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THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR.....

Every once in a while we come across something that we "could not have said better ourselves". This is one of those times. Hopefully we will all take time to ponder this:

Do you want to be a carrot, an egg, or a coffee bean?

Think of this: Which am I when added to boiling water? (the difficulties of life) Am I the carrot that seems strong, but with pain and adversity, do I wilt and become soft and lose my strength?

Am I the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Did I have a fluid spirit, but after a death, a breakup, a financial hardship or some other trial, have I become hardened and stiff? Does my shell look the same, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and hardened heart? Or am I like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain. When the water gets not, it releases the fragrance and flavor. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you. When the hour is the darkest and trials are their greatest, do you elevate yourself to another level? How do you handle adversity? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?

May you have enough happiness to make you sweet, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human and enough hope to make you happy. The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along their way. The brightest future will always be based on a forgotten past; you can't go forward in life until you let go of your past failures and heartaches. When you were born, you were crying and everyone around you was smiling. Live your life so at the end, you're the one who is smiling and everyone around you is crying. May we all be like the COFFEE BEAN (author unknown).

> Blessings for your journey, Pastor Narda



ANNUAL MEETING DATE

Our 2018 Annual Meeting is set for **Sunday, October 28**! Please, mark your calendar and plan to join us as we celebrate the end of a challenging year and look forward to the blessings to come in 2019!

As anticipated, the future looks bright as we have successfully made a transition and are beginning to reap the benefits.

Come, hear the good news for the future of The Church of the Apostles!

From our Consistory President:

I want to thank everyone for your support, faith and confidence in the process to hire a part-time pastor; for graciously acknowledging that our financial strategies needed to change.

What blessings we now have with Pastor Narda!

Pastor Narda's experience, knowledge and community connections are already taking our congregation toward a very promising future. Her willingness to accept the only salary package we could offer showed her strong faith and commitment to the life of a small church. It is my hope that our investment policies will show financial gain so we can soon offer her a comprehensive salary package.

Teams have been meeting, planning and doing the work - and joy - of supporting all the needs for our worship and fellowship; embracing traditions while forging ahead with inspiration to try some different ways to **"Be The Church"**!

Birthdays & Anniversaries in September



- 9/2 Dave Patterson
- 9/10 Ernie Fitz
- 9/17 Julia & Randy Cramer
- 9/18 Charles High
- 9/22 Joe Hovermale
- 9/28 Debbie and Jake Jacobs
- 9/28 Amanda (Ritchey) Kratochvil
- 9/30 Hannah (Misner) Caplan

Social Seniors

Social Seniors will meet at Trinity State Line on September 10, from 2-4 PM. The program is "School Days."



Calendar of Events for September

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2 Worship 10 AM Dedication of Gardener's Shed
7 Ice Cream & Outdoor Movie 7 PM
9 Worship 10:45 AM
9 Consistory 12 PM
10 Social Seniors @ State Line 2-4 PM
10 Buchanan Quiltmakers 5:30 PM
16 Worship 10:45 AM
16 Christian Outreach Team 12 PM
17 Delta Y Gradale 1 PM
17 College Club 6 PM
18 Silver Express Delivery 1:30 PM
20 Thursday Morning Movie 10 AM
23 Worship 10:45 AM
Guest Speaker - New Hope Shelter
26 50th Anniversary Team 1 PM
30 Worship 10:45 AM
30 Growth Team 12 PM



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





Available here and on Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rouzerville Facebook page. An electronic copy is also accepted.

Thursday Morning Movies at 10 AM



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.



POLLINATOR & WILDLIFE HABITAT September 2018



Please remember to park in the parking lot and walk across the front sidewalk and onto the lawn to see the cultivated nectar garden and further explore along the mowed walking path.

Late summer & early fall are great times to visit the Pollinator & Wildlife Habitat to see the third sunflower planting in bloom and the many pollinators and wildlife, especially the ones that are attracted to sunflowers !



Our eastern US monarch butterflies have started their annual migration to the mountainous sites of the Sierra Madre in central Mexico where they will spend the winter in hibernation. When you visit the habitat you may continue to see caterpillars and newly hatched monarchs, but in addition, adult butterflies from



further north stopping at our waystation for nectar to provide the energy needed for the long flight south. They typically travel 50-100 miles a day, it can take up to two months to complete the journey. The ones starting from Canada will travel 3,000 miles. They use a combination of air currents and wind thermals in their travels. Upon arrival in Mexico they congregate and roost together on oyamel fir trees. Tens of thousands cluster on a single tree to keep warm. The Mexican government recognized the importance of the oyamel forests to the monarchs and created the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve in 1986.

As temperatures warm



and the days become longer in the spring the monarchs will begin to reproduce and the first of several generations will begin the migration north and once again we will await the arrival of the "King of the Butterflies" !

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 Fibrillationirregular 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 <u>www.lifelinescreening.comcommunitycircle</u> and receive your "Community Circle" discount and your Preferred Appointment!

FALL BOOK STUDY

Our winter book study group has decided to begin a fall book study ! The group is in the process of selecting the book. Church and community members are invited to participate, so watch for the book title & starting date to be announced soon !



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

Ride the Potomac Eagle Scenic Railroad

We have been invited to join Trinity UCC for a train ride on the Potomac Eagle Scenic Railroad at 10 AM Saturday, October 13. The group will leave from the

back parking lot at Trinity at 7 AM to drive to Romney, WV for the 3-hour train ride from 10 AM to 1 PM and arrive back to Trinity church around 4 PM.

The cost is \$50 for adults; \$45 for seniors (60+); \$20 for children, ages 4-12 and under age 4 is free. Please see Pastor Narda if you are interested in going.

www.potomaceagle.info



Dear Church of the Apostles,

From Waynesboro Community & Human Services

Peace of mind......A warm place to sleep, the shut off is stopped, and food on the table In home nursing services.....

This is what your donation of \$527.00, check # 6719, means to us and the families we serve. Thank you so much.

We're putting your donation to good use. With your help, WCHS is assisting families in the Waynesboro Area/Greencastle School Districts who have financial emergencies, or are in need of food, or clothing. Our W.C.H.S. Community Nurse Program offers a variety of health care services within the home setting at no charge.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of the families we serve.

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Denise Esser, Director

Please Support These Outreach Ministries

PEACE DAY CELEBRATION SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23

Plans to celebrate the International Day of Peace using this year's theme "The Right To Peace -The Universal Declaration of Human



Rights At 70" are underway and details will soon be announced !



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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.