weight Watchers meets every  
Tuesday at 5 PM  
and Wednesday at 9 AM  
Al Anon meets every Thursday  
from 8-9 PM

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

# for August



August 5: Tony & Donna Haugh  
August 12: Ernie Fitz & Judy Fitz  
August 19: Nevin & Sondra Monn  
August 26: Randy Cramer & Bob Benchoff  
Sept. 2: Donna Levick & Richard Hovis

## Lay Readers

# for August

August 5: Donna Haugh  
August 12: Judy Fitz  
August 19: Mary Lou Misner  
August 26: Bob Benchoff  
September 2: Richard Hovis



## August Outdoor Service & Picnic

The annual picnic  
will be held following the  
August 19 Outdoor Service,  
with a rain date of  
August 26.



## MANY THANKS FOR HELPING WITH THESE OUTDOOR MINISTRY PROJECTS:

**Planting all the sunflowers:** Ernie  
**Watering:** Nevin, Donna,  
Pastor Narda, Mary Lou  
**Weeding:** Pastor Narda, Donna,  
Bev, Nevin, Shelley, Bob  
**Conducting the Monarch butterfly  
program:** Julie, Shelley, Bob  
**Hosting & cutting sunflowers:**  
Bob, Donna,  
Mary Lou and her friends  
Steve & Pam



CONSISTORY  
MEMBERS



Julia Cramer

Judy Fitz

Richard Hovis

Mary Lou Misner



Randy Cramer

Gilbert Hovermale

Sondra Monn

Nevin Monn

## CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

The July 15, 2018 meeting of Consistory was called to order at 11:30 by president Misner.

\*The Minutes of the 5/20/18 meeting and current Treasurer's Reports were approved.

### TEAM REPORTS:

#### Outdoor Ministry:

A new spigot, hose and nozzle for the nectar garden was a gift from an anonymous donor.

#### Christian Outreach:

Collecting school supplies for Waynesboro Community & Human Services.

Planning "Movie Mornings" for August and September.

Lay, Life & Work needs a Team Leader.

#### Stewardship & Finance Team

will meet with Edward Jones in August.

Worship Team is planning for the Fall and 2019.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Conducting a "price watch" on the hot water heater for installation in the Fall.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Repair to fix roof leak over the Narthex is pending.
2. Dedication of Gardener's Shed, in memory of Dennis Bonner, is set for September 9 after Worship.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.

**NEXT MEETING:** September 16, 2018.

## Team Meetings in August

Stewardship & Finance will meet on August 22 at 1 PM.

Christian Outreach will meet on August 26 at 11 AM.

50th Anniversary Committee will meet on August 29 at 1 PM.



## Thursday Morning Movies at 10 AM

**MORNING  
MOVIES**

### **August 9: Same Kind of Different as Me** - A True Story

The book is available in the Narthex for anyone to read.

Successful businessman Ron Hall and his wife, Deborah, discover a renewed sense of purpose when they begin to volunteer at a local mission in Fort Worth, Texas. Their lives change forever when they develop an unlikely friendship with Denver Moore, a homeless man who inspires them to save their struggling marriage.

### **August 30: I Can Only Imagine** - A True Story

Growing up in Greenville, Texas, Bart Millard suffers physical and emotional abuse at the hands of his father, Arthur. When Arthur becomes terminally ill, he finds redemption by embracing his faith and rediscovering his love for his son. Years later, Bart's troubled childhood and mended relationship with his dad inspires him to write the hit song "I Can Only Imagine" as singer of the Christian band MercyMe.

### **September 20: Paul, Apostle of Christ**

Risking his life, Luke ventures to Rome to visit Paul - the apostle who's bound in chains and held captive in Nero's darkest and bleakest prison cell. Haunted by the shadows of his past misdeeds, Paul wonders if he's been forgotten as he awaits his grisly execution. Before Paul's death, Luke resolves to write another book that details the birth of what will come to be known as the church.

### **October 25: Risen**

Roman military tribune Clavius (Joseph Fiennes) remains set in his ways after serving 25 years in the army. He arrives at a crossroad when he's tasked to investigate the mystery of what happened to Jesus (Cliff Curtis) following the Crucifixion. Accompanied by trusted aide Lucius (Tom Felton), his quest to disprove rumors of a risen Messiah makes him question his own beliefs and spirituality. As his journey takes him to places never dreamed of, Clavius discovers the truth that he's been seeking.

# POLLINATOR & WILDLIFE HABITAT

## July 2018



Work is progressing on our Pollinator & Wildlife Habitat at the corner of Barnett Avenue and Amsterdam Road that is certified by MONARCH-WATCH.ORG as WAYSTATION #19178 in support of the conservation & preservation of the beloved, endangered Monarch butterfly and it's spectacular annual migration.

A Pollinator & Wildlife Habitat group has been formed to participate in Monarchwatch activities; and to further enhance, develop and maintain the Habitat. Church and community members of all ages who are interested in learning more about this group may contact Bob & Shelley Benchoff at 717-749-5202.

The milkweed and wildlife area has been enhanced with a new mulched cultivated nectar plants garden between the entrances to the mowed walking paths.



**Explore the  
Pollinator's Habitat  
on the Walking Path**



All of the sunflowers are planted and many are blooming ! The Pollinator & Habitat Group members will host & cut sunflowers this month at the following times:

Tuesday, August 7th, 6:00-8:00 PM

Friday, August 10th, 6:00-8:00 PM

Monday, August 13th, 4:00-6:00 PM

Monday, August 20th, 4:00-6:00 PM

Each family will be given 5 sunflowers and everyone is encouraged to take photos ! For safety, all parking is in the church parking lot, access is by using the front sidewalk to the south end of the church and then across the lawn to the Habitat.

Come take a walk and enjoy this important environmental ministry as it grows into a site of natural beauty and provides a life-sustaining habitat for the pollinators and other wildlife.



Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on Friday, November 9, 2018 at Church of the Apostles. Ultrasound screenings to Identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease



include; **Carotid Artery** (plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), **Peripheral Arterial Disease** (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early.

**Register online TODAY**

at [www.lifelinescreening.comcommunitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.comcommunitycircle) and receive your "Community Circle" discount and your Preferred Appointment!

# Waynesboro 12U wins Cal Ripken State Championship

*The Record Herald, July 10, 2014*



The Waynesboro Youth League 12U tournament baseball team bulldozed its way through the 2018 Cal Ripken 12U/60 State Tournament. Waynesboro scored in double digits in all four games.

Waynesboro captured the Cal Ripken 12U/60 state championship over the weekend, beating Perry County 11-0 in the championship game Sunday. Pictured are, front row (left to right): Brendan Nolan, DJ Wynkoop, Cal Myers, Eric Jacobs, Preston Hammond and Colin Young. Middle row: Cooper Hough, Stone Taylor, Brenan Nolan, Kellan Smith, Seth Dodson, Devin Wynkoop and Logan Clapsaddle. Back: Coach Justin Biser, Coach Steve Dodson and Manager Aaron Taylor.



## NGA - 2018

On October 2, approximately 18 ladies representing seven churches and a Y-Gradule Sorority will gather at the Church of the Apostles to sort **new** clothing, linens and toiletries that will be distributed to five local agencies: South Mountain Restoration Center, Waynesboro Community and Human Services, Headstart Programs, Pregnancy Ministries and Faith Community Outreach Ministries. A list of items needed by each agency is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to shop or I will accept donations and shop for you. Items purchased will be on display the month of September.

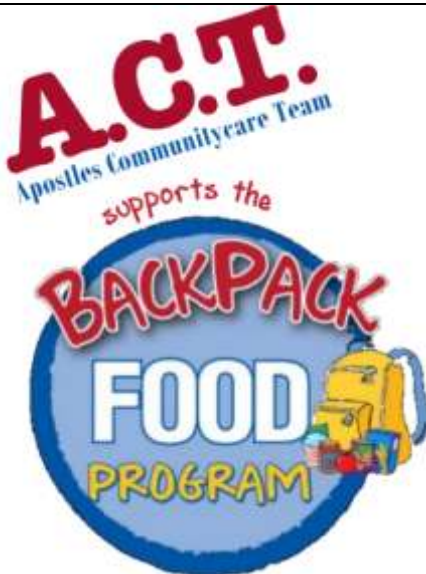
**Thanks for helping those less fortunate.**

Linda Hovis  
Waynesboro Branch Secretary of NGA

## Arianna's Graduation Party on June 2



***Many thanks to Bob & Trudy Stum  
for the donation of 3 booster seats  
for use in the Fellowship Hall.***



**SILVER  
EXPRESS  
DELIVERY**



**A BIG THANKS** to everyone who donated school supplies to Waynesboro Human Services. We had a lot of backpacks and supplies the children can use this year.

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

*Please forward an address change to the Church office.*



# **August 2018**

## ***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.*