

July 2019 Newsletter



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THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR.....

“I ask not on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one. I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”

John 17:20-23

June 25th marked the 62nd anniversary of the United Church of Christ. This year our General Synod gathering took place in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from June 21-25. This was a very important meeting for our denomination and especially for Trinity UCC in Waynesboro, since one of their members, Kathy Brown, (Sugar Hollow Farm) wrote a resolution calling for all of our UCC churches to commit to doing away with the use of Plastic foam (i.e. Styrofoam). This resolution passed by the delegates at the national meeting. Our congratulations to Kathy and Trinity UCC for their dedication, time and energy toward this important resolution.

Here at Church of the Apostles we have already begun to work toward doing away with the Styrofoam we have on hand and have purchased other paper products that will help us be a church that supports this resolution from General Synod. This falls in line with much of what we have been about at Apostles with the Pollinator and Wildlife Habitat with Monarch Waystation. We are working toward protecting the environment among other initiatives of the BE THE CHURCH program.

The above passage from the gospel of John contains an important passage of the UCC, since within this scriptural text is the motto of the UCC: **“That they may all be one.”** What does this “one” mean? Is it simply a label or a grouping? Is it an unattainable goal, but something we strive for none the less? This “oneness” seems like something we ought to want, and yet there are times we aren’t all that good at it. Maybe this remark by preacher Tom Long will help: “A congregation is the place where a person goes in order to be with people he or she may not want to be with under other circumstances.” You could also say the same for a denomination, a larger collection of churches and people.

Churches are made up of people, and people have differences and opinions and this plays out in many different ways in the life of the church, both in positive and negative ways. Rev. Anthony Robinson says, “you can just figure

that being part of a church will put us in proximity to at least some people we might not want to be with under other circumstances and with people who feel the same about us.” It is how we respond to these differences that makes all the difference in the world for us and the church or denomination.

So how can we get on board with striving for “oneness” and working together and living out this call to be one? The thought of accomplishing such a task is monumental; as I consider the divisiveness that exists in so many areas and levels of our lives and world. The words of Anthony Robinson in his daily devotional message truly help to comfort and correctly place my thoughts on this matter when he says, “the ‘oneness’ isn’t as much about us as it is about God. We work and worship together not because it was our bright idea, but because in God’s strange wisdom, God has chosen to put us together and make use of us.”

I’m here to tell you that God is in control and God will be our guide as we set out to be a part of making that “oneness” happen in our churches and our denomination. We need to look at these differences not as aspects we need to change in people, but as attributes to be discussed and areas we can learn more about. In Robinson’s experience he says, “Sometimes I learn to love people I don’t like. Sometimes we share in a common sense of hope and purpose despite our rough edges.” And this is how we need to approach our differences; as opportunities to learn more about other people, as well as, opportunities to look at problems and situations from another perspective. The growth that can occur when we “put ourselves in another person’s shoes” and truly listen to them is amazing and it is God’s way of helping us and to make us one.

It is my wish that every person in our churches could attend General Synod at least one time in their life. I can attest that it is one of the most wonderful experiences we as a member of the UCC can experience. The diversity of our churches and members is so unique and can open new possibilities for us in our own church. I guarantee that a trip to General Synod would be a true gift. In the words of Tony Robinson, “In this sense, it could be that our “oneness” is not so much a project we have to do or a goal for us to accomplish as it is a gift given to us, a gift given to us by God. This messy thing we call “church” and “denomination” is God’s odd gift to us. Against all odds, you/we are, by the grace of God, one.”

I am proud to be part of the United Church of Christ and excited about the possibilities for ministry we can do together to live into our motto.

Blessings and joy for the journey,
Pastor Narda

Birthdays & Anniversaries in July



7/2 Debbie Jacobs
7/4 Keira Lux
7/16 Connor Jacobs
7/24 Shelley Benchoff
7/27 Cherry Snyder
7/30 Katie Lux

Calendar of Events *for* July

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| 7 | Worship | 10 AM |
| 14 | Worship | 10 AM |
| 14 | Consistory | 11:15 AM |
| 17 | Blue Ridge Garden Club | 12 Noon |
| 21 | Worship | 10 AM |
| 28 | Outdoor Worship Service | 10 AM |



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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS *for* July



July 7: Judy Fitz & Donna Levick
July 14: Bob Benchoff & Randy Cramer
July 21: Gilbert & Laurie Hovermale
July 28: Tony & Donna Haugh
August 4: Christopher & Cristie Bobb

Lay Readers *for* July

July 7: Judy Fitz
July 14: Randy Cramer
July 21: Gilbert Hovermale
July 28: Donna Haugh
August 4: Randy Cramer



July 28 at 10 AM

BE THE CHURCH

*Protect the environment.
Care for the poor.
Forgive often.
Reject racism.
Fight for the powerless.
Save earthly and spiritual resources.
Embrace diversity.
Love God.
Enjoy this life.*

ANNIVERSARY LEADS US INTO OUR FUTURE MINISTRY

It was a wonderful 50th anniversary last month and the planning team expresses it's appreciation and thanks to all who shared in this milestone celebration.

Included in this newsletter is a letter from our former pastor (1990-2010), the Rev. Dr. Carol A. Kipe, whose well-wishes are for our future.

During the Sunday, June 9th service, both Rev. William Swisher, in his message to the children and youth and Rev. Beth Firme, in her sermon, spoke of our congregation's history and legacy of mission and service which points us to the future and our call to continue on in this ministry !

One of the first goals that Pastor Narda addressed in our anniversary planning team was to create a new church slogan to introduce at this celebration that would carry into the future. You may have caught a glimpse of it on the light blue t-shirts that were worn to the June 8th dinner and concert.

Our pastors remind us of our calling expressed so clearly in another very familiar slogan, our UCC's **"God Is Still Speaking"**. Thanks to our spiritual leaders, our pastors, who recognized our important history and legacy during this anniversary celebration, and who speak to us of God's call into our future ministry that is expressed in our new Apostles' slogan:

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The Church of the Apostles
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To: The 50th Anniversary Team,

Thank you for your invitation to attend the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Church of the Apostles. My, how time flies, it seems like only yesterday that we were celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the church. Unfortunately, I plan to be out of town on that weekend. I will be attending my nephew's wedding in Avon, Indiana.

My wish for you and your Pastor Narda is that God will bless you with the joy that comes from sharing life together, in all its ups and downs, as the people of God. May love grow large among you and may you be filled with confidence and courage as you seek to know and follow the will of God for your lives and the life of the Church of the Apostles, United Church of Christ.

Sincerely yours,

Carole A. Käge



***The
50th Anniversary
Team***





50th Anniversary Celebration

Pictures of the 50th Anniversary Celebration and the historical slideshow will be available on a DVD. Please let Pastor Narda or Linda know if you would like a DVD.



Fort Indiantown Gap Announces Free Guided 2019 Tours of Rare Regal Fritillary Butterfly Habitat



This July, visitors are invited to see the only population of regal fritillary butterflies in the eastern United States at Fort Indiantown Gap National Guard Training Center, Annville, Lebanon County. The tours allow the public a guided opportunity to see this rare butterfly and its associated grass-land habitat on military training ranges.

Free guided tours will be offered on July 5, 6, 12, and 13. No reservations are required, and no rain dates will be scheduled. Please arrive no later than 9:30 am. To navigate to parking (Strickler Field: GPS coordinates in decimal

degrees North 40.439388, West -

76.594278), turn onto Asher Miner Road at the intersection of Asher Miner and Fisher Ave, Annville, PA 17003 (N 40.4214, W -76.577), located north of the entrance to the National Cemetery. "Wildlife Event" signs, wildlife staff, and volunteers will direct attendees to the parking area and provide additional instructions.

Upon arrival, attendees will be instructed to park their vehicles in a caravan style. Prior to the tour, attendees must fill out necessary paperwork (be prepared to provide vehicle make, model, year, color, license plate state/number, and insurance carrier information,) and attend a mandatory safety/orientation briefing. Wildlife staff and tour attendees will then return to their vehicles and caravan to the tour site.

Tours will last approximately three hours, but attendees can leave earlier if necessary. Visitors of all ages and abilities are welcome. Tours will be on foot on gravel roads and mowed paths; wandering off the path, into the fields is prohibited. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear for uneven terrain, and consider bringing insect repellent, sun screen and other personal comfort items. Drinking water will be provided.

For more information about the tours (including a map with parking locations), or the regal fritillary butterfly, visit www.ftig.pa.gov and click on "Butterfly Tours" under the "Trending" section. General inquiries about the tours can be directed to RA-DMVA-Wildlife@pa.gov or (717) 861-3299.

POLLINATOR & WILDLIFE HABITAT

JULY 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.



Back to School Supply Distribution



Date:
August 12-16, 2019

Waynesboro Community
and Human Services
123 Walnut St
Waynesboro, PA 17268
717-762-6941

***School Supplies
will be collected
during the
month of July
on the table
in the Narthex.***

School Supply List 2019-2020

- Pencil Boxes
- Zippered Pencil Boxes
- 24 ct #2 Pencils, Ticonderoga
- 36 ct #2 Pencils
- 48 ct #2 Pencils
- 24 ct Crayons
- 8 ct Large Crayons
- Highlighters – single & 4 ct
- 4 ct Dry Erase Markers
- Large Pink Erasers
- Pencil Top Erasers
- Large Glue Sticks
- Pocket Folders with clasps
- Pocket Folders without clasps
- Sticky Notes
- 3x5 index cards
- Wide Ruled notebook paper
- 1 inch 3 ring binder
- 2 inch 3 ring binder
- Trapper Keepers
- Colored pencils
- Red Pens
- Earbuds
- Lanyards
- Backpacks
- New or gently used clothing – jeans, shorts, shirts, sweatshirts, sweaters, skirts, dresses
- Underwear
- Socks
- Toiletries: Bars of soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste

Donations may be dropped off at WCHS during our normal business hours: Monday, Tuesday, Friday 9AM – 12 Noon, 1PM – 3:30PM, Wednesdays 9AM – 12 Noon, Thursdays 1PM – 6PM.

Would you like to help distribute school supplies? Please contact Denise Esser to set up a time to help.



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In Christ's Love, We are... Connected – Engaged - Transformed

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***Thank you
for the
Hartman Center
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April 15, 2019

Dear Friends at Apostles,

Thank you for your recent gift to Hartman Center. We are grateful for your support.

Gifts, like yours, ensure that we have excellent programming for our retreats, conferences, workshops and summer camps. It also allows us to further invest in these three goals for our campers and retreatants:

- o Experience God in Creation
- o Know the joy of Christian Community
- o Connect to God's Spirit

Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

May our continued ministry together nurture covenantal relationships that connect, engage and transform us into congregations that passionately declare and demonstrate the courageous love of Christ!

Peace,

Stephanie Rader-Titzel
Director of Communications and Generosity

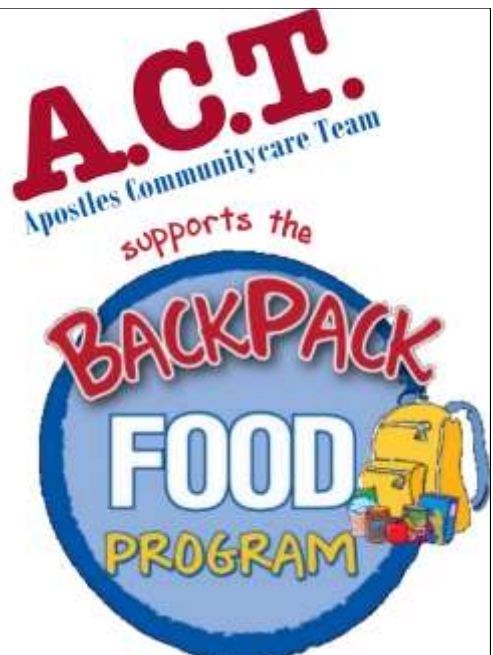
Dear Apostles Family,

My heartfelt thanks to everyone for your presence, cards, emails, gifts, ice cream cake and good wishes for my 60th Birthday and our 40th Anniversary. What a wonderful surprise! I couldn't have asked for more. You all certainly are good at keeping secrets!

*Blessings,
Pastor Narda*

thank
YOU

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Our Local
Outreach Missions**



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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.