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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



I know it seems that we have just cleaned up after the Christmas season. It is, however, getting close to the season of Lent. We will begin that part of the calendar dedicated to the 'internal look' on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. On that day there will be a worship service that includes the imposition of ashes at 7:00pm.

During Lent, Road to Emmaus Church will also be engaging in a study of Philippians using a book called *Because Of This I Rejoice*. This resource will offer each of us three ways of Lenten reflection. First, our Sunday sermons will track with the readings and second, there is a set of individual readings for your daily devotional time.

And finally, there will be the opportunity for Lenten Study Gatherings. These gatherings will be weekly, starting in the beginning of March and going through the second week of April. And here I would make a two-fold request.

First, I would ask that every adult at R2E participate in a Lenten Study Gathering. And secondly, I pray there will be a few (maybe just four or so) people who would be willing to host and/or lead these study gatherings.

For those who host, the hope would be that there be a meal or coffee & desert along with the study time. The food could be an easy pot-luck affair. For those who would feel led to lead a group, I would like to have a gathering of study leaders to get them prepared.

Details and sign-up for study groups will be available soon. I know we will be blessed in this act of faithful reflection.

Your friend in Christ,

-Pastor Wayne

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On Sunday, January 27, 2019, a congregational meeting was held after the Sunday worship service. At that time Pastor Lowe's call was renewed and the 2019 budget was presented to the congregation and approved. Also each team made a brief presentation of its activities over the past year. More details are available from the email sent to members or at the church.

NOTES FROM SESSION

PASTOR'S CALL

Session proposed and the congregation unanimously approved renewing Pastor Lowe's call and benefits package.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

December tithes and offerings were \$17,7371. The Road to the Future building fund had \$23,260 in it at the end of December. Attendance for December averaged 71. Average weekly attendance for 2018 was 66.

HYMN FACTS

On Sunday, February 24th, we will sing "How Firm a Foundation". There is no known author or composer for this hymn. First published in 1787 in England, it was part of a hymnal by Dr. John Rippon. When sung in America, a Southern folk tune, added in 1837, was used as the music. This hymn, through the verses, personalizes God's promise from his words as found in Isaiah 41:10 and 43:2, 2 Corinthians 12:9, and Hebrews 13:5.

" My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply"

"Now turn to hymn 206. Sing the first verse. Mumble the third. Hum the fifth."



MISSION AND OUTREACH NEWS

2019 MISSION TRIP

It's time to get serious about our summer mission trip to Winchester, KY during the week of June 22-19. We are again partnering with Group Mission Trips for a week of home repair ministry. All ages 12 and up are invited to be part of the team.

An information meeting will soon be scheduled for all who are even a little interested in being part of this adventure. Please stay tuned.

You can also look forward to another awesome mission trip dinner that includes a talent show and silent auction. Mark your calendar for June 7th!

Where's the Beef?

The 3rd Annual "Where's the Beef" campaign will be starting up in February. Our friends at the Bethesda Mission often receive donations for turkeys and hams over the holiday months, but they seldom have beef. Every donation that is received adds more to the effort! Stay tuned and thanks!

Guitar Lessons at R2E

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

If you need a guitar, we can help you find one to purchase or borrow.

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

TIME FOR A NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY. When you are next at church, please take a moment to update or add your contact information on the table by the front door. Please also consider a new picture. A photo booth will be available in the weeks to come. Or if you would like to submit a new photo of your own, please email it to waynel@roadtoemmaus.church.

Many Thanks!

Thanks to the Fellowship Team and any others who helped with the Amy Azar lunch.

Thanks to all who continue to help set up and tear down for the various events and for Sunday worship.

R2E BOOK CLUB

Book club selections and dates are set for the next 3 months. Book club is for all adult members of R2E and any guests who might want to attend. All dates are Saturday mornings at 10:00 at the church. Even if you can't come to all of these, you might enjoy reading the books on your own.

February 23 – *The Hideaway* by Lauren K. Denton

March 30 – *Claudia, Wife of Pontius Pilate* by Diana Wallis

April 27 – *In the Unlikely Event* by Judy Blume

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.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Clayton Ulrey	Feb. 4th
Kirk Lago	Feb. 9th
Don Wohlfarth	Feb. 10th
Patrick Wentz	Feb. 14th
Shirley Cole	Feb. 19th

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

FEBRUARY 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 7:00 p.m. at the Carnahan home..

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

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Marcia Leister

I grew up in McAlisterville, a very small village in Juniata County, about halfway between Harrisburg and State College. It was a place where everyone knew everyone. I have an older sister and 2 younger brothers. My best friend Chris lived around the corner and we spent most of our time together. In the summer and after school we played outside, rode bikes and explored the woods behind our house.

I attended the local Presbyterian church where we had a very active youth group which also included the kids from the Lutheran and Methodist churches in town. Each year we had a retreat at a cabin in the seven mountains. It was there where I truly surrendered my life to Jesus.

My junior year in high school I suddenly became very interested in a boy I had known since sixth grade, Ed Leister. We had the same exact birthday- same day, same year (he is older by 17 hours). We dated until college, but then went our separate ways. I went to Albright College in Reading where I majored in Home Economics. When I went to my five year high school reunion I reconnected with Ed. We were married the following year. After five years of hoping, we finally had our first child, Charlie followed by Mike two years later. Six years after Mike was born, much to our surprise, we found we were expecting Rachel. She was born the day before our birthday and is the best birthday gift I ever got.

I was fortunate to be able to stay home with my children, only working part time for many years. When my children were older, I got a job with the commonwealth. I ended my career there working for the PLCB. Ed and I are both retired and enjoy traveling and spending time at our cabin outside McAlisterville which we visit often during the spring, summer, and fall. My hobbies are reading, painting and sewing. I am so grateful to have found Road to Emmaus Church and this terrific church family.

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