

July 2021

**Seminary Church**  
285 N Seminary Street | Roanoke, Indiana 46783



### **Short Biography**

Chris Dourson has a passion to help churches innovate to meet the changing realities of the world.

In 2016, he graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary. In June of 2021, he was commissioned as a provisional elder in the United Methodist Church. In July of 2021, he will begin at the Pastor at Roanoke Seminary.

He is married to his beautiful wife, Chelsea, and enjoys playing guitar with her in their band—People Like Me. Chelsea is a singer/songwriter and is first-grade teacher and Varsity High School Girls soccer coach.

Both Chelsea and Chris strive to be authentic about their relationship with Jesus Christ and look forward

to serving at Seminary Church of Roanoke!

### **Contact info**

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### **activities and interests**

Soccer

Leading Worship / Music

Leadership

Running

# We Are excited to be here!

Greetings in Christ!

It is with great appreciation to the Lord and His leading our lives that we now begin our journey here at Roanoke Seminary United Methodist Church. We are excited to be here!

We wanted to be sure to take this opportunity to send you a brief note of thanks as well for accepting us here as part of your church family, and rest assured, my wife and I are looking forward to joyous and fruitful ministry in the years to come.

While we have certainly met many of you, there may be others we have not met during our time here previously, yet we are looking forward to becoming acquainted with you and your families and friends within this community. This church is not here by “accident”, but no doubt, it was a divine idea from the heart of God and carried out through willing and obedient servants.

We are excited to see what God will do while we are here serving Roanoke Seminary. God certainly knows the past, and it is assuring that He also knows the future of your church. With this kind of knowledge, we can rest in knowing that He knows the way we should take and will be there to (cont'd)

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**Sunday Service**  
**10AM**  
**In SANCTUARY**  
**And live-streamed**  
**on Facebook**

**Sunday School**  
**9am**

**Office phone**  
**260.672.3167**  
**Cell**  
**260.433.5758**  
**[assistant.seminaryumc@gmail.com](mailto:assistant.seminaryumc@gmail.com)**

Lead the way we should take and will be there to lead and guide us every step of the way. Heaven is our goal, yet there is still a great mission. He has called us to while here on this earth, and that is to be a people who share the "Good News" in as many ways as possible!

As you may know, this fall Chelsea will continue teaching first Grade at Hendricks Elementary School in Shelbyville. She will also finish her last year coaching soccer at Shelbyville High School. After the soccer season ends, we are hoping and praying for a job opening, allowing her to make move back to Roanoke. As we trust God through the process, we want to thank you for giving us some time to make this life adjustment.

We both look forward to getting to know your names, talents, and gifts, as well as areas of ministry you may find of interest.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Chris and Chelsea Dourson

Women of Faith announcement:

WOF resumed monthly meetings Monday, May 10th at 1:30pm...All women are invited and encouraged to come and connect with the Women of Faith. Due to the funeral of Roy DeFord the annual lunch out at Don Hall's @ Coventry has been rescheduled to July 19.



## Food Pantry



### Community Food Pantry

The emphasis for the Months of July, August and September is: Canned fruit and condiments.

*Thank you for all you do to help others. Stay safe and healthy...*

*Claudia Houck*



## Senior Dinners

St Joseph Catholic Church is planning on starting Senior Dinners Thursday September 16 at noon. Meals include salad, entre, dessert and coffee for \$4. Meals will be served every Thursday except during the holidays.

We are looking for a number of those from Seminary that are interested in these meals.

Please contact Carilyn Dearduff if you are interested in participating. Phone (260) 437-8612.

Service of Death and Resurrection for Roy DeFord was held on Monday, July 12 at Seminary with family and friends present . By request it was also live streamed for those out of state or country unable to attend in person. Roy and his late wife Jo were longtime residents of Roanoke and active members of the church. His greatest joy in life was spending time with his family and friends.



Dying, Christ destroyed our death. Rising, Christ restored our life. Christ will come again in glory. As in baptism “Roy” put on Christ, so in Christ may Roy be clothed with glory. Here and now, dear friends, we are God’s children. What we shall be has not yet been revealed; but we know that when Jesus appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. Those who have this hope purify themselves as Christ is pure.

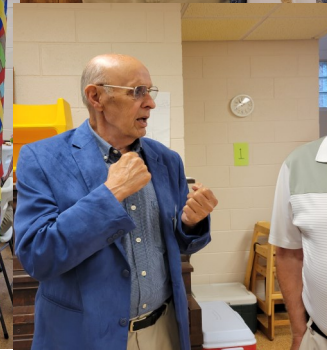
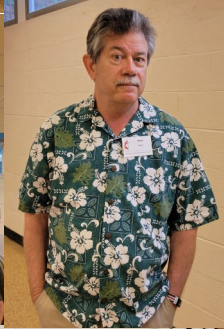
The family gratefully acknowledges all the prayers, kind thoughts and love during this time and respectfully shares this tribute with you– some of his favorite friends.

Special thanks to Pastor Josh, Pastor Chris, Pianist Polly Carroll, A/V team Steve Eisenhut and Ann O’Briant , Soloist Jenny Gross, Meal Team Claudia Houck, Vickie Eisenhut, Shirley Wolf, and Sara Perkins, the church staff and the Administrative Assistant Terri Bartrom Brumbaugh for coordinating the service and following luncheon at the church.





WELCOME  
PICNIC  
  
JULY 11  
FOR  
  
Pastor  
Chris and  
Chelsea



# Community Calendar Ahead

Farmer's Market July 9–Sept 10 Friday nights 5-8pm

July 30 and August 27 Support your church nite .Games for kids will be available. Seminary will be sponsoring two: Duck Shoot and Apple Toss. We need volunteers to work these two games 6-8 pm, both dates.

Annual Car Show Sponsored by Roanoke Beautification Foundation  
July 24th Raindate July 30th

Fall Festival Sept 9-11

Sept 8th Wednesday night Community Prayer Service

Thursday night

Little Mr & Miss Contest 1st prize \$50 towards school book fees

Queen Pageant heeld at Cottage Event Center age17-22 years  
\$500 scholarship Queen \$250 runner-up

Participants from Whitley, Allen and Huntington County

Friday night

Antique Tractor Parade

Tractor Pull—Food Vendors—Amusement Rides

Saturday

Kid's games

Parade

Craft Vendors

Demolition Derby

Cake Auction

Book Sale– St Joseph Catholic Church



Claudia Houck shares the pillows she learned how to make at a class in Indianapolis. Crafting the turquoise one last Tuesday

### Café' Refreshments Schedule: Sunday 11:15a

July18 Brooke/Janet  
25 O'Briant  
Aug1 Vicky Eisenhut  
8 Shirley Wolf/ Carolyn  
John  
15 Karen Dishong  
22Hathaway  
29 Gross



**Crafty Corner** meets every other Tues at the church for craft ,fellowship and lunch. Next meetings are July 27 and August 9 and 23.

Ann O'Briant holds up her quilting project @CC July 13.  
There were 13 present crafting Tuesday. The Pastor and two spouses also joined the ladies for lunch.



Connie and Ken Rickard have moved safely to their new home in Kansas. Seminary will miss them both.



The SPRC Committee is suggesting one way we can all become more acquainted with Pastor Chris and Chelsea once they move to Roanoke is to have small gatherings this summer. Therefore we are asking for volunteers to host between 5-10 people for small gatherings and to provide light refreshments. These gatherings can take place in homes or outside. These gatherings can be over coffee, breakfast, lunch, or dinner, just for ice cream, or with a light snack. Best dates to start with are July 18th and 19th.

Please contact me by email ([Vicky.ironhat@live.com](mailto:Vicky.ironhat@live.com)) or call or text ([260-433-6800](tel:260-433-6800)) to volunteer as a host. Thank you in advance for your assistance in welcoming them to our church family!

The first one has been scheduled Sunday at 2pm...

Call Vicky to schedule!

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If you desire to contribute to the newsletter for August/Sept 2021, have your info to Terri in the church office no later than August 23 please. We are trying to resume monthly newsletters post Covid restrictions and will continue to email where possible per Parish Council.

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I feel so grateful to belong to Seminary Church. Not only did you bless me with a wonderful and heartfelt kickoff to my new home, but you also packed my house. I could not have packed without you. So why did you do it? I miss you terribly! With kidding aside, I want to shout from the top of the hill THANK YOU Claudia Hauck, Ann and Dave O'Brien, Steve and Vicky Eisenhut, and Sara and John Perkins for all your help. This was in the middle of VBS and welcoming and saying goodbye to our Pastors. And Sara sat with me 4 hours as they packed the truck to take me off to Wisconsin. I pray that I will be blessed with a new home church though nothing will compare to the love I received from Seminary. Nothing!

With love and an incredibly grateful heart,  
Carol Johnson.

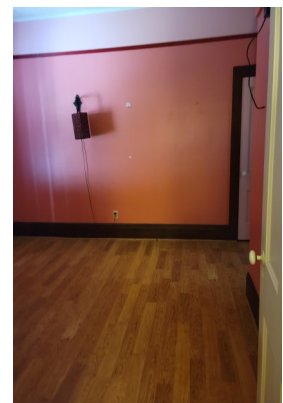




## OUT WITH THE OLD AND IN WITH THE NEW

Seminary Church Closings on properties pertaining to the old and new parsonage have been complete. The new parsonage will be undergoing renovations before Pastor Chris and Chelsea move to the Seminary address. Below are photos taken before the renovations. Contractors have been hired and will start as schedules permit. Also Ann O'Briant, Sara Perkins and Vicky Eisenhut will assist with painting and wallpaper changes.

*Dave O'Briant, Trustees*



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We encourage you to ask your supporters to link their rewards card to your organization. Community Rewards is easy to use, The more your supporters shop with us, the more money your organization will earn!

We are committed to carefully protecting our customer's personal information. In order to meet their expectation of privacy, we have adopted a simple policy to never share a customer's personal information. Our privacy policy applies to Community Rewards participation as well.

Thank you for being such an important organization in our community,

Community Rewards Staff



**Be sure to link your Kroger Plus Card to Seminary. There is not cost nor loss to you but the church gains rebates each time you use it.**

**01-Apr-2021 to 30-Jun-2021**

**41**

**Households**

**\$ 102.13**

**Total Donations**

# July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Dick Fleischman	3	
4	5 R.Vetor	6	7	8 UFO Quilt	9 Farmer's Market	10
11 Churchpicnic  Roy DeFord calling 2- 6pmMcComb	12 Roy DeFord Funeral  Calling 10am Funeral 11am	13 CC	14	15 Grayson Per- kins	16 Cheryl Mosher FM	17
18	19 WOF 12:30 Hall's Coven- try	20	21	22 UFO Quilt	23 FM	24
25	26 Polly Carroll	27 CC	28	29	30 Tom Gross	31

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# August 2021 a look ahead

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 Farmer's Market	7
8	9	10 CC	11	12	13 FM	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 FM	21
22	23	24 CC	25	26	27 FM	28 Smeltzer wed 3:30
29	30	31				