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Conestoga Mennonite Church Chair Howard Moss accepts a check and thanks Doris Stillman, Apple-Fest chair and Eli Hart, pastor of St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

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from two other churches.

Doris Stillman, chair of the Apple Festival, said donating to Conestoga was an easy choice.

"It was one of the first organizations mentioned," she said.

"Conestoga is really active in the community so we thought this would be a good thing," said Hart.

On Nov. 2, Stillman and Hart attended the Conestoga worship service to present the congregation with a check.

While giving the Conestoga members a bit of history on St. Thomas, Hart said she thought it was fit-

ting the church decided to donate to Conestoga because "in 1918 our own church burned. It was struck by lightning."

St. Thomas' congregation used the other half of the money raised at the Apple Fest towards the care of a dog at Canine Partners. This is the second time they have chosen to raise a dog through the organization.

All proceeds from the Apple Fest go to the two organizations the congregation decides to support.

Local church reaches out to fellow congregation

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MORGANTOWN — Every year St. Thomas Episcopal Church picks two organizations to donate to using proceeds from their Apple Dumpling Festival.

This year, they decided to help out another church a little ways up the road, Conestoga Mennonite Church.

In June, Conestoga Mennonite had a fire, probably caused by lightning.

The pastor of the church, James Wenger, was confident the insurance the church has would be enough to cover expenses.

"There were a number of things... not included in the building's insurance," he explained on Sunday, Nov. 2.

Thankfully for the congregation, many community members volunteered services and donations to help rebuild the church.

"We didn't really ask for anyone to do anything. There was an outpouring of help," he said, including

that around 100 volunteers came to help pull apart the section of the building that was damaged.

He also received a call from Pastor Eli Hart of St. Thomas. She told him her congregation had raised about \$1,200 to aid Conestoga Mennonite.

"It's a very wonderful gesture of Christiana solidarity. The [Conestoga] congregation was very touched," said Wegner. He added that Conestoga had also received gifts

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