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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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### Thought From Pastor Wayne:

A man walked into a little grocery store and asked, "Do you sell salt?"

"You bet!" said the proprietor. "Do we sell salt? Just look!" and he showed the customer an entire wall of shelves stocked with nothing but salt: Morton salt, iodized salt, kosher salt, sea salt, rock salt, garlic salt—every kind of salt you could think of.

"Wow!" said the customer.

"That's nothing. Come look." And the shop keeper led the customer to a back room filled with shelves and bins and cartons and barrels and boxes of salt. "Do we sell salt?!" he said.

"Unbelievable!" said the customer.

"Hold on. I'll show you salt!" And the customer was led down steps into a huge basement, five times as large as the back room. It was filled, floor to ceiling, with every imaginable form of salt— even ten-pound salt licks for cows.

"Incredible!" said the customer. "You really do sell salt."

"That's just the problem." said the shop keeper. "We never sell salt. But that salt salesman— he sells salt!"

Our Fall sermon series is called "What's the Difference?" It will be examining the difference that Jesus Christ makes in a person's life. To describe that difference, Jesus uses the analogy of salt. In Matthew 5:13, Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored?"

Salt was a precious commodity in the days of Jesus. It certainly was a food seasoning, just as it is today. In the days before refrigeration, salt was critical for preserving meats and therefore critical to making sure there was food for tomorrow.

That seems simple enough, but there is a twist here. We should pause to consider who this salt in us is for. Jesus said that it is not for us. We are salt for the world. It's provision and flavor and not meant for us. We certainly enjoy this provision and flavor, but it must not be kept for ourselves.

Could it be said that the American church has become like the story told above? Are our shelves stocked with salt that never leaves the store or carried home with someone? As we think about the flavor and provision that Christian faith brings to our lives, may that salt fly off the shelves!

## Treasurer's Financial Update

Tithes & offerings received in August were \$13,914. Year-to-date is \$93,944. Through August there is a \$2,655 budget deficit.

Building fund through August totals \$19,621.

## 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 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 \$200. Please see Pastor Lowe if you require a scholarship to attend.

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

## HYMN FACTS

"Blessed Assurance", found on page 341 of the blue hymnal, is an old praise song of Jesus's glory. It was written by Fanny J. Crosby, 1820—1905. This is considered gospel hymnody and captures the spirit of the American gospel song movement. It is estimated that Fanny Crosby wrote more than 8,000 gospel songs. The tune was composed by Phoebe P. Knapp, 1839—1908. Ms. Knapp was also a song writer and published more than 500 gospel songs.

"Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. This is my story, this is my song,"

## THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone who made our annual picnic a great success.



## MISSION AND OUTREACH NEWS

### Spaghetti Diner

A fellowship spaghetti dinner is being planned for Sunday, October 28th, at 5 p.m. More details to come.

### 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 trip.

### Beginner Guitar Lessons at R2E

These free beginner lessons have started with seven students. (There is room for more if you are interested.) The remaining lesson dates for this fall offering are: 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30 and 11/6. There are a few guitars available to borrow for the lessons.

### Annual Samaritan's Purse Shoebox mission

We will once again be participating in Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Ministry. This year we will pack 100 boxes. The Mission Committee is providing the boxes and the mailing labels. As a departure from last year, the congregation is being asked to provide the contents for each box. Detailed information on the desired contents will be forthcoming when we have the shoeboxes in hand. There will be a blessing of the boxes and a light lunch with a presentation on the Shoebox mission on November 11.

## **R2E BOOK CLUB**

The book club will meet on Saturday, November 3, at 10 a.m. The book for discussion is *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak.

## **October Birthdays**

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|----------------|-------------------------|
| Bill Parkin    | October 8th             |
| Henry Lavoie   | October 14th            |
| Beverly Lavoie | (Also our anniversary!) |
| Rebecca Lowe   | October 19th            |
| Bess Blinbury  | October 22nd            |
| Gordon Lauffer | October 31st            |
| Ellen Carnahan | October 31st            |

If the birthday list does not have your birthday on it, please let Pastor Lowe or Linda Parkin know so it can be added.



## **Music Opportunities**

**Music fellowship** - Bring your horn, clarinet, etc., Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

**Guitar Fellowship/Lessons** - Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. (9/18 through 11/6)

## **Fall Adult Bible Studies**

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

**Sunday Study Group** - Sundays after 9:30 worship—*Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus*

**Monday Morning Study Group** - *Romans Part 1* (Precept Ministries International) with Ellen Carnahan at 9:30 a.m.

**Tuesday Night Discussion Group**— with Tom Chilcote at 7:00 p.m.

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

## **GETTING TO KNOW YOU**

### **Life and Times of John Foley**

Life begins for me in the small town of Sayre in the northern part of PA just short of the NY border. I was fortunate to have both my Mom and Dad, both sets of grandparents and 4 siblings, a younger brother and 3 younger sisters growing up. During high school I wrestled, played trumpet and attended most of the school functions. I was active in Boy Scouts attaining the rank of "Eagle" at the age of 14. Following high school, college brought me to Harrisburg where I lived with relatives while attending HACC. I pledged a fraternity, met many new friends including a wife of 48 years. I joined the USAR the summer of 1970 and after basic training at Fort Ord, California I served state side for the next 6 years. I was Honorably discharged with a rank of staff sergeant. During this same period, I had completed my studies at HACC and received an AS degree in civil engineering technology in the summer of 1972. Finding no employment in the engineering field I accepted a position with a local counter top manufacturer and quickly became part of the management team. I was gainfully employed there for the next 20 years until the economic recession of 1989. The company closed giving me an opportunity to expand my horizons. With years of experience and many builder contacts I was fortunate enough to build a business of my own called Kitchen & Bath Discounters. I enjoyed 25 years as a small business owner employing as many as 13 people during economic growth within the building industry. I recently sold the business and am currently enjoying retirement. I am blessed with a loving wife, daughter, son-in-law, grandchildren, family and friends, good health, and many abilities. I enjoy lawn work, small home projects, an occasional golf outing and travel to new destinations. I have enjoyed many mission trips with friends and church members over the years and had served at Downtown Daily Bread for nearly 25 years.

Life is good!



John working at the 2015 R2E Mission Trip to WV.

# Road to Emmaus Presbyterian Church

## OCTOBER 2018

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|   | <b>1</b><br>Monday Morning Fellowship 9:30am<br>Ministry Teams Meeting 7:00pm | <b>2</b><br>Tuesday Night Fellowship at the Caswells, 7:00pm<br>The Guitar Gathering 7:00pm  | <b>3</b><br>Music Fellowship 7:00pm   | <b>4</b><br>Thursday Morning Fellowship at Panera, 7:00am  | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b><br>              |
| <b>7</b><br>Sunday Worship and Communion 9:30am Fellowship & Sunday School to follow   | <b>8</b><br>Monday Morning Fellowship 9:30am<br>Deacons Meeting 7:00pm        | <b>9</b><br>Tuesday Night Fellowship at the Caswells, 7:00pm<br>The Guitar Gathering 7:00pm  | <b>10</b><br>Music Fellowship 7:00pm  | <b>11</b><br>Thursday Morning Fellowship at Panera, 7:00am | <b>12</b><br>  | <b>13</b><br><div data-bbox="1291 745 1510 798" data-label="Text"> Men's Retreat. </div>                     |
| <b>14</b><br>Sunday Worship and Joyful Noise Offering 9:30am Fellowship & Sunday School to follow<br><div data-bbox="110 1039 329 1092" data-label="Text"> Men's Retreat. </div> | <b>15</b><br>Monday Morning Fellowship 9:30am<br>Session Meeting 7:00pm       | <b>16</b><br>Tuesday Night Fellowship at the Caswells, 7:00pm<br>The Guitar Gathering 7:00pm | <b>17</b><br>Music Fellowship 7:00pm  | <b>18</b><br>Thursday Morning Fellowship at Panera, 7:00am | <b>19</b><br> | <b>20</b>  |
| <b>21</b><br>Sunday Worship 9:30am Fellowship & Sunday School to follow<br>                   | <b>22</b><br>Monday Morning Fellowship 9:30am                                 | <b>23</b><br>Tuesday Night Fellowship at the Caswells, 7:00pm<br>The Guitar Gathering 7:00pm | <b>24</b><br>Music Fellowship 7:00pm  | <b>25</b><br>Thursday Morning Fellowship at Panera, 7:00am | <b>26</b><br>Family Harvest Party 6:00-8:00pm   |  |
| <b>28</b><br>Sunday Worship 9:30am Fellowship & Sunday School to follow<br>Spaghetti Dinner for Missions, 5:00pm   | <b>29</b><br>Monday Morning Fellowship 9:30am                                 | <b>30</b><br>Tuesday Night Fellowship at the Caswells, 7:00pm<br>The Guitar Gathering 7:00pm | <b>31</b><br>Music Fellowship 7:00pm<br> | <b>1</b><br>Thursday Morning Fellowship at Panera, 7:00am  | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b><br>R2E Book Club 10:00am<br><div data-bbox="1003 1598 1474 1654" data-label="Text"> NOVEMBER </div> |
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