

# SNYDER'S CHURCH

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A Wesleyan Covenant Association Church

It's All About Jesus!

Mark 1:17 - Matthew 28:19

The Bible IS The Word Of God - Jesus IS The Only Way To Salvation

Prayer IS Essential - Evangelism IS Our Mission

May 2023

Dear Snyder's Church Family and Friends,

## **SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY PROGRAM MAY 14**

We are blessed indeed to have Elva Hurst from Lititz with us to share a chalk art program in our Worship Service at 9:00 AM. Her live drawings are an experience you will never forget. Born on a Mennonite Farm to having become a successful artist and artistic ministry we will be inspired by her moving story of faith, love, and the redemption of all things.

This special program is made possible by our Ladies Aide Society and we want to really "fill our sanctuary" for this special program. A light luncheon will follow the service provided by the Ladies Aide Society.

# ANNUAL CONFERENCE SPECIAL SESSION MAY 17 REGULAR SESSION MAY 18 – 20

There will be a special session of the Annual Conference on Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 PM at the Williamsport Art Center on West Fourth Street. The purpose of this special session will include only one item of business: Voting on the churches that have completed the requirements for Disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church. We at Snyder's Church have submitted all of the required paper work and the money costs are in escrow with the Annual Conference. As of this writing we understand that there are nearly 120 churches that are requesting Disaffiliation. Following the vote, the lay delegates to Conference will be dismissed as their local church is no longer affiliated with the UMC and the Susquehanna Conference. Clergy are "encouraged" to not attend the regular sessions May 18 – 20 for the same reason. Bill will attend the special session but will not plan to attend the regular sessions if Snyder's Church is approved for disaffiliation. We ask our entire church family to be in special prayer during this time of decision making.

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# A Message from Good News

# Misinformation



It's commonplace for centrists and progressives to accuse traditionalists of misleading churches with "disinformation."

The North Georgia Annual Conference has put all disaffiliations on hold, stating there is so much misinformation being distributed about the UM Church that local congregations cannot be trusted to make properly informed decisions.

I agree there's a great deal of misinformation being put forth right now – only, not by traditionalists, but by centrists and progressives. Examples:

1. "You shouldn't leave now because no one knows what the UM Church will be like in the future." This is a common talking point when non-traditionalists try to convince UM churches to stay in the denomination. How disingenuous!

Do we know exactly where the UM Church will end up? Maybe not, but we know where it's going. Once traditionalists leave, the definition of marriage will be changed from the sacred union of a man and a woman to "two persons." The UMC will again allow its agencies to rejoin the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice which supports any abortion for any reason even in the ninth month of pregnancy. It will continue to allow its seminaries to teach that Jesus is merely one of many ways to God, its bishops to state that Jesus was bigoted and flawed, and its pastors to preach that Jesus did not die for our sins.

As Bishop Scott Jones said, "The UMC will become more progressive, the only question is how far and how fast will it go." It is disinformation of the worst kind to state we don't know where the UMC is headed.

2. "Traditional churches will always receive a traditional pastor." False. The vast majority of traditional pastors are leaving the UM Church. Most of those remaining will retire and the majority will do so within a few years. Few young traditionalist pastors will join the remaining, evermore progressive UMC. Soon there will be few traditional pastors to appoint, even if a liberal bishop were inclined to do so. Whether centrists believe this when they say it or not, it's disinformation. And they need to stop telling people what's not true.

3. "Traditionalists have lied about the UMC when they have said the denomination will change its core doctrines." I have never heard a traditionalist leader make that statement. What we have said is it doesn't matter what you say you believe on paper, if you don't require your pastors, professors, and bishops to teach and uphold what you say you believe. You don't need to change the rules if the refs won't enforce the rules. And in the UMC, they don't. That's not misinformation. That's reality.

Growing numbers of churches are leaving. More need our help to leave before the window closes at the end of the year. Your gifts enable us to help churches who need to hear the truth and escape the deception of so many UM leaders.

Rob Renfroe President and Publisher Volume 11 • Issue 2 • April 2023

# The Asbury Awakening

By Dr. Timothy Tennent

Something special happened in the Asbury University chapel. The Lord began to move in the lives of a group of students. These embers were fanned into flame; there was a definite move of God at Asbury.

It is always better to stand in awe of something than to talk about something. I was at Hughes auditorium and it was like stepping into a flowing spiritual river. You sensed the presence and power of God working in people's lives. A deeper look at this outpouring reveals that it had the same elements found in any authentic revival: people repenting of their sins; people being filled with the Holy Spirit; men and women finding reconciliation with God and their neighbor; people capturing a renewed love for Jesus, the gospel and the Holy Scriptures. All of the above happened day after day at Asbury.

Someday, we will look back on these days and thank God that he visited us in ways we will talk about for years to come. But, what we are doggedly seeking is not lasting memories, but transformed lives long after the lights have gone out in Hughes auditorium or all other places that experienced this work of grace.

Dr. Timothy Tennent is President of Asbury Theological Seminary. The above is taken from his February 14 blog entitled "Thoughts on the Asbury Awakening."

# MINUTES AND BY-LAWS ADOPTED SUNDAY APRIL 23, 2023

On Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Pastor Jeff shared with the church family the new By-Laws for our new corporation as Snyder's Church. Copies were presented to all in attendance. Then George Stuck, Jr., Temporary Chairman of the new corporation asked for a motion and second then voting which was unanimous. Copies of the new By-Laws are available on the stand as you enter the Church, and a signed copy by the temporary directors will be mailed to the church family when the total disaffiliation has been completed.

# PASTOR JEFF TO LEAD THE SERVICE

On Sunday April 30th, Jeff will lead the entire service. Bill is going to be at the Richfield Church to make a Missions Presentation. We are grateful that Jeff can lead our Worship Service on this day.

# MAY 6TH LADIES TEA LUNCHEON

The scheduled Saturday May 6th Tea Luncheon for the ladies has been cancelled at this time. Bev will reschedule at a later date and apologies for any inconvenience.

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

Please use the cards provided on the table as you enter the Church to write your Joys and Concerns. Place them in the white basket on the stand in front of the pulpit. Jeff will use these as our Prayer Time in Worship. You will be invited to join him at the Altar rail for the prayers.

# **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

The dates of Monday – Friday June 12 – 16 are our annual VBS in co-operation with Dellville and Roseglen Churches. The theme this year is: "HERO HOTLINE – Called Together To Serve God!" You can register now on our website: <a href="https://snyders-church.my">https://snyders-church.my</a> cokesbury vbs.com

Diana is also looking for additional teachers and helpers. 717 275-6097 or Mommabear1256@yahoo.com

### **CHANGES YOU SHOULD NOTE AT THIS TIME**

New Entity Name:

SNYDER'S CHURCH

Facebook page has been renamed to: Snyder's Church

Website has been renamed to: <u>WWW.SnydersChurchNB.ORG</u>

New Church Email address is: SnydersChurchOffice@gmail.com

### A NEW CHURCH FOR A NEW DAY!

As we approach a New Church For A New Day beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> we are reminder what the Purpose of Snyder's Church really is: Learn this and share it!

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JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY TO SALVATION
PRAYER IS ESSENTIAL
EVANGELISM IS OUR MISSION

# **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

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The next regular meeting of the Church Council will be Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM in the large Adult Classroom. Reports are due to Lisa by Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> for the meeting. This will also be the "final meeting" at this point for Snyder's United Methodist Church; as our next meetings will be held under our new corporation Snyder's Church.

## **FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Again this reminder from the Finance Committee that we depend on the faithful and cheerful giving of our entire church family to meet our financial obligations. Our budget indicates the need for \$1306.09 in giving each week; many weeks we meet that amount, others we fall short. Enclosed in the newsletter are two self-addressed envelopes that you can use to send your tithes and offerings if unable to be with us. Perhaps in this spring and warm season you will be so blessed that you will want to make that "extra financial giving gift" to Snyder's Church......we appreciate that very much. "The Lord told Malachi: 'Bring in all your tithes..., if you do this, I will pour out upon you a blessing so great that you won't have enough room to take it all in. Try me in this! Let me prove it to you!" — Malachi 3:10

# MAY 16 PRIMARY ELECTION DAY VOTE 7 AM – 8 PM

One of the primary responsibilities that we have as American citizens is the right and need to VOTE! Our PA Primary Election Day is Tuesday May 16<sup>th</sup> and polls are open 7 AM to 8 PM. Snyder's Church serves as a voting place for the township.

### **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

The Annual Observance of NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER is Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup>. Services for Perry County will be held at the Court House beginning at 7 PM and everyone is invited to be in attendance and share in this Annual National Event.

# Snyder's Church Officers 2023 [July - December]

# CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Sharon Graham

Chair, Church Council

Wayne Perkins

Chair, Trustees

George Stuck, Jr.

Chair, Pastor-Parish Relations Committee

Darryl Graham

Co-Chair, Finance Committee

Gary Dunn

Co-Chair, Finance Committee

Barbara Perkins

Church Treasurer

Kay Anderson/Linda Morrow

Secretary, Church Council

Lisa Stuck

Office Secretary, Membership Secretary

Sandra Graeff

Financial Secretary

Sharon Graham

Church Lay Leader

Bev Zeigler

Chair, Worship Committee

Diana Payne

Church School Superintendent

Bev Zeigler

President, Ladies Aide

Paula Stiffler

Chair, Missions Committee

Pastor Jeff Brewster

Youth Pastor

# COMMITTEES

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Class of 2023

Wayne Perkins, Chair; Dwayne Beaston

Class of 2024

Gary Dunn, Vice-Chair

Class of 2025

Tom Weldon; Bev Zeigler

# STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Class of 2023

Kay Anderson

Class of 2024

George Stuck, Jr.; Chair

Class of 2025

Sue Reisinger

Other Member: Sharon Graham, Lay Leader

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Pastor Bill Pipp, Chair

Class of 2023

Linda Morrow; Dan Payne

Class of 2024

Kay Anderson, Bonnie Sanno

Class of 2025

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