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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:

During our summer study of the book of Ephesians, there has been a picture on the front of the bulletin that includes a verse from chapter 3:10. That verse serves as the centerpiece of Paul's letter to the church. It communicates the core reason that we are the body of Christ.

“... so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known ...”

When I picked this graphic for our bulletin, I was drawn to this verse as the central theme for our summer preaching schedule. The church exists so that it may be sent into the world to make known to people the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Now that a few weeks have gone by since starting our Ephesians study, I now see a glaring flaw in the picture on the front of our bulletin. It includes no people in the picture. What it does feature is a building with a steeple and a cross on top.

It has long been a tradition that buildings used by churches to have this architectural feature. It was so that the cross could be raised high above all the other things in a particular town. And it was a way for people to know where a Christian congregation is meeting. Often being the tallest structure in town, steeples made the church visible.

Unfortunately, the time that a church could rely on a steeple for visibility is gone. While we might wish for the good old days when there was a cultural expectation that people would attend church, cultural expectation is not the reason to be the church, the body of Christ. All cultural expectation gets is Sunday attendance. God is interested in pouring out his grace into the lives of people. God wants us to know him by a faith that lives and breathes for him. People of faith, not steeples, make known the manifold wisdom of God.

Over the course of the next year or so, Road to Emmaus Church will need to make some decisions about the place it meets for worship and ministry, but we will **never** be a building, or a steeple. We are a people gathered and sent on the mission of God.

FOURTH ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Our annual church picnic will be September 16th at Mt Laurel Park in Piketown. We will begin with worship and enjoy the day with fellowship, food, music and fun. More details to come. Sign up in the Gathering Place at church.

**BEGINNING AUGUST 11, THE NEW OFFICE
PHONE NUMBER FOR R2E IS 717-545-1117.**

Treasurer's Financial Update

Tithes & offerings received in June were \$11,286.
Building fund through June totals \$16,484.

ECO MEN'S RETREAT

This year's retreat will be at the Black Rock Retreat Center in Quarryville, PA, October 12-14. All men are invited to join us for a time of learning, worship, rest and recreation as we seek to grow in our relationship with Christ and with each other. Estimated cost for the weekend is in the \$200 range. Please see Pastor Lowe if you require a scholarship to attend.

More information and sign-up material will be in the Gathering Place.

JUNE 10TH CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Congregational Meeting was held after the service on Sunday, June 10th, to ordain Kathy Foley as an Elder.

Also on June 10th, we elected and commissioned Natan Pierce as an Elder to begin his training as an ECO Commission Lay Pastor. Natan has been called to work in the Lebanon-Hershey area to develop the foundation for, what we pray, will be a new ECO congregation.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who have made the many events and activities successful this summer, including but not limited to the following: Everyone who helped make Youth Sunday such a wonderful event. Adults and young people who went on the mission trip. Making food and serving for the Men's Breakfast, as well as Sunday morning fellowship. Vacation Bible School planners, teachers, attendees, and contributors.

MISSION AND OUTREACH NEWS

The Vacation Bible Experience

Thanks to all who helped in this important outreach and fellowship activity. All program events went off without a hitch.

2018 Mission Trip

Our week in Ohio was a wonderful opportunity to share our love of Christ with others. While working on homes in need of repair, we also talked about following Jesus with those who live in them. We made new friends, learned new songs, becoming more proficient in construction skills and working in teams. In the end, we were blessed to give our time and energy. Thanks for making the mission trip to Hamilton, OH possible!

2019 Mission Trip

Planning for our 2019 Mission trip has begun. We are planning on going to Winchester, KY, from June 22nd through the 29th. This is geared toward youth; anyone 12 years and older may participate. Adults are also encouraged to participate (a background check is required for anyone 18 or older). This year we have a new request of our mission trip participants: **In order to register, there will be a cost of \$50. Please write your check to Road to Emmaus Church and put 'mission trip' in the memo line.** You can mail it to the church office or hand it to Pastor Lowe at church on Sundays. If this is a financial burden, please let the Pastor know and an accommodation can be made.

Early in 2019 there will be additional fundraising efforts to support the cost of the mission.

THE GUITAR GATHERING Beginner Guitar Lessons at R2E

These are **free beginner** lessons. (No money will be required, and we won't be teaching Hendrix!) Please register online in advance at www.roadtoemmuas.church/guitar. These lessons will be offered at 7:00pm for eight weeks on the following dates: 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30 and 11/6. We will be using acoustic guitars. There are a few guitars available to borrow for the lessons.

If you would like some guidance in purchasing a guitar, we will be happy to help.

Late Summer Birthdays

Laurie Sullivan	July 1st
Paul Uhl	July 2nd
Marianne Wolfarth	July 4th
Hannah Lago	July 5th
Pat Kaullen	July 9th
Susie Back	July 10th
Amanda Heineman	July 14th
David Young	July 15th
Amy Chapman	July 18th
Anja Heineman	July 20th
Alan Lauffer	July 20th
Joey Naples	July 22nd
Ken Bentz	July 22nd
Jane Stimmel	July 23rd
Olivia Sullivan	July 31st

Emily Sullivan	August 6 th
John Sullivan	August 6 th
Melissa Wentz	August 7th
Timothy Wentz	August 8th
Bill Camerron	August 9th
Tom Moran	August 10th
Akyra Ryan	August 21st
Ben Stimmel	August 22nd
Sam Lowe	August 26th
Dillion Sullivan	August 27th

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Greg Landis Bio



I was born in Harrisburg and have been a Harrisburg resident all my life. I was raised as an only child although I have half-sister 21 years my senior. I came to know Christ as my savior at the age of 12 at a service at the Brookfield Bible Church.

I had a 35-year career with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the last 22 years of which were with the Department of Health WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Program. I retired as Director of the WIC Program for Pennsylvania at the end of 2010. Discovering I was not one who can be truly retired, I currently do consulting for the Louisiana WIC Program, marketing for the Community Action Partnership of Lancaster County (an affiliation I established during my work with the WIC Program) and drive occasionally for Hoffman Ford.

I enjoy football and basketball. My enjoyment of these sports is probably the reverse of most folks... I least enjoy professional, college a bit more, but love local high school sports. Being a graduate of Central Dauphin High School, I have been Statistician for CD football since the 2011 season and kept the scorebook for CD basketball since the 2013 season. We have a new boys basketball coach for the next season, so time will tell if I'll still be doing the scorebook.

R2E BOOK CLUB

The book club will meet on Saturday, September 15, at 10am. The book for discussion is *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate.

July/August Adult Bible Studies

The following are weekly Bible studies available to all. Invite a friend and enjoy fellowship.

Sunday Study Group - Summer break.

Monday Morning Study Group - Summer break

Tuesday Night Discussion Group-Summer break

Thursday Morning Discussion Group - 7:00 a.m. at Panera Bread (Paxton Towne Center).

Regular Bible studies will resume in September.

I also am a car buff and in my younger years auto-crossed my MG Midget winning two trophies – which are the only trophies I ever won for *anything* in my lifetime (a second place and third place – no 1st place only because TVRs were placed in the same class as MG Midgets.

I have two daughters and a grandson and granddaughter with two more grandkids on the way. One due October of this year and the other in November! Looking forward to these new additions to the family!

An interesting piece of information regarding my ancestry... my grandfather (not great-grandfather!) fought in the Civil War and was one of the guards of honor over the body of Abraham Lincoln as it lay in state in Independence Hall in Philadelphia. In case this doesn't compute... my grandfather was born in 1848. Family history has it that he lied about his age to enroll in the PA Voluntary Infantry 187th Regiment in 1864. My grandfather's wife gave birth to my father in 1907 when my grandfather was 59 years of age. I was born in 1954 when my father was 47 years of age.

I love being a part of the Road to Emmaus Church

PLEASE STAND BY: OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD.

It won't be long until it is time to pack our shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse to distribute to children around the world at Christmas time.

This year, the R2E mission budget will pay for 100 boxes and shipping costs (which includes printed materials and an Gospel outreach program for kids who receive the boxes).

Once our boxes arrive to us (they will be ordered from Samaritan's Purse) R2E people will pick up a box a two to pack at home. Samaritan's Purse asks that their packing list and directions be very carefully followed. This information be found at www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/

A R2E 'Blessing of the Boxes' Luncheon will be on November 13. At that time we will learn about the ministry of these shoeboxes and pray for the children who receive them.



HYMN FACTS

In August we will sing "Onward Christian Soldiers". This popular hymn was written by Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924), an English preacher and teacher. It was written as a children's marching hymn, first sung as children marched from Yorkshire to a neighboring village for a school festival for Whitmonday, the day after Whitsunday. Whitsunday is now better known as Pentecost Sunday, when new Christians marched to the rivers in white robes to be baptized.

The tune for "Onward Christian Solders" was written by Sir Arthur Sullivan of Gilbert and Sullivan fame and is known as "St. Gertrude". It was first published in America in 1873.

*"On-ward, then, ye people, Join our happy throng;
Blend with ours your voices in the triumph song."*

Acknowledging God's Gift of Youth to Our Congregation on Youth Sunday.

Youth Sunday was organized, along with the supervision of Pastor Lowe, by the Senior High Sunday School class consisting of Hannah Chapman, Amanda Heineman, Gannon and Clayton Ulrey. They prepared the sermon, "Ready or Not" based on teachings they received this year in Sunday school and applied those principles to the 4 questions asked of the confirmands to be received into the Church and this congregation. They developed the Children's Sermon based upon what they felt was their most important "take away" lesson from the Scriptures and Sermon. They were also an integral part in selecting the particular components of the service such as: hymns, Call to Worship, Call to Confession, the Confession of Sins, Assurance of Pardon, Prayers of Illumination, and the Offertory Invitation and Dedication. Gwen Blinebury started the service with Prelude Music. Hannah Lago and Rachel Singley "tag-teamed" the Lay Reader responsibilities. Anja Heineman offered Special Music and sang "If We're Honest" by Francesca Battistelli. The Invitation and Dedication of the Offering was given by Sadie Chapman. The Offering was collected by MacKenzie Weiser, Gwen and Ruth Blinebury.

The Confirmands: Adam Heineman, Michael Lago, Michael Singley, Miranda Ulrey and Morgan Weiser, provided excerpts from their own written Statement of Faith to provide the congregation with one whole and complete Statement of Faith.

Pastor Lowe led the reception of the confirmands, served communion and ended the service.



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  AUGUST 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 Morning Worship & Communion, 9:30 Fellowship to follow	Unless otherwise noted, all events happen at Road to Emmaus 2213 Forest Hills Dr. Suite 2.			9 NO Thursday Morning Fellowship. Church Planting Prayer Meeting With Natan P. 7:00pm	10 Friday Faithful 10:30am	11 Starting today R2E's new phone number is ... 717-545-1117
12 Morning Worship & Joyful Noise Offering, 9:30 Tom Chilcote is Preaching. Fellowship to Follow.	13 Deacons 7:00pm	Tuesday Night Fellowship will resume on September 18.		16 Thursday Morning Fellowship, 7:00am @Panera	17 Friday Faithful 10:30am	18
19 Morning Worship 9:30 Fellowship to follow	20 Deacons & Session 6:00PM Dinner at the Lowe's 7:00pm Meeting	21 Sunday School Planning Meeting 7:00pm	22	23 Thursday Morning Fellowship, 7:00am @Panera Church Planting Prayer Meeting With Natan P. 7:00pm	24 Friday Faithful 10:30am	25
26 Morning Worship 9:30 Fellowship to follow	27	The 4th Annual Road to Emmaus Picnic will be September 16.		30 Thursday Morning Fellowship, 7:00am @Panera	31 Friday Faithful 10:30am	1
2 Morning Worship 9:30 Fellowship to follow	3 Labor Day	 SEPTEMBER 2018			6 Thursday Morning Fellowship, 7:00am @Panera	Precept will be Monday Mornings at 9:30am starting September 10.