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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

June 2023

Dear Snyder's Church Family and Friends,

As I am writing this we are only a few days away from the Special Session of the Annual Conference on Wednesday May 17th where the conference members will vote on Disaffiliation for us at Snyder's Church along with 141 congregations.

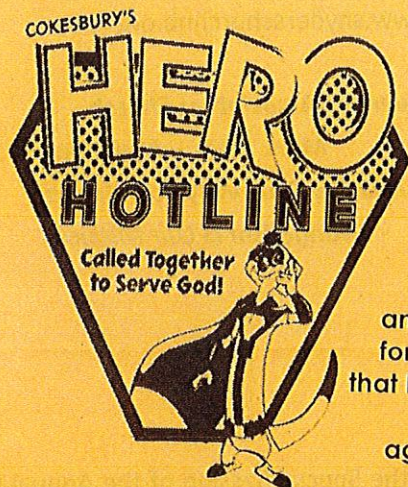
I have a very special spiritual and personal friend in Wilmington North Carolina who has been a General and Jurisdictional Conference delegate many times, very active in his local church and Annual Conference. Eston and his wife have left the UMC and joined a Global Methodist Church that is growing and growing to the point now where there are two campuses. Recently he shared with me a Ralph Waldo Emerson quote that made my day and is a comfort to me as I prepare for our special Annual Conference. Elsewhere in this month's newsletter I shall report the results of Annual Conference, but please with me take special comfort in these words of Emerson:

"To laugh often and much; To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; To appreciate beauty, to find the best in others; To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded."

A very special thank-you to each of you at Snyder's Church that help to make this journey with the Lord easier and with a spirit of joy and appreciation.

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HERO HOTLINE - 2023

Called Together to Serve God!

At Hero Hotline VBS, your children will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they are called together to serve God. They will become Heroes and discover that answering God's call together means striving for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up!

Each morning, the Heroes will enter their age-appropriate classroom, then at 9:00 am we meet for our Opening Assembly in the Sanctuary - parents are always welcome to join us.

We will reveal Hotline Tips to equip your Heroes for an active life with God. Your Heroes will also discover our Hotline Verse (Bible memory verse), which will remain with them in their faith long after VBS.

The students will expand on what they've discovered by making their own art projects, singing new and familiar songs, exploring the wonders of God's creation with Science Projects, playing games and of course enjoying some tasty snacks all reinforcing the lesson of the day. Along the way, the Heroes will hear about our mission project and as they respond to a call for action! This year our Mission Offering collected will go to some of our Heroes in the community –

the Duncannon and New Bloomfield EMS.

WHEN: JUNE 12-16

WHERE: SNYDER'S CHURCH (Sponsored by Snyder's, Dellville & Roseglen)

TIME: Mon. – Thurs. 8:45AM-11:30 Fri. till 12:00 noon

- Whistle Stop Ice Cream coming Friday

CLASSES PROVIDED

PRESCHOOL – Ages 3 & 4 – Two-year-olds may also attend, a parent must stay in class. Upstairs

KINDERGARTEN – Ages 5-6 Downstairs Social Hall

PRIMARY – Completed Grades 1st & 2nd Upstairs

MIDDLER – Completed Grades 3rd & 4th Downstairs

JUNIOR – Completed Grades 5th & 6th Downstairs

YOUTH – Completed Grades 7th, 8th & 9th Pavillion

PRE-REGISTER at this VBS Website link:

<https://snyders-church.mycokesburyvbs.com> link or Snyder's Church

Website click on Hero Hotline VBS

DISAFFILIATION VOTE AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY MAY 17, 2023

At the special session of the Annual Conference, held Wednesday May 17, in Williamsport, a total of 141 churches were presented for voting on disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church. The report was presented by voting by each District. The result that all 141 churches were approved. The votes by district presentation were not unanimous as there were a small few who voted against each. Snyder's Church in the Harrisburg District of 14 churches to disaffiliate was approved. The churches in our District are as follows:

- Barnitz
- Baughman Memorial
- Community New Cumberland
- Halifax
- Mt Gilead
- Mt Holly Springs
- Mt Zion Carlisle
- Shermans Dale
- Snyder's
- Trinity New Cumberland
- Trinity New Kingstown
- Waggoners
- Youngs Mechanicsburg
- Youngs Shermans Dale

The Grand Total of all costs paid by Churches [141] Disaffiliating amounted to \$16,115,056.14. This figure does NOT include the Property Insurance premium for the period of January – June 2023 as part of the disaffiliation process. This will add significant costs to the disaffiliation process.

Our Attorney has advised us that the "closing signing documents" will be held within the next 60 days per agreement with the Conference. The plan is that all documents will be completed on or before July 1st. We have completed all of the requirements for Snyder's Church and now await the date, time and place for signing the final documents. We will be meeting with the insurance agent soon to select coverage for our facilities and some minor paper work like notifying IRS that our old EIN number is no longer in use remain to be completed very soon.

In the meantime Linda Morrow and Linda Pipp are putting together the new church sign that will be part of our property in the near future. Gary Dunn is going to do some electrical work on the sign.

SYMPATHY ON DEATH OF VICKI JORDAN

We know that Pastor Vicki Jordan has died. Bill sent sympathy to Dan and family and we are awaiting the word on when her Memorial Service will be held in July. We will notify the church family so that we might be represented. Pastor Vicki is fondly remembered in her time when she served as our Pastor.

A QUESTION ABOUT MY MEMBERSHIP??

With Disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church approved for Snyder's Church, one question that comes to the surface relates to **what happens to my membership status?** A good question. There is a variety of solutions to the question.

First – all members of Snyder's Church are now automatically members of the Global Methodist Church based on our decision to join the Global Methodist Church. You need to do nothing at this point.

Second – if you would like to remain a member of a United Methodist Church, all you have to do is to begin to affiliate with that church and request a transfer from Snyder's Church to that church. The transfer will be handled immediately.

Third – if you would like to join another denomination and not be affiliated with the Global Methodist Church, again have that church request a transfer of your membership from Snyder's Church to that church. Again the transfer will be handled immediately.

Fourth – let's say you no longer wish to be a member of Snyder's Global Methodist Church; Snyder's United Methodist Church; or any church of any denomination and simply want to have your membership terminated. Again make the request in writing to us and we will note a withdrawal of your membership per your instructions.

A SPECIAL HAND-OUT AND/OR MAILING COMING IN MID-JUNE

The Church Family in the middle of June will be receiving a special mailing. If you attend at Worship the envelope will be given to you; if you are not with us on June 11 and 18 then it will be mailed to you. The special mailing contains a letter about financial giving. Our current Envelopes for giving will no longer be able to be used starting July 1st as they contain the name United Methodist Church. We will supply you with 30 envelopes that can be used for the remainder of 2023; a letter of instructions is included. We ask for your patience in this time of transition; we will adjust and make changes to the envelope to cover the time beginning in 2024. These special envelopes have not cost the church any money as we printed them "in house" to save the expense. Linda Pipp helped design the envelope and printed them for the church; the Finance Committee has agreed to use these for the time-being. Like our monthly newsletter, this special mailing/hand out will not cost the church any funds as they are donated for mailing purposes. Thank-you for your patience and helpful consideration as we continue to be "A New Church In A New Day" starting officially on July 1st. [This date may be altered to sometime in June, depending on the closing legal status with the Conference and our Attorney.....watch for any adjustments/changes].

It is also important to remember that checks beginning July 1st are to be made payable to Snyder's Church. We can not accept any check made payable to Snyder's United Methodist Church as that church no longer exists and the bank will not accept it. Please note this important matter.

Making Sacrifices

We are not a people generally who are willing to make sacrifices. I know there are exceptions, but as a whole we have become a people in love with comfort. We drive comfortable automobiles and we live in comfortable houses and we even belong to comfortable churches. Doesn't it concern you at times that perhaps we have chosen the wide gate and not the narrow one, the easy road and not the road that leads to life?

Chiune Sugihara was born on a day of new beginnings January 1, 1900. As a boy, he cherished the dream of becoming the Japanese ambassador to Russia. By the 1930s, he was the ambassador to Lithuania, just a step away from Russia.

One morning, a huge throng of people gathered outside his home. They were Jews who had made their way across treacherous terrain from Poland, desperately seeking his help. They wanted Japanese visas, which would enable them to flee Eastern Europe and the Gestapo.

Three times Sugihara wired Tokyo for permission to provide the visas; three times he was rejected. He had to choose between the fulfillment of his dream as an ambassador and people's lives. He chose the latter. He dared to disobey orders. For twentyeight days he wrote visas by hand, barely sleeping or eating. Recalled to Berlin, he was still writing visas and shoving them through the train windows into the hands of the refugees who ran alongside. Ultimately he saved six thousand lives.

Sugihara was not only a courageous Japanese; he was also a committed Christian. He spent his remaining days in Japan, humbly selling lightbulbs. When his story was finally told, his son was asked, "How did your father feel about his choice?" The young man replied, "My father's life was fulfilled. When God needed him to do the right thing, he was available to do it."

My Friend Knows the Shepherd

Two men were called on, in a large classroom, to recite the Twenty-third Psalm. One was a published orator trained in speech technique and drama. He repeated the psalm in a powerful way. When he finished, the audience cheered and even asked for an encore that they might hear his wonderful voice again. Then the other man, who was much older, repeated the same words - 'The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want...' But when he finished, no sound came from the large class. Instead, people sat in a deep mood of devotion and prayer.

Then the first man, the orator, stood to his feet. 'I have a confession to make,' he said. 'The difference between what you have just heard from my old friend, and what you heard from me is this: I know the Psalm, my friend knows the Shepherd.'

WOW! A SPECIAL FATHER'S DAY SERVICE
SUNDAY JUNE 18TH

Just perhaps when you thought things couldn't be any better than our special Mother's Day Service – well we are pleased to announce a very special event on Father's Day June 18th.

As we know John McClellan has had some serious recovery issues following his back surgery and currently he and Lori travel to Hershey four days a week for extensive therapy. And the GOOD NEWS is that John is making tremendous recovery!

Before his surgery that we all thought would be an in/out procedure, I had asked John to speak on Father's Day and he readily agreed! Now in conversation with him he's really excited and humbled to be able to be with us on Father's Day to share the Word of the Lord! And of course John will share a journey of healing. We will be really blessed that morning, so plan to be with us.

Also as part of Father's Day, we will have all the ladies in Worship that Sunday to serve as the special choir.

We are truly blessed at Snyder's Church and let's fill our church on Father's Day and be truly blessed to hear how God is truly healing John.

DAY AND TIME OF SETTLEMENT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED

Mark Allshouse, our Attorney has secured the date of Wednesday June 7th at 2:00 PM to sign all the papers required to complete our Disaffiliation Process. Darryl Graham and Barb Perkins will be there with Mark during this special time.

Also we will have all of the information including coverage and costs of our new insurance program no later than June 2nd. Ryan Hale who lives in Dillsburg and his insurance office is in New Cumberland will be our agent. Ryan and his wife and family are very active in the Dillsburg Global Methodist Church and he has been very helpful to many of the 141 churches in the Conference secure insurance as a result of the Disaffiliation.

This whole process has been a prayerful and long experience for all of us and we will officially now be a Global Methodist Church. Alignment of Conference boundaries that will include all areas of ministry will be completed by early in 2024. We have also learned that our "apportionments" in the Global Church will be 1% of our income from last year; that 1% will be for the General Global Church as well as the new area of Annual Conference. So our 2% apportionment figure totals are significantly less than the 17%+ that we had previously been paying. God truly is good – all the time!