

Our Continuing Vision

August 2018

Worship – Sundays, 10:15 a.m.

August 5 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost – Annual Conference Highlights
“As I Was Saying...Let Scripture Be Alive” Luke 10:25-37

August 12 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost – Vacation Bible School songs
“As I Was Saying...Act with Responsibility, Let Go of Control”
Philippians 2:1-8

August 19 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost
“As I Was Saying...Embrace Diversity” Revelation 9:9-12

August 26 – Pastor Tim’s Last Sunday
“As I Was Saying...Let God Out!!” 1 John 1:1-7a

Vacation Bible School coming next week!

Sunday, August 5 - Thursday, August 9, 5:30 pm

Come and enjoy a week of bible discovery, Games, Imagination Station, Singing, KidVid Cinema and much, much more! For ages 3 to 5th grade, “Shipwrecked” will surely be an experience you will never forget. Supper is included and will begin at 5:30 pm.

On **Sunday, August 12**, we will share our music at our 10:15 am worship service.

“Let’s Dine Together” - Sunday, August 12

Indoor End of Summer Picnic Covered Dish

We are looking for donations of hamburgers, hot dogs and rolls or monetary donations to help defray the cost. This is a covered dish event. Please bring your sides, salads, snacks and desserts. Help is needed to set up and clean up.

For more info contact Sarah Sallada 610-582-7136 or Marcia Rogala 610-372-9180. This is a great ending to Vacation Bible School. Thank you and hope to see you there.

\$ay "Best Wishes" to Tim & Jill

Saturday, August 25, 5 pm

Enclosed with this newsletter is your personal invitation to Pastor Tim & Jill's farewell party. If you would like to show your appreciation, please drop off a monetary gift (cash please, no checks or a gift card) in the Church Office before August 29. *Deadline for RSVP is Sunday, August 12.*

FUN FACTS about Pastor Tim and Jill

1. They appreciate their apartment at 525 Lancaster Avenue and are okay to stay beyond their year's rental agreement while looking for a place to settle.
2. They are considering area communities to tour and apply.
3. There are 3 weddings already in planning stages which Pastor Tim will fulfill in officiating:
 - September 29 - Meloney Diaz and Chad Fisher
 - October 20 - Stephanie Barlet and Cody Miller
 - January 19 - Ernie Farrier and Morgan Weaver
4. Stephanie Barlet is the first wedding Pastor Tim will officiate of a child from a previous wedding he officiated (1994)!
5. Tim and Jill will honor the space of the interim pastor and the first year of the new pastor before considering a return as worshiping members.
6. Jill will concentrate on free-lance writing as she continues to rehab her hip with land and aqua therapy.
7. Tim will be pursuing a couple of different part-time employment opportunities.
8. We are so grateful for all of your gifts of support and prayers of encouragement throughout our 27 years and especially in these last two years.

The Search Process Continues.

A report from the Search Committee

Enclosed with this newsletter is a report from the Search Committee. Our committee members are: Dan Biss, Scott Blatt, Vicki Clements, Nancy Dotter, Brian Felker, John Robinson, and Carolyn Tetley-Fazzari.

Fellowship Hall Painting Party

begins on the week of August 13

Beginning Monday, August 13, everyone is invited to give of their time and talent as we begin to paint Fellowship Hall. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Thank you from the Stewardship Ministry Team.

Gospel Performance with Jeff Krick (Elvis)
Sunday, August 19, 7-8:30 pm, Sanctuary
(doors open at 6 pm)

A goodwill offering will be collected during a short intermission.

We are looking for donations of: cookies, brownies, pretzels, and bottle water. Hope to see you there for this inspirational night of great Elvis and other artist's gospel music.

Shillington Lions Flea Market
Saturday, September 1, 7 am - 1 pm

This is a great way to promote church growth, sell items and baked goods and to make sure people know about our wonderful church. Bakers are also needed (please no frosting as it will melt; good things to make are cookies, brownies, Krispy treats, muffins, bread)! Please bring your baked goods to the church by 7 pm on Friday, August 31. See Sandy Henderson or Diane Zimmerman for more information.

Please keep our campers in your prayers
as they attend Camp Swatara:

August 5-10 Creative Arts: *Classic Sallada & Djaide Skipper*

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Blanket & Tools program for Church World Service. The total amount received is \$406.00.....Witness Ministry Team

2018/2019 Church Information/Fellowship Directory

will go to print in September. For updates and changes, please use the Fellowship sheets or let the Church Office know by *Tuesday, August 28.*

Welcome Jan King, our Interim Pastor

Jan King has accepted the Leadership Team's call to be our Interim minister. The start date is Monday, October 15. Jan comes to us from the Bedford Church of the Brethren, where she is a half time Pastor. She began her ministry by working 15 years as the Executive Staff for youth for the Atlantic Northeast District (our district). She was chaplain for a few years at Cross Keys Retirement Center in New Oxford, PA. For 11 years, Jan worked for the General Office of the Church of the Brethren as the congregational Life Coordinator for the East Coast. She was a full time pastor for 5 years at Woodbridge Church of the Brethren before coming to the New Bedford congregation. Jan's husband, Scott, is a retired School Superintendent. Jan's kids and grandkids live in Harrisburg and Annville. We look forward to getting to know both of them.

Jan fills a 3/4 interim pastor position here. She will work for us 3 days a week and preach Sunday

mornings. Jan has been contracted for a year. We hope within that year we will have called a full time pastor. There is a 30 day notice clause in the contract that can be used by either the church or the interim to negate the contract.

The Search Committee is STILL searching for our full time pastor. We are currently reviewing profiles and will interview candidates that interest us. Jan's hiring does not stop the search process. We are continuing full speed ahead. Prayers for a good match are much appreciated.

The Search Process Continues. A report from the Search Committee:

Wyomissing is listed in the District and COB web site as a church searching for a new pastor. Pastors outside the COB can also see we are searching. If a person is interested, they contact Pete Kontra, the District Executive. The search team can also go to the district office, read through the resumes and let Pete know if any interest us. **If anyone contacts us, they are to be directed to Pete Kontra,**

Why do they have to be directed to Pete?

Pete can vet (check out) all the candidates, and send us the names of the best matches. With all COB candidates, he can call that pastor's District Exec (if not in our ANE District) and get a feel for the person. He can also detect any red flags and weed out the ones that are not a good match for us. He will also look at the resumes of non-Brethren ministers.

"Red flags"?! Or: What will eliminate any candidates?

Perhaps the candidate has an ethics violation or proceedings brought against them, this doesn't necessarily mean they have done anything wrong. Pete will carefully examine what has happened. And he can spot if a candidate has only stayed 2 or 3 years in their last few congregations, a possibility that there is a problem. He will also check that out.

Will he rule out LOTS of candidates?

No. Pete will be careful not to get in the way. If a COB pastor connects and wants to interview with us, he will pass them on. Keep in mind that the pastors will have read our church profile, so they can see how well we match with them, and we can go and read ANY profile that is on file at the District Office.

Pete will send us profiles of all candidates that are a pretty good match for our profile. The Search Team will review and then contact Pete to set up the interview.

Pete will schedule all interviews.

Any candidate the Search Team is interested in and want to interview, we tell Pete. Pete will try to be at all the interviews. If that's not possible, a rep from District Office will be with us. Pete will arrange the interview time between all of us.

What can we do in the meantime?

Keep coming and supporting the church during our time of transitions. Be open to new ways of doing things. Flex your flexibility muscle. Support the interim pastor, Jan King, when she arrives. And keep praying for the search team and the church.

In Our Prayers this month:

*Gloria Barnett – The Bennet Family – Doris Broadbelt – Lindsay Calm – Dean Camp
Nancy Custo – Mandy & Matt Dotter – Dawn Ernst – Mel & Sandy Fox – Fern Fry
Joan Hornberger – Kasey – Betty Kintzer – Kelly Knarr – Eleanor Kruse – Tim Latshaw
Mia Losito – Brianna Lowry – Shirley Lowry – Dakota Miller – Bob Pettit – Wayne Rahn
LeAnn Reese – Rona & Marigold – Mike Shrack – Eric Speece – Jill Keyser Speicher
Mary Spotts - Horace Stewart –Marv Zimmerman*

Sunday Worship Participants for August 2018

August 5

Annual Conference Highlights

Acolyte: Abigail Felker
Gift of Music: Vacation Bible School songs
Flowers: In memory of Roy Brubaker – Nancy & Ray Dotter
Greeters: Bob & March Rogala
Nursery: Carolyn Tetley-Fazzari
Worship Leader: Joyce Fidler
Deacons of the Week: Ted & Mary Jo Noble

August 12

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Acolyte: Alexis Martinez
Gift of Music: Vacation Bible School songs
Flowers: Vicki Clements
Greeters: Rick & Barbie Kuhns
Nursery: Stefanie Thomas
Worship Leader: Abi Young
Deacons of the Week: Don & Eleanor Robinson

August 19

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Acolyte: Katherine Felker
Gift of Music: Al Hartman
Flowers: In honor of our Wedding Anniversary on August 21
– Abi & Dan Young
Greeters: Carl & Linda Voelker
Nursery: Sue Blatt
Worship Leader: Don Solinger
Deacons of the Week: Scott & Sue Blatt

August 26

Pastor Tim's Last Sunday

Acolyte: Kaya Diffenderfer
Gift of Music: Chancel Choir & Notes of Faith
Flowers: In honor of Tim & Jill's 27 years of service to the congregation
– Dan & Sandy Biss
Greeter: Don Solinger
Nursery: Brandi Sensenig
Worship Leader: Ray Dotter
Deacons of the Week: Margaret Hildebrand & Verna Hartman

Audio: Sharon Harris

Counters: Dan & Sandy Biss

Head Usher: Karen Redner

Ushers: Ted & Mary Jo Noble

Parking Lot Greeters: Kirk & Ruth Ann Haas

Welcoming Team: The Felker Family