

October 2020 Newsletter



CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

OUTDOOR WORSHIP at 10:45 AM

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THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR

I recently was in CVS drugstore looking for something my doctor prescribed. When I found the item there was not only one flavor of the item I was looking for, there were three. I had 3 choices to choose from: grape, cherry, or lemon-lime. Seems like a simple thing, choices, but it caused me to think about how we seem to be living in a time when our choices are getting more difficult than ever. We have had to make choices about wearing a mask, let alone going back to going out in public again taking all the precautions necessary for staying safe during these COVID-19 days. We are aware of the choices parents have had to make about sending their children back to in person attendance at school. We have been bombarded by adds for the upcoming presidential election. Plus, the recent movement to promote awareness that we as a country have not dealt with the subject of racism, just to name a few.

Not sure who said, “The choices we make have a major impact on the life we live. Make the right choices on a daily basis so that you may live an authentic life that is true to who you want to be. Be brave and bold with the choices you make. You can let things define you, destroy you, or strengthen you. It’s your choice.” Motivational speaker John C. Maxwell says that, “Life is a matter of choices, and every choice you make makes you.”

I recently came back across a quote from Max Lucado about choices called **“I Choose...”** I thought there was no better time than the present to share it with you all.

I Choose Love...

No occasion justifies hatred; no injustice warrants bitterness. I choose love. Today I will love God and what God loves.

I Choose Joy...

I will invite my God to be the God of circumstance. I will refuse the temptation to be cynical. I will refuse to see people as anything less than human beings, created by God. I will refuse to see any problem as anything less than an opportunity to see God.

I Choose Peace...

I will live forgiven. I will forgive so I may live.

I Choose Patience...

I will overlook the inconveniences of the world. Instead of cursing the one who takes my place, I'll invite him to do so. Rather than complain that the wait is too long, I will thank God for a moment to pray. Instead of clenching my fist at new assignments, I will face them with joy and courage.

I Choose Kindness...

I will be kind to the poor, for they are alone. Kind to the rich, for they are afraid. And kind to the unkind, for that is how God has treated me.

I Choose Goodness...

I will go without a dollar before I take a dishonest one. I will be overlooked before I will boast. I will confess before I accuse. I choose goodness.

I Choose Faithfulness...

Today I will keep my promises. My debtors will not regret their trust. My associates will not question my word. My wife will not question my love. And my children will never fear that their father will not come home.

I Choose Gentleness...

Nothing is won by force. I choose to be gentle. If I raise my voice, may it be only in praise. If I clench my fist, may it only be in prayer. If I make a demand, may it be only of myself.

I Choose Self-Control...

I refuse to let what will rot, rule the eternal. I choose self-control. I will be drunk only by joy. I will be impassioned only by my faith. I will be influenced only by God. I will be taught only by Christ. I choose self-control.

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control. To these I commit my day. If I succeed, I will give thanks. If I fail, I will seek God's grace. And then when this day is done I will place my head on my pillow and rest."

As people of faith it seems the world is watching us more closely than ever before. Some of you may remember I asked this question last Sunday, Can people see Christ in you? It may seem like the days we are living in and the situations we are facing are like none we have ever faced before. For some of us that may be the case. But for others these days cause them to recall other times in their lives that the choices necessary are difficult ones that affect not only their lives, but the lives of others they come in contact with. Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "I am who I am today because of the choices I made yesterday." My hope is that you and I will choose the ways of Christ so that the world may notice a better way of dealing with the days we are in.

Blessings for the journey,
Pastor Narda

PASTOR'S *thoughts...*

ANNUAL MEETING

**Our Annual Meeting
will be held on October 25th,
immediately following
Worship. This will be
a business meeting to:**

Approve the 2021 Spending Plan

Elect new Consistory members

**Vote on proposed changes
to the Constitution & Bylaws**



Life Line Screening will offer their
affordable, non-invasive
and painless health screenings at
Church of the Apostles
on November 19.

**In order to register for this event
and to receive a \$10 discount off
any package priced above \$129,
please call 1-888-653-6441**

**or visit
[www.lifelinescreening.com/
communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle)**

**or text the word
circle
to 797979**

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

Apostles Virtual Church

on our website by visiting
www.apostlesucc.com.

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

Outdoor Worship Plan for October 11 and 18

Weather can best be described as:

Good:

Same as current. Pastor
Narda, Jim, and Linda under canopies.
Everyone else can choose the parking
lot or under the trees.

Chilly but not downright cold, maybe a shower but not pouring down rain:

Pastor Narda and Jim under the
canopy leading to the side door.
Linda under her own canopy.
Everyone else in their cars listening to
FM 88.9 or home watching virtual
church.

Downright cold, pouring down rain, or cold and rain together:

Pastor Narda, Jim, and
Linda inside doing virtual church.
Everyone else at home watching virtual
church.

Readers for October

October 4: *Donna Haugh*

October 11: *Judy Fitz*

October 18: *Pastor Narda*

October 25: *Laurie Hovermale*

November 1: *Bob Benchoff*

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 & Tim Misner

Outdoor Services will be held on October 4, 11 & 18.

Please bring your own lawn chairs.

If it rains or if the temperature is too chilly, you can sit in your car and listen to the service by tuning into radio station 88.9 FM or watch Virtual Church from home.

Masks are not required for Outdoor Services as long as good social distancing is maintained between you and others who are not part of your household.



Indoor Services will begin on October 25.

Masks and social distancing are required inside the church.

Thank you for understanding.



*The third
quarter check
for the
Backpack Fund
totaled \$465 -
Thank you to
everyone
who made
this possible!*

**SILVER
EXPRESS
DELIVERY**



CHURCH MOVIE DATE: OCTOBER 22

The movie I BELIEVE (with God all things are possible) will be shown October 22 at 10:30. It is a 90 minute movie.

A synopsis.... 9-year-old Brian has a supernatural encounter with God, an experience that sends him on an adventurous quest to find out more about what Christians believe. He faces heavy opposition especially from his father, an atheist TV newscaster. He finds allies in a pastor and a wounded US marine. The Dove Foundation calls it Wonderful!!!! Inspiring!!!

We have room for more people and are very careful about social distancing and a clean environment. Join us!

Christian Outreach Team

In connection with our Hoffman Homes ministries like the Birthday card program and the Christmas gifts (I should have names for gifts by November 1). Here is a poem from one of the girls in their care. Hoffman Homes does a wonderful job with these children.

MINE

I have my own friends
They will never leave me
They can't, they're in my head
We sing, we dance, we think fire is pretty

I don't need loud, mean boys
I have my friends
They won't shove me down and laugh
I don't need cruel girls
I have my friends

They would never make me cry
They remind me that I'm smart, beautiful, funny
They protect me from the shadows
Monsters under my bed
They helped me make them my friends

Other kids are scared of them
But they don't know them like I do
They have good hearts
I get they look scary
But they're kind and gentle
They'll always be there for me
They'll leave me never
They're mine forever

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.



OCTOBER 2020

The Pollinator and Wildlife Habitat group had asked Ernie Fitz if we could try planting the sunflowers by tilling the soil this year, but as everyone saw, it wasn't successful.

Ernie and the group now have a plan that we feel will enable us to grow a beautiful field of sunflowers next summer and every summer without needing a crop rotation to return nitrogen to the soil: A winter rye cover crop will be planted this fall and then next year we will return to planting the sunflowers using the no-till method and then applying a nitrogen fertilizer.

We thank Ernie for his knowledge and experience in working with us on this and donating his time, skill, tractor, equipment, and supplies again this season.

In May the group shared young milkweed plants with the community and hosted the annual butterfly program in the front yard in September. Julie Shindle again led the program and added another exciting activity by bringing lots of monarch butterflies from her large nursery for the participants to release. The group had decided to help the Monarch Watch organization study the monarch migration by tagging twenty-five of the released butterflies for their tracking program. Free nurseries, monarch caterpillars and milkweed leaves were distributed to interested participants.

We thank Julie for leading the program again!

Finally, the group thanks Dan Ritchey for keeping the walking path mowed for us again this season and reminds everyone to visit the Habitat this fall and enjoy a hike on the path while the weather is cooler.



WAYNESBORO CROP WALK 2020

The 49th annual Waynesboro Area CROP Hunger Walk will be held on **Sunday, October 11th**, with registration beginning at 1:30 PM and the walk at 2 PM. The walk will again be held on the walking path along the **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 encourage more participation in this vital ministry, the planning team 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 another for the church that raises the most money for Church World Service. Last year, Christ 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 for the second year in a row with 15 walkers.

With this being Waynesboro’s 49th consecutive Hunger Walk, there is only one other walk that has been happening for a longer period of time which is in New York. Traditionally, 25% of the money raised goes to local ministries right here in Waynesboro. Recipients of these fund for the past few years have been New Hope Shelter, The Lunch Place and Community and Human Resources. Last year there were 73 walkers (plus 5 dogs) who collected around \$6,570 for Church World Service.

This year, with COVID-19, there will be some challenges (as has been the case with just about EVERYTHING in 2020!), with that **everyone will be required to wear a mask and stay at least 6 feet apart** unless you are a family group that lives together in the same household. The good news is that we can have up to 250 people for an outdoor activity.

The goal for this year is to have at least 100 walkers and collect at least \$10,000 for hunger throughout the world. **See Pastor Narda for a sponsorship form if you plan to be part of Team Apostles.**

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 through the U.S. This year marks the 51st year CROP Hunger Walks have brought the interfaith community together across our 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 can be in solidarity, bring awareness to these issues and raise the funds for a permanent change.

Bras For A Cause



Requesting: New and Gently Used Bras

Donation Sites:

- Church of the Apostles - Waynesboro, PA
- Harvest Moon Studio - Rouzerville, PA
- Here's Looking At You - Chambersburg, PA
- New Reflections Hair Salon - Waynesboro, PA
- Stampin's Up with Jody Brechbill - Duffield, PA
- WellSpan Waynesboro Hospital Volunteer Office - Waynesboro, PA
- YMCA - Waynesboro, PA
- Zeger Dental Clinic - Greencastle, PA:

**2020 Campaign
October 1st-31st**

- Bras donated are given to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Rouzerville, PA (Fed and Clothed in Christ) and Grace's Free Closet in Greencastle, PA
- All money raised benefits Franklin County Area Breast Cancer Patients



**For more information contact Rhonda McFarland at 717-762-8720
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all children have the right to simply be children...

UNLEASHING POTENTIAL (formerly Neighborhood Houses)
OF ST. LOUIS, MO

“Unleash[ing] the magnificent potential in children, families and neighborhoods that leads to a just community for all.”

Denise Carter, early childhood education director, was well aware of a rather large need within the population served by Neighborhood Houses. Many of the families are low wage earners, 75% of them earn less than \$20,000 annually. Truthfully, some simply struggle to provide many of basic needs for their children.

To that end, she designed a program to meet the health and development needs of infants and toddlers. Thus, the “Baby Essentials” program was birthed. The main goal was to provide diapers and formula for all of the children enrolled at the early childhood education center for families who could not afford a consistent supply.

credit: UP - early childhood webpage
 Denise met with interim director of development, Christine Krueger, and shared her desire and need for funding. Christine went in search of those sources. She applied wherever she felt the need of the program matched the granters requirements. Fortunately, she filled out an application for a NIN direct service grant and was awarded \$3,000 in 2019.

In 2020, it was reported back to us that 100% of babies ages six weeks to 12 months received milk they needed while attending the Center. 50% of those babies also received one canister of formula per month for home consumption. Lastly, 100% of babies/toddlers ages six weeks to three years had diapers needed for Center and home use.

According to Christine, “thanks to the Neighbors in Need grant, our babies are dry and their tummies are full, and parents, who are already stressed financially, socially, and emotionally, have two less potential health issues with which to contend!”

Because of your generosity, direct service programs like that of Neighborhood Houses are grant funded, communities are strengthened, and neighbors experience love without judgment.

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Please join us in supporting the 2020 Neighbors In Need Special Mission Offering. Thank you!



We
will
be
taking
the
Neighbors
In
Need
Offering
during the
month
of
October.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Please forward an address change to the Church office.



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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.