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Annual Meeting & All That Jazz November 20

One Service at 10:00 a.m. with the
Salem Six New Orleans-Style
Jazz Band

Annual Meeting to Follow



Apostles Cupboard & Thanksgiving Baskets

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Last March I appointed a committee to rewrite the by-laws of Church of the Apostles. The members of the committee are Wayne Glick, Peter Schmiechen, Ellen Schellenberger, and Marianne Thoman. They were tasked with rewriting, not just tweaking, the document that states how we will govern our church and how we will deal with one another. The committee spent seven months meeting and drafting a document that they felt best described how our church should be governed. The finished product was presented to the executive committee in two sessions in the last half of October where some final minor changes were made.

By the time you read this letter, the proposed by-laws will have been presented to the commission chairpeople at the November 7 meeting of the Ministry Planning Team. On November 14 the commission members will see and discuss the document also. By that time, all council members will have seen the by-laws and will have had a chance to discuss them. At the conclusion of the Annual Meeting on November 20, copies of the proposed changes will be presented to the congregation so they may have time to read and digest what is being proposed. Information sessions and question and answer meetings will be scheduled beginning in early December. The process will continue until the members feel they've had their questions answered and are ready to move on to the approval stage with a congregational vote.

Don't forget that the Ministry Planning Committee meetings and all the commission meetings and the council meetings are all open meetings. Any member may visit and listen to the discussions at any of our church meetings so if you'd like to hear all the discussion that happens around the new by-laws proposal, you're welcome to join any of our meetings at any time.

Sincerely,

Karen W. Culp

OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

At the October 17 council meeting, Pastor Cowles proposed that the commissions make some changes in the meeting schedule. If two commissions would meet on a separate night from the other commission, each pastor could attend an entire meeting on that night. If the remaining four commissions would meet on the present commission night, changing the time of the meetings to two meeting from 6 to 7:30 and two meeting from 7:30 to 9 would allow each pastor to attend two entire meetings on that night. It was agreed the commissions would discuss the proposal at their November meetings.

The result of the congregational vote to approve the easement agreement with Homestead Village was 122 yes votes and 1 no vote.

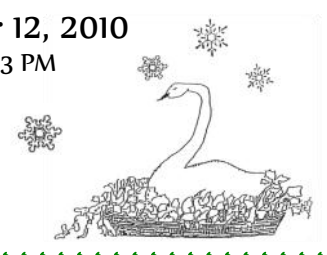
By unanimous vote, the council agreed to submit a summary report of the council meetings for the Crown instead of printing unapproved minutes.

The committee tasked with rewriting the by-laws has met with the executive committee with their first draft. Some minor changes were agreed upon and it is expected the council will have the proposed by-laws to review at the November council meeting.

The 2012 proposed budget was presented to the council for approval. There was a lot of discussion about the severity of our financial situation and whether we're on the right path. In the end, the council voted unanimously to continue to fund programming and staffing in order to grow the church. It is believed that cutting staff and/or programming and reducing our contributions to OCWM would be the wrong thing to do and would guarantee a decline in the positive changes that are starting to occur. The council is united in the belief that our budget challenges need to be solved by increasing our income and not by discontinuing our missions and ministries.


Christmas in the Country
 Craft Show and Bazaar
 November 12, 2010
 9 AM - 3 PM

DECORATIONS
 CRAFTS
 GIFTS
 FOOD



Music

THE STORY OF OUR WHITECHAPEL HANDBELLS

Church of the Apostles has become the recipient of a 5-octave set of Whitechapel Handbells thanks to the generosity of our first bell choir director, E. Virgil Cooper, Jr. Mr. Cooper was given this set of bells as a Christmas gift in 1963 by his father-in-law John R. Wood, Jr. The bells were crafted in London at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, the same company that cast America's Liberty Bell. They arrived on the docks in Brooklyn, New York, on April 2, 1964.

Mr. Cooper was the fulltime organist/choir director at Trinity Lutheran Church in downtown Lancaster, and, upon receiving the bells, formed his first handbell choir. Later that summer he left the position at Trinity and began teaching music at Lampeter-Strasburg School District. He had various handbell choirs at L-S. Virgil and Marilyn Cooper had joined St. John's UCC during the merger, and subsequently formed a bell choir at the new church, Church of the Apostles. Following the first time the group played for a worship service, Rev. Nevin Schellenberger was very touched and said, "We had the merger...we are building the new building...and now this...!"

When Mr. Cooper retired from teaching, he and his wife moved to Florida, and the Whitechapel bells went with him. He directed bell choirs in various churches until his health prevented him from conducting and transporting the bells any longer. He made the decision that the right "permanent home" for the bells was here at Church of the Apostles! Several of the original bell ringers are still ringing and will be once again reunited with our first bells.

Whitechapel handbells are considered to be the "Cadillac" of handbells, so we are very fortunate to have been given this gift of bells. We are also blessed to have Mr. Ron Bellamy as our handbell choir director.

Based on a letter from Marilyn Cooper

From the Whitechapel Bell Foundry website:

For the past two and a half centuries, Whitechapel has been the acknowledged leader in the production of musical handbells. Handbell ringing began in England about three hundred years ago. Even in those days, the best bells were made 'at the sign of the three bells in Whitechapel. Indeed, it can be said that the whole

art of handbell ringing was built on Whitechapel handbells. Musical handbells, tuned in sets and fitted with leather straps, were introduced in the late 17th century and quickly became popular among tower bell ringers, not only for practicing change ringing, but also for playing simple tunes. The art of tune ringing developed further in the 19th century when competitions were held, mostly in the North of England, between rival bands playing complicated scores and using large numbers of bells. These events were popular with ringers and public alike, and although handbell ringing subsequently went into decline, its revival in the latter part of the 20th century was worldwide. Although over the centuries every opportunity has been taken to improve the manufacturing process, this has never been to the exclusion of traditional craft-based techniques. The result is handbells of a quality which cannot be matched by mass production methods.

September 2002 saw the dedication of not one but two very special Whitechapel bells in the USA. The first of these, a full size replica of the Liberty Bell, was cast at the Foundry within yards of where its predecessor was cast a quarter-millennium earlier and commemorates the landing on American soil of the original Liberty Bell 250 years ago in September 1752. The other commemorates much more recent and tragic events and was dedicated at Trinity Church on Wall Street on 11th September 2002, the first anniversary of the terrorist attack on New York City. (The existing ring of eight bells at Trinity Church were cast at Whitechapel in 1797.) This bell is 31" in diameter and weighs approximately 650 pounds, it bears the inscription:

TO THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD
AND IN RECOGNITION OF
THE ENDURING LINKS BETWEEN
THE CITY OF LONDON
AND
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FORGED IN ADVERSITY - 11 SEPTEMBER 2001



CROWN CONCERT

Lancaster City Choir

Sunday, November 20

4:00 pm

AJ Walker, director



“Mass for Peace” In memory of those lost in times of war and strife, The Lancaster City Choir will present a collection of the world’s most moving mass settings and choral masterpieces, including works by Vivladi, Barber, Lauridsen, Byrd, and Haydn. The concert will include selections from Rutter’s “Gloria! Music for a Holiday Season” featuring soprano Elisabeth Turchi. The 20-member ensemble consists of young men and women focused on performing international repertoire and premiere works.

Parish Life



Christmas Card List Time

Please remember our homebound members when mailing Christmas cards this year.

Charles & Alice Diller - 392-6952

812 Race Ave.
Lancaster, PA 17603-2634

Molly Harter - 569-3966

2806 Southwick Drive
Lancaster, PA 17601-3524

Kathleen Herr - 201-8293?

1618 Princess Anne Drive
Lancaster, PA 17601

Helen Plourde - 394-7417

307 Post Oak Rd.
Lancaster, PA 17603-9448

Mae Rankin - 392-6153

348 W. James St.
Lancaster, PA 17603-2948

Jeannette Riley - 627-1896

25 Edgewood Drive
Lititz, PA 17543-3102

David Thomas - 299-0770

1920 Marietta Avenue
Lancaster, PA 17603-2379

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3001 Lititz Pike
Lancaster, PA 17606
Jean & Claude Morrison-Village Manor 210
Box 5093 - 581-5714

COUNTRY MEADOWS - (717) 392-4100

1380 Elm Ave. Lancaster
Evelyn Bernhardt - Rm. 205
Mary E. (Betty) Hill - Rm. 203
Helen Buss - Rm. 54

HOMESTEAD VILLAGE - (717)397-4831

1800 Village Circle, Box 3227 17604
Richard Cox , Apt. 224 - 399-9431
Ed & Nancy Fitzkee - Apt 253
WESTVUE

Elizabeth Appel - Apt. 407
Georgia Merritt - Apt. 402
Frances Tracey - Apt. 408

HOMESTEAD VILLAGE (717) 397-4831

HEALTH CENTER
1800 Village Circle, PO Box 3227, 17604
Aline Berberian - 6 W
Phyllis Burkholder - 24 P
Charles Kent- 4 D
Susanne Lukens - 17 W
Julie Stephan - 5 D

LONG HOME

200 North West End Avenue
Lancaster, PA 17603

Mary Jane Werner - Room 2L- 399-7271

LUTHER ACRES - 626-1171

200 Saint Luke Drive, Lititz, PA 17543

Grace Geyer - Apt. 109 - 626-0134

Robert & Sue Schulmeister

Apt. 305 Luther Building 625-3422

MASONIC VILLAGE - (717)367-1121

1 Masonic Dr.

Elizabethtown 17022

Almore Robb - B-2833

Franklin Building, B-2833 361-4969

Beatrice Boyd

Lancaster Bldg. 1st Floor Room 1003
361-5167

MENNONITE HOME - (717) 393-1301

1520 Harrisburg Pike, 17601

Katherine Daveler - Juniata Room 208

Luella Gamber - Juniata Room 407

Eugene Hamill - Juniata Room 109

Burnell Rebert - Trout Run 416

Mary Witmer - Coopers Run 319

MORAVIAN MANOR - 626-0214

**Maitland Frank - Health Center South
Room 27 625-7787**

ST JOHN'S HERR ESTATE

200 Luther Lane (717) 684-0678
Columbia, PA 17512

Dorothy Wolf - Lodge, Room 1

Cell # 314-6340

WILLOW VALLEY

925 Willow Valley Lakes Dr.

Willow Street, PA 17584

(717) 490-8100 (reception desk)

Nellie Lewis - The Glen - Room 217

Ruth Mellinger- Meadow Ridge Rm. S411

Direct room dial (717) 490-8311

New Beginnings

New Beginnings will gather Thursday, November 17, at 1:00 p.m. in the education wing. The program that day will be "Where in the World Are You?", geographical trivia presented by Rev. Milt Gockley.



If you wish, a pumpkin-type dessert to share would be welcome.

And don't forget – the new deadline for reservations for the annual Christmas banquet is November 28. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Checks should be made out to Church of the Apostles, earmarked New Beginnings Christmas banquet, and submitted in any one of these three ways: (1) given directly to Bill Higgs, treasurer, (2) put into the New Beginnings' mailbox in the church office, or (3) mailed to the church in care of Michelle.



SPEEDING AND SMOKING

At the October Campus Partners meeting, the subjects of smoking and speeding on our campus were addressed and all the partners were united on both issues. The entire campus includes Church of the Apostles, Homestead Village, Schreiber Pediatric Center, Parish Resource Center, American Cancer Society and American Heart Association and all parties are in agreement that this is a non-smoking campus. That includes inside the buildings and outside the buildings. Inside the individual homes on Homestead Village's and the church's properties are the only exceptions.

Speeding on the campus roads between the speed attenuators has been reported. Homestead Village is going to erect speed limit signs at their expense. Please obey them while on the campus.

Intergenerational Happenings

Rohrerstown Area Churches Plan Community Thanksgiving Service

You are invited to a Community Thanksgiving Service sponsored by eight churches in the Rohrerstown area on Tuesday, November 22, at 7:00 to be held at the Church of the Apostles at 1850 Marietta Avenue. This annual celebration of praise involves group singing, special music by many of the churches, Scripture readings and brief challenges from God's Word by the pastors, and a special time of light refreshments and fellowship to follow. Everyone is encouraged to bring money and/or non-perishable food items to be divided between the Hempfield Area Food Bank and the Church of the Apostles Food Bank for distribution to those in need at this time of the year.

One unique dimension of this community service is that it represents not only churches from different denominations but also three churches from different cultures. So join us for a delightful evening together as we worship and praise the God who loves us abundantly. As the ancient hymn declares, "All good things around us are sent from heaven above. So thank the Lord, thank the Lord, thanks for all God's love."



Church Family Advent Workshop

Sunday, November 27, 2011
Fellowship Hall – 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Come, bring your family, bring your relatives, bring your friends, and even bring your neighbors. It will be fun.

Lots will be happening. You will have some choices*.

We will be making crafts: Advent candle logs, Chrismons and angel decorations, bead wreaths and cookie decorating.

The cookies will be delivered to Crispus Attacks for an evening meal for folks in need. The Outreach Commission will be preparing the meal in the kitchen while we decorate the cookies in the Fellowship Hall.

The meal will be taken to Crispus Attacks around 5 p.m. This is a choice* to help serve the meal and cookies. Please return to the Fellowship Hall.

If you choose*, crafts will be continuing in the Fellowship Hall for those who remain, but materials will be available for those who wish to return and complete crafts.

A light meal of soup and hot dogs will be served at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Start the Advent Season with your church family.

2011 Ukraine Summer Mission of Love

It's Picture Time
Sunday, November 20, from 1-2 p.m.
In the Fellowship Hall

For ten days in August, a five-member mission team visited the country of Ukraine. The purpose was to provide a Vacation Bible School adventure for special needs children. The team was to supply and direct the crafts for the VBS. The experience was so much more than that. It was an adventure never to be forgotten by Eileen Thomas, one of the mission team members. Mission dollars DO make lives better all over the world.

Please join the mission team as they share their pictures, experiences and feelings about this trip to Bila Sverka, Ukraine and beyond. A small fare will be served featuring some Ukrainian foods.



Penn Central Conference UCC

invites clergy, members, & friends to our

Annual Open House
Wednesday, November 16
1 pm - 4 pm

900 S. Arlington Ave. - Room 227A
Harrisburg, PA 17109

Refreshments & Giveaways
Used Book Sale
Browse the Resource Center

For Sale: UCC/PCC Merchandise, Dakota
Indian Jewelry

For info call 652-1560 or go to
www.pccucc.org

Wishing Well

Thank you for your support of the October project which was to share treats with the residents of Bereton Manor. Our Christmas outreach project will be to support local children serviced by CAP (Community Action Program). This Christmas CAP is asking for backpacks filled with art and school supplies for the children in our community. There will be a board in the Narthex with tags for each child. Info included on the tag will be name, age, and gender. We are asking that you take a tag from the board, buy a child-size backpack, and fill it with school supplies. Then attach the tag to the front of the backpack and return it to the Narthex. There will also be papers on the board with suggestions about items to put in these backpacks.

Please consider taking one of the tags and sharing your Christmas spirit with a child this year. Thanks!

Any questions? Please see Jane McCartney or Julie Berkow.





Food Bank

Thanksgiving Baskets:

Church of the Apostles Food Pantry will be collecting food donations to fill Thanksgiving Baskets for the needy in our area. Our goal is to fill ten

baskets for the Lancaster County Council of Churches Distribution Center. A Thanksgiving poster has been placed in the Narthex listing the food items needed. There are also envelopes for monetary donations. These envelopes may be returned to the church office in the box on the round table or place them in the offering plate. Please choose several items from the poster and return to the food bank basket by Sunday, November 20. Thank you.

Apostles Cupboard will display our shelves full of gourmet goodies again in our church craft room during the Bazaar. We feature items such as homemade jams and jellies, fudge, nuts, pickles, soup and dip mixes, vinegars and oils, candies, treats, etc. We appreciate donations of these items. Customers enjoy buying these as gifts or just to nibble as they shop. Donations may be dropped off at Room 310 on Friday, Nov. 11 between 4 and 7 pm. Anyone willing to help package and price on Friday, **please call** Linda Schock 569-3837 or Dawn Dougherty at 892-0350.

Food Bank: Church of the Apostles Food Bank is a satellite pantry for the Lancaster County Council of Churches. We pack a 3-5 day emergency supply of food for those in need. There are many **more** than usual in need these days. We estimated that, on average, approximately 300 cans or boxes of food are packed in our pantry each Monday, then delivered to LCCC on Marshall ST. for distribution to families. We appreciate your many recent donations and encourage you to continue supporting Apostles' food pantry. Food items needed:

Cereal	Pasta
Soup	Tomatoes
Peanut butter	Yams
Canned fruit	Peas
Canned chicken	Syrup
Macaroni and cheese	Jelly
Baked beans	Soup
Pancake mix	Beef stew
crackers	Ravioli
Green beans	Rice
Stuffing	Gravy
Tuna Helper	Spam
Applesauce	Carrots
Oatmeal	

Pastor on Call

Nov. 8-13 & 21-27
Pastor Kuhn's number is 471-3001.

Nov. 14-20 & 28-30
Pastor Cowles' number is 717-862-8573

DON'T FORGET ... We need used sheets (any colors) for bed pads. You can drop off all items in the Cloak Room.

Crown Deadlines

Due at noon on...	Will be published on...
Nov 10	Nov 22
Nov 23	Dec 6
Dec 7 (Wed.)	Dec 20

Donations

Pull tabs, Campbell Soup Labels & Box Tops for Education are needed. These benefit the Ronald McDonald House and Hoffman Home.

Donate a Vehicle. Transform a Life.

Lancaster County Council of Churches has developed a new Wheels to Work program --Providing reliable, donated vehicles to pre-qualified, low-wage families. These cars come to them thanks to caring individuals who receive maximum tax benefits for their contribution.

Because the Wheels to Work program is tied into a federal employment enhancement program, our donors may deduct the full fair market retail value of their vehicles. Often this results in a tax advantage of thousands of dollars.

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CROP WALK

Thank you Church of the Apostles for your support of this year's Crop Walk. While "Team Apostles" was small, we were able to raise \$710 for this worthy cause. Congratulations to new member Randy Wilson for finishing the 6 mile route AND for getting quoted in the paper!

The flowers delivered to me at Homestead Village are beautiful. Not only a fall arrangement but a red American rose as a centerpiece. Thank you for caring and sharing during my eye surgery.

Love,
Shirley Bear

Many thanks to all those from the congregation that attended and participated in my service of Installation as Designated Senior Pastor on October 30! A special word of thanks to Karen Culp and Doris Robb and their myriad crew of workers, bakers, food prep persons and servers that put on the reception following the service. Thanks also to those that greeted, served as ushers, worked the sound booth and drove the van that day. And thanks to Samantha Irwin and Steve Daniels for reading scriptures, Don Freeman for giving the charge to the congregation and Pastor Kathryn for serving as liturgist. It was a great day. And, as one member confided afterwards, now the real work begins!

May God continue to bless us as we move forward in loving service and mission.

Rick Cowles

Dear Friends,

Thank you! Your financial support helps the Council of Churches remain a strong and vital ministry as we "Do God's Work Daily." Today over 21,000 people in Lancaster are served each year through L.C.C.C.'s outreach, including:

- Food Bank
- Winter Shelter
- PA WORKWEAR
- Rent, Utility & Prescription Assistance
- Wheels to Work Car Ownership Program
- Clothing Bank
- Community Meals
- C-YES

With your help the Council is able to respond to the ongoing demand for our services. We greatly appreciate your partnership in this work.

Sincerely,

Rev. Scott Fischer
Executive Director

Dear Friends of Lancaster,

Thank you for your gift to the Lancaster Theological Seminary. We are grateful for your investment in our mission to educate women and men called to God's

service in our churches and communities.

Your generosity ensures that thoughtful, capable leaders will continue to meet the needs of our churches and communities.

With gratitude,
Kelly Lyons Schober
Executive Director of Advancement

Altar Flowers

Our altar flowers are an integral part of our worship service. Not only providing a physical symbol of beauty during our worship, after the service, they are given as a symbol of love and caring to a member of our community who is unable to be with us physically. The cost of our flowers and bulletins averages about \$140/week. Our suggested contribution for sponsoring flowers and bulletins is \$35.00; however, any amount is welcomed and appreciated.

If you would like to be a sponsor of the altar flowers please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or send it into the office. A thank you letter will be sent following your sponsorship with directions for sending in your donation. Thank you for your support in this important ministry.

Worship Commission

I would like to sponsor altar flowers on the following date:

"In honor of" or "In memory of"

Your name

Phone # _____

**If you have any questions please contact:
Dawn Dougherty (892-0350) or Bonnie Jolly
(872-4053)**

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