

June 2019 Newsletter



CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

WORSHIP 10:45 AM

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THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR.....

As Church of the Apostles UCC is ready to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the building and “BE-ing the Church” here in Wayne Heights, the milestone won’t just be a celebration of the past but it will also be a joyful leap into the future.

I want to thank the 50th Anniversary Team that met together monthly for almost a year and through prayer, planning and purposeful-dedication have made it possible for this significant celebration in the life of our Church. These folks are: Bob Benchoff, Judy Fitz, Richard Hovis, Mary Lou Misner, along with me. Linda Ritchey as Archive Team Chair, will have on display historical memorabilia leading up to the present. My heart-felt thanks to these folks for their amazing efforts.

Here is a synopsis of what we will experience on June 8th and 9th: Beginning at 5pm on Saturday, June 8th, we will gather together to share a meal catered by Keystone Family Restaurant. Following the meal all attending will be able to “take a walk back in history” and enjoy memorabilia from the merger here at Apostles, taking us thru the years until the present. All this is made possible by Linda Ritchey. Thanks to Linda for all the time spent preparing this wonderful presentation. At 7pm will be a concert by Sweet Life Music, a husband and wife duo that perform various “genres” of music to “bring you closer to the important people in your world.” The concert is in loving memory of Audrey Eshelman by her family. We are grateful to the family for underwriting the concert.

Sunday, June 9th will be our service of Worship and Celebration at 10am. We are looking forward to renewing old friendships as an Alumni Choir has been formed to bring us special music during the service. All past clergy were extended invitations to join us, but do to other commitments; most will be unable to join us. Rev. Bill Swisher and his wife, Annabelle will be coming back and Rev. Swisher will share some memories with our children and youth during the service. Our keynote speaker for the service will be the Rev. Beth Firme, a past member here at Apostles, who began her ministry as a licensed pastor and recently received her ordained status through York Association of the Penn Central Conference. Beth currently serves as pastor of St. Stephen’s UCC in Cascade, Maryland. Beth would say she did quite a lot of growing up here at Apostles from the time she was 11 years old until she married. We are looking forward to the message Beth will share with us. During the worship time we will dedicate new, inside doors installed in memory of Donald McCleaf who was the Assistant Chair of the Building Committee here at Apostles. Through the wonderful work and kindness of Waynesboro Construction,

where Don was employed for many years, we were able to have the doors between the Narthex and Educational wing of the church installed. Thanks to Waynesboro Construction for making these doors possible.

At the conclusion of our service Rev. Firme and Pastor Narda will co-officiate in celebrating Holy Communion.

As you can see, the Anniversary Team has worked to make this celebration a special time in the life of our congregation here at Apostles. Yes, we have much to remember and celebrate, but we can't spend all our time looking in the "rear-view mirror." We must be hard at work to keep this congregation strong and in ministry. I believe that in times such as these, that the world is looking to see how the church shows up in moments of deep pain, fierce hate, and divisive politics. I want more for Church of the Apostles than to be a church where WE are just a weekly destination. I want for us to be a church that practices God's love, ways of justice, welcome, healing and showing grace. Revelations 21:5 says: "**Behold, I make all things new,**" (KJV). Anthony Robinson reminds us that, "God [has the] capacity to do this, when all our hope is gone and our own resources are spent; it's the heart of the gospel. 'Impossible' is where this God begins. We live under this promise." It is not too late to "live into our roles as resurrection people: alive, ready and called to spread the Gospel. To be the gospel (good news) through our serving, and in our loving, and by our building of the beloved community each day, everywhere we go, and with all whom we meet," in the words of Marilyn Pagan-Banks.

Here at Church of the Apostles United Church of Christ we look to the future knowing we serve a God of new possibilities and unlimited imagination, that will empower us to be the church wherever God abides and God's love is made known to all. My hope is that we will carry God into that future in our hearts and reveal God's power, grace, and justice with our whole lives. May it be so! Amen.

Prayers and blessings for the journey,
Pastor Narda



“SILVER EXPRESS” UPDATE



Thank You for supporting this wonderful food bank program! Residents of the Trinity House on Potomac Street look forward to our delivery each 3rd Tuesday of the month! This low-income housing unit has 75 apartments and a lot of people living there rely on our program.

How can you help?

~ Donate non-perishable foods -

to be collected in the big closet in the Education Wing.

*canned vegetables, fruit, meat, soup and/or individual serving sizes of anything. Bulk items are repackaged, in baggies, by our Team.

*boxed/microwavable items, side dishes, soups, etc.

*crackers & cookies

*oatmeal, small boxes of cereal, hot chocolate, tea, pancake mix, syrup

~ *Donate money designated for “Silver Express”.*

With that money we buy some “perishable” foods on delivery days like eggs, frozen meals, pizza, bread, fruit, potatoes.

The closet is emptied each month to ensure freshness.



Please, consider buying some items when you shop and put them in the closet each month or anytime you can!

50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

JUNE 8th & 9th

The celebration will begin Saturday, June 8th at 5:00 PM
with a catered meal.

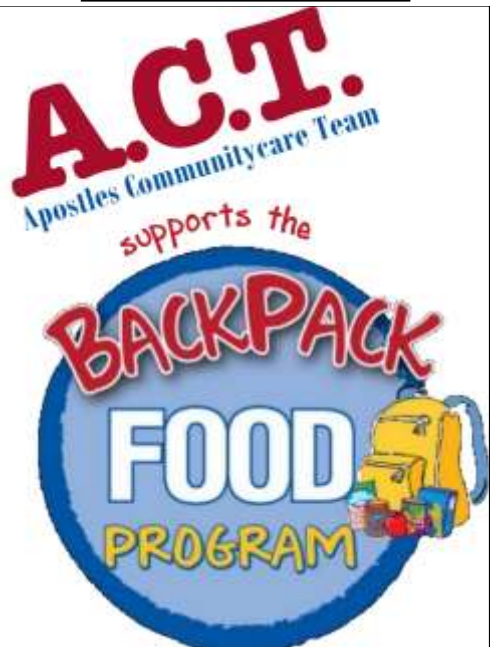
Following the meal will be an inspiring concert by the duo
"Sweet Life Music" !



**The new double doors
in the Narthex**
will be dedicated
in memory of
Donald McCleaf
during our
50th Anniversary Worship Service
on June 9.



**Please Support
Our Local
Outreach Missions**



Birthdays & Anniversaries in June



6/4 Katie Fitz
 6/12 Ernest and Beverly Fitz
 6/12 Gilbert Hovermale
 6/18 Beverly Fitz
 6/20 Mary Lou Misner
 6/21 Eric Jacobs
 6/22 Robyn Dingle
 6/23 Narda Druckenmiller
 6/26 Robert Benchoff
 6/26 Larry Little

Calendar of Events for June

2	Worship	10 AM
3	Delta T Gradale Picnic	6 PM
8	50 th Anniversary Dinner	5 PM
8	50 th Anniversary Concert	7 PM
9	50 th Anniversary Service	10 AM
10	Buchanan Trail Quilters	5:30 PM
16	Worship	10 AM
18	Silver Express Delivery	1:30 PM
23	Worship	10 AM
30	Outdoor Worship Service	10 AM



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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS *for* **June**



June 2: Tony & Donna Haugh
June 9: Bob Benchoff & Ernie Fitz
June 16: Nevin & Sondra Monn
June 23: Gilbert & Laurie Hovermale
June 30: Christopher & Cristie Bobb
July 7: Judy Fitz & Donna Levick

Lay Readers *for* **June**

June 2: Donna Haugh
June 9: Bob Benchoff
June 16: Mary Lou Misner
June 23: Gilbert Hovermale
June 30: Richard Hovis
July 7: Judy Fitz



Summer
Worship Services
will begin at 10 AM
June 2 - September 4

Communion **Assistants**

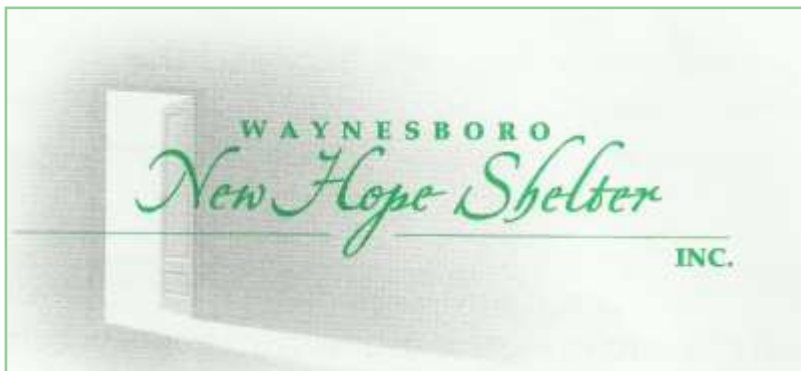
June 9: Bob Benchoff,
Ernie Fitz,
Judy Fitz &
Mary Lou Misner





Donate Your Gently Worn, Used and New Shoes

This unique fundraiser is the gift that keeps giving. We are collecting new and gently used shoes to send to underdeveloped nations like Haiti and Honduras. These shoes provide the same thing for the residents of those countries that we are attempting to provide to our shelter residents, a chance to turn hard work into a long lasting change for a better life. Drop your shoes in a designated basket at Church of the Apostles.



POLLINATOR & WILDLIFE HABITAT

JUNE 2019

We joyously gave 140 young milkweed plants and several fennel plants from our nectar garden to 11 interested church and community members in May so they could establish more butterfly gardens. Two of the recipients represented groups that plan to become official Monarch Waystations. Some of the individuals are also planning to register their home gardens as Monarch Waystations.

Fennel along with parsley, dill, carrots, rue and Queen Anne's Lace are the host plants for the beautiful Black Swallowtail butterfly, which will also be featured at **JULIE SHINDLE'S BUTTERFLY PROGRAM TO BE HELD IN THE SOCIAL HALL ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 8TH AT 6:00 PM.** This year Julie will again teach all about the Monarch and Black Swallowtail butterflies, how to help them, and how to raise the caterpillars to adults and release them.



Our Pollinator & Wildlife Group will again provide nurseries for families to use in raising Monarch caterpillars. If you are interested in a nursery for your family, please contact Shelley & Bob Benchoff at 717-749-5202 or benchoff360@comcast.net by August 1st.

Come take a walk across the church yard to enjoy the beauty of the nectar garden and butterfly waystation and see how many

pollinators and other wildlife you may see. Once there, take a stroll on the mowed walking paths to explore the entire habitat.

As summer arrives keep an eye out for this year's new growth of sunflowers as they once again begin preparing for their spectacular bloom !



CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

May 19, 2019 meeting of Consistory was cancelled due to lack of pressing business and scheduling conflicts for several members. A few items were presented via email and the vote to approve them was unanimous.

APPROVED:

- *At the front sidewalk entrance - replace the plants with grass
- *Pastor's vacation dates of September 15 & 22. Rev. Mark Ruzicka is already scheduled as the supply pastor on those Sundays.
- *Move the church's checking account from BB&T to F&M as proposed by Stewardship & Finance Team.
- *Consistory members also reviewed and approved Minutes of 3/17/19 meeting, Treasurer's Reports and Income/Expenses Report for March/April, 2019 and the Pastor's Report.

TEAM REPORTS:

- *Stewardship & Finance
- *Lay, Life & Work

NEXT MEETING: July 14, 2019



Julia Cramer
Judy Fitz
Richard Hovis
Mary Lou Misner



Randy Cramer
Gilbert Hovermale
Sondra Monn
Nevin Monn

Hartman Center

Camp, Conference and Retreat Center

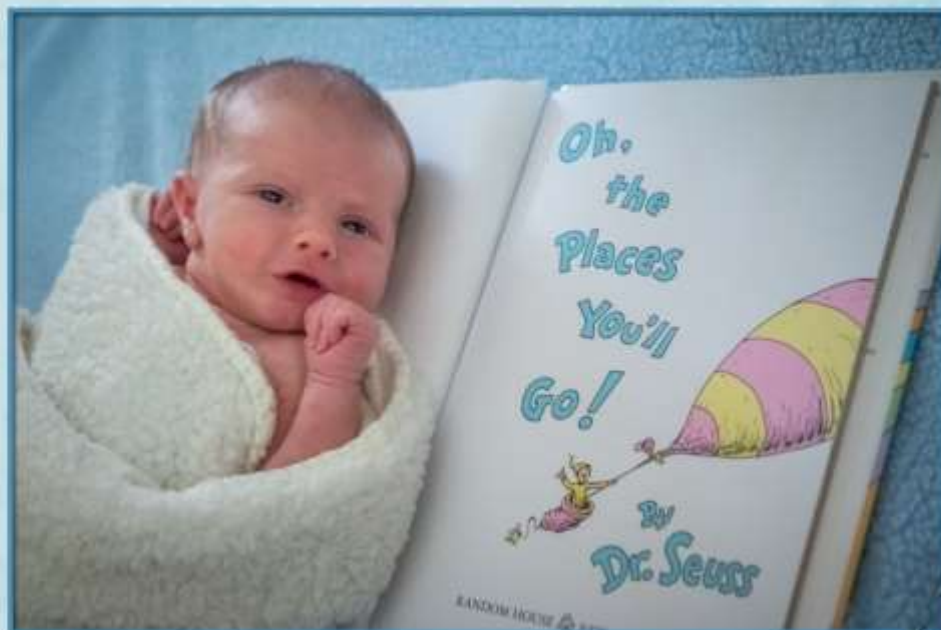


*Larry, Joanne, Pastor Narda and Nevin
Hartman Center Work Day
May 3, 2019*

**Our Hartman Center
volunteers
are Lifesavers!**



Welcome to



JAXON DEAN WALKER

BORN MAY 7, 2019

Congratulations to:

Parents:

Ashley (Ritchey) & Robert Walker, Jr.

Grandparents:

Linda & Dan Ritchey

Great-Grandmother:

Martha Smith



Welcome to



Izabella Ray Johnson
Born May 15, 2019



Congratulations to:

Parents:

Greg & Courtney Johnson

Great-Grandparents:

Joanne Keech & Larry Little





A Psychiatric Residential Treatment
Program for Children

MELISSA LEATHERY, LSW
CEO & PRESIDENT

"Thank you"
for the
birthday card
donations!

April 26, 2019

Church of the Apostles
c/o Ms. Jean High
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"Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day."

AUTHOR SALLY KOCH

Dear Jean,

We are so grateful to you...Thank you for seizing the worthwhile opportunity to help our children in care! Your gift of \$125.00 (Check No. 6795, dated 4/17/19) supports us in our mission to offer hope, healing and brighter futures to kids who are struggling as the result of crippling trauma, abuse, neglect and loss.

Because of your kindness...

- **Samantha** can participate in art therapy, her favorite, because "I can express my feelings safely through my artwork, and it distracts me from my problems, too."
- **Davis** has learned the coping skills crucial for helping "to control my anger, and to deal with my family problems."
- And, perhaps most importantly, **Julie** understands that she has the support she needs to get better: "I know there are people there for me."

With your help, we're able to give kids like Samantha, Davis and Julie—children who are struggling mightily and courageously with severe mental health and behavioral issues—the strength they need to begin their journey of recovery. Your caring gives them their best and greatest opportunity for a healthier, happier life. Your support offers them fellowship, a helping hand and the promise of a better tomorrow...and this—their greatest gift—is no small thing.

Thank you. Your kindness is changing lives.

Gratefully,

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SPECIAL MUSIC FOR SUMMER WORSHIP



We are looking for folks who would be willing to share their “gifts” with our congregation here at Apostles, by providing special music for the summer months. If you are willing, or if you know someone who might be willing, please contact

Pastor Narda or the church office: 717-762-4113. Remember, Worship services begin at 10 AM. Also, on the last Sunday of each month we will be Worshipping outdoors (Sound system is inside).

JUNE 16 _____

JUNE 23 _____

JUNE 30 _____

JULY 7 _____

JULY 14 _____

JULY 21 _____

JULY 28 _____

AUGUST 4 _____

AUGUST 11 _____

AUGUST 18 _____

AUGUST 25 _____



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Please forward an address change to the Church office.



June 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.