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Church

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To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

May
2021



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

Sunday School
9am

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“A PEACEFUL PAUSE...”

Written by: Pastor Keith R. Schreffler

Good Afternoon, Lord,

Today I find myself seeking a time of quietness, a time of peace, a time of being able to focus upon You and the love You have for Your created order. Yet, Lord, my mind is anything but quiet; going in many different directions and I find the collection of my thoughts to be somewhat overwhelming. There are times, Lord, when I feel like there is an inward battle going on within my head, my heart and my soul; times when I find myself being torn in many different directions.

I also know, Lord, those are the times when the forces of evil are working the hardest; doing their best to steer us away from what we know is right and instead leading us in wrong directions. Lord, these feelings are not unique to me, but work within the hearts and minds of all Your people. Lord, we all have times of inward struggle!

Lord, calm my heart today; calm the hearts and minds of those who find themselves traveling a similar road. Help us, Lord, to turn our focus upon You; upon Your Word and upon Your Son, Jesus Christ, who in His resurrection from the tomb overcame the powers of evil. Lord, try as we might, by ourselves we will never overcome those forces; it is only by your grace and presence that we will ever find peace and tranquility.

Lord, as we seek our own times of private prayer and meditation, may we be reminded of the words of a hymn, “Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.” (Words of “Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus” Written by Helen H. Lemmel in 1922 and copyrighted by Singspiration Music 1922 and 1950)

Seminary at a Glance



As announced in our service on Sunday, March 28, Chris Dourson has been appointed to Seminary Church as our new fulltime pastor effective July 1, 2021! We are very excited to welcome him and his wife Chelsea! He provided us with the following bio and photo that was also shared with the congregation on the 28th.

Christopher Dourson serves presently as the pastor of Morristown and Carrollton United Methodist Church (UMC) in Morristown Indiana. In June of 2021, he will be a commissioned elder in the UMC, having a personal mission of adapting and innovating churches to meet the changing realities of the world.

In 2015, he was selected to participate in the Central Cohort of the Courage to Lead for Young United Methodist ministers. In 2016, he graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary. In 2018, he completed an Ethics Fellowship as a Resident Chaplain at the Charles Warren Fairbanks Center for Medical Ethics at Indiana University Hospital, completing a research project studying patient spirituality.

He is married to his beautiful wife, Chelsea, and enjoys playing guitar with her in their band—People Like Me. Chelsea is a first grade teacher and Varsity High School Girls soccer coach at Shelbyville Central Schools. Chelsea is a passionate singer/songwriter, has been heavily involved and influential in leading worship at both churches, and has spoken and led worship at many retreats and church services in the area.

Chris will be serving Seminary as a fulltime pastor. He and Chelsea will be moving into our parsonage by late June as his official start date is July 1. Since his first Sunday with us is a holiday, the decision was made to have him start leading worship on Sunday, July 11th. They look forward to serving Seminary Church. Please add Chris and Chelsea to your prayer list as they transition from their current church communities to Roanoke Seminary.

Food Pantry



Easter Breakfast photos April 4th



Community Food Pantry

The emphasis for the Months of April, May and June is on Cleaning Supplies: Dish Soap; Face Soap; Hand Soap; Windex; Bleach; Mr. Clean; Laundry Detergent. Your help is needed and greatly appreciated!



Easter Egg Hunt at Seminary on April 4th





More Easter Hunt April 4th

Last VBS was 2019; VBS is coming 2021!

Vacation Bible School

FINANCE



We have almost reached the finish line in our fight with COVID 19. Sunday April 4th was Easter Sunday and it was so good to see the pews being filled again, although we still had every other pew blocked off and wore masks for everyone's protection. We look forward to when everyone can attend, and we will be able to resume all activities before COVID changed our lives and our worship. We are also looking forward to the resumption of JAM (Jesus and Me), Elevate Youth, Bible study, Women of Faith, Crafty Corner (resumed 4/6/21), and Sunday School classes. It will be so good to be together worshipping and praising God together!

Here is an update on the new Café Room that your generous support has enabled:

The remodeling of the old Country Store area (yet to be named the Café Room?) is almost complete. All electrical has been completed including installation of a new service panel in the basement, adding of additional outlets in both the Café Room and WGR room as well as energy-saving LED lighting in these rooms, new counter tops and cabinets, new chairs and tables (due to arrive in next few days), and new flooring installed in both the Café Room and the Nursery. All of this was accomplished with over 60% donated by contributions!

As you may know by now, Pastor Keith Schreffler has announced his retirement as Seminary's part-time minister as of June 30th. Your Administrative Council voted in early 2021 to request from the United Methodist Conference a full-time pastor, fully realizing that full-time pastoral benefits will be a stretch to our budget. But not requesting a full-time pastor sends a message to our congregation and our community that we are not willing to make the sacrifices necessary to be persuasive witnesses for Jesus Christ. Christianity is a full-time job which all of us must support! We made specific requests to the Conference for the attributes we needed in a pastor to help our church move forward and make disciples for Jesus Christ. We also prayed that God would send us the right person. We have some exciting news! Chris Dourson and his wife Chelsea have been assigned to Seminary as of July 1! The Church Council met Chris and Chelsea on March 22nd and after meeting them, we are convinced that God has answered our prayers! This young couple exudes their love for Jesus Christ when you talk to them, have musical talents, and have much enthusiasm that is contagious! Look for more information on Chris and Chelsea in future newsletters.

So how does a full-time pastor affect our budget? Without getting into too many numbers and comparing our current budget to 2019 where we had a combination of full-time pastor for 8 months and two part-time pastors without pension and health insurance for 4 months, we will see an increase of about \$15,725 in full-time benefits. Since Chris and his wife will be living in the parsonage, we will see an increase of about \$1,500 in parsonage expenses, for a total of about \$17,225 increase. Seems like a lot to absorb at first glance. However, if we divide this number by the average giving units in our church (about 50), this is an increase of \$344.50 per giving unit per year, or about \$6.65 per week for a 52-week year. We know that some of you are giving all you can. But the question is: can some of you give more to average the additional \$6.65 per week to enable us to keep a full-time pastor? Please pray on it. The Bible is full of stories of people that put their trust in the Lord, and the Lord provided. We are confident that the Lord will bless you as well.

Sincerely,

The Finance Committee



PraiseTeam
Leading Vocals
on April 25,
2021



Crafty Corner meets every other Tues at the church for craft ,fellowship and lunch. May meet- ing are May 4th and 18th 10am-2pm To the right and below the ladies display their recent handiwork during the April 20 meeting.



If you attended church the last few Sundays or watched on Facebook or YouTube, you probably noticed that your church has new TVs on the wall where the slides for the service were projected. One of our old projectors had a bulb burn out and when we tried to change it, the bulb was melted into the projector's housing and disintegrated breaking the bulb's housing. New projectors are very expensive and big-screen TVs are very reasonable. The Technology Committee determined it was not only less expensive to purchase TVs, but they also provided a much clearer picture. The amazing thing about this church is that when a few people found out that the TV's were needed, they stepped up and donated the money for their purchase and installation! Amazing—just like the pictures on your new TV's!

Will be resuming monthly meetings beginning Monday, May 10th at 1:30pm...All women are invited and encouraged to come and connect with the Women of Faith.

women
OF faith



As you remember Covid-19 canceled many events in 2020; one that was not canceled, but was altered was the wedding of your Administrative Assistant Terri Bartrom and fiancé Jerry Brumbaugh. The ceremony was approved by the UMC District office for 10 persons and took place a block away at Christ's UMC on November 20, 2020 however, the reception was postponed until May 21, 2021.

You are cordially invited to share our happiness at 6pm May 21 at the Roanoke American Legion Post 160's Banquet Hall. It is non-smoking in the bar and hall but a separate smoking area is available if desired. Covid masks are optional. The food is catered with safety precautions and will be served shortly after the processional of the wedding party into the hall. We hope you will join our celebration. A fun evening is planned. RSVP Terri if you haven't already to ensure proper food count.



Our Love,

Jerry and Terri

Ian Hall Departing Indiana Conference

For the last 6 years, Ian Hall has served the Indiana Conference as the Director of Finance and Administration. In June, he will become the CFO/COO with the Presbyterian Church (USA) denomination. In his new position—for which he was actively pursued—Ian will help manage an \$80 million annual budget for the denomination at their national headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky. They boast 8,925 congregations with 1,245,354 members. An employee of the Indiana Conference for over 20 years, Ian is leaving in high regard.

“It is not surprising that the Presbyterian Church USA, or any other denomination for that matter, would seek the great gifts that Ian Hall brings to ministry,” said Bishop Trimble. “Ian’s approach to administration, blending his deep faith in Christ with solid business concepts, has been an incredible blessing to the churches and leadership of the Indiana Conference. His leadership model—and the way he embraced innovation and adaptability during the pandemic—will continue to impact the shape of many areas of ministry in the future. We wish the very best for Ian and his family as he shares his gifts for the work for the advancement of Christ in this next chapter.”

According to Ian, “It has been a privilege to work with those who call themselves United Methodist in Indiana. The people that have helped and supported me along the way are too many to mention. Those mentors prepared me for this next chapter of ministry, and for that I will be eternally grateful. My family and I did not make this decision lightly, though through prayerful consideration, I believe this is the right decision. I am excited to bring my skills to bear at the national level of a denomination. That said, it will be hard to say goodbye.”

Please join us in wishing Ian well in his new endeavor. You can contact him at ian.hall@inumc.org.

A public announcement was shared with the Presbyterian Church (USA) Wednesday, April 28.



← Ian Hall



We received our quarterly statement from Kroger’s Community Rewards Program. We will be receiving a check for \$99.60 as a result of 39 households! That means 39 households have linked their Kroger rewards card with Seminary Church! If you have not yet linked your Kroger rewards card to our church, please contact Steve or Vicky Eisenhut, or Tom or Jenny Gross and we can quickly get you connected. Proceeds we receive through this program support Vacation Bible School.

Scrip Cards are available and ready to sell! We’ve just placed a large order and therefore have a variety of cards on hand. Cards will be available every Sunday after church or by contacting Vicky Eisenhut (260-433-6800). And we plan to place another order by mid-May. Scrip cards are great gifts for Mother’s Day, graduations, weddings, and Father’s Day!

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Shopwithscrip.com for more listings.

Scrip

May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Ann Spahr	3 Sp Adv Meet 6:15pm	4 CraftyCorner 10am-2pm	5	6	7	8
9	10 WOF 1:30	11	12 Lily Johnson	13 UFO 9am- 2pm	14	15
16 Eisenhut Anniversary Carolyn Johns	17	18 CraftyCorner 10am-2pm	19 Grabner Anni- versary Landon Per- kins	20	21 ^{Post160} Terri/Jerry Roanoke 6 Shirley Wolf	22 Mark Neary
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Celebrate Spring 2021

