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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:

Happy New Year! As we begin 2019, our sermon time will be used to explore the vision, values, and mission statement that our Launch Team crafted for Road to Emmaus Church as we became a congregation in the summer of 2015.

Over the last three and a half years, God has led us through quite a journey. What began out of a moment of conflict that no one particularly asked for, has over the course of these few years, become the congregation that you belong to today. We are blessed to have formed the basic infrastructure for worship, discipleship, service & ministry. We have enjoyed a sweet fellowship and you belong to a congregation that has been faithful in stewardship and energetic in ministry.

As you read this in January 2019, we begin the last year of our three year lease here at Suite 2 in the Northwood Office Center. This location has served us well. The end of our lease precipitates a set of decisions that we must make in the coming months. It is far more than simply the decision about what building we will meet in for Sunday morning worship. These are decisions about faithfully being who God and made us to be and what we he calls us to do.

Tod Bolsinger, in his book *Canoeing the Mountains* asks the perfect question for this moment in our history: "Isn't there a higher purpose, a set of guiding principles, a clear compilation of core values that are more about being a community of people who exist to extend God's loving and just reign and rule in all the earth? This moment forces us to face and clarify our own core beliefs. ... This facing-the-unknown moment asks us particular questions we need to answer honestly together:

- Why do we exist as a congregation?
- What would be lost in our community if we ceased to be?
- What purposes and principles must we protect as central to our identity?
- What are we willing to let go of so that this mission will continue?

The changing terrain, [and] the uncertainty of the future ... cast us back to reflect on our deepest beliefs, our truest sense of self and vocation. When we recommit to our core ideology, we are claiming—no matter the circumstances—an identity that is larger than our success or failure."

On Sunday January 27th, after the service, there will be our annual congregational meeting. On the docket is the review the ministry and financial statement from 2018 as well as the 2019 budget and the approval of the pastor's terms of call for 2019.

Guitar Lessons at R2E

Get your guitar tuned for additional free beginner, plus early intermediate lessons, beginning Tuesday, February 5th, through March 26. Beginners will be at 6:30 to 7:30; early intermediate will be 7:30 to 8:30. Join us for fun and making music and bring a friend.

If you need an instrument, we can help you find one for you to purchase or borrow.

Please register at...

www.roadtoemmaus.church/guitar

Our second recital will be held at the end of the lessons for family and friends — a fun event!

HYMN FACTS

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

This hymn is found on page 142 of our hymnal. It is often referred to as the “National Anthem of Christendom”, as well as being a prominent hymn in missionary work. It was written by Edward Perrenot (1726-1792), an English pastor. It is his only surviving hymn. The tune most commonly used in America is “Coronation”, a tune by Oliver Holden (1765-1844), a Massachusetts carpenter and self-taught musician.

“Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all!”

Individual Prayer

Each Sunday after worship the pastor and an elder will be available to pray with you. They will be stationed in the front right corner of the worship area.

Thanks!!!

As 2018 came to an end, please give a ‘thank you’ to all those who have made 2018 a great year for R2E. Special thanks go to Dan Lute for managing the monthly calendar, Sue Black for preparing the weekly bulletin, and Bill & Linda Parkin for their work on the monthly newsletter.

MISSION AND OUTREACH NEWS

Project 83

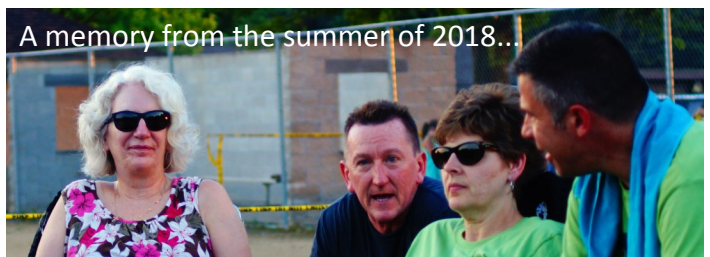
Mike Weaver and his wife Mary have had a pet project for about nine months. They have been providing goods to a tent city, which Mike has fondly named “project #83”. The “city” is under the #83 bridge near Shipoke. Mike brought the idea to Pastor Wayne a few months back, and then Mike was invited to make a presentation to the mission team about helping the people in this project.

About 14 people live in Project #83; many live there year-round. Some of those have lived on the streets 12 or more years. Others have been there for a few months. There are a few women, several veterans and others just down on their luck. A vetting process is used to prevent the real undesirables from staying there.

Thanks to kind hearts, Project #83 became a joint project shared by R2E and Dill ECO. For Dill, this is their first community outreach project. Already R2E has provided food, drinking water, hallway throw rugs (that are used as their streets) and used clothes for the people in the tent city. Dill ECO has provided a few tents, several sleeping bags, winter clothes, food, propane tanks, fire wood, and skids to elevate their tents off the ground due to inclement weather.

If you are interested in helping out with this worthy cause, here are some things you could do for them and your church to help out. If you want additional information, contact Barry Sullivan at 717-919-2033 or Mike Weaver at 717-805-7210.

Needed items include: bottled water, gallon bottles of water, small propane bottles, warm clothes (coats, hats, gloves), folding chairs, and flashlights. Also meals on Saturday or Sunday afternoons.



R2E BOOK CLUB

The book club will meet on Saturday, January 5, at 10 a.m. The book for discussion is *The Last Bus to Wisdom* by Ivan Doig. This is a nostalgic telling of an eleven-year-old boy's summer adventures, traveling to and from relatives in 1951. According to Doig's obituary in the NY Times (April 2015), this book is more autobiographical than his earlier works.

January Birthdays

Tom Heineman - Jan.13th

Mea Burkey - Jan.15th

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.

See Becky Lowe if you have a musical talent you would like to share.

January 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.

Monday Morning Study Group - *Romans Part 2* (Precept Ministries International) with Ellen Carnahan at 9:30 a.m. Also Tuesday evenings at the Carnahan's home. These will begin Jan 7th. See Ellen for more info about study book.

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

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Marcia Leister Biography

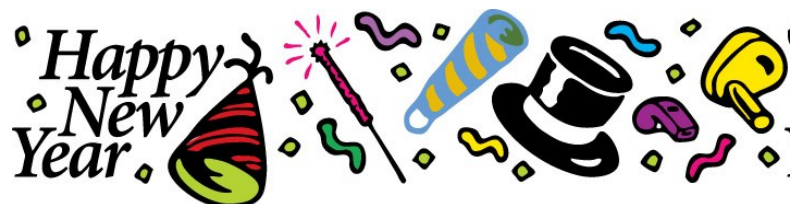
My grandmother, who was aptly named Artie, painted with oils, and I can remember the smell in her kitchen from the paint and turpentine that she used. One summer she took me with her to an outdoor painting workshop somewhere in rural Huntingdon County. I was fascinated by the work of the various artists and by the critique of each other's work that they did at the end. I knew then that I wanted to learn to paint someday.

I was able to take some drawing and painting classes in college, and painted with a group of ladies for a year when I lived in Juniata County, but after we moved to Harrisburg, work and then family came first. Any artistic aspirations were put on the back burner. When my youngest child turned one, I decided that it was now or never.

I started taking classes in watercolor at Paxtang Art Association where I continued for 18 years. I was fortunate to be able to participate in the annual art show and sale at Paxtang. I had the opportunity to go on many bus trips to museums, a sculpture garden, and a foundry. Although I am no longer a member, I am grateful for all that I learned there, and for all the enduring friendships I have with fellow artists that I painted with there.

Joining the Hershey Area Art Association has caused me to try new things and to grow as an artist. The monthly speakers have inspired me to experiment in new media and techniques. After seeing Tami Bitner's presentation on abstract painting, I enrolled in an abstract class taught by Linda McCloskey. I really enjoyed the freedom and creativity of abstract painting and hope to pursue it more in the future.

Editor's note: Marcia is a new member of R2E. She has been married to Ed for 40 years and has three adult children, Rachel, Mike and Charlie. Also a new daughter-in-law, Alicia.



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