

June 2018 Newsletter



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THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR.....

“Ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds of the air, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish of the sea inform you.

Which of these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hands is the life of every creature and the breath of all humankind.”

Job 12:7-10

Yesterday as I was leaving the parking lot at the church, I noticed a small deer standing near the tree line just down from the Picnic slab. I had to stop and watch as the beautiful creature jumped through the hedge of tall trees and reappeared just beyond the property line of the house next to the church property. The deer seemed content there as I watched, its white tail twitching while it found something to eat. I found myself thinking what an amazing habitat surrounds Church of the Apostles. There are the Community Gardens started in 2010. And for a second year, The Pollinator’s Habitat.

This all brought to mind the Creation Justice Ministries of the United Church of Christ, formerly the National Council of Churches Eco-Justice Program. This program represents the creation care and environmental justice policies of major Christian denominations throughout the United States. The UCC is part of the 38 faith bodies including Protestant denominations and Orthodox communions as well as regional faith groups, and congregants to protect and restore God’s creation.

Doing “creation justice” means protecting, restoring, and rightly sharing God’s creation. Seeking justice for all of God’s creation, including the human beings who live in it. The approach to creation justice is informed by respect and love for our Creator, and draws on the rich heritage of Christian scriptures and traditions which calls us not only to till and keep the Earth, but also to act for racial, economic, and environmental justice.

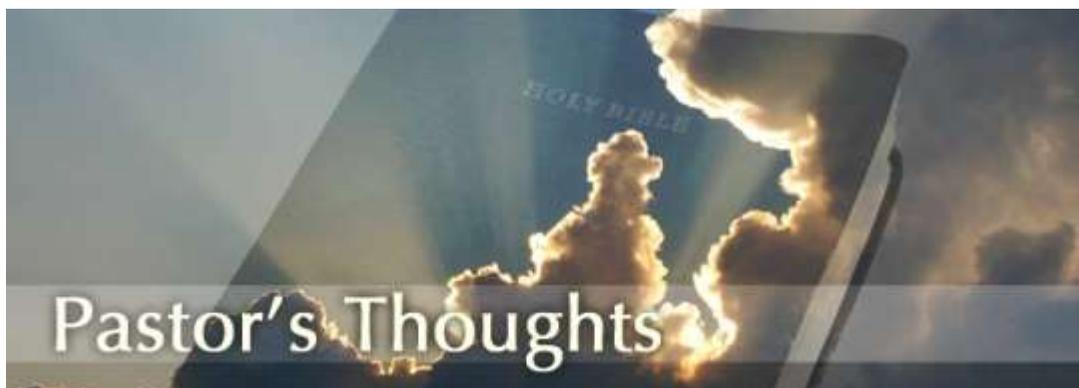
With the emphasis Apostles has in the areas of the Community Gardens and the Pollinator’s Habitat, it poses the question: **Is care for creation part of your church’s DNA?** In the past, efforts to “green a congregation” often focused on matters pertaining to the operation of the church such as recycling, energy audits, and changing light bulbs. Those are good and vital activities. Ultimately, however, we are called as Christians to go beyond the walls of our church.

We are called to care for our neighbors, whether they are neighbors in our city or neighbors in our interconnected, global world.

If the followers of Jesus today care about the air we breathe, the water we drink, or the world in which we live, then such ministries should be an integral strand in any church's DNA. The UCC's Creation Justice Church program aims to help churches put these ministries at their core. The Creation Justice Church program assists churches in expanding their circle of awareness and advocacy. At the same time, it realizes that reaching out requires reaching in. To do the work of creation justice, we need to be spiritually and theologically grounded, so that we can engage in effective, long-term ministry.

So, back to the question I posed earlier: **Is care for creation part of our church's DNA?** I'd like to suggest that we might explore that question in the next few months by exploring the Creation Justice program of the UCC. If you want to check it out, go to www.ucc.org/cjchurch and if it's something you feel might be a good fit for Apostles, let's get the ball rolling!

Blessings,
Pastor Narda





Pastor Narda giving the Invocation and Benediction at the Memorial Day Program at Memorial Park.

CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

The May 20, 2018 meeting of Consistory was called to order at 12:15 PM by President Mary Lou Misner.

The Minutes of the 3/11/18 meeting and current Treasurer's Reports were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

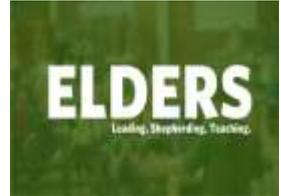
1. Approval by email vote for Buchanan Trail Quilters to hold a mission workshop rent free 5/22/18.
2. Approval of purchase and installation of larger water heater and sale of current one.
3. Welcome to Pastor Narda!

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Pastor's absence due to pre-planned Mission Trip 6/24 – 7/1/18.
2. Approval of Pastor's vacation 8/5 – 8/12/18.
3. Approval to adjourn the meeting at 1:15.

NEXT MEETING: July 8, 2018.

CONSISTORY MEMBERS



Julia Cramer

Judy Fitz

Richard Hovis

Mary Lou Misner



Randy Cramer

Gilbert Hovermale

Sondra Monn

Nevin Monn

***Birthdays
&
Anniversaries
in
June***



6/1 Bob and Pat Bostwick
6/2 Betty Lynerd
6/4 Katie Fitz
6/12 Ernest and Beverly Fitz
6/12 Gilbert Hovermale
6/14 Bill Luick
6/18 Beverly Fitz
6/20 Mary Lou Misner
6/21 Eric Jacobs
6/22 Robyn Dingle
6/23 Narda Druckenmiller
6/26 Robert Benchoff
6/26 Larry Little

**Calendar of
Events
June**

2	Arianna's Graduation Party	2 PM
3	Worship	10 AM
4	Delta Y-Gradale Sorority	5 PM
10	Worship	10 AM
11	Buchanan Trail Quilters	5:30 PM
17	Worship	10 AM
19	Silver Express Delivery	1:30 PM
20	Blue Ridge Garden Club	12 PM
24	Worship	10 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

for **June**



June 3: Tony & Donna Haugh
June 10: Donna Levick & Richard Hovis
June 17: Gilbert & Laurie Hovermale
June 24: Randy Cramer & Judy Fitz
July 1: Bob Benchoff & Ernie Fitz

Lay Readers

for **June**

June 3: Donna Haugh
June 10: Richard Hovis
June 17: Gilbert Hovermale
June 24: Judy Fitz
July 1: Bob Benchoff



Summer Outdoor Services

Outdoor services will be held on:

June 10
July 15
August 19



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

Summer Communion

Communion will be served on July 15 during the Outdoor Worship Service.



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 Building Dedication Service was held on June 8, 1969. A 50th Anniversary committee is being formed to plan a Service of Celebration on June 9, 2019 to commemorate the Building Dedication.

The Groundbreaking Service was held on June 30, 1968. A prayer of dedication and a groundbreaking declaration were performed at the actual site where the construction was to begin. This meant that the large number of persons who were at the service walked to the site through what had been a corn field the previous year. Mrs. Hilda Bartholow, church organist, brought her portable organ and accompanied the congregation in the singing of a hymn and also the choir as they sang the anthem. The congregation participated in a Prayer of Dedication of the site. Mr. W.W. Thompson, President of the Congregation; Chairman of the Building Committee; Mr. David Patterson, Secretary of Consistory; Mrs. Lewis Purnell, President of the Woman's Fellowship; and Mr. Mike Purnell, President of the Youth Fellowship represented the congregation in the Ground Breaking.





Mr. W.W. Thompson



Mr. Harold Barr



Mr. David Patterson



Mrs. Joyce Purnell



Mr. Mike Purnell



Join the 50th Anniversary Committee

Our 50th Anniversary Celebration will be held on June 9, 2019 !

The Anniversary Committee will be chaired by Bob Benchoff.

A sign-up sheet is in the narthex for volunteers to help plan this milestone celebration !



Architects Watercolor of the Church of the Apostles in 1967

POLLINATOR & WILDLIFE HABITAT

June 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 & it's spectacular annual migration.

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

The first of three sunflower plantings has been completed and when the sunflowers are in bloom group members will host and cut sunflowers at advertised times for church and community members. Each family will be given sunflowers with a

limit of five per visit.

Everyone is encouraged to take as many photos as desired.

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.



An Invitation from Trinity State Line



Trinity U.C.C. Sight & Sound Bus Trip *June 20, 2018*

We leave the church parking lot at 9:00 a.m.

Lunch at **Good & Plenty Restaurant**, Lancaster, Pa. at 12:30 p.m.

Show at **Sight & Sound** at 3:00p.m.

Return for home at 5:30 p.m.

Light refreshment stop at a fast-food restaurant around 6:30.

Return to church parking lot at 9:30 p.m. approx.

Cost per adult **\$110.30** Children 12 & under **\$69**

***Money is due by June 1, 2018** to Mary Black(717-794-2398)

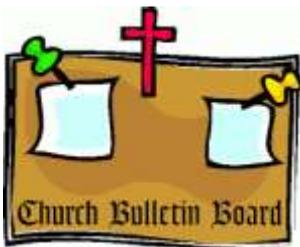
High Chairs & Booster Seats Needed



Donations of at least two modern high chairs and some booster seats are needed for the Fellowship Hall to replace the one 1950's high chair we currently have.



Please let the office know if you have either one available.



***Please check the bulletin board
located at the side door entrance
each week for updated information.***

OUTDOOR MINISTRY SPRING PROJECTS

- Paint mower shed to match the new shed
- Trim low & dead limbs on various trees
- Weed, fluff mulch & plant the flower beds & 2 front door planters
- Water flowers and flowerpots as needed.

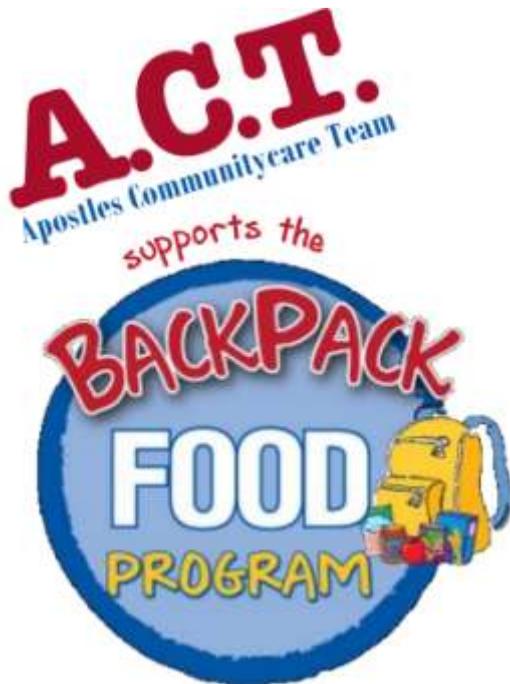


Please contact Bob Benchhoff or Bruce Barr if you are able to help with these projects.

SILVER EXPRESS DELIVERY



Please continue to support these Outreach Programs!



All funds will be distributed quarterly to Waynesboro Community and Human Services and will be designated for the Backpack Food Bank. This provides a healthy food pack for children in the school district that do not have sufficient food at home. They are now serving approximately 175 students each week and are in need of funds. Please continue to give to this worthy cause through the small envelopes in the pews.

Council Recognizes Junior Members

By Ben Destefan, May 18, 2018



Waynesboro Area Senior High School seniors Arianna Taylor and Sophia Van Gilder were recognized for their service as junior councilpersons to start Wednesday night's borough council meeting. Mayor Richard "Dick" Starliper and Councilman Chad Rooney, head of the program for the borough, presented Taylor and Van Gilder with framed certificates and other documents to celebrate their participation.

Taylor and Van Gilder were the first students to be sworn in and hold their own seats with individual name plates as part of Waynesboro's Junior Councilperson Program, which was started in 2016. Both girls thanked council for the experience and expressed how much they have learned.

The program is promoted by the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs with the goal of providing youth in the community an opportunity to get engaged in local government and develop leadership skills.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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.