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April Newsletter To Church Family And Friends,

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SUNDAY MARCH 26, 2023

10:30 A. M.

On Sunday March 26th during the Sunday School hour, Jeff will be leading us in our Minutes and By Laws of our new corporation. Depending on the numbers, we will meet in the Adult Sunday School room. We will look at our rules and regulations for our new corporation and elect members to the Board of Directors. All current members of Snyder's Church are invited to this special meeting as we continue our obligations for Disaffiliation.

CHANGES IN JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER TIME IN WORSHIP

Beginning the first Sunday in April there will be some changes in our way of handling Joys and Concerns in our Prayer time in Worship. Since we want to spend significant time in Prayer, we are asking that as you come into the Church and you have a Joy and/or a Concern to be remembered in Prayer that you put that information on the index cards provided on the table where the bulletins are located. Then take that Joy and/or Concern and place it on the Altar rail and then Jeff will use these as part of our Prayer Time. You may have a specific request and not want a name mentioned, that is okay...just write on the card "Unspoken Request" and the Lord will know the need. Also be sure you have received permission from the person you are asking to be prayed for, due to confidentiality reasons. Sometimes things we see/read on Facebook, etc should not have been shared and we want to honor the specific needs of our church family. Thank-you, in advance, for your support as we make this adjustment in our Worship Service.

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

This announcement deals with church announcements. Since our Joys and Concerns is about Prayer there will no longer be announcement of events during this special time. We provide each week in the bulletin, on-line, with our monthly newsletter, and posted on the bulletin board the events of Snyder's Church. If you have a "sign up" sheet for people, you can be part of the greeting team as people enter for Worship and share the announcement and ask people to sign up. You can also post the sign-up sheet on the glass case near the Office or on the stand where the bulletins are found each week. Thank-you for your cooperation and it is much appreciated. Prayer time again is for the Joys and Concerns we have as a church family.

LOADS OF LOVE UPDATE

Sandy and Connie in recent communication shared that the need for the Loads of Love is growing. SNAP benefits are being reduced and the need to help with laundry is greater now. 11 families were served in January and 15 in February, with five new guests at Loads of Love.

Thanks for the continued prayers and financial support for this community outreach. They report that currently there is \$1062 in the DCC bank account as well as \$270 in quarters on hand. You can contact Sandra Martz at smartz&ptd.net for more information and how you can support the additional laundry supplies of detergent and dryer sheets that are needed for this special ministry. Generally we have the dates and times of operation posted on our bulletin board.

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

We continue to count on the faithful and prayerful financial support for Snyder's Church. Your tithes and offerings make it possible for us to be able to meet all of our financial obligations. Enclosed in each newsletter are 2 self-addressed envelopes you can use to mail in your tithes and offerings if unable to be with us in Worship. Your weekly support is most appreciated. We know some of our church family make their gifts once or twice a month based on income received. We have all experienced increases in our utility bills and the church is not exempt from that as well. Also because of past financial faithfulness we have been able to secure CD's at the bank and these we were able to use to pay the Disaffiliation costs for us to separate from the UMC. That money [as reported elsewhere in this newsletter] is in Escrow for final settlement after the Annual Conference votes May 18 – 20 for approval of the churches that have made the Disaffiliation request. Your faithful giving and support, among other things, enabled us to pay in full the cost of the new electronic piano in our Sanctuary replacing the old 20 + year old one previously used. We are indeed blessed and most appreciative of the faithful financial support of our entire church family. We are a church of 96 members and we need the support of all. Thank-you.

EASTER SERVICES

Sunday April 9

Sunrise Service at 7:00 AM at the Cemetery. Pastor Jeff leads this Service. Following the Service a light continental breakfast is served at the church by the Ladies Aide Society.

Regular Worship Service of Resurrection is at 9:00 AM. Pastor Bill will lead this special service.



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PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE USING THE "OLD STATIONERY" THAT HAS THE OLD EMAIL AND WEBSITE ADDRESS LISTED AT THE TOP. WE WANT TO USE UP THIS OLDER SUPPLY. THE NEW INFORMATION CAN BE USED IN THE MEANTIME AS WELL.

SPECIAL INFORMATION **DISAFFILIATION FROM UMC** **SNYDER'S CHURCH COSTS**

We have received the insurance premium for 2023 and we will be obligated for ½ of that amount to cover the period of January – June. These are the amounts that we are obligated to pay and this money will be held in Escrow by the Annual Conference until such time as the disaffiliation process is completed. We now await the 2023 Annual Conference decision May 18 – 20 and then the closing in consultation with our Attorney and the Conference Attorney and Trustees.

- 1% Value of Property per 2021 Journal Figures	
Property Valued at \$1,882,000*	\$18,882.00
- Shares of Ministry 2023	\$ 5,161.01
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- Unfunded Pension Liability Denomination	\$ 7,720.83
- Legal Cost our Share To Conference	\$ 1,000.00
- ½ Property Insurance 2023 Jan-June	\$ 2,714.38
Total Disaffiliation Cost	\$40,639.23

The other financial obligation that we will have is the cost to our Attorney Mark Allshouse who has been representing us in the process and this will include the filing fees and costs associated with the Disaffiliation. *The Actual Value was \$1,182,000 but due to a "typo error" by Bill is compiling the report and the Trustees of the Conference not accepting the correction, the extra \$700 cost to Snyder's Church has been paid for in advance by Bill & Linda.

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Chipmunks Aren't All Alike

Once upon a time, far, far away there lived an old chipmunk. He was a master gardener, and many chipmunks came to work with him and then went off to start gardens of their own. He believed everyone would want to be a gardener, but, alas neither his daughter nor his son showed the slightest interest.

It would seem impossible to work this out because the more the old chipmunk boosted gardening, the more the little chipmunks resisted. The daughter chipmunk said that one of her friends who had graduated in gardening was now catching beetles for minimum wage and another was digging tunnels for rabbits, which was exactly what he did before he learned gardening. The son chipmunk said nothing at all and just went off to gather wild berries, which he ate or gave away.

Then one day the old chipmunk's wife gave him some seedlings to plant. The old chipmunk was amused and later irritated because they grew so slowly. Sometimes he would pull on them so that they would get the idea, although he always taught his gardening students not to do that.

One morning his wife called him over to inspect the new plants more closely, and he saw that indeed each was delicately formed and quite lovely except for the bruised places where he had pulled on them. "They are not like I thought they would be," he said to his wife. "I guess they decided to be themselves." His wife answered, "Chipmunks aren't all alike either," she added. (Abe's Fable, from *The Illuminated Life*, by Ab Arkoff)

We have a tendency to hold our children back, to make them in our image, to set expectations for them that are not in sync with who they are. But quickly Jesus' life is being changed. Forged by this identity of who he is--the Son of God not the son of Mary and Joseph. It's hard to let go as a parent.

Adapted by Brett Blair from Dr. Keith Wagner's sermon: "The Gift of Wings"

Hoping To Goodness

Lucy planned a picnic for the next day. She says to Charlie Brown, "I just hope to goodness that it doesn't rain ...". Walking away, Charlie answers, "Hoping to goodness is not theologically sound." Charlie's right. "Hoping to goodness" is not sound. Fixing our hope upon God is.

**NEW CHURCH OFFICERS AND CHURCH
BUDGET JULY 2023 – DECEMBER 2024**

As the Disaffiliation Committee continues to work in this time of transition, one of the things the committee will be doing is putting together the officers structure and a budget for Snyder's Church covering the period of July 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2024. Please be in prayer as we do this important work and when you are asked to be part of the ministry team, say YES with enthusiasm as we re-structure for the new church. More details will be forthcoming in the next several weeks. A new/revised schedule for Church Council meetings will also be announced.

SPECIAL SESSION ANNUAL CONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY MAY 17
VOTE ON DISAFFILIATION

Our Bishops have announced there will be a special session of the Annual Conference on Wednesday May 17th beginning at 5:30 PM for the business purpose of voting only on those churches that have finished/completed the disaffiliation process in our Annual Conference. Originally the voting would have been done between May 18 – 20. After the vote Lay Delegates will not be allowed to attend the May 18 – 20 sessions if their church is granted disaffiliation. Clergy whose churches are in disaffiliation and/or in the process of leaving the UMC have been “encouraged not to attend the regular sessions” May 18 – 20. Paula Beaston, our lay delegate is unable to attend and Pastor Bill expects to be at the special session to vote on approval of Snyder's Church disaffiliation from the UMC, along with the other churches in the conference that have made the same decision as ours.

**WHAT HAPPENS TO MY MEMBERSHIP
AT SNYDER'S CHURCH AFTER
DISAFFILIATION?**

A very good question and there may be more questions, so feel free to ask them. Assuming that the Annual Conference May 18 – 20 approves the disaffiliation and then we complete all of the legal paper work by the end of June, you may wonder what happens to your membership in the United Methodist Church.

We have completed the application to become a member of the Global Methodist Church and this will be effective on or before July 1st.

You can do several things about your current membership at Snyder's Church:

- If you want to become a member of the Global Methodist Church you need to do nothing as the membership you have in the UMC will become a member now of the GMC and our records at Snyder's Church will reflect that you are now a member of the GMC
- If you want to remain a member of the UMC, then you need to affiliate with another UMC that has not disaffiliated and ask the Pastor of that church to request a transfer of your membership from Snyder's to that particular UMC and the transfer will be sent immediately
- If you want to join a church of another denomination then ask that church to request a transfer of your membership from Snyder's to that church and again it will be sent immediately
- If you choose to join a church that does not accept transfer of membership from another church, please let us know via email or regular mail that you are joining that church and we can make that note in our membership records
- If you no longer want to be a member of Snyder's Church and no longer want to join another church of another denomination, then please let us know via mail or e-mail and we will withdraw your membership from our records

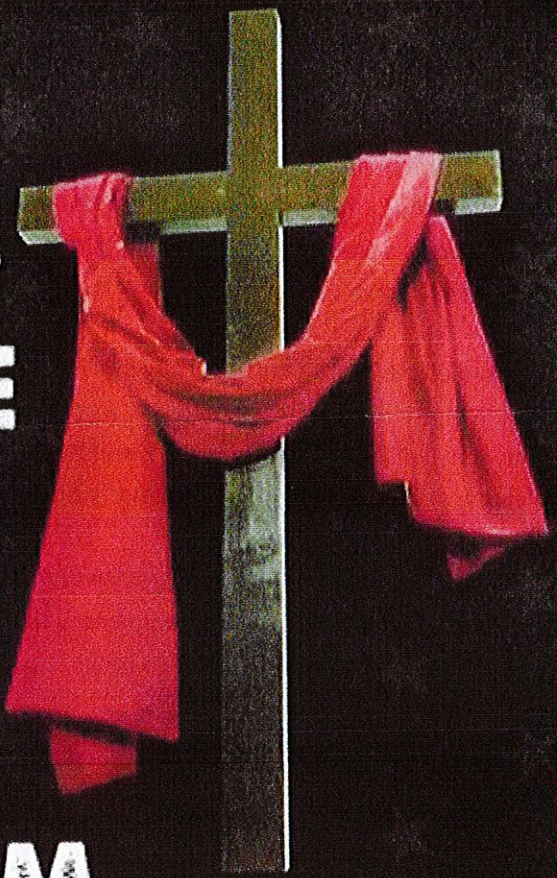
Hopefully this answers your question about your membership at Snyder's Church. We are looking forward to being "A New Church In A New Day!" And we want you to be part of this new ministry as we work and labor together for the cause of Christ.

OUR PURPOSE IN THIS POST-PANDEMIC CHURCH IS SIMPLE!

- **The Bible Is The WORD Of God**
- **Jesus Is The Only Way To SALVATION**
 - **Prayer Is ESSENTIAL**
 - **Evangelism Is Our MISSION**



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MY HOUSE, WE
WILL SERVE THE LORD,
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Respectfully Yours,

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