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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

Sooooo much to think about.

Having received the report of the Church Transformation Cohort (CTC), it feels like we are (to use a vivid phrase) "drinking from a fire hose."

In time we will begin to take a long journey with a first step. That journey is to move out of the first phase of our being Road to Emmaus Church and into the next phase of rebirth, evangelism and growth.

The prescriptions of the CTC include many practical things to do. These are things designed for our development as a church on mission. There are risks and cost associated with all of them. It is interesting, however, that these are not the part of the report that causes the most pause.

The very first prescription in the CTC report says this: "The leaders and people will seek God's forgiveness in failing to fulfill his commandment to make disciples. The congregation will get on its knees and seek both forgiveness and repentance. The people will also pray that God will break their hearts for those apart from God who have not trusted Jesus for their redemption."

In my own estimation, this is the hardest sentence to read. Not because it isn't true (I believe it is); but because it turns the bright light of God's judgement away from the culture onto ourselves. We are very comfortable talking about the sins of the culture, but we flinch when we are confronted with our own. We argue and debate the point. Are we tempted to dismiss the opportunity entirely because we are upset by the report's assessment of ourselves?

May it not be so. We have not made new disciples for Jesus Christ as God's word commands us to do (Matthew 28:18-20). God's judgement is part of the process of salvation for his beloved children. We must confess that which God intends to forgive. We are not exempt from this process. If we resist the identification of our sin, we will also resist the power of God for forgiveness and the rebirth of Road to Emmaus Church.

Should we commit ourselves to the prescriptions set forth by the Church Transformation Cohort, the very first item on the agenda is to recognize and ask God's forgiveness for our disobedience.

Permit me to paraphrase John 3:16 just a bit: Remember that God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son so that whoever (and what ever church) believes in him and his salvation shall not pass away, but have ongoing life.

NEXT STEPS:

- After Worship on May 5: Town Hall Conversations, Part 2.
- May 12 during worship: Congregational vote to affirm the CTC Report.

NOTES FROM SESSION

FINANCIAL UPDATE

March tithes and offerings were \$18,451. March income was \$3,000 over expenses. At the end of March, "The Road to the Future" building fund had \$25,914 in it.

Praise God for these gifts to do His work.

HYMN FACTS

"Just as I Am", page 370 in the Blue hymnal, was written in 1836 by Charlotte Elliot (1789-1871), born in Clapham, England. By her early thirties she became a bitter bedridden invalid. She came to faith in 1822 and through Christ came to terms with her health. She wrote 150 hymns but "Just as I Am" is considered the hymn that has touched and influenced more people for Christ than any other song written. The tune, "Woodworth", was composed by American composer William B. Bradbury (1816-1868). We will sing this song in May.

"Just as I am Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve, Because Thy promise I Believe."



The Ladies Spring Tea, in honor of Pat Kaullen, will be held on Saturday, May 18 at 4.00 pm.

When signing up, please put your name and the number attending. Deadline for sign up is May 12th. The cost is \$5 for ages 12 and older. Any questions please see Melissa Wentz.

Individual Prayer

After worship each Sunday 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.

MISSION AND OUTREACH NEWS

2019 MISSION TRIP

The 2019 mission trip to Parma, Ohio, just south of Cleveland, is June 16-21. Persons 12 and older can go on this trip. There are still a couple of spots available. See Pastor Wayne for additional details. There will be an information meeting on May 5 at 7:00pm. If you are at all interested in this amazing adventure, please stop in!

PAXTON MINISTRIES

Spring Cleanup at Paxton Ministries will be on Saturday, May 11th, beginning at 9 a.m. We will be doing outside yard cleanup so bring gloves and tools. If you are not a yard work person, you can help with the monthly bingo birthday party at 10 a.m. Lunch at noon.

MISSION DINNER - SILENT AUCTION

Friday, June 7th, at 6 p.m. will be our annual auction and dinner. Please consider donating your attic treasures for the silent auction. A family-style dinner will be served and if you would like to offer a talent during the auction time, it will add to the fun of the evening! More details will be forthcoming.

MENS BREAKFAST

To celebrate the men of the church, please reserve Saturday, May 15th, for the Mens Breakfast. All are invited, so please bring a friend!

VBS

We have partnered with East Shore Baptist Church to offer Vacation Bible School to the children and families of our community. "In the Wild" will be offered in the evenings of August 7-9 and the afternoon of Saturday the 10th at George Park. We are still in need of some volunteers to help out. Stay tuned - more details to come.

MEN'S RETREAT

Guys, we have a problem: Men are prone to ignore their need for friendship and fellowship with other men. Here's a solution: Oct 18-20 is the Men's Retreat at Blackrock Retreat Center south of Lancaster. Mark your calendar today! More details to come.

R2E BOOK CLUB

The Book Club May selection is *In the Unlikely Event* by Judy Blume. It will be on Saturday, May 11th, at 10:00 a.m. Book Club is for all adult members of R2E and any guests who might want to attend. Even if you can't come, you might enjoy reading the book on your own.

APRIL-MAY-JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Lucille Blinebury - April 4
Jill Heineman - April 7
Natan Pierce - April 9
Adam Heineman - April 11
Robert Klinger - April 24
Mary Naples - April 30
Jayden Teets (Lowe) - April 30

Fay Azar - May 5
Joan Schwer - May 5
Dan Lute - May 5
Michael Lago - May 6
Evan Ulrey - May 6
Kathy Foley - May 7
Ella Lute - May 13
Olivia Ewing - May 21
Tina Ulrey - May 24
Ray Singley - May 28

Dan Hassell - June 1
Vlette Uhl - June 1
Bill Black - June 3
Sarah Rappolt - June 12
Don Wentz - June 14
Val Sullivan - June 21
John Foley - June 23
Michael Singley - June 23

MAY 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.

Thursday Morning Discussion Group - 7 a.m. at Panera in Paxton Towne Center).

Skeptics Only Bible Study - Tuesday Evenings starting May 14 at 7:00pm at Panera in Paxton Towne Centre.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Evan Ulrey

I was born in Richmond, IN but moved to Hershey when I was about a year old. We moved to West Hanover when I was 3 years old. The inside of the house was unfinished when we moved in, there was not even any drywall hung yet. My dad finished the house while we were living there and my parents still live in the same house. I have two younger brothers.

I was baptized at a Presbyterian church in Indiana but attended a Methodist church for most of my childhood.

I graduated from Central Dauphin High School which is where I met Tina Hanawalt who is now my wife. We have been happily married for more than 25 years. I was on the wrestling team in jr. high and high school but was not near as good as either of my boys are now. I was also active in Boy Scouts and am an Eagle Scout.

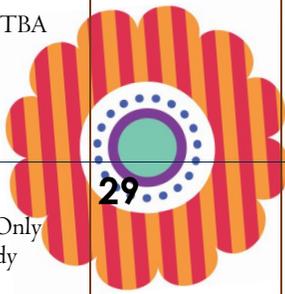
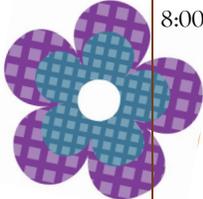
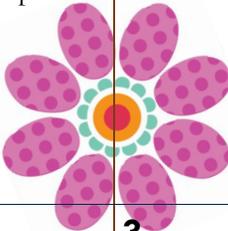
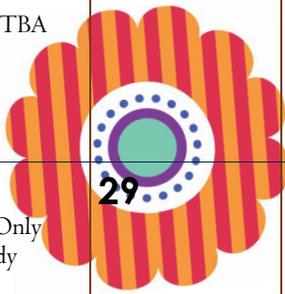
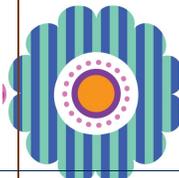
I went to Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport then began work at Weaber sawmill in Lebanon as an electrician. Tina and I lived in Lebanon city for 10 years before moving to Grantville. Gannon and Clayton were born while we lived in Lebanon and Miranda was born after we moved. Gannon will graduate from Lower Dauphin HS in June and plans to attend Slippery Rock in the fall. Clayton is finishing his junior year while Miranda is finishing up 8th grade. I am currently employed at the West Hershey plant.

Tina and I took a cross country trip in 1997 and again in 2015 with our kids. I enjoy watching our kids play sports and listening to Miranda play piano. Camping, backpacking, and card games are also enjoyed when we have the time.

Every day, I thank God for my family and church home at Road to Emmaus.

Road to Emmaus Presbyterian Church

May 2019

5 Sunday Worship and Communion 9:30am Fellowship & Sunday School to follow Ministry Teams, 6:00pm Mission Trip Meeting, 7:00pm	6 	7	8	9 Thursday Morning Fellowship at Panera, 7:00am	10	11 Paxton Ministries Yard Clean-up begins at 9:00am Bingo Birthday Party at 10:00am R2E Book Club at 10:00am
12 Sunday Worship and Joyful Noise Offering 9:30am Fellowship & Sunday School to follow	13 Deacons Meeting 6:30pm	14 Skeptics Only Bible Study 7:00pm at Panera	15	16 Thursday Morning Fellowship at Panera, 7:00am	17	18 Perks & Prayers, 8:00am
19 Sunday Worship 9:30am Fellowship & Sunday School to follow (Last day of Sunday School)	20 Session Meeting 7:00pm	21 Skeptics Only Bible Study 7:00pm Location TBA	22 	23 Thursday Morning Fellowship at Panera, 7:00am	24 	25 Perks & Prayers, 8:00am
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