

January 2019 Newsletter



CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

WORSHIP 10:45 AM

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THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR.....

“The Work of Christmas” by Howard Thurman

When the song of the Angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins:

**To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoners,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among the people,
To make music in the heart.**

Hopefully you are enjoying the season of Christmas. Yes, Christmas is a season – not just a day. The Christmas season starts on Christmas Day and continues for 12 days. It ends with the visit of the Wise Men that we celebrate on Epiphany. Maybe you are aware that this is where the popular song “The Twelve Days of Christmas” comes from. My hope is that you are able to share in the blessings of this amazing season for more than one day and that you are able to find ways to continue to bless those you meet with the message of the One who came at Christmas – Jesus our Savior!

December and the Advent Season has brought many blessings to Church of the Apostles in many areas of worship, ministry and fellowship. I want to express my sincere thanks to all who made these opportunities possible. I think it is worth revisiting: Those who helped with the Hanging of the Greens worship service and stayed to finish decorating and those who shared delicious food for our time of fellowship; those who help with the Advent Candle lighting and readings; those who joined in our trip to Sugar Hollow Farm to see the Alpaca’s; those who organized, provided a delicious lunch and joined us to go Christmas Caroling; those who joined in using their musical gifts, served as Liturgist, and prepared Communion for our Christmas Eve service; those who contributed generously to the Christmas Fund, other missions and outreach programs and completely covered our “Tree of Warmth” with gloves, mittens, hats, scarves and socks. THANK YOU! Thank you for being an important and essential part of Church of the Apostles UCC.

As we begin this new year, 2019, we look forward to many opportunities for growth in our individual lives and as the larger body of Christ. There will be many opportunities for each of us to strengthen our own personal walk. One opportunity that begins on January 3rd is the DVD course entitled “The Story of the Bible” series that the Book Study group has committed to. There is a more in depth article in this newsletter for more information. Hopefully you will plan to join us for this enrichment opportunity. **Another opportunity for our young people is to establish a regular gathering for a Youth Group. This offers an opportunity for some of you who may be interested in making a difference in the life of our young people by being in a leadership position – we need advisors to help me with this important ministry – will you step up and serve?** Also I hope you will make a habit of joining us in weekly worship. The gathered community is an important part of our life in the church. And I know there will be other opportunities offered as our Consistory and Teams plan for the new year. It is my hope to offer all a church family connection that is meaningful, helpful, and Christ-led.

Blessings and Prayers for your journey,
Pastor Narda

Mid-Winter Clergy Sabbath

Pastor Narda will be attending The Mid-Winter Clergy Sabbath for Penn Central Conference Clergy and spouses, in Harrisburg from Tuesday, January 22nd - Thursday, January 24th. The theme is: Building Sacred Relationships in a Time of Conflict & Fear. It is a time for worship, workshops, speakers, fellowship, and time for relaxing and learning various Sabbath practices.



Birthdays & Anniversaries in January



- 2 Arianna Taylor
- 7 Randy Cramer
- 24 Amy Dingle
- 25 Holly Berkey
- 28 Bruce and Maude Barr

Social Seniors

Social Seniors will meet at Church of the Apostles on Monday, January 14, from 2- 4 PM.

The program will be shared by Nancy Evans, whose mother Esther Cordell, started a Button Collection and now numbers around 4,000 pieces.



Calendar of Events *for* **January**

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| 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 | Silver Express Delivery | 1:30 PM |
| 20 | Worship | 10:45 AM |
| 25 | Buchanan Trail Quilters | 9 AM |
| 27 | Worship | 10:45 AM |
| 30 | 50th 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 5 PM
and Wednesday at 9 AM

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS
for **January**



Jan. 6: Tony & Donna Haugh
Jan. 13: Christopher & Christy Bobb
Jan. 20: Gilbert & Laurie Hovermale
Jan. 27: Donna Levick & Judy Fitz
Feb. 3: Nevin & Sondra Monn

Lay Readers
for
January

January 6: Donna Haugh
January 13: Mary Lou Misner
January 20: Gilbert Hovermale
January 27: Judy Fitz
February 3: Richard Hovis



"He's today's greeter."

**Communion
Assistants**

January 6: Tony & Donna
Haugh
February 3: Nevin & Sondra
Monn



Snow & Ice will soon be 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.



Dear Church Family,

My heart is full to overflowing with your wonderful expressions of cards, sweet treats and generous monetary gift you gave me for Christmas - Thank You!



May the New Year be filled with new ministry possibilities and joy.

Blessings, Pastor Narda

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the congregation for your generous Christmas gift. God bless you all.

Jim Heefner

Thank you so much for your generous staff gift to both of us. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

Dan & Linda
Ritchey

Note from President of Consistory

As I bid farewell to 2018, I am so thankful for the successful journey that was made by this congregation.

The love and faith that held us together through the tough times; the love and faith that held us together as we began to see a promising future.

Yes! The Future of the Church of the Apostles!

As I welcome 2019,

I am so excited about working with our pastor, staff and teams. The 50th Anniversary Team has been meeting and planning for the celebration of this milestone.

Save The Date! Yes, the weekend dates have been set!

June 8 for an evening of music & fun with a concert by “Sweet Life Music”!

June 9 for worship with a special keynote speaker and special music to include the 50th Anniversary Choir!

Watch for the release of more anniversary information !

Mary Lou

REMINDER to TEAM CHAIRPERSONS

Please submit your 2018 Annual Report to the church office **by January 13** so Linda can assemble the entire 2018 Annual Report and have it available by the end of January.

Get INVOLVED

January = Team Opportunities for Everyone!

Worship/Alter

Christian Outreach

Archive

Lay, Life & Work (meals, etc.)

Christian Education

Property /Outdoor

Stewardship & Finance

Called to Care – *new!*

Apostles' Elves – *new!*

Yes, this is your opportunity to be part of the Teams you want to learn about and help to get the work done.

Sign-up Sheets will be in the Fellowship Hall during the month of January.

You are welcome to take them home for prayerful consideration.

Return to Mary Lou by 1/27/19.

Please, consider all the ways you could help. The benefits for you are amazing!

Express your ideas, let your talents shine, enjoy the fellowship,
help make all things Apostles the best ever!

Try something new, stay with what you like, even just a little help is valuable!

Want to know more about any team? Ask Mary Lou or Pastor Narda.



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.

Greetings Church Family...

At our annual meeting, we approved changes to our constitution that formed our church's Pastoral Relations Team. Bruce Barr, Linda Ritchey and myself are serving on this term of the Team.

The team has met twice and we are working out how we will function (it's new to us all). We did get some good guidance and resources from the UCC.

The Pastoral Relations Team seeks to support and maintain an open and healthy relationship between the pastor and the members of the congregation. It serves as an advisory group to the pastor and as a conduit for communication to the congregation.

Constructive and caring communication in an atmosphere of confidentiality and trust is the goal of the team.

The team reports to the congregation through its annual report and any special communications.

Have questions? Ask any of us!

- Randy Cramer



The Story of the Bible DVD Course

The Church of the Apostles invites the community to participate in one of The Great Courses entitled "The Story of the Bible" by Emory University Professor Luke Timothy Johnson, Ph. D. The Great Courses is a series of audio and video courses produced and distributed by The Teaching Company, an American company based in Chantilly, Virginia.

The course format is a DVD series of 24 lectures by Professor Johnson with two lectures viewed per week followed by a 30 minute comment/discussion period.

The 12-week course will be held in the church fellowship hall on

Thursdays from 10:30 AM – 12:00 Noon beginning January 3rd.

There is no cost for the course and no registration is needed. For more information please contact the church office at 717-762-4113 or by email at apostlesucc@gmail.com.



Where do your donations to UCC Disaster Ministries go?

Funds totaling nearly \$443,000 were released in September, October & November and included:

\$258,000 for Hurricane Maria recovery in Puerto Rico.

\$100,000 for Hurricane Harvey recovery in Port Arthur, Texas

Other domestic disaster response disbursements September through November included these grants:

\$5,250 to 21 UCC congregations in the form of \$250 matching grants for assembling CWS Kits and Emergency Cleanup Buckets.

\$2,000 to the UCC's Southern Conference for early response to Hurricane Florence and subsequent flooding.

\$3,000 to First Church UCC in Ipswich, Mass., for families who lost all their perishable food due to a gas explosion in Lawrence and Andover.

\$3,000 to the UCC's Northern California Nevada Conference for gift cards for survivors of the Carr Fire in the Redding area in July 2018.

And internationally, disbursements September through November included:

\$16,724 to the Theological Community of Mexico for library roof repair following the earthquake earlier in 2018.

\$12,000 to the United Church of Christ Philippines to respond to the needs of families impacted by Typhoon Ompong in Luzon.

\$3,000 to Global Ministries partner PGL responding to the Indonesia earthquake, providing food, medicine and roof tarps.

\$20,000 for clean water and drinking facilities in areas of Central Sulawesi, Indonesia, affected by the earthquake, tsunami and aftermath.

\$15,000 to help Church World Service build 60 houses and a public school in earthquake-battered Northwest Haiti.

\$5,000 through the ACT Alliance partners for food, clean water and repair and maintenance of a water distribution system for families in El Salvador & Honduras displaced by heavy rains and flooding.

Thank you for your gifts!

During the year of 2018 a great many Church World Service EMERGENCY CLEANUP BUCKETS were shipped from warehouses to places with great need. UCC Disaster Ministries in order to help replenish the now depleted reserves has extended the Matching Grant offer of \$250.00 through June 2019:

UCC Disaster Ministries is extending the deadline for congregations assembling CWS Emergency Cleanup Buckets to apply for Matching Grants up to \$250 each. Churches now have until June 30, 2019, to stretch their own cash and in-kind contributions to stocking up these supplies so in demand following hurricanes, flooding and other disasters.

YOU ARE INVITED
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BREAKFAST

Theme: Continuous Fight for Justice

Hosted By

St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church
Waynesboro, PA. 17268

Rev. Gwendolyn Bell, Pastor
&

The Waynesboro Area Fellowship of Churches
Pastor Bruce Druckenmiller, President

Saturday, January 19, 2019

9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Location – Trinity UCCC

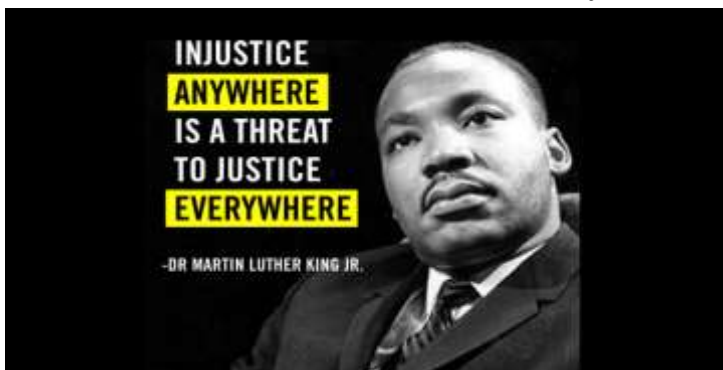
30 N. North Street
Waynesboro, PA 17268

Guest Preacher-Waynesboro Native

Reverend James C. Simmons

Baber African Methodist Episcopal Church
Rochester, New York

For more information and RSVP contact Rev. Gwendolyn Bell at 267-454-1147





Waynesboro Community And Human Services

December 19, 2018

The Church of the Apostles
United Church of Christ
336 Barnett Avenue
Waynesboro, PA. 17268

Dear Church of the Apostles United Church of Christ,

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 \$348.00, check # 6757 received on December 5, 2018.

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

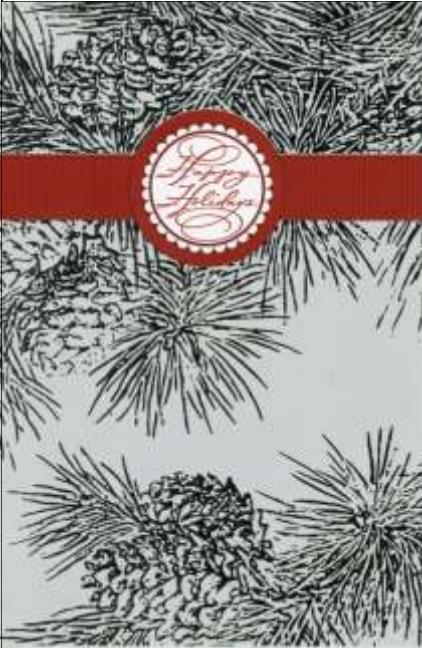
*Thank you for this gift
for the Back Pack Program.*

Denise Esser, Executive Director

Thank you for your contribution of \$100.00, received on December 5, 2018. No benefit was bestowed upon this donor in exchange for this contribution, other than the joy of helping their neighbors! Waynesboro Community & Human Services is a Section 501(c)(3) organization of the IRS. This letter serves as your receipt.

Thank you!

Thank
you



From
Waynesboro

Hospital
Auxiliary

Thank you so much
for allowing us to use
your beautiful church to
hold our annual Waynesboro
Hospital Auxiliary Greens,
Bake + Craft Sale. The
community really came together
again to make this annual
event a great success.

Sincerely,
Rhonda McFarland
+
Ann O'Toole

From
the Residents
at
Trinity House

For all the Food your Church brings into us each month,
your all very thought full, Thank you again. God bless. Amen

- Pat Barshinger
Linda Crawford Donna Boyce Brian Welch Cat Parsons
Fern Pryor Ronda Baker
Barb Cully Dixie Starlin Stanly Bully Martha Sander
Donna Ferni Cat Parsons Rachel Baker Brenda Eye
Sheila Greener FRED MONN Chubbin Layler
Natalie McQuinn Annabelle Smetz
Darryl Sweeten Carolyn Sewell
Emma Hahn Carolyn Caulfield
Jean Murray Nancy Barclay
Pat Ellen Redener Welch
you people are so helpfull Darryl Sweeten
God Bless you all for doing JOHN Hoffmann
the Lords work! I have Donna Vaughn
eyes for Adopting Trinity FRED MONN
Houses. De. Hart Gerda Barrientos
Jander Waggoner Jeanne much-
Rose Miller Wilma Knight
Carolyn Smith Brian Welch
Natalie McQuinn
Carole Dean

Christian Outreach played a big part in our Advent season and our congregation helped in a big way: Hoffman Home gifts, Christmas Caroling, Trinity House food donation, package for Nelwin which was mailed December 13 (a special thanks to Julia & Randy for donating the contents of the package and getting it ready for mailing and Pastor Narda for mailing it so he would receive it during the holidays), garden produce check to Waynesboro Human Services for \$348.00, and finally our very **FULL** glove, hat, scarf, sock, mitten tree which will be taken to Human Services this week.

THANK YOU to each and every one of our congregation who made this Christmas season very memorable for many people in our community and beyond.

Christian Outreach Team

A.C.T.
Apostles Communitycare Team

supports the



*Please support these
Outreach Missions*

SILVER
EXPRESS
DELIVERY



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Please forward an address change to the Church office.



January 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.