

February 2020 Newsletter



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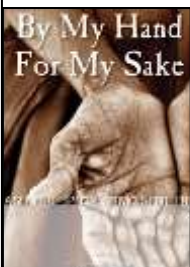
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THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR.....

***“If any want to become my followers,
let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”
Matthew 16:24***

The month of February has several holidays like Ground Hogs Day where we find out if winter is coming to a quick end or going to stick around a bit longer. We have Valentine’s Day which has roots inside and outside the church and then a few days after, we have President’s Day. But it is Lent that sometimes, due to the phases of the moon, rounds out the significant holidays in February.

This year the season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26 and ends on Holy Saturday, April 11th. The season of Lent encourages us to practice spiritual disciplines and make them a part of our daily faith life. Spiritual disciplines include such practices as prayer, meditation, reading scripture, fasting, looking beyond ourselves to serve others, and participation in church worship services. The goal of these practices is spiritual growth. As we grow spiritually, we focus more fully on our relationship with God and Jesus Christ.



During this season of Lent our congregation here at Apostles will share in a special Lenten Worship series entitled *“By My Hand ... For My Sake.”* The series offers us a question to ponder: What is your role in the suffering and death of Christ? For the six weeks of Lent, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter we will address this question through homilies, monologs by biblical characters who actually did have a hand in the crucifixion of Christ.

Characters include: Eve, Nicodemus, Judas, Barabbas, Pilate, and the Mother of the Thief on the right of Jesus on the day of crucifixion, Peter, the Centurion, and Mary Magdalene. This is an opportunity for many of you to portray one of these biblical characters and bring them to life right before our eyes here during our worship services at Apostles as we journey through the Lenten season.

I look forward to this important season in the life of the church.

Blessings and Prayers for your journey,
Pastor Narda

SPIRITUAL SISTERS GATHERING

Calling all women at Apostles - join us for an evening of fellowship. Even if you were unable to attend our first gathering, you are invited to attend this informal but inspirational gathering. If you know someone who doesn't like to drive at night, plan to pick them up. The meetings will be held in the homes of some of our gals and at the church where there is easy access for all our gals.



The next gathering of the **Spiritual Sisters** is scheduled for **Thursday, February 20th at 6pm at the church.**

Pastor Narda will do a short program on Centering Prayer by sharing a form of prayer from the anchorite, Julian of Norwich, known as Body Prayer, done sitting or standing by movement of hands. Joanne Keech will be the hostess for the evening and share a lite snack. Mark your calendars now!



Birthdays & Anniversaries in February



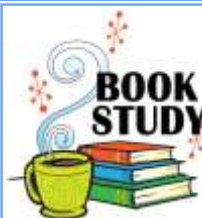
7 Jared Bobb
 7 Dylan Fitz
 9 Elizabeth Reeher
 10 Laurie Deavers
 13 Ashley (Ritchey) Walker
 15 Candy Whitsel
 15 Julia Cramer
 16 Richard and Linda Hovis
 26 Hailee Leidig
 28 Chloe Lux

Social Seniors

Trinity UCC, State Line will host the Social Seniors gathering on Monday, Feb. 10 from 2 - 4 PM. Our theme is Stitched with Love. Carolyn Wolff will share information and stories about quilts. She will display a selection of her work, both traditional and unique. Of course we will have snacks! You don't have to be a quilter to enjoy this presentation. Come join in.

Calendar of Events for February

1	Quilter's Workshop	All Day
2	Worship	10:45 AM
9	Worship	10:45 AM
10	Social Seniors at Trinity, State Line	2-4 PM
10	Buchanan Trail Quilters	5:30 PM
16	Worship	10:45 AM
18	Silver Express Delivery	1:30 PM
20	Spiritual Sisters	6 PM
23	Worship	10:45 AM
26	Ash Wednesday Service	6:30 PM
29	Quilter's Workshop	All Day



Our winter Book Study
will meet on
Thursday mornings
at 11 AM
through April 23.

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

Worship Assistants *for* **February**

February 2: Ernie Fitz & Bob Benchoff

February 9: Gilbert & Laurie Hovermale

February 16: Nevin & Sondra Monn

February 23: Christopher & Christy Bobb

March 1: Tony & Donna Haugh



Lay Readers *for* **February**

February 2: Bob Benchoff

February 9: Bert Hovermale

February 16: Pastor Narda

February 23: Mary Lou Misner

March 1: Donna Haugh



Church of the Apostles **Ash Wednesday Service** **and**

Imposition of Ashes,
February 26 at 6:30pm.



Communion **Assistants**

February 2: Ernie Fitz &
Bob Benchoff

March 1: Tony & Donna
Haugh



APOSTLES CONSISTORY FOR 2020

Bert Hovermale, Consistory President

The Church of the Apostles 2020 Consistory had its formational meeting on January 19, 2020. It's my privilege to be Consistory President for 2020. Chris Bobb is our Vice-President, and Laurie Hovermale is our Recording Secretary. The other members of this year's Consistory are Elders Judy Fitz, Torri VanReenen and Richard Hovis, and Deacons Larry Little and Joanne Keech. Pastor Narda and Church Secretary/Treasurer Linda Richey fill vital roles as ex-officio members. We recognize the debt we owe the Consistory members whose term has just ended. I have a particularly daunting task trying to fill the shoes of outgoing President Mary Lou Misner. Mary Lou and her colleagues worked very hard to put the Church on a good financial footing, and our 2020 Consistory will continue those practices that delivered the first positive budget the Church has had in years.

We are in the process of solidifying team rosters for 2020. It's important that our teams have good leadership and the members they need to accomplish their missions. The Christian Outreach (Judy Fitz is the lead), Lay Life and Work (the lead is Laurie Hovermale), and Worship (Bert Hovermale is the lead) Teams are active and doing good things, but they can use more willing workers.

Richard Hovis and Bruce Barr have been Property Team mainstays, and we're thankful for the additional help Chris Bobb and Larry Little will provide. The Property Team primarily gets things done by determining an approach to an issue, then finding and overseeing a contractor who will take care of it at a reasonable cost. Our Property Team to-do list includes addressing some persistent issues, namely fixing our leaky roof, getting hot water to the kitchen, and making the ladies rest room more handicap accessible. The Property Team is always busy, and they could use your help if you have the interest and some time.

The Christian Education Team needs a leader and new members. Christian Education is much more than just Sunday School for children, but developing new programming for children and youth is an important objective of ours this year. If we wait until we have more children in church to start developing programming it will be much too late. We could really use some volunteers who want to follow Jesus by following his example of loving and serving children.

I hope you will help us “Be The Church” by volunteering to serve on one or more of these teams. If you want to help, but none of the teams mentioned above piqued your interest, I may have a special job for you. The UCC is encouraging all of its member churches to develop emergency response plans. Natural disasters, fires, medical emergencies, and active shooter situations all qualify as emergencies. Some churches call these “Safety Plans” and have “Safety Teams” established to respond to an emergency. The UCC has training materials and templates to help congregations carry out this important responsibility. I’d like to put together an ad hoc team comprised of three to five people to tackle this. Please let me know if you are interested.

If you have questions or suggestions about any aspect of church life I would love to hear from you. Call me at (717) 762-8152, email me at GWHovermale@gmail.com, or better yet, let’s have a conversation after church. I know I’ve made plenty of requests already in this brief article, but I hope you will permit me just one more. Please pray for me and the other members of your 2020 Consistory, that our decisions always reflect God’s will for our beautiful little church. Thank you.

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INCLEMENT
WEATHER
INFORMATION



Snow & Ice will soon be here!

If a Worship Service or meeting must be cancelled...

...You will know before 8:00 a.m.

The church office will send emails and make phone calls.

If you have not been notified by 8:00 a.m. call

Pastor Narda 717-994-4614 or Gilbert Hovermale 717-762-8152
for verification.

FEBRUARY IS BLANKET MONTH

Church World Service always designates Valentine's Day as Blanket Sunday. We are designating **FEBRUARY as BLANKET MONTH**. Some years ago we participated in this Outreach and thought we would participate again. During the month of February a blanket will be hung in the front of the Church (one of Sondra's originals) and you can pin money to the blanket during the month. Then a check will be sent to Church World Service the first of March.



This money will be used to give blankets to homeless people including veterans and people who have lost everything in disasters. Sleeping on hard surfaces like concrete is well.....hard...and in the winter when those surfaces become ice-cold....sleeping is impossible. These blankets provide warmth and a healing embrace from someone who cares. That Christ's love comforts and heals. Pray for those who need a blanket to stay warm this winter.

~ Christian Outreach Team

PLANS TO DELIVER CWS CLEAN-UP BUCKETS

Plans have been finalized to deliver the 15 Church World Service Clean-up Buckets that Apostles put together in response to notification of the need for buckets in response to the recent disasters in the United States and around the world.

The Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, MD, has been helping people in need for over 65 years. Owned and operated by the Church of the Brethren, it houses organizations that work in areas of relief and development, disaster response, social justice, peace education and hospitality, including Brethren Disaster Ministries, Material Resources, SERRV and Earth Peace.

The Brethren Service Center accepts School Kits, Hygiene Kits and Emergency Clean-up Bucket Kits year round on behalf of Church World Service, where they're stored until disaster strikes. Then, they're shipped from New Windsor to disaster sites in the United States and around the world.



Details for trip to deliver buckets are: **Meet at Church of the Apostles between 8:45 - 9am on Monday, February 17th. Leave church by 9am and arrive at Brethren Service Center by 10:30am. Drop off 15 buckets and tour warehouse at service center.** Everyone is invited to join us for the trip. We plan to return to Waynesboro by 1:00pm, unless the group decides to stop for lunch. **See the sign-up sheet at church or let Pastor Narda know if you plan to make the trip.**



***Please support
these Important
Outreach Missions!***

Food and Monetary Donations
are needed to continue
our Silver Express program
for the residents of Trinity House.

**SILVER
EXPRESS
DELIVERY**





HOLIDAY GIFT PROGRAM

CREATING A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON FOR CHILDREN

December 19, 2019

Church of the Apostles UCC
Attn: Judy Fitz
336 Barnett Avenue
Waynesboro, PA 17268

Dear Judy and Congregation,

THE LIGHT IN A *Child's Eyes* IS ALL IT TAKES
TO MAKE *Christmas A Magical* TIME OF THE YEAR

Thank you for making this Christmas **magical** for the children at Hoffman Homes for Youth by participating in the holiday gift program, donating Christmas gifts, fulfilling 10 gift tags.

More children than ever need the comfort and strength that Hoffman Homes for Youth provides, rescuing them from the past trauma and abuse that threatens their mental health and physical safety. Because of you, we can make healthier, happier futures possible for children in crisis—giving them and their families a second chance at a better life.

Merry Christmas,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alicia".

Alicia Stanley
VP of Marketing & Development
astanley@hoffmanhomes.com
717-359-7148 x4500

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We are coming to your neighborhood.

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

Where: Waynesboro - Church of the Apostles

When: Thursday, March 12, 2020

Pre-registration is required. Call: 1-888-653-6450

To register for your appointment and to receive a special \$10 discount, please call 1-888-653-6450 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners

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Ultrasound scan of the carotid arteries that screens for buildup of fatty plaque — a leading cause of strokes.



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Ultrasound screening for an abdominal aneurysm (enlargement) that could lead to a ruptured aorta.



Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening —

Evaluates for peripheral arterial disease (PAD) in the lower extremities, which increases the risk of heart disease.



Osteoporosis Risk Assessment —

Ultrasound screens the heel for bone mass density. Osteoporosis is painless and silent in its early stages.

PACKAGE 1

Plaque, Vascular Disease and Heart Rhythm Package — 4 tests for only **\$139!**

PACKAGE 2

Add an Osteoporosis Screening for only \$10 more — 5 tests for only **\$149!**

A \$181 savings!

**See Linda Ritchey for a COMPLIMENTARY
SCREENING COUPON** Valued at **\$70.00.**

**Good for 1 Individual Screening (worth \$70) or \$55 may be applied
toward any vascular package valued at \$129 or more**

SHARE GOD'S LOVE THROUGH A HABITAT AND THRIVENT FAITH BUILD

See the miracle of your ministry in action

Habitat for Humanity and Thrivent Faith Builds bring local churches together to raise roofs, walls, funds and prayers to build a house in partnership with a family in your community.

It's an opportunity to live out your church's ministry, engage your members and see the miracle that occurs when God touches the hearts of new homeowners and the volunteers who work alongside them.

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*I know that God is sending people
my way to be a blessing to me
and my family.*

”

— Tia R.
Homeowner

Join us for a life-changing experience!

Since 2005, Habitat and Thrivent have partnered to help make affordable housing and better communities a reality for families, like Tia's. We invite your church to be part of this Faith Build.

Turn faith into action

- Churches commit to partnering in the Faith Build.
- Church members generously volunteer their time, helping with construction—or non-construction—activities.
- Churches participate in the Faith Builds Generosity Challenge:
 - Thrivent provides up to 50% of the home cost.
 - Churches are challenged to raise the remaining home cost.
- A local family moves into their **new home!**

Many churches report that they experience church-wide revitalization when they become Faith Builds partners.

A PARTNERSHIP POWERED BY PEOPLE AND PASSION

THRIVENT is a membership organization that guides Christians on their *Wise With Money Journey* to live more content, confident and generous lives.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY is a Christian ministry that puts God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities and inspire hope.

Partnering since 2005

With a history of supporting programs that help build stronger families and communities, it was natural for Thrivent to partner with Habitat for Humanity.

Since our partnership began in 2005, volunteers have built, repaired or renovated thousands of homes.



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Partners in building better futures

MISSION TRIP IN JULY

The Justice & Witness Ministry Team of Trinity UCC, Waynesboro has invited anyone from Church of the Apostles to join them on their next mission trip to Deep Roots at Clairvaux Farm, near Elkton, Maryland. The dates are July 5-8, 2020.



Deep Roots serves as a homeless shelter for children and families in the community, and strives to break the generational cycle of homelessness. Also, Deep Roots offers an after-school enrichment program for children and teenagers who are residents at the Farm.

Groups do light construction and renovation chores; gardening and landscaping; and meal preparation. Often, groups also support programming for children and teenage residents.

If you have an interest in serving, let Pastor Narda know.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Please forward an address change to the Church office.



February 2020

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.