

# ***February 2019 Newsletter***



## ***CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST***

***WORSHIP 10:45 AM***

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# THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR.....

“LENT” by *Ann Weems*

**Lent is:**

**a time to take the time to let the power of our faith story take hold of us,  
a time to let the events get up and walk around us,  
a time to intensify our living into Christ,  
a time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts,  
a time to place our feet in the streets of Jerusalem  
or to walk along the sea and listen to his word,  
a time to touch his robe and feel the healing surge through us,  
a time to ponder and a time to wonder . . .**

**Lent is a time to allow a fresh new taste of God!**

As your pastor and a companion on this journey of faith, I look forward to sharing in this season we call Lent. What is LENT? And why do we “Do Lent” every year? It’s the 40-Day Period of repentance and renewal preceding Easter. Lent is a time that calls us to take an honest look at ourselves in terms of who we are, whose we are, and where we are on our journey of faith. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with the Easter Service. The week leading up to Easter, Holy Week commemorates Christ’s last week of life on earth. It’s the final, most important part of Lent.

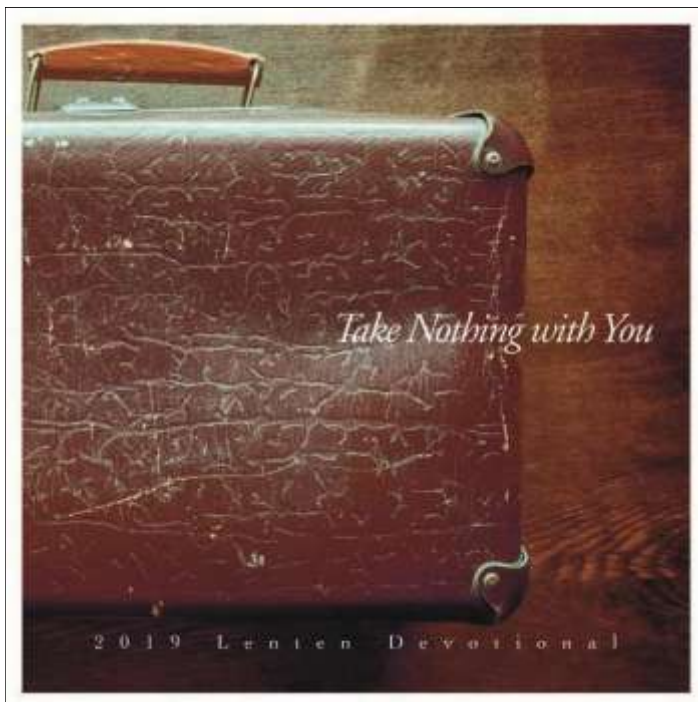
Traditionally we in the northern hemisphere have identified more closely with the meaning for “Lent” from the Middle English “Lente” which means “springtime.” However, it may actually derive from the Latin word “Lentare” which means “to bend.” As one of our UCC churches, Peace UCC in Shawano, WI describes, “This understanding reinforces a sense of Lent as a time of preparation and transformation. In Lent we allow ourselves to be ‘bent straight’ as we examine our lives and allow God’s Spirit to bend us toward more Godly thoughts and actions.”

With all this in mind, I am so pleased to share with you that here at Church of the Apostles UCC, we are offering a new opportunity to “bend” us toward a more meaningful journey through Lent this year. Starting on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, we invite all of our folks to set aside a half hour, beginning at 10am until 10:30am, to use a wonderful resource from the “*Stillspeaking Writers*” group

and the “*Daily Devotional Contributors*” in the United Church of Christ entitled “*Take Nothing With You.*” Many of you used the “Come, Lord Jesus: 2018 Advent Devotional,” which gave us an example similar to how the Lenten Devotional will be set up: with a biblical text, reflection, and prayer for each day from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. The idea is to spend the half hour to discuss any of the devotionals that resonated with anyone in the group. As I found with the Advent Devotionals, there may be some that will challenge us to look at the topic in a different light, to stretch our faith and our understanding of our faith. But it promises to be a time of growth and a time of sharing and dialoguing with each other in an open and safe environment.

These *Stillspeaking Writers* offer this resource with the thought: “when we enter the spiritual journey of Lent, we often take things with us: our past experiences, our interpretations of Scripture, our questions about the world, our struggles in faith.” They ask us to consider, “what does an unencumbered journey look like?” My hope is that you will be willing to find out with all those who desire to join together for this year’s Lenten journey.

Blessings and Prayers for your journey,  
Pastor Narda



***Birthdays  
&  
Anniversaries***  
*in*  
**February**



7 Dylan Fitz  
9 Elizabeth Reecher  
10 Laurie Deavers  
13 Ashley (Ritchey) Walker  
15 Julia Cramer  
16 Richard and Linda Hovis  
26 Hailee Leidig  
28 Chloe Lux

**Social Seniors**

Social Seniors will meet at Trinity Waynesboro on Monday, February 11, from 2- 4 PM.



**Calendar of Events**  
*for* **February**

3	Worship	10:45 AM
10	Worship	10:45 AM
11	Social Seniors at Trinity Waynesboro	2-4 PM
11	Buchanan Trail Quilters	5:30 PM
17	Worship	10:45 AM
19	Silver Express Delivery	1:30 PM
22	Buchanan Trail Quilters	9 AM
24	Worship	10:45 AM
27	Pastoral Relations Team	9 AM
27	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Team	1 PM

**"The Story of the Bible"** DVD course meets every Thursday from 10:30 AM - 12:00 noon.



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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS  
*for*  
**February**



Feb. 3: Nevin & Sondra Monn  
Feb. 10: Bob Benchoff & Ernie Fitz  
Feb. 17: Richard Hovis & Randy Cramer  
Feb. 24: Gilbert & Laurie Hovermale  
March 3: Bob Benchoff & Donna Levick

**Lay Readers**  
*for*  
**February**

February 3: Richard Hovis  
February 10: Bob Benchoff  
February 17: Randy Cramer  
February 24: Gilbert Hovermale  
March 3: Bob Benchoff



**LOOKING AHEAD:**

Church of the Apostles  
Ash Wednesday Service  
and  
Imposition of Ashes,  
March 6 at 6:30pm.



**Communion Assistants**

February 3: Nevin & Sondra Monn  
March 3: Bob Benchoff & Donna Levick



# CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

January 13, 2019 meeting of Consistory was called to order at 12:05 by president Misner.

- \*Approval of Minutes of 9//9/18 meeting & 10/28/18 Annual Meeting

- \*Approval of Treasurer's Reports. Linda said "We Did It!"

The first time in a long time that the church finances ended the year In The Black!!

## TEAM REPORTS:

- \*Bob Benchoff has stepped down from Property Team.

Bruce Barr/Randy Cramer will lead.

Dan Ritchey has offered to help with snow removal.

- \*Christian Education Team looking for leader(s) for youth outings.

- \*Lay, Life & Work needs a Team Leader

- \*Worship Team Leader is Gilbert Hovermale.

## OLD BUSINESS:

- \*New hot water heater has been purchased.

- \*Repair to fix Narthex roof leak pending.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- \*Approval of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Team proposal to install double door to Education Wing.

- \* 2018 Audit completed by Donna Haugh, Judy Fitz, Linda Ritchey.

- \*Approval of funds for refurbishment of the outdoor sign.

- \*Approval to adjourn the meeting at 1:15

**NEXT MEETING: March 10, 2019**

## Snow & Ice is here!



If a Worship Service or meeting must be cancelled...

...You will know before 8:00a.m.

The church office will send emails & make phone calls.

If you have not been notified by 8:00a.m. call

Pastor Narda 717-994-4614 or Mary Lou 717-749-3839 for verification.

## Community Gardens

The Community Garden is a wonderful stewardship of the property entrusted to us. This ministry to our community offers not only gardening, but also mind/body/spirit connections.

I took over as the garden coordinator last year. The gardeners have a new shed to use for safe storage of tools, etc. The gardens are self-sufficient by those who contract to use the plots. I'm looking forward to a good season, but I need some church volunteers to help overseeing the gardens and interacting with the gardeners. Just to help everyone know which plots is theirs to use and to generally keep an eye on the property.

Please contact me if you can help.

Thanks,

Mary Lou





In June of 2016, a resolution was passed at the Conference Annual Meeting to have an Annual Offering taken in the congregations of Penn Central Conference to benefit the programs, especially the summer programs of Hartman Center. We didn't take up an official offering in 2017 because

of the special appeal and support given for the new swimming pool (over \$70,000 was given by individuals, congregations, and Associations).

We decided that the 2018 offering would be taken on the Sunday (February 11) before Valentine's Day. We wanted it to be **A LOVE OFFERING**.

Here are just a few of the things I LOVE about Hartman Center.

I hope you or someone you know has a list of their own.

**I LOVE** remembering the first time I directed a Labor Day Family Camp back in 1982.

**I HAVE LOVED** hiking the knob over the years especially with children and youth that couldn't imagine ever making it to the top of the mountain.

**I LOVE** the memory of sleeping out in the pines, or by the pond, or on the O-deck.

**I HAVE LOVED** watching my own children growing up attending camp, first as campers; then as counselors; and then as an SST.

**I LOVE** remembering Confirmation Retreats over the years with creative ways of learning what it means to be a church.

**I LOVE** rafting on the Juniata River and, in recent years as co-director of Fishing Camp with Mike Landis, fishing on the Juniata and hearing a camper cry out "fish on".

**I LOVE** memories of Hamilton Park Church retreats at camp. Youth retreats and Women's Retreats (I was never invited to them.)

**I REALLY, REALLY LOVE** being able to take our four grandchildren to camp.

**I LOVE** the Hartman Center Golf Outing and the Fall Festival.

**I LOVE** that Hartman Center is being managed by UCCR (United Camps, Conferences, and Retreats) and that they are helping us encourage lots of other groups to use the camp.

**WHAT'S NOT TO LOVE** about the people (campers, directors, volunteers, SSTs, and nurses) who make it all happen at camp, year after year.

**FINALLY, I LOVE** people in our Penn Central Congregations willing to INVEST in one of the very special ways that God touches the lives of people of all ages.

**THANK YOU** for supporting the ministry of Hartman Center and for receiving the 2018 LOVE OFFERING on February 11.

**We hope you enjoy this year's Summer Camp Brochure sent out to all the churches. And if your church is scheduled to have a visit on February 11 as part of the BIG SPLASH #2....thanks for your support. We hope to see you at camp sometime soon!**

**Dave Bushnell, Hartman Center Advisory Committee**



## 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CHOIR FORMING

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Team is pleased to announce that Dan Deatrich, current conductor of the Wayne Band and former Director of Music at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Waynesboro for 30 years, will be the Guest Director of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Choir !



In addition, Susie Gift, former Church of the Apostles, UCC Choir Director, is returning to work with Dan and perform with our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Choir ! Pastor Narda and Jim Heefner, met with Dan & Susie in January to select the music (“Love Grows Here”, “A Church” and “A Family of Faith”) and plan the rehearsal schedule, which will begin the Sunday after Easter (April 28th through June 2<sup>nd</sup> excluding May 12, Mother’s Day, 12:15 to 1:15. A Wednesday rehearsal will be held June 5<sup>th</sup> 7- 8pm).

All are welcome to join this special choir ! A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Letters of invitation will also be sent out to former choir members who are not presently members of Church of the Apostles, UCC.

### Daily Devotionals in Your In-box!

That's right! The same authors of the Advent & Lenten booklets, the Still Speaking Writers Group, writes a daily devotional that arrives by email everyday!

Just go to the UCC.org website, scroll down to click on Daily Devotional, sign up and you are ready to go! They are inspiring and relevant messages for the present day, always ending with a short prayer.

**It's FREE!**

Get Yours Now!



It's a great way to start or end your day!

## Weight Watcher Deliveries

Although we have a congregation of willing helpers, Weight Watchers is responsible for tracking their shipments and bringing their boxes inside when they arrive. Their boxes should be left outside for them to attend to.





## Waynesboro Community And Human Services

January 11, 2019

Church of the Apostles  
536 Barnett Avenue  
Waynesboro, PA. 17268

Dear Church of the Apostles,

Together we are making a difference in the lives of our neighbors in crises! Thank you for choosing to walk alongside our neighbors with your gift of gloves, hats, scarves, mittens, and socks, as well as your gift of \$477.50, check # 6771, toward our Backpack Program received on January 10, 2019.

Your gift provides our neighbors with basic but vital needs: food, clothes, diapers, shelter, heat, and health care. In 2017, programs like our free in-home nursing program, backpack buddies program, and food bank, reached 7,663 of our neighbors. Our goal in 2018 is to expand that number by 2,000 to more fully meet community need and get us closer to our ideal of a community where the basic human needs of all our neighbors are met.

We invite you to visit our facility for a personal tour and like us on Facebook to watch their generous gift grow over the year. We love sharing success stories!

With Sincerest Gratitude,

Denise Esser, Executive Director

## ACT FUND UPDATE

The 4th quarter check to Waynesboro Human Services Backpack Lunch Program was \$477.50. The total collected for 2018 was \$1781.18. This is a fantastic amount and a very good Outreach for our congregation.

To give you an idea of the food that is given to each student on weekends:

- 2 cereals (hot or cold)
- 2 fruit (in own juice or lite)
- 2 milks
- 2 puddings
- Choice of 2 proteins from:
  - tub of peanut butter w/ crackers,
  - tuna w/crackers, hummus w/ crackers, beans & rice, Mac & Cheese, Spaghettios).
- 2 sandwiches (cheese or peanut butter),
- granola bars
- 1 vegetable.

There are also special purchases for students that need gluten free food or other allergies (like peanut, etc.) Those special purchases are more expensive.

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Apostles Communitycare Team

supports the



***Please support these Outreach Missions***

**SILVER**  
**EXPRESS**  
**DELIVERY**



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# SHARE GOD'S LOVE THROUGH A HABITAT AND THRIVENT FAITH BUILD

## See the miracle of your ministry in action

Habitat for Humanity and Thrivent Faith Builds bring local churches together to raise roofs, walls, funds and prayers to build a house in partnership with a family in your community.

It's an opportunity to live out your church's ministry, engage your members and see the miracle that occurs when God touches the hearts of new homeowners and the volunteers who work alongside them.



*I know that God is sending people  
my way to be a blessing to me  
and my family.*



— Tia R.  
Homeowner

## Join us for a life-changing experience!

Since 2005, Habitat and Thrivent have partnered to help make affordable housing and better communities a reality for families, like Tia's. We invite your church to be part of this Faith Build.

## Turn faith into action

- Churches commit to partnering in the Faith Build.
- Church members generously volunteer their time, helping with construction—or non-construction—activities.
- Churches participate in the Faith Builds Generosity Challenge:
  - Thrivent provides up to 50% of the home cost.
  - Churches are challenged to raise the remaining home cost.
- A local family moves into their **new home!**

**Many churches report that they experience church-wide revitalization when they become Faith Builds partners.**

## A PARTNERSHIP POWERED BY PEOPLE AND PASSION

**THRIVENT** is a membership organization that guides Christians on their *Wise With Money Journey* to live more content, confident and generous lives.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** is a Christian ministry that puts God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities and inspire hope.

### Partnering since 2005

With a history of supporting programs that help build stronger families and communities, it was natural for Thrivent to partner with Habitat for Humanity.

Since our partnership began in 2005, volunteers have built, repaired or renovated thousands of homes.



**Habitat**  
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# HABITAT AND THRIVENT FAITH BUILDS GENEROSITY CHALLENGE

The process is easy. The work is a labor of love.



Multiple churches  
partner with  
Habitat for Humanity  
and Thrivent

Sharing time  
and talents

Prayer

Generosity  
Challenge

A home for  
a family

## How your church benefits

A Faith Build gives your church members a concrete way to put their faith into action and see tangible results.

But that's just the beginning. It also:

- Builds community within your church.
- Empowers church members to serve in the community.
- Gives people of faith an opportunity to engage in construction and nonconstruction activities and be the body of Christ in the world.
- Helps build community among Christian churches.

## Choose how to serve

There are many ways for church members to get involved in a Faith Build on and off the construction site:

- Organize on-site volunteer days for your church members.
- Make a financial contribution.
- Organize a fundraising activity.
- Provide lunch for on-site workers.
- Create a welcome basket or other special items for the family.
- Participate at ground-breaking and dedication events.
- Form a prayer group.

## Let's do this together!

Together, we can help a family begin a journey to strength, stability and independence through affordable home ownership. Let's continue the conversation and collaborate on ways to make this Faith Build a success.

Call/E-mail me: Tom Reardon, Executive Director - HFH of Franklin County - 717-860-3465 / [tom@habitatfranklinpa.org](mailto:tom@habitatfranklinpa.org)



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# RESILIENCE

THE BIOLOGY OF STRESS & THE SCIENCE OF HOPE

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## COMMUNITY FILM NIGHT

This documentary chronicles the birth of a new movement among pediatricians, therapists, educators and communities, who are using cutting-edge brain science to disrupt cycles of violence, addiction and disease.

**FEBRUARY 7, 2019**

**CAPITOL THEATRE - CHAMBERSBURG**

Doors open at 5:30pm. Film starts at 6:00pm.

Free screening followed by refreshments, door prizes, and a panel discussion with local leaders



## February is Heart Month

Did you know that heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women in the US? Summit Health, Now Part of WellSpan, is offering **FREE** heart health events throughout the month of February to help you take steps towards a healthier heart! Register for upcoming events below today!

### Yoga for a Healthy Heart

Free 60-minute community yoga sessions will be offered at the Waynesboro YMCA on Feb. 6th and 13th from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Looking to try yoga and find a new way to increase physical activity and reduce stress? Register here: <https://www.summithealth.org/classes-events/heart-healthy-yoga>

Attending the class will make you eligible to win a **FREE** yoga mat!

### Shop Healthy Grocery Store Tours

Community Services will be offering free grocery store tours led by a registered dietician and a health educator on **Feb. 18th and 25th** in Waynesboro and Chambersburg, respectively. The tours will teach you how to shop for heart healthy foods.

**Space is limited so register now!** <https://www.summithealth.org/ShopHealthy>

### Recipe for a Healthy Heart

Join us for our free *Recipe for a Healthy Heart* event on **Thursday, Feb. 21st** and learn how nutrition, exercise, and other lifestyle behaviors create the recipe for a healthy heart!

**The event will include a heart healthy cooking demo, followed by a seminar led by Dr. Arshad Safi of Summit Interventional Cardiology.**

**When:** Thursday, Feb. 21st, 2019 from 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

**Where:** Menno Haven Brookview Chapel, 2075 Scotland Ave, Chambersburg,

**Register:** <https://www.summithealth.org/classes-events/community-heart-seminar>



**THE CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES  
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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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



# **February 2019**

## ***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.*