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Submissions for the newsletter should be made by the end of the third week of each month. Thank You.

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A Thought From Pastor Wayne

The knock came at the door of the inn. It was late. We can imagine the innkeeper had been burning both ends of the candle. The census crowd had packed Bethlehem and he had finally locked the doors for the night.

Until the knock. He shuffled his feet through the dark and made his way to the door. Opening it with the slightest of cracks he peered out to see a young couple. Looking more closely he saw a young woman who was about to give birth to a child. All the rooms were full. It was late. And they didn't look very special. He had to decide whether he would find room for them or not.

And you will too.

John's rendition of the birth of Christ comes in a few short words: "The Word [logos] became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John 1:14).

Greek hearers understood the word "logos" as the representation of God. The essence of God was found in his Word.

Hebrew readers perked up to John's message too. John writes: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning." He book-ends the first sentence of his book with the phrase "in the beginning." They knew it as the words that began the first book of the Torah, or Genesis.

John writes about beginnings. John writes about God's very representation dwelling among us. And he writes to tell us that we have the same decision to make as the innkeeper. Will we find a place for Jesus in our lives or will we send him away?

Some send him away because he looks too plain. Nothing special about him. Don't make that mistake. He comes to common places like your home and common places like your heart. Some send him away because life is crowded. Many demands and many deadlines. And you're not sure if you have room for him. But he only comes to give you what he has already done. He desires to give you forgiveness. And some send him away because they think it's too late. They've already done too much that can't be forgiven. They've already gone too far away.

But it's never too late. Not with the one who comes and makes his dwelling among us. You need only to open the door.

Daylight Savings Time Coming March 11th

Remember the old adage "spring forward, fall back". Before you go to bed on Saturday, March 10th, change your clocks, moving them forward one hour. While spending an extra hour in church is a good thing, service will begin at 9:30 am Eastern Daylight Savings time.

NOTES FROM SESSION

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Approved the formation of a financial committee to conduct a review of the 2017 financials.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Approved the following dates and events: May 19th, Mothers Day Tea; June 16th, Men's Breakfast; and September 9th or 16th, church service and picnic at Mt. Laurel Park on Piketown Road.

Joyful Noise Offering

February's Joyful Noise offering was an impressive \$189.13. Wow! And Thanks!

Women's Event Planned

There is a Women's Event planned for Saturday, March 24. It will be held at church from 9AM-12PM, and the theme is centered around Honoring Mother and Father. We will be spending time studying the story of Ruth and Naomi as well as portions of the story of the Prodigal Son. We will also have some breakout sessions centered around the practical issues of honoring God, and of honoring parents as they age and when there is dysfunction. We will also have time spent in prayer and in worship.

After THE STORY: I Once Was Lost

Evangelism among millennials (and those who think like them) is a mysterious and organic process that nevertheless goes through discernible phases, as people cross thresholds from distrust to trust, from complacency to curiosity and from meandering to seeking. Authors Everts and Schaupp describe the factors that influence how people shift in their perspectives and become open to the Gospel. They provide practical tools to help people enter the kingdom, as well as guidelines for how believers can live out their Christian faith in a way that builds trust among those who do not yet believe.

I Once Was Lost will be the basis of our sermons in the weeks of May and June. If you are interested in having your own copy, please see Pastor Wayne.

MISSION AND OUTREACH NEWS

Paxton Ministries Opportunity

Members of Road to Emmaus Presbyterian Church will have the opportunity to serve and enrich the lives of those calling the Paxton Street facility home. On the morning of April 28th we will be gathering at the Paxton Ministries, 2001 Paxton Street in Harrisburg. Those who wish can work with the "outside crew" helping with landscaping, outside improvements, and general clean-up while those wishing to be part of the "inside crew" can participate in a party and bingo with the residents.

It is anticipated the landscaping project will start at 9:30 a.m. and the resident party at 10:30 a.m. All participants are invited to stay for lunch with the residents. Anyone wishing to help serve lunch will be able to assist as well.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to serve our Lord and our community with this facility whose motto is "providing housing, help and healing in the name of Christ" and they truly do. Please mark your calendar and plan to be a part of this wonderful mission effort.

Where's the Beef?

While the Bethesda Mission has ham and turkey to provide for meals during 2018, they have no beef donated to them other than R2E. Last year we provided about 400 pounds of beef and hope to do the same this year.

The mission team has designated \$1200 toward this cause in 2018. This is not a matching campaign. If you'd like to donate to Bethesda Mission through the church, any donations will be provided to them in addition to the beef being provided by our mission team.

PA Adult & Teen Challenge

On Sunday, March 11, a choir and ministry coordinator from PAATC will join us for worship at 9:30 and provide a brief overview of this Christian rehab. After Sunday School we will enjoy a luncheon with the PAATC representatives, followed by a question and answer session. Every member is encouraged to invite family and friends.

FELLOWSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP NEWS

MARCH BOOK CLUB

The selection for March is *Blue Like Jazz: Nonreligious Thoughts on Christian Spirituality* by Donald Miller. Friday, March 23rd, 1 p.m., at Road to Emmaus. Come and bring a friend.

March Birthdays

Ron Kaullen - March 9th
Cindy Moran - March 14th
Rachel Singley - March 16th
Sandy Young - March 23rd
Joe Ryan - March 28th
Ken Chapman - March 29th
Barry Sullivan - March 31st

Holy Week Worship Schedule

March 25 - Palm Sunday worship, 9:30 am
March 29 - Maundy Thursday service, 7:00 pm
March 30 - Good Friday self-guided meditation
6:30-8:30 am, 11:00 am-1:00 pm, 5:00-8:00 pm
April 1 - Easter Sunday worship, 9:30 am

WEEKLY R2E ADULT BIBLE STUDIES FOR MARCH

The following are weekly Bible studies available to all. Invite a friend and enjoy fellowship and a more in-depth understanding of the weekly lessons from *The Story*.

Sunday Study Group - Sundays after 9:30 worship, using *The Story*. March 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th.

Monday Morning Study Group - 9:30 a.m. at Road to Emmaus, using *The Story* adult curriculum. March 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th.

Tuesday Night Discussion Group - 7:00 p.m. at Road to Emmaus. February 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th.

Thursday Morning Discussion Group - 7:00 a.m. at Panera Bread (Paxton Towne Center). March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Rebecca Lowe

Rebecca Lorene Kush Lowe: I was born in Wilmington, DE, two months premature in October 1968, weighing only 3 lbs 10 oz, during the period of the Philadelphia race riots that made my dad say that it seemed like the whole world was falling apart. I was the youngest of my mom's three children, and was my father's only child. I was fortunate to have a stable childhood in New Jersey and a good education, culminating in a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Delaware in 1989. Wayne and I married in January of 1990, and started our own family just 11 months later. I worked in the chemical industry while Wayne went to grad school. We had 4 sons between November 1990 and August 1997, and also moved 4 times in almost that same period of time. I earned an M.Ed. degree in 2005 and began teaching at a community college that same year. I enjoy teaching chemistry and tutoring math and science, and I also enjoy reading, playing the piano and singing, learning languages, watching good movies, relaxing around the pool in the summer, having parties with friends, and vacationing in the Adirondacks in New York state, where my family has had a small cabin since I was a girl. I am so glad to be part of the Road to Emmaus family!

HYMN FACTS

On Palm Sunday two of the hymns we will sing are "Jesus Paid It All" and "All Glory, Laud and Honor".

"Jesus Paid It All" was written in 1865 by Elvine Hall sitting in the choir loft of Monument Street Methodist Church in Baltimore during a Sunday service. The music was added by John T. Grape, the Church organist. This song has remained popular, most recently recorded by Joey and Rory.

"All Glory, Laud and Honor" was written about 820 by Theodulph, Bishop of Orleans, a city in France. He wrote this song, traditionally sung on Palm Sunday, while imprisoned in the monastery of Angers. Originally there were 78 verses. Today we sing only four.

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March 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Thursday Morning Fellowship 7:00am @ Panera	2 Friday Faithful 10:30am	3
4 Morning Worship and Communion, 9:30am The Story Ch. 22 Fellowship & Sunday School to Follow	5 Monday Morning Fellowship 9:30am Ministry Team Meetings 7:00pm	6 Tuesday Night Fellowship 7:00pm	7 Music Fellowship 7:00pm	8 Thursday Morning Fellowship 7:00am @ Panera	9 Friday Faithful 10:30am	10
11 Morning Worship 9:30am PA Adult & Teen Challenge Q&A Lunch 12pm Confirmation Class 7:00pm	12 Monday Morning Fellowship 9:30am Deacons 7:00pm	13 No Tuesday Night Fellowship	14	15 No Thursday Morning Fellowship Today.	16 Friday Faithful 10:30am	17
18 Morning Worship 9:30am Tom Chilcote Preaching Fellowship & Sunday School to Follow	19 Monday Morning Fellowship 9:30am Session 7:00pm	20 Music Fellowship 6:00pm Tuesday Night Fellowship 7:00pm	21	22 Thursday Morning Fellowship 7:00am @ Panera	23 Friday Faithful 10:30am R2E Book Club 1:00pm	24 Daughters of Day Spring Women's Event 9:00am-noon
25 Palm Sunday Worship 9:30am Fellowship & Sunday School to Follow	19 Monday Morning Fellowship 9:30am	27 Tuesday Night Fellowship 7:00pm	28	29 Thursday Morning Fellowship 7:00am @ Panera Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00pm	30 Good Friday Self-guided Meditation 6:30-8:30am, 11:00am- 1:00pm & 5:00- 8:00pm	31

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