

October 2019 Newsletter



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THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR.....

“The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ... Now the body is not made up of one part but of many... But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as He wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body... Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”

(Selections from 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a)

These passages from the Apostle Paul’s first letter to the church in Corinth is a very familiar one and is a valuable illustration for we in the church today. It is commonly used to illustrate how each person in the church is all different and all needed to make up the body of Christ. Each one of us is needed in the church to make life in the church continue on and be meaningful and successful. Our individual gifts are different and unique, given by God, and we are all called to use them faithfully. Church of the Apostles is better off because of the rich diversity of gifts and abilities that each of our members bring.

In our world today, it seems churches pop up just as quickly as social groups. Many are interest led churches: meaning the members interests lead what their church emphasizes as its purpose and main ministry. Such as a church that seeks to help the poor, a church that seeks to have contemporary worship as an essential part of its life, a church that seeks out new believers, or a church that focuses on mission work to other countries. Many are indeed interest churches that seek to serve God in special and specific ways.

Often when we read these passages from First Corinthians 12 we think of individual believers. But what if we read it as each church being one part of the body? Meaning, churches as a whole have different and diverse gifts. Local churches have ministries that they are well suited for, ministries that strike a chord with its members, and ministries that they do better than others. It seems that churches that are thriving and being successful are churches seeking to do ministry in areas that the members find valuable and spiritually meaningful. Churches that are focusing on what they do best in ministry; promoting that, and faithfully living out their call as followers of Christ through that mission and ministry are drawing members and making a difference through their work.

Where does Apostles find its collective gifts to be? What areas of ministry do we find ourselves doing exceptionally well? What is an important ministry or mission to the members that gather to make up Church of the Apostles UCC? Could one of those areas be our outreach ministries? Where do we find our strengths as a church, to be? To be successful in ministry today

we cannot say, "What or who are we missing?" We need to look at the positive, the gifts and say what can we offer as ministry or mission to those we serve? What can we offer our local community, our denomination, our world? Brainstorming, dreaming, and planning are needed to move Apostles into continued thriving ministry; your ideas, hopes, and dreams for Apostles to discern where God is calling this part of the body of Christ.

Blessings for the journey, Pastor Narda

The 3rd quarter ACT fund check for \$243.00 was delivered to Waynesboro Human Services. Thanks for all the support we receive for this project!
- Christian Outreach Team



Pets & Blessings

Sunday October 6, 2019

2 - 4 PM

Red Run Park, Rouzerville



The Blessing of the Pets

Bounce House, Crafts, Games & Train rides for the kids.

Popcorn, cotton candy, cookies, brownies,

Ice Cream for purchase by Antietam Dairy

Presentation by the Blue Ridge K-9 Training Center

Pet contest - for the smallest, largest, most colorful, most unusual pets

Raffle & Door Prizes and Pet Bingo

Photo Ops with St. Francis

Animal Blessings ALL Day & Pet Memorial Service

Birthdays & Anniversaries *in* October



- 2 Dorothy Wetherald
- 3 Sue Dingle
- 10 Judy Fitz
- 19 Donna Haugh
- 24 Tyson Berkey
- 27 Nevin Monn
- 28 Mary Lou & Timothy Misner

Social Seniors

Social Seniors will meet Monday, October 14, 2 to 4 PM at Trinity UCC in Harbaugh Hall.

Carissa Martin, Director and Founder of Monarch's Way Home for Troubled Girls, will be the guest speaker.

Join us for the program, fellowship and light refreshments.

Calendar of Events *for* October

- 1 NGA 9 AM
- 6 Worship 10:45 AM
- 13 Worship 10:45 AM
- 15 Buchanan Trail Quilters 9 AM
- 15 Silver Express Delivery 1 PM
- 20 Worship & Healing Service 10:45 AM
- 26 Youth - Corn Maze & Pumpkin Patch
- 27 Worship 10:45 AM
- 27 Annual Congregational Luncheon & Meeting after Worship



Fall Book Study

*September 12 - November 21
beginning at 11 AM*

Unity Service

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church
October 20 at 3 PM**

Waynesboro Area Fellowship of Churches

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

Worship Assistants for October



October 6: Tony & Donna Haugh
October 13: Nevin & Sondra Monn
October 20: Gilbert & Laurie Hovermale
October 27: Judy Fitz & Donna Levick
November 3: Tony & Donna Haugh

Lay Readers for October



October 6: Donna Haugh
October 13: Mary Lou Misner
October 20: Gilbert Hovermale
October 27: Judy Fitz
November 3: Donna Haugh

October 27 Annual Congregational Luncheon & Meeting

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
immediately following Worship for a
congregational vote to elect Pastor Narda
as our settled part-time pastor.

**AFTER THE LUNCHEON, VOTES
WILL BE TAKEN FOR APPROVAL OF:**

- *** 2020 Spending Plan
- *** New Sound System with Video Option

Communion Assistants

October 6:
Tony & Donna Haugh
November 3:
Bob Benchoff & Ernie Fitz



Waynesboro CROP Walk 2019

The 48th annual Waynesboro Area CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, October 13th, with registration beginning at 1 PM and the walk at 2 PM. This year the walk will again be held on the walking path along the new Washington Township Boulevard and will feature a 2-mile and a 5-mile route. The Walk will begin and end at the soccer fields on the corner of Washington Township Blvd. and Country Club Road. Two years ago, in order to try to encourage more participation in this vital ministry, we started a “friendly competition” among area churches. A “traveling trophy” is awarded to the church that has the most walkers participate in the walk and one for the church that raises the most money for Church World Service. Last year, Faith United Methodist won the trophy for the most money raised, raising almost \$1,200, while the Church of the Brethren won the award for the most walkers with 15 walkers.

From its inception in 1969, Church World Service sponsored CROP Hunger Walks have grown to include walkers of all ages, faiths and backgrounds in more than 1,000 communities throughout the U.S. This year marks the 50th year CROP Hunger Walks have brought the interfaith community together across the country to raise funds to end hunger around the world. Participation impacts people in more than 35 countries. In many developing countries, people can walk up to 6 miles a day to get food and water. CROP Hunger Walk is an opportunity to walk and be in solidarity, bring awareness to these issues and raise the funds for permanent change.

With this being Waynesboro’s 48th consecutive Hunger Walk, there is only one other walk that has been happening for a longer period of time which is in York. Traditionally, 25% of the money raised goes to local ministries right here in Waynesboro. New Hope Shelter, The Lunch Place and Human Resources have been the recipients of these funds the past few years. Last year there were about 50 walkers (plus 3 dogs) who collected around \$5,000 for Church World Service.

Our goal this year is to have 100 walkers and collect a minimum of \$10,000 in sponsorships.



Sound System Summary



The September 2019 Newsletter contained a detailed article about a new sound system with video option proposed for our church. Here's a summary of the important points:

- The proposed sound system is \$8,775. We'll also need an electrician to install a few more outlets, so we're using a planning figure of \$9,000. The option to include two 70 inch video screens is \$3,000, so the total system planning figure is \$12,000.
- The Church's Investment Policy was established in 2018. It allows for an annual withdrawal up to only 3% of the total fund. There was no withdrawal in 2018 and \$135,000.00 was invested; a blessing from the Honodel bequest. A 2019 withdrawal would be quickly replaced in 2020 with the final disbursement check from the Honodel bequest plus interest income. So, we already have the funds needed for this Sanctuary update. Questions regarding the church's Investment Fund will be answered at the congregational meeting on October 27.
- We are having problems with our current system. Our current wireless system is limited in range and doesn't always work. The speakers, which were not designed for the purpose or setting in which they are being used, take up a lot of room in front of the altar and create a trip hazard. Our hearing assist technology works sometimes, other times not. The control box does not accept inputs using current technologies (Bluetooth, for example). The control box is an eyesore, and the people who understood how to operate it have sadly left us.
- The new system will fix all of these problems and deliver rich, full sound throughout the sanctuary, creating a better worship experience for our members and guests. The new sound system will complement the new choir we plan to establish in time for the Christmas season. With the video option we can bring in worship elements that are normally only available to much larger congregations – special music, special messages, and drama, to name just a few. The video screens can also display the words to hymns, scripture readings, responses, announcements and reminders, eliminating the need to juggle bulletin, hymnal and Bible during the service.
- Consistory met on September 15th and voted to send the sound system proposal and video option to the Congregation with a recommendation to approve at the Church's 2019 annual meeting on October 27th.

A Conversation About Healing Services

Hello from The Church of the Apostles Worship Team. The Worship Team serves as a conduit between the congregation and the pastor for ideas and needs related to the practice of worship at Apostles. The Worship Team contributes periodic articles about aspects of worship for the Newsletter. These articles will usually be written as conversations to emphasize the idea of a two-way conduit of ideas about the worship experience at Church of the Apostles.

“I understand we’re having a Healing Service on October 20th. What’s that all about?”

Well, healing has been part of the Christian experience since the beginnings of the church. Jesus performed many acts of healing during his ministry, and the Acts of the Apostles records additional healing by Jesus’ disciples after Jesus’ death, resurrection, and assumption. Through the middle ages churches and monasteries were the principle places where the sick were cared for. The Biblical basis for a healing service is usually traced to the Book of James, Chapter 5, verse 14, “Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.” And that’s exactly what happens during a healing service. Anyone who feels in need of healing can go up to the front of the church at the pastor’s invitation. The pastor prays and anoints the person with holy oil while the church elders gently touch them and pray over them. The congregation prays for them, too. It’s a very moving service, no matter how you participate.

“The image I get when I think about a healing service is a tent revival where some sweaty preacher stands over an old guy in a wheelchair and says something like, “In the name of Jesus you are healed,” and the old guy gets up out of his wheelchair and walks away. Is that going to happen on the 20th?”

I don’t know. Verse 15 of the passage from James I quoted earlier says, “And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up.” Whether it results from God’s all-encompassing love for us, the faith of the sufferer, or some combination of the two, miraculous healing sometimes happens. It’s important to remember, however, that God never promises to take away our suffering. He does promise to be with us and to never leave us during our suffering. So, healing might take the form of “I’m getting out of this wheelchair and walking away,” or it might take the form of “I’m comforted by the presence of the living God.”

“I understand. I like the idea of praying for and with my neighbors who are suffering from physical ailments, but I feel fine. There is no reason for me to receive the oil and healing touch, is there?”

Physical healing is just one aspect of the healing service. We may in need of spiritual healing as well. Anything that serves to separate us from God might be considered a spiritual sickness. We may be burdened by guilt, anger, envy, jealousy, or any other aspect of the human condition that keeps us from reflecting the love of Christ in our own lives. That’s why healing services always embody the ideas of confession and forgiveness. If there’s something that really bothers you – something you just can’t let go of – I would encourage you to accept the pastor’s invitation to come forward during the healing service.

“OK, I think I understand why healing services are an important part of worship and why we want to include healing services among the special worship experiences we have at Church of the Apostles. Is there any other aspect of the healing service we haven’t talked about?”

How about modern medical science? Stress seems to be ever-present in our lives today. Doctors sometimes call it the “silent killer.” Stress is associated with a host of medical ailments – heart disease, diabetes, migraine headaches, and depression among them. Stress may not cause these conditions, but the presence of stress almost always makes these conditions worse. Studies have shown that prayer and touch have the ability to reduce stress. There is something deeply comforting and calming about the experience of being supported by the church elders while you receive the oil and the prayers of your faith community.

To sum it all up, you have a lot to lose by coming to a healing service. You may lose some stress. You may lose a burden you’ve been carrying around for far too long. You may lose the feeling that you are alone in your suffering and experience God’s loving presence in your life. And you may even lose your pain itself. Even if you just come to pray for your neighbors to lose these things, that’s all right, too. We hope to see you at church on October 20th.





September 11, 2019

The Church of the Apostles
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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your donation of school supplies for the Back to School Supply Distribution August 12 - 16, 2019!

The morning before WCHS opened to begin the distribution of school supplies, I looked over at the tables laden with supplies and was overcome with gratitude, thinking "Wow! We won't run out of supplies this year!" I was wrong! Would you believe by Wednesday we had run out of ear buds, back packs, paper, markers and more? Off to Walmart my grandson and I went to restock those needed supplies using the monetary donations received for this distribution. We needed every bit of the supplies and funds received!

By the end of the week, this community's combined generosity had helped equip 305 local school children with what they need for a successful school year. Families also had the opportunity to shop in our Clothing Bank for new and gently used clothing and shoes, including fall jackets to keep them warm just in time for the cooler weather.

The generosity of your gift makes these kinds of successes possible and truly warms our hearts,

Sincerely,

Denise Esser
Executive Director
Waynesboro Community & Human Services

Many thanks to the Owls Club
for their generous donation of \$500
to the Silver Express Senior Food Bank.



For the Youth & Young at Heart

Saturday October 26



Join us on for a trip to
Country Creek Farm's Corn Maze
& Pumpkin Patch in Chambersburg.

Ages 3 and older: \$7.50
2 and under FREE

Please let Pastor Narda know
if you plan to attend.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL NGA INGATHERING



On Tuesday, October 1 representatives from Trinity UCC, Rouzerville United Methodist Church, Evangelical Lutheran, St. Mary's Episcopal, The Church of the Transfiguration, The Church of the Apostles, Delta-Y-Gradale Sorority and two ladies that participate independently gathered in the Fellowship Hall and sorted and distributed items to Waynesboro Community and Human Services, South Mountain Restoration Center, Pregnancy Ministries, Faith Community Outreach Ministries and First Start Partnerships (formerly the Head Start Programs). Many thanks to the Apostles congregation for helping those in need.

Linda Hovis,
Waynesboro Branch Secretary of NGA

FREE MILKWEED PODS (SEEDS) THROUGH OCTOBER 15



The congregation and community is invited to harvest milkweed seedpods to plant seeds in their monarch butterfly gardens by contacting Shelley & Bob Benchoff at 717-749-5202 or email benchoff360@comcast.net.

For safety everyone is asked to park in the church parking lot and walk across the front sidewalk and lawn to the Habitat.

In addition, the community is invited to visit the Habitat, which is a certified Monarchwatch.org Waystation that includes a cultivated nectar garden and an abundance of wildflowers, to hike the walking trail and enjoy the sights and sounds of nature.



POLLINATOR & WILDLIFE HABITAT

OCTOBER 2019

THANK YOU to all the HABITAT VOLUNTEERS, especially Ernie Fitz for his time, skill, tractor, equipment and supplies to plant the sunflowers and mow the habitat at the end of the season.

The Peredovik black oil sunflowers provided a spectacular bloom for the church and community to enjoy and this year and we increased the number of bouquets given out from a few to fourteen due to holding our August Outdoor Worship at the Habitat, thanks to Pastor Narda's leadership with the strong support of Worship Team chair, Bert Hovermale and his wife, Laurie.



While cutting the sunflowers to prepare bouquets it was very obvious that the many pollinators were using the blooms and now the other wildlife are using the seeds as part of their daily nutrition. Game birds and song birds flock to the mature sunflower heads. The seeds are a favorite of dove, quail, pheasant, and song birds.

And as anyone knows who puts out a bird feeder, mammals love them too, squirrels, rabbits, deer, skunks and mice to name a few !

In May the Habitat Group shared our abundance of young milkweed and some fennel plants from the cultivated nectar garden with the community. In August the Group hosted a second annual butterfly program and provided Monarch caterpillar nurseries. Several community groups and individuals have established butterfly gardens and attended the program to share their experiences and enthusiasm for helping the Monarch and other butterflies and pollinators.



Thanks to Julie Shindle for again leading the butterfly program.

Presently the Group is offering sunflower heads to the community for feeding wildlife on their properties and milkweed seedpods to plant seeds in their butterfly gardens.

A special note of thanks to Dan Ritchey for expanding and keeping the walking paths mowed this season.

Waynesboro wins 12U Cal Ripken Middle Atlantic Regional Title



The team comprised of players from the Waynesboro Youth League major division competed in the 2019 Cal Ripken Middle Atlantic Regional championship in Basking Ridge, New Jersey.

The boys punched their ticket to the World Series, which will be held in Visalia, California. The Southeast Pennsylvania representative defeated Monroe Township, 6-4 on Wednesday to lay claim to the title. Waynesboro went 5-1 in the tourney.

Nine teams from Pennsylvania (Waynesboro, Minooka, Mount Union), New Jersey (Basking Ridge, Monroe Township, Sacred Heart, Mays Landing, GVAA) and New York (North Tonawanda) took part in the annual regional tournament.

“Going in, we knew we were good just not how good,” said Waynesboro manager Todd Parks. “We hit, pitched and played defense the entire tournament. We had four bad innings the entire tournament. The semi-final game was probably the best game I have ever been a part of — unbelievable pitching, defense and hitting at key times.”

Waynesboro edged Mount Union, 2-1 in the semifinal game, while Monroe Township blanked Basking Ridge 4-0 in the other semi-final contest.

“I told the boys this was the most complete team top to bottom that I have been a part of,” said Parks. “Everyone did their job the whole tournament and stepped up when they were called on. It says something about the coaching staff and the boys. “The coaches and I have been with most of these boys since they were eight. It has been great seeing them grow throughout the years.”

Summer Baseball Highlights of Eric's Team



WE'RE GOING TO THE WORLD SERIES!

We are not only proud to represent WYL, but also the greater Waynesboro area and the Mid-Atlantic Region. Thank you to all the sponsors and dedicated fans who have supported our organization in general and this team in particular. It is a great feeling to know you care about our youth and want them to succeed both on and off the field.

The Cal Ripken organization is generous in that they will pay travel expenses for the players and coaches. However, players' families must pay their own way. This includes not only travel expenses such as airfare and/or gas money, but also 10-days of a hotel stay. Add food to this expense and many families are straining their budgets to the limit.

We are asking for donations to help our players and families participate in this international event (our first game against South East is scheduled for August 2 at 7:30 (PDT). **Play ball!**

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October 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.