

# ***November 2020 Newsletter***



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## THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR .....

***“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”***

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

We are about to celebrate the season of thanksgiving. For the apostle Paul, the season of giving thanks should not be limited to a specific time of the year. Giving thanks should be a way of living each day. But notice, the apostle Paul is not saying to give thanks *for* everything; Paul is saying give thanks *in* everything. There is a big difference between the two. Having a thankful heart changes your attitude and your way of looking at life in profound ways.

Max Lucado, in his book *“Less Fret, More Faith”* mentions an activity that will help us develop an attitude of thankfulness:

So how positive or negative is your thinking? Try this: Take a few moments to sit and look around you. Find something negative in everything you see. Make a list of all the critical and unhappy thoughts that come to your mind. Notice how you feel when you finish, and write those feelings down.

Not much fun? A steady diet of critical, negative, and ungrateful thought leaves us critical, negative, and ungrateful. Now try the opposite approach: Take a few moments and look around you. Find something positive in everything you see. Make a list of all the kind gestures and grateful thoughts that come into your mind. Notice the difference in your mind and body versus focusing on the negative.

What if this exercise became a practice in life? It could. Nobody other than yourself has the power to make you miserable and unhappy in the way you think or with your attitude. As you pass through your day, look for opportunities to see the good in the world, in nature, and in life. This simple exercise will place your mind in a healthier attitude of thankfulness. Now, re-read the scripture text from 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 again, then pray this prayer:

*Lord, I desire to be characterized by thankfulness. I admit that I am more prone to dwell on the negative than the positive and to pine after the what-ifs rather than bask in the “already.” Give me the grace to truly rejoice in the many good gifts you have given. In your holy name. Amen.*

Blessings and Thanks for the journey,

Pastor Narda

PASTOR'S thoughts...



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Thanks to everyone who has been donating canned goods and non-perishables for our Trinity House food pantry. We have always had shoppers who bought groceries once a month and we delivered them at that time. Our shoppers were reimbursed for any purchases that they submit to Mary Lou Misner. We have a shopper for November and December which should help the residents out during the holiday season with extra groceries. Donations can be brought to the Church anytime. We will deliver them the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month.



## **CHURCH MOVIE DATE: NOVEMBER 12**

The movie **WHAT IF** (God gives you a second chance) will be shown Thursday November 12 at 10:30. It is a 2 hour movie.

The story of Ben Walker (Kevin Sorbo), who fifteen years ago left his college sweetheart and his calling to become a pastor to pursue a business opportunity. Now with a high paying job, a trophy fiancée, and a Mercedes, he hasn't considered a family or felt the need to set foot inside a church. But God has other plans. In the tradition of *It's a Wonderful Life* and *The Family Man*, it is a story of finding your purpose in life.

You are welcome to join us for another inspiring movie experience.

***Christian Outreach Team***

*Church of the Apostles requires that you wear a mask and maintain a good social distance from everyone who is not in your household while you are inside the church.*

*Or you can sit in your car and listen to the service by tuning into radio station FM 88.9, or watch Virtual Church from home.*

***Thank you  
for understanding.***

## **VOLUNTEER NEEDED!!!**

The Christian Outreach Team needs a volunteer to coordinate the Hoffman Homes Birthday program. Our temporary volunteer has sent cards and money until January, 2021. Cards are usually sent every quarter and Linda sends the funds that they need out of our Birthday fund. We have quite a few cards on hand. This only requires a small amount of time and only 4 times a year.

***If you are interested, see Judy.***



If you are unable to attend Worship and have internet capability, you can access

## **Apostles Virtual Church**

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[www.apostlesucc.com](http://www.apostlesucc.com).

Click on **"Live Stream Recordings"** under the WORSHIP tab.

## **MODIFIED HANGING OF THE GREENS**

Due to COVID precautions, the annual hanging of the greens will be modified this year. Hanging of the greens will not be part of the worship service and we will not be able to gather as a group after worship as in the past. However congregational assistance is still needed! If you are willing to help with hanging of the greens and decorating the church for Christmas, please let us know by calling the church office or emailing [apostlesucc@gmail.com](mailto:apostlesucc@gmail.com).

Families will be given one or more decorating tasks that can be performed at a specified time so that contact will not be made between families assisting. If there is a specific decorating task you would like to perform (for example decorate the Christmas tree or hang the wreathes) please include this in your message!

## **Readers** *for* November

November 1: *Laurie Hovermale*

November 8: *Mary Lou Misner*

November 15: *Donna Haugh*

November 22: *Pastor Narda*

November 29: *Bob Benchoff*

December 6: *Donna Haugh*

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries** *in* **November**



3 Joshua Misner

5 Bruce Barr

7 Bob & Shelley Benchoff

27 Colin Berkey

27 Sondra Monn

## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF FRANKLIN COUNTY**

### ***FAITH BUILD 2020***

The FaithBuild 2020 partnership with Thrivent Financial is completing a home located at 140 Ritchie Road in Fayetteville, PA. The home will be purchased by Ms. Rose Simon and provide a safe, decent, affordable place for Rose and her two boys.

Church of the Apostles has designated this year's produce donations to this project and so far we have collected \$129.

### ***HOME DEDICATION CEREMONY AND OPEN HOUSE NOV. 15 AT 3:00 PM***

Everyone who participated in this project in any way - prayer, volunteering, donating - is invited to participate in this very moving home dedication ceremony. Be there when the hard work of the partner family is celebrated and they receive the key to their new home just in time for Thanksgiving and the holidays.

***ATTEND*** this powerful event - this is an amazing time to see God's work fulfilled and lives changed! It is no exaggeration to say you can witness a miracle.

***PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO COVID,  
THIS EVENT MAY BE VIRTUAL.***



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## 2020 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Church of the Apostles held its 2020 Annual Business Meeting on October 25, 2020. Consistory President Bert Hovermale called the meeting to order after the morning worship service. No meal was scheduled because of the pandemic. Pastor Narda opened the meeting with a short devotion and prayer. There were three important items on the agenda: 1) Review and approve the 2021 Spending Plan; 2) Review and approve suggested changes to the church's Constitution and Bylaws; and 3) Elect/Approve new Consistory members for the term beginning 2021.

**2021 Spending Plan.** Secretary/Treasurer Linda Ritchey walked members through every line of the spending plan. The plan anticipates \$89,196.75 in available income and \$84,752.86 in expenses, yielding excess income of \$4,443.89. This isn't a bad result, considering our investment income has taken a hit as a result of the pandemic-driven economic downturn. The plan includes increases in salary for the Pastor, Secretary/Treasurer and Organist. The Pastor's increase was based on minimum salary guidelines from the Penn Central Conference. The Secretary/Treasurer's increase was based on continued superior performance of her current responsibilities and successful completion of a pandemic-related initiative to set up and operate a virtual church. The Organist's increase was also justified as a result of new pandemic-related responsibilities. In his role as the church's music director, Organist Jim now conducts additional research to ensure the church has a license or permission to play and stream each piece of music in the worship service. The 2021 Spending Plan was approved by the membership on a voice vote.

**Constitution and Bylaws (C&BL) Changes.** Changes to the C&BL were minor this year. The C&BL language with respect to committees or teams was changed to clarify that the list of teams currently in the C&BL is exemplative – in other words, just an example. Consistory can organize itself and its teams in any way it deems necessary in order to accomplish the church's mission. Consistory members are designated as either Elders or Deacons. The C&BL was changed to say that Consistory members retain the honorary title of Elder or Deacon after they leave Consistory. The honorary Elders and Deacons may perform the duties prescribed for Elders and Deacons in the C&BL if requested to do so by the pastor or Consistory. Finally, the description of the Spiritual Council was amended to correct errors and the description of the Pastoral Relations Team was changed to align with new guidance from the UCC National Church. Changes to the C&BL were approved by the membership on a voice vote.



**Elect/Approve New Consistory Members.** The terms of four Consistory members (Bert Hovermale, Laurie Hovermale, Judy Fitz, Richard Hovis) end December 31, 2020. Mary Lou Misner, Bob Benchoff, and Donna Hough have agreed to serve on Consistory for three-year terms beginning January 1, 2021. Bert Hovermale called for additional nominations from the floor, but none were forthcoming. The three candidates were approved by the membership on a voice vote. Consistory may fill the remaining vacancy by appointment at any time during the term if someone can be found who will serve. Mary Lou, Bob, and Donna will join the four current members of Consistory, whose terms expire December 31, 2022. They are Chris Bobb, Tory Van Reenen, Joanne Keech, and Larry Little.

Bert Hovermale opened the floor for any other business for the good of the church. There being none, the Church of the Apostles Annual Business Meeting was adjourned on a voice vote from the membership.

## **Waynesboro Hospital Auxiliary Greens Sale Modified**

As many of you know, the Renfrew Institute on October 13, 2020 moved into the Welty Medical Building at 12525 N. Welty Rd., Waynesboro, PA. This may be a temporary or permanent location for the Renfrew Institute. They will definitely be there until the end of the year.

Due to space limitations and concerns over the COVID restrictions, the greens executive group decided that the Auxiliary would not host the regular Greens sale this year as has been done in the past. We will hold a Holiday Bazaar on Friday, November 20, 2020 from 9:00a.m. until 4:00p.m. and also on Saturday, November 21, 2020 from 9:00a.m. until 1:00p.m. at the Welty Medical Building instead of the Church of the Apostles.

There will be no bake sale this year. In lieu of baked goods, we will accept monetary donations. Donations should be sent to Waynesboro Hospital Volunteer Office, ATTN: Susan Lowery, 501 E. Main St., Waynesboro PA 17268.

There will be no fresh greens.

We will be glad to sell items the week of November 20<sup>th</sup> as we set up for the sale. Please contact Rhonda McFarland at 717-762-8720 or Ann O'Toole at 717-762-7095 or Deb Eisenhauer at 717-762-9121 to arrange to meet at the building.

Thank You for your support over the years as we try to deal with the changes.

# Life Line Screening will be coming to Church of the Apostles on November 19

*Very strict protocols will be in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19.*

## Preparations on the day of your screening

### All ultrasound and heart rhythm screenings:

- Wear a short sleeved shirt that is open at the collar – no turtlenecks
- Wear a comfortable two-piece outfit consisting of loose clothing
- Do not wear pantyhose

### Additional preparations:

#### Abdominal aortic aneurysm

- Fast for 4 hours prior to your screening.
- Make sure the meal you eat 4 hours prior to your screening is a light one (less than 1/2 of what you normally eat of non-gassy food).
- If you are thirsty during your fasting period, you may have 1/2 cup of coffee or tea and a moderate amount of water.
- If you take medication, take it as prescribed.
- If you are diabetic and are not comfortable fasting for 4 hours, limit yourself to a "diabetic meal" (piece of toast, 1 cup of any juice and 1/2 cup coffee or tea). If you are in doubt, please follow your diabetic care plan.

#### Complete lipid panel (cholesterol)

- Fast for 8 hours prior to your screening.

#### Atrial fibrillation (stroke)

- Do not wear pantyhose.
- Do not wear a watch.
- Keep your cell phone turned off.
- Do not wear lotion or oil.

#### Glucose (type 2 diabetes)

- Fast for 8 hours prior to your screening.



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October 16, 2020

Dear friends,

The kindness and caring of our community has been shown over and over during the pandemic which began in March. Once again I am asking for your help. The holidays are quickly coming and we are still in the midst of social distancing, wearing masks, testing for COVID... Anxiety is common for many families as they struggle to go through the daily activities of life. Will school be closed? Will my job still be there next week? Will my unemployment come this week?

Thanksgiving and Christmas can be stressful times for families who are financially struggling. WCHS plans to continue our Holiday assistance with a few changes to make it safe for everyone. This year we will hold a Curbside Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day from 11 AM to 12:30 PM at the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Volunteer needs: Bake desserts, set up and preparation on Wednesday, runners to take boxes outside, hand out boxes, direct traffic, deliver meals to families who can't pick up their meals, and clean up.

Christmas assistance will include a curbside Distribution of Christmas Food Boxes, provide gifts for teens and adopt a family. Our assistance is only possible because of your contributions of food for the food boxes, gifts for teens, clothing for children and groups to adopt a family.

If you are interested in helping in any way please contact us at 717-762-6941.

Won't you join us in spreading Holiday cheer this year?

Sincerely,

*Denise Esser*

Denise Esser, Director

Waynesboro Community and Human Services  
123 Walnut St  
Waynesboro, PA 17268





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**Alicia Stanley**  
VP, Marketing & Development  
Hoffman Homes for Youth

**Trisha Weaver**  
Signify

October 2, 2020

Church of the Apostles  
c/o Ms. Linda Ritchey  
336 Barnett Avenue  
Waynesboro, PA 17268

Dear Linda,



On behalf of the gala committee, children and staff at Hoffman Homes for Youth, **thank you** for your generous donation for the No Show Black Tie & Blue Jeans Gala!

The overarching goal at HHY is for every child to achieve their individualized treatment goals. **With your help**, last year, 92% of our children did just that! Additionally, last year we:

- held 2,224 family therapy sessions.
- held a group therapy session each day focusing on anger management, self-esteem, coping skills, relaxation and social/life skills.
- held 3,852 creative therapies sessions.
- built a remote learning platform and implemented a virtual education for Hoffman Academy students due to the pandemic.

We are only able to do all of this because of your generosity and the kindness of neighbors in our community. Your support for the children through our reimagined event is truly heart-warming. At the end of the day, it has never been about the party, it has always been about showing compassion for children in need. So kick back, enjoy your night in and please know we are extremely **grateful for you!**

Sincerely,

Alicia M. Stanley  
VP of Marketing & Development



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## ***Thank you for the Birthday Card donations!***

October 6, 2020

Church of the Apostles  
Attn: Tory  
336 Barnett Avenue  
Waynesboro, PA 17268

Dear Tory,

**"Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him."** (Psalms 127:3 NLT)

**Thank you** for your donation of \$175.00 for the children's birthdays. Together with your amazing support, we continue to help children in our community, let me tell you about one of them.

Abby\* was 13 years old when she was admitted to our program. Her birth parents separated when she was two months old. She was physically and sexually abused by her father for three years. Abby had a history of mood instability, aggressive and destructive behavior, and anxiety. While in our program, therapists utilized trauma focused-cognitive behavior therapy. Her mother was very involved and supportive during her treatment, and Abby went home for therapeutic leave often. As treatment progressed, she was able to recognize the shame and self-hatred she held for herself. She was able to take responsibility for her actions, develop coping skills and positive relationships. After nine months of treatment, she successfully returned home to her mother. \*Name changed for privacy

You'll hear from us with updates on the children in care in our winter and summer newsletter, *Hoffman Happenings*. You can contact me anytime if you have questions about our program, would like to arrange a tour of campus, or for me to come speak at your congregation for a mission moment.

As we celebrate our 110-year anniversary, **we thank you** for your compassion and dedication to helping children in need and for giving them the opportunity to heal.

With gratitude,

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# **November 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.*