

August 2019 Newsletter



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THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR.....

“He said therefore, ‘what is the kingdom of God like? And to what should I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches.’” (Luke 13:18 & 19)

It has been a great summer for gardening even in spite of the warm temperatures of July. Just take a moment and check out the Community Gardens out back here at Church of the Apostles. This summer our youth planted tomatoes, peppers, and corn. We have found that the deer really love our corn – it appears all God’s creatures love home grown food. The corn is not quite ready yet but the peppers and tomatoes have grown and are ready for picking, eating and sharing. To think that all these plants started as a tiny seed. To imagine the growth of a seed is amazing and depicts the possibilities that this world possesses and the awesomeness that our God has created.

In Luke’s gospel we find the Parable of the Mustard Seed. The mustard seed is one of the, if not the, smallest seeds. It has been calculated that it takes 725 to 760 mustard seeds to make a gram, yet the mustard plant grows to a height of eight to nine feet. Growth is very important in the reality of living things. Whether the growth that we seek is represented in the physical growth of a child that hopes to be as tall as their parent; or the mental growth that a college freshman hopes to find in the years of their college experience. It is an important aspect of our lives and a needed element to anyone seeking success and the fullest that life has to offer. Someone once made this wise statement, “every day I set out to learn something new or something I didn’t know at the beginning of the day.” In other words every day we should be setting out in search of ways to grow, and with God’s help we can only imagine the growth that can occur.

I challenge you to consider these questions: how can you expect to grow if you don’t challenge yourself, if you don’t try, if you don’t listen, if you don’t step outside of your “box”, if you don’t nurture and use your gifts? Yes, these are a lot of questions and the answers will not be found in this article. They can only be answered by taking a personal look within. These questions have to be answered by you and you alone. Yes, you can find help from others in the process and the journey of answering these questions, but ultimately it is you that must take the first step.

If you consider the years your body grew the most or you were fortunate enough to witness it in the children and youth in your life now, then you know that growth can be painful, it can be fast, yet it can be slow, but ultimately growth takes nourishment and constant care to make it reach the full potential. Now I ask you: how can you expect the church to grow? How can you expect the church to grow if you don't participate, if you don't share your time, your energy, and your resources? For these are the nourishments of the church body. How can you expect the church to grow if you yourself aren't willing to grow and be an active part of the body of Christ?

There are ways and places that you can be a part of the growth here at Apostles, and being part of the growth in the church leads to growth in you. There are countless ways for you to be involved and to participate in the ministry and growth here at Apostles; so come, grow with us, help others grow, let us "Be The Church" (see the sign in our fellowship hall), let us be the church to one another and to a world that is so desperately in need.

If the church is the people, then, when I ask how you expect the church to grow? – I am back to the first question: **how can you expect to grow?** The church is in need of your dedication, your energy, your gifts, and resources if it is going to grow to its full potential and be strengthened. With our amazing God the possibilities of growth are as great as a mustard seed that grows and becomes a towering tree that birds find rest and nest in. May we here at Church of the Apostles together create growth that makes our church a place where neighbors can find rest, comfort, and the presence of God.



Blessings for the journey,
Pastor Narda

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

4	Worship	10 AM
8	Butterfly Program	6 PM
11	Worship	10 AM
18	Worship	10 AM
25	Outdoor Worship Service	10 AM
25	Consistory	11:15 AM



Weight Watchers meets every
 Tuesday at 6 PM
 and Wednesday at 9 AM

SAVE THE DATE!

August 31 - Canoeing
 on the Conococheague.



More information to follow!

Pastor's Vacation

Pastor Narda will be on vacation
 August 17-24 and September 14-21.

Please contact Rev. Irene Pouliot at
 Trinity State Line for pastoral care:

Church 717-597-0585
 Cell 240-707-1290



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS *for* August



August 4: Tony & Donna Haugh
August 11: Judy Fitz & Donna Levick
August 18: Bob Benchoff & Ernie Fitz
August 25: Nevin & Sondra Monn
September 1: Tony & Donna Haugh

Lay Readers *for* August

August 4: Mary Lou Misner
August 11: Judy Fitz
August 18: Bob Benchoff
August 25: Mary Lou Misner
September 1: Donna Haugh



Outdoor Worship Service



August 25 at 10 AM

SCRIPTURE READERS
needed

***Please contact
Pastor Narda,
Linda Ritchey
or Donna Haugh
with date(s) you would
be available to read.***

If you are new to the Church
please update the church office with your information
for the church directory and newsletter
(name, address, phone #, email address, birthday & anniversary).

CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

July 14, 2019 Meeting

APPROVED:

*Consistory members reviewed the Pastor's report, reviewed and approved the Minutes from the May meeting, Treasurer's Reports and Income/Expenses Report for May and June, 2019.

TEAM REPORTS:

*Christian Outreach

*Stewardship & Finance - approved the purchase of the updated version of Quickbooks program for the Treasurer.

*Worship

NEW BUSINESS:

Approved Pastor's vacation date of August 18, 2019,

Annual Meeting date set for October 27, 2019

NEXT MEETING: August 25, 2019



Julia Cramer
Judy Fitz
Richard Hovis
Mary Lou Misner



Laurie Hovermale
Gilbert Hovermale
Sondra Monn
Nevin Monn



To Mercersburg Association Churches:

Incarnation UCC in Newport experienced a flood in their church fellowship hall about three months ago. This is the first time the church has experienced flooding.

They had roughly two feet of water throughout the entire first floor. This included a set of bathrooms, fellowship hall, kitchen and furnace room/closets. They initially had a reclamation company come in to help remove the water, set up blowers and humidifiers and spray mold inhibitor. They had to cut the bottom portion of their dry wall, remove the carpet and clean out and assess anything that was in the kitchen cupboards or storage rooms. They lost a refrigerator, deep freezer, a lot of paper products and parts of their new furnace will need to be replaced.

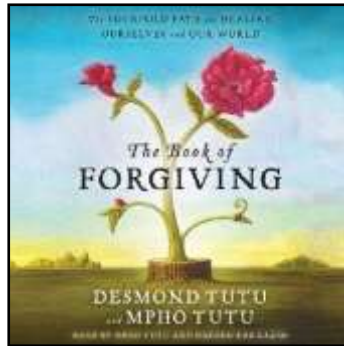
They have insurance, but not flood insurance. They learned it would be extremely difficult and not cost effective to obtain flood insurance. In the end, they are not covered by insurance.

With respect to restoration, they have repaired the dry wall and have repainted the rooms. They are almost ready for new carpet and linoleum across the entire floor. That should get the kitchen and fellowship hall back in working order. They have not yet assessed the bathrooms.

They expect to spend around \$25,000 to restore everything. They have been very blessed with donations from their members and from the community, but the donations do not come close to covering the entire cost.

One of the things we talk about in the UCC is how we are in covenant together and how we should be there to support one another in times of need and crisis. The Executive Committee of the Mercersburg Association is asking association churches to consider making a donation to help Incarnation UCC in their time of need. Please consider reaching out and sharing.

Church of the Apostles will be collecting a special offering during the month of August for Incarnation UCC in Newport. Donation envelopes will be in the Sunday bulletin each week.



Forgiveness: A Path for Healing

**Monday, September 23, 2019 beginning at 2 pm,
Wednesday, September 25, 2019 ending at 3 pm.**

This Lifelong Learning Opportunity using “The Book of Forgiving” by Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu will offer participants an opportunity to understand forgiveness as a path for healing ourselves and our world. The time together will include presentations, meditations and journaling exercises, films ([Into the Woods](#) and [Railway Man](#)) and free time to enjoy Hartman Center. Each participant will receive an outline and resources to take home to use as a small group experience or adult church school class.

Leaders: *Rev. Dave Bushnell and Rev. Herb Bomberger*

The cost per person is \$150.

Commuter cost: \$65 (includes meals and materials)

Lodging will be in Michaux Lodge
Registration deadline is September 16, 2019.
Make check payable to Penn Central Conference
and mail to:
Dave Bushnell,
Lifelong Learning Opportunities,
330 Spencer Ave.,
Lancaster, PA 17603

or register online at <https://pccucc.org> and click on
“Register for an event”.

POLLINATOR & WILDLIFE HABITAT AUGUST 2019



Ernie Fitz has planted the sunflowers so watch for the new plants to emerge in their rows along Barnett Avenue, Amsterdam Road and the western side of the Habitat.



All the rows were planted at the same time to enable a more striking and glorious show !

**JULIE SHINDLE'S BUTTERFLY PROGRAM WILL BE HELD
IN THE SOCIAL HALL ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 8TH AT 6:00 PM.**



Julie will teach about the Monarch and Black Swallowtail butterflies, their habitats, and how to raise the caterpillars to adults and release them.

Our Pollinator & Wildlife Group will provide nurseries for families to use in raising monarch caterpillars. To order a nursery, contact Shelley and Bob Benchoff at 7717-749-5202 or

benchoff360@comcast.net by August 1st.

Reserved nurseries will be distributed at the program.



Following the indoor presentation, participants will be invited to go outside to visit the Habitat to observe the wildlife and to collect, if desired, Monarch caterpillars and milkweed leaves to begin their nursery. Insect repellent is recommended for the evening walk.





Operation Save a Life Trainings is Now Open!

Join us on either Monday, August 12 or Friday, August 23 to learn the signs of an overdose and how you can respond to save a life! Training is free and registration is required.

Online registration accepted at <http://www.hcpfranklinpa.org/OSAL.html>

Monday, August 12th, 6-7:30pm, Coyle Free Library, [102 N. Main St., Chambersburg, PA](#)

Friday, August 23rd, 6-7:30pm, Lions Club Park Pavilion, [405 S. Park Ave., Mercersburg, PA](#)

The August 23rd session is being held in conjunction with an overdose awareness event in Mercersburg that same evening. The full schedule for the night is attached. The event has been scheduled to recognize International Overdose Awareness Day and to provide education and support throughout our community.

Family Swim Night with Trinity UCC

Sunday, August 7th from 7-9 pm at Northside Pool. The event is free. Contact Pastor Narda if you have any questions. This is for all ages. Small children should be accompanied by an adult. Adults who do not wish to swim should still plan to come, bring a lawn chair and visit with many other folks who come for the fellowship. Snacks and drinks are available, all at no cost.



Hello Nelwin!

The Christian Outreach Team will be getting a care package together for Nelwin (the boy we sponsor through Global Ministry in the Philippines) during the month of August. We would like to send him cards with notes, small packages of candy (no chocolate), lightweight school supplies in a backpack which is being donated. If anyone would like to donate items, it would be greatly appreciated. There will be a table in the narthex.



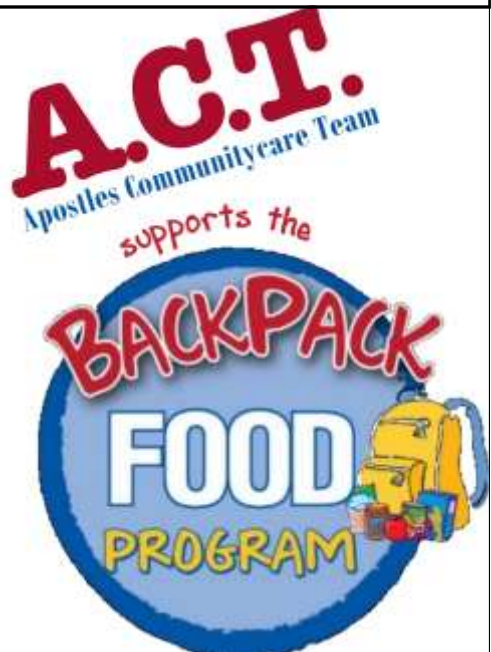
NGA - 2019

On October 1, 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, First Start Partnerships, 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

**We donated \$340.25
to the
BackPack Food Program
in the last 3 months!**



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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.