

May 2018 Newsletter



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THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR.....

As I am writing this, my eyes and thoughts are drawn to the sunshine and budding tree that is such a welcome sight outside my window. I think I can safely say that spring is here! Spring is the season of new beginnings and new growth. Fresh buds bloom, animals awaken and the earth seems to come alive again. Farmers and Gardeners plant their seeds and temperatures slowly rise. The changes that occur during this season are often uplifting and inspire us to consider a fresh start that promotes growth.

That word “growth” is vital to us as Christians and for being a part of a faith community. After all, the purpose of the church is to help individuals develop a relationship with Jesus, to learn how the Holy Spirit directs and empowers one’s life and to experience a deeper relationship with God that leads to living out a life of love.



I am reminded of an illustration our eldest son, Nathan used at my husband Bruce’s installation entitled “The Lobster’s Story”. Lobsters never stop growing. Every few months a lobster sheds its exoskeleton and this process is extremely tiring and leaves the lobster incredibly vulnerable. In the process of shedding the outer shell it is open to attack. There is no protection. But if the lobster is to grow, it has to let go of the hard outer shell. That wonderful protection becomes its death trap if it would somehow “refuse” to grow.

The inner being outgrows the shell and has to push out the shell joint by joint. The eyes then have to pop out of their holes, rendering the lobster blind for the duration of the process. There is then the slow process of wrenching the body out of the shell. The claws, the back, the tail. Exposed and tired, it’s exposed and helpless.

The pink we see on a lobster, if we were to eat lobster, is the beginning of a new shell. The outer structure is birthed out of what was there before. There is continuity in transformation.

Lobsters also become more fertile with age. As the lobster grows, the shedding process takes longer, but the lobster can also continue to produce more offspring. This is also their mating time. The female must shed her shell to become fertile. If she is not vulnerable, the eggs cannot be fertilized.

Just as vulnerability is necessary for the lobster to experience growth, so it is with the church. Vulnerability is needed in the process when a church needs to experience change in order to grow. It would be so easy for things to stay the way

they are and get stuck in the old, ingrained patterns of thinking and being church that used to work but no longer do. As difficult as it is, the “ridged shell” of the old way needs to be cast off to produce new ways of being the church.

In 2 Peter 3:18 the apostle Peter says, **“Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”** *God wants us to grow! The good news is that when the lobster grows the new shell, it once again, becomes strong and go and do whatever it needs to do to continue to survive.’ God wants us to continue growing. There is not a point at which a disciple of Christ can say, “I’ve arrived! I don’t need to grow anymore.” However, in order to keep growing we must be willing to “shed our shells”, get out of our comfort zone, to take risks and to accept new challenges. There are many ways to continue growing. By a better understanding of the grace of God which helps us reflect the very nature of God; by gaining knowledge of God and spiritual matters through continual reading, studying and meditating on God’s Word, and through a deeper prayer life.*



My hope and prayer is that Church of the Apostles UCC will have the courage to grow a “new shell” and experience new growth.

Blessings, Pastor Narda

Meet & Greets at Church of the Apostles



Several informal Meet & Greets have been scheduled for folks to come and get to know Pastor Narda and for folks to share their hopes, dreams and visions for our church. Please consider coming to one of the gatherings. There are signup sheets on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office and let Linda know your preference for one of the days or the evening gathering.

- **Thursday May 10, 1:30 PM**
- **Wednesday May 16, 6:30 PM**
- **Thursday May 17, 1:30 PM**

Looking forward to seeing many of you at one of the gatherings!

office hours

Church Office Hours

Pastor Narda will be in the office
on Wednesday mornings / early afternoons,
about 9 AM - 1 PM.



Dear "Apostles"...

I just wanted to
express my heartfelt
thanks for the wonderful
way you welcomed me
at the Meet + Greet.

Your amazing hospitality
was such a blessing
for me.

All your expressions of
welcome mean so much to me...



THANK YOU!

Blessings,
Pastor Narda

I have not stopped giving thanks for you.

EPHESIANS 1:16 NIV

CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

The March 11, 2018 meeting of Consistory was called to order at 12:15 PM by President Mary Lou Misner.

Approval of the Minutes of 1/14/18 meeting and current Treasurer's Reports.

Approval by email vote of a proposal from Property Committee:
Sunflowers, Milkweed & Wildflower area. Also, certification as an official Monarch Butterfly Waystation.

Approval of a proposal from Outreach Committee to change the name and purpose of the "What Difference Do It Make" fund.

Approval to re-establish Worship Committee with Alter Guild.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval by email vote of a proposal from the Property Committee:
Placement of the new shed beside the existing shed.
2. Agreed to add " Fees subject to change" to the Use of Facilities Agreement.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval to offer Narda Druckenmiller the position of Part-Time Designated Pastor. Consistory had interviewed her on March 9, 2018.
2. Approval to adjourn the meeting at 1:45.

NEXT MEETING: May 20, 2018.

CONSISTORY MEMBERS



Julia Cramer

Judy Fitz

Richard Hovis

Mary Lou Misner



Randy Cramer

Gilbert Hovermale

Sondra Monn

Nevin Monn

***Birthdays
&
Anniversaries
in
May***



9 Linda & Dan Ritchey
17 Nancy Piper
19 Mark and Katie Lux
27 Jean High
28 Mark Lux
30 Nicole Leidig
30 Ty and Holly Berkey

**Calendar of
Events
May**

6	Worship	10:45 AM
13	Worship	10:45 AM
14	Social Seniors at Church of the Apostles	2-4 PM
14	Buchanan Trail Quilters	5:30 PM
15	Election Day	All Day
15	Buchanan Trail Quilters	9AM - 3PM
20	Worship	10:45 AM
20	Consistory	12 PM
22	Buchanan Trail Quilters	9AM - 3PM
22	Silver Express Delivery	1:30 PM
27	Worship	10:45 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 **May**



- May 6: Tony & Donna Haugh
May 13: Donna Levick & Bob Benchoff
May 20: Ernie Fitz & Judy Fitz
May 27: Nevin & Sondra Monn
June 3: Tony & Donna Haugh

Communion Assistants

May 6: Tony & Donna Haugh



Lay Readers

for **May**

- May 6: Arianna Taylor
May 13: Joanne Keech
May 20: Bert Hovermale
May 27: Mary Lou Misner
June 3: Donna Haugh



Social Seniors

Social Seniors will be held
on May 14 at
Church of the Apostles
from 2 - 4 PM.

Jonathon Ingels,
owner of Eichholtz Flowers
will present a demonstration
of flower arranging.



He is also a singer
and a songwriter.

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.

Our celebration continues with information below about the location, deed, architects, master plan and stained glass windows; leading up to the Building Dedication Service 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 deed for the church property of The Church of the Apostles was signed on July 3, 1967 in the amount of \$10,000. After reviewing five proposed site plans and careful thought and discussion, 12.47 acres of land located east of the Welty Road and north of the Amsterdam Road, were purchased from M.A. Hollengreen. The Commission on Church and Community of the Penn Central Conference provided the \$10,000 for the purchase of the new church site.

The Master Plan for The Church of the Apostles, prepared by architects Noelker and Hull of Chambersburg, was dated November 20, 1967. The document contained four sections entitled "The Need," "The Solution," "The Master Plan," and "The First Construction Unit." It opened with the declaration that the merger sought to "provide a more meaningful total ministry both to the community and to the world." The "primary" concern was the establishment of a sanctuary wherein the united congregation could effectively accomplish its mission while remaining within its financial boundaries. The large section entitled "Master Plan" outlined the basic purposes and requirements of the various rooms based on a membership of 280 people and an anticipated growth rate of 30%, making the membership 330 people. Measurements of each room and its exact function were outlined in detail, accompanied by blueprints in the final section. On November 14, 1967, The Willet Stained Glass Studios of Philadelphia contacted Rev. William Swisher concerning the construction of stained glass windows to enhance the aesthetics of the new church, and the congregation loved the idea. This, in conjunction with the Master Plan, established a strategy for the basic physical needs of the new church. After much time was spent reviewing the Master Plan, conducting a successful financial campaign, and receiving bids, the Waynesboro Construction Company was contracted to build the church.



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

A.C.T. Fund

A.C.T.
Apostles Communitycare Team
supports the



Christian Outreach Committee with Consistory approval has changed the name of the What Difference Do It Make Fund to Apostles Communitycare Team or A.C.T. for short.

All funds will be distributed quarterly to Waynesboro Community and Human Services.

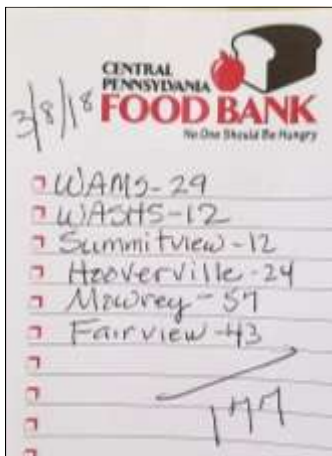
It will be designated for the Backpack Food Bank. This provides a healthy food pack for children in the school district that do not have sufficient food at home over the weekend. They are now serving approximately 175 students each week and are in need of funds.

Please continue to give to this worthy cause through the small envelopes in the pews.

The amount of the first quarter check delivered to Human Services in April was \$344.68. Thank you for your support!

BACK PACK LIST

- 2 Cereals (hot or cold)
- 2 Fruit (in own juice or lite)
- 2 Milks
- 2 Puddings
- 2 Proteins
 - Tub of Peanut Butter w crackers, Tuna w Crackers, Hummus w crackers, Beans & Rice, Mac & Cheese, Spaghettios
- 2 Sandwich (Cheese or Peanut Butter)
Crackers or Granola Bars
- 1 Vegetable



Judy Fitz,
Chairperson

POLLINATOR & WILDLIFE HABITAT 2018



Our Pollinator & Wildlife Habitat at the corner of Barnett Avenue and Amsterdam Road is now certified by MONARCHWATCH.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 activity this season is to prepare the ground & plant butterfly bushes and nectar flowers in the milkweed & wildflower area.

When the sunflowers are in bloom group members will be needed to host and cut sunflowers at advertised times for church & community members. Each family will be given sunflowers with a limit of five per visit. Of course everyone is welcome to take as many photos as desired at anytime.



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.

As spring turns to summer come take a walk and enjoy this important environmental ministry as it grows into a site of natural beauty !

Trinity UCC Yard and Flower Sale

Saturday May 12, 2016

7am to 2pm ?



or Shine

Lots of gently used items to choose from
Food will also be available for sale
Homemade soups as well as sandwiches

Baked goods



Flowers for Mother's Day

Bedding plants

Tables available to rent \$15.00 each

Call 717-597-0585, 717-794-2398 or

717-387-2059

For more information or for large item pickups

Invitations

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)



CVLI

Church Video
License

Our Church now has a CVLI license (Christian Video Licensing International). It is good for 1 year and the cost was donated.

This license has been specifically designed for Churches and allows us to legally show movies on Church property for members of the congregation and guests. It covers over 1000 producers including all major Hollywood producers.

The book study group is interested in showing movies. In the past, we have shown movies on Tuesday mornings and have had 10-12 people.

STAY TUNED!!!!!!



***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



Spring
Cleanup

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

SILVER EXPRESS DELIVERY



May
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My grandchildren are happy to see you growing milkweed in your field. We are helping monarch butterflies to recover and are also planting their host plant along with nectar flowers. The sunflowers are wonderful also!

Thank you for helping God's creatures

visit us at [visit us at](#)

to all of the
people this
note conveys
to. Thank
you very
much for
the food
From
Rose
4/27/01
4/28/01

**From
the
Residents
of
Trinity House**



Gerda Barrientos
God bless you

Carolyn Dyer

your in our prayers for
the help of the food you
give to us each month.
God bless you 10 fold over.
Thank you again
Your kindness is sincerely
appreciated. Barb Criley

Pat Bashingier Sheila Green
Brenda Skelley Rose Miller
Linda Crewford Pat Parsons
Annabelle S. ^{Carolyn}
Carolyn Caulfield DODIES
Sandra Wageman
Carolyn Smith Reta Bels
Barb & Wel Yvonne Bape
Danna Vaughan Betty
Jean Murphy Freeman
Donna Bane

Nadine Welsh
Brenda Egan
Linda
Linda
Pat & Ethel

Darryl Sweeten
Fern Pryor
John Horner

Michelle McLeod

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Please forward an address change to the Church office.



May 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.