## May 2019 Newsletter



# CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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#### THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR.....

If you are not already aware of it, one of the best ways to begin your day is to go online to <a href="www.ucc.org">www.ucc.org</a> and bring up the Daily Devotional from the Still Speaking Writers Group of the United Church of Christ. These devotionals are so insightful and many times I find myself copying them so I can share them at a consistory meeting or offer them to someone who may be going through a difficult time.

I recently found one of the notebooks I made from copying each devotional for a year. I came across one for Mother's Day written by Christina Villa who is on staff at the national office in Cleveland, Ohio. I would like to share it with you: MATTHEW 11:28-30 [Jesus said:] "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

This is a Mother's Day message for all mothers who just want to lie down. Mothers who don't have nannies, babysitters, "au pairs," housekeepers, or cleaning ladies. This is for all the mothers who don't have "help." This is for the mothers driving used cars or taking the bus. The mothers whose sick days are used up by sick kids home from school. This is for mothers whose employers ask them, "Can't you get a neighbor to watch him?" For mothers who get asked "Is there a father in the home?" at parent – teacher conferences. This is for single mothers.

This is recognition of all the meals cooked, lunches packed, and groceries put away. The diapers changed, Band-Aids applied, hair combed, and clothes folded. This is for every load of laundry schlepped up the stairs or home from the Laundromat. This is for the bills paid, the calls home from the principal, the trips to the emergency room.

In recognition of these and all other burdens carried by mothers, I'd like to suggest: sit down – or better yet, lie down – and repeat to yourself today's scripture. Jesus won't mind if you fall asleep and take a brief nap. I like to think that in this scripture, Jesus is saying that he knows how tired you are. And he's saying there are times when you must put your burdens down. Put them down, and take your rest.

Prayer: Thank you for a place to put these burdens down. Amen.

Now, on the lighter side, let me share something else about Mothers with you:

#### I Owe My Mother...

- My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE. "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
- My mother taught me RELIGION. "You better pray that will come out of the carpet.
- My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL. "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
- My mother taught me LOGIC. "Because I said so, that's why."

  My mother taught me MORE LOGIC. "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
- My mother taught me FORESIGHT. "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
- My mother taught me IRONY. "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to really cry about."
- My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS. "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
- My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM. "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
- My mother taught me about STAMINA. "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."
- My mother taught me about WEATHER. "This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it"
- My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY. "If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"
- My mother taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE. "I brought you into this world and I can take you out."
- My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION. "Stop acting like your father!"
- My mother taught me about ENVY. "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."
- My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION. "Just wait until we get home."
- My mother taught me about RECEIVING. "You are going to get it when vou get home!"

- My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE. "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."
- My mother taught me ESP. "Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"
- <u>My mother taught me HUMOR.</u> "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
- My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT. "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."
- My mother taught me GENETICS. "You're just like your father."
- My mother taught me about my ROOTS. "Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"
- My mother taught me WISDOM. "When you get to be my age, you'll understand."

And my favorite:

- My mother taught me about JUSTICE. "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"
  - ANNONOMOUS

I hope you can join us on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> during the 10:45 am Worship as we lift up and celebrate our Mother's and all the women in our lives who have been like a mother to us. Happy Mother's Day!

Blessings for the Journey, Pastor Narda



## POLLINATOR & WILDLIFE HABITAT, MAY 2019

The Pollinator & Wildlife Habitat is coming to life and the monarch butterflies have started their migration north!

Dan Ritchey has been mowing the walking trails and Ernie Fitz will soon be planting the sunflowers. This year he will return to planting all

sunflowers. This year he will return to planting all of the sunflowers at one time for a more spectacular bloom like we had in 2017.

Come take a spring walk through the habitat and monarch waystation! Again this summer the church will host Julie Shindle's monarch butterfly program for the community and participants will be offered caterpillar nurseries and caterpillars and milkweed leaves from our waystation.

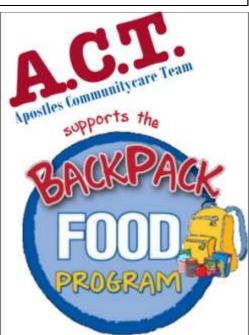
The community will also be invited to visit the sunflowers, take photos and receive a sunflower bouquet cut by one of the pollinator and wildlife group volunteers.

The dates & times for these events will be published in the summer newsletters and bulletins and in The Record Herald's "Things To Do "column and on the church page.

The first quarter ACT fund check for \$340.00 was delivered to Waynesboro Human Services. Thanks for all the support we receive for this project!

- Christian Outreach Team





### Birthdays & Anniversaries in

### May



9 Linda & Dan Ritchey

17 Nancy Piper

19 Mark and Katie Lux

27 Jean High

28 Mark Lux

30 Nicole Leidig

30 Ty and Holly Berkey

#### **Social Seniors**

Due to a scheduling conflict Social Seniors are invited to attend the Celebration of Mothers on Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM at Trinity Waynesboro in Harbaugh Hall. Come for dessert and a program and share in the fellowship. All are welcome!

### **Calendar of Events**

for

## May

5 Worship		10:45 AM
12 Worship		10:45 AM
13 Social Se	niors	2-4 PM
at Trinity \	Waynesboro	
13 Buchanar	n Trail Quilters	5:30 PM
19 Worship		10:45 AM
19 Consistor	ТУ	12 PM
21 Silver Exp	oress Delivery	1:30 PM
21 Election I	Day	All Day
26 Worship		10:45 AM
29 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniv	ersary Team	1 PM
30 30 Fellow	ship of Churches	s 6 PM



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

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS *for*

### May



May 5: Tony & Donna Haugh

May 12: Judy Fitz & Ernie Fitz

May 19: Christopher & Cristie Bobb

May 26: Nevin & Sondra Monn

June 2: Tony & Donna Haugh

#### The new double doors

in the Narthex
will be dedicated
in memory of
Donald McCleaf
during our
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Worship Service
on June 9.



## Lay Readers

## May

May 5: Donna Haugh

May 12: Judy Fitz

May 19: Bob Benchoff

May 26: Richard Hovis

June 2: Donna Haugh



## **Communion Assistants**

May 5: Tony & Donna Haugh

June 9: Bob Benchoff &

Ernie Fitz



Hopefully your Lenten season and Easter celebration was truly more meaningful by being able to participate in the various services and Sunday morning Devotional group offered. I am so grateful so many took part and many of you attended. Thank you to Bert Hovermale who co-led the Sunday morning devotional time and played the role of Thaddeus on Maundy Thursday for the Last Supper drama at Trinity UCC. And thanks to Donna Haugh, Judy Fitz, Laurie and Bert Hovermale who all read Scripture for the Tenebrae Service with our Trinity UCC friends. Plus, thanks to our kiddos who made and gave us our Easter Stones to remind us that even a huge stone could not keep our Lord Jesus from fulfilling God's plan of love for humankind. And let's not forget the vocal offerings by Andrew Druckenmiller on Palm Sunday and on Easter the songs by Mark Lux and Rachel Druckenmiller - Thanks so very much! We've been BLESSED!



Bert Hovermale as Thaddeus on Maundy Thursday for the Last Supper drama at Trinity UCC.

## FREE YOUNG MILKWEED PLANTS AVAILABLE UNTIL MAY 15

The Church of the Apostles, UCC pollinator and wildlife group have young milkweed plants available to transplant. Please contact Bob & Shelley Benchoff at 717-749-5202 or <a href="mailto:benchoff360@comcast.net">benchoff360@comcast.net</a> to schedule a time to meet in the church parking lot to take the short walk to select the plants from the pollinator and wildlife habitat.

Again late this summer the group will host a program on the monarch butterfly at the church. Closer to the event the date, time and pre-registration information will be announced.





Easter goodies provided by the Outreach Team for the residents of Trinity House.

#### T-SHIRT ORDERS DUE MAY 12

### **Church of the Apostles**

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Carolina Blue Short Slee	ve Tees Only	BACK

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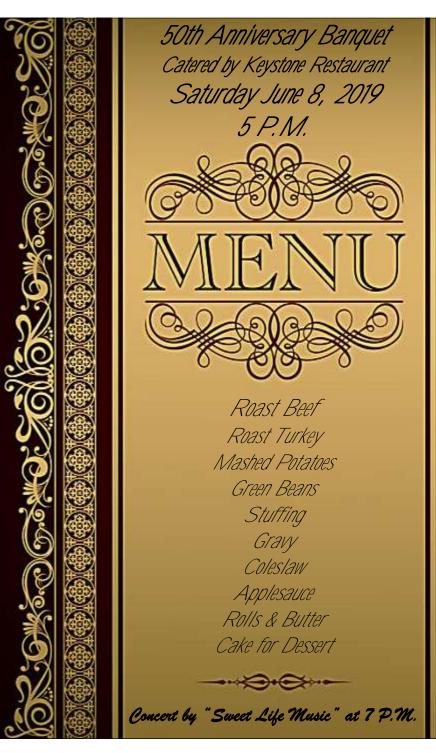
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**Contact: Pastor Narda** 

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Make Checks Payable To: Church of the Apostles



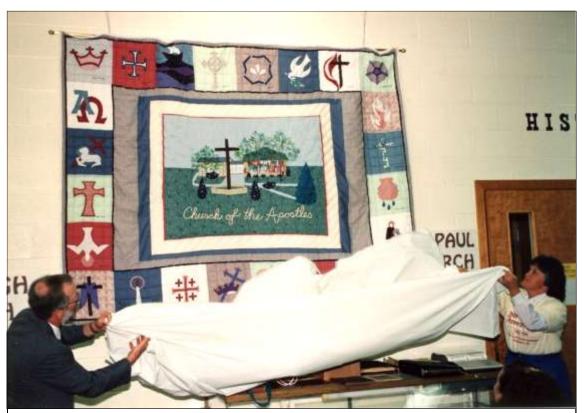


# Memories of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of The Church of the Apostles, UCC June 1994

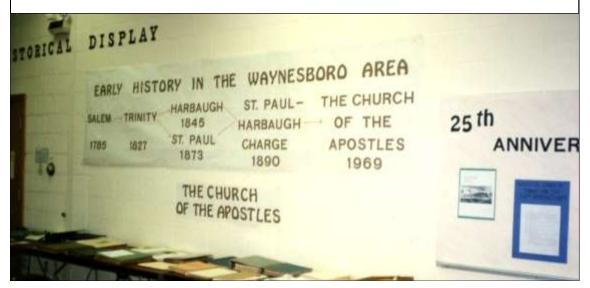


A Catered Meal following the Worship Service.





Bob Benchoff & Norma Hess unveiled the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Quilt. Squares were quilted by ladies in the congregation & assembled by Norma.





Burying the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Time Capsule.







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#### RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Please forward an address change to the Church office.



## **May 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.