

July-Aug 2018

The Word

From Spencerville Trinity United Methodist Church

Pastoral Message

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ,

My brothers and sisters, I am thrilled to share that Jesus loves you and has enabled you to share that message with everyone you meet! How exciting it is to tell someone you don't know that Jesus loves you. Have you ever been able to sit down with someone, in a comfortable atmosphere, and discuss life in a space dedicated for God-driven conversation?

I don't know about you, but I think there is nothing better than a good cup of coffee on a cold and/or hot day. Yeah, your pastor is one of those weird coffee guys who gets thrilled to drink the hot stuff on a 90 degree day. What makes coffee the best is you can drink it with another person and wonderful conversation always seems to develop. I mean, who can be angry or upset when you are sipping on a good cup of joe?

July and August will be here before you blink your eyes and we will be in full summer mode looking towards the coming of fall. As the weather changes and brings new life to the creation of God, it gives us the ability to sit back and wonder why does God change so much? Wouldn't it be better to leave the scenery alone and keep the 75 degree weather year round? All my snow loving friends would yell a loud NO!



God does not keep life the same because he wants to show his creativity and enable his children to adapt and adopt creativity into sharing his vision. What is God's vision? It is very simple, Jesus love you and all of creation proclaims his wonderful name. We, as the body of Christ, must do as God does. We need to constantly change our environment to proclaim the vision of God for those out in the



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Our Mission

We exist to **EMBRACE** our community with the real hope of Jesus Christ, to **EQUIP** people of God with a faith that works for real people, and to **SEND** disciples into the world to make a difference for Jesus Christ

Core Values

Relationships,
Belongings, Beacon of Hope, Commitment, Discipleship, Service, Love, Compassion, Celebration

Our Vision

To be a church of **REAL PEOPLE** offering the **REAL HOPE** of Jesus Christ.

world. It is very biblical to change in order to create new life and proclaim the glory of God's love, look at Psalm 19 and specifically verse 1.

We see the need and the leadership teams have approved a replacement elevette so that our friends and guests will be able to have a wonderful, comforting flow into the sanctuary and fellowship hall. We want to remove as many barriers as possible so everyone feels welcome to come, sit, enjoy, and receive not a simple cup of coffee but eternal life in Jesus Christ. In order to remain connected to worship, we have to update our church facility so



that all have equal access to worship with us within the sanctuary and build relationship in the fellowship hall. What a wonderful way, as God continuously does with his creation, to recreate and repurpose a space for the benefit of everyone involved, especially new guests that can become new brothers and sisters in Christ.

As I mentioned above, I love good conversation over a good cup of joe. I love coming to church and to combine the two in an inviting atmosphere available throughout the week and especially on

Sunday's would be divinely caffeinating! As we work on a proper flow of guest traffic for superb hospitality, let's keep in mind God is joyfully loving and welcoming to all who come to him. Let's be as inviting as we can be for our neighbors to receive a divinely welcoming atmosphere, a place of comfort, a working elevette, a drink to warm up, and a conversation to bring more guests into the house of Christ. Let us expand the Kingdom of God one cup of joe, one elevette ride, and one conversation at a time.

Faithfully yours,
Pastor Josh

Announcements & Upcoming Events

July 4: Independence Day
Office Closed

July 9-13: Lakeside for Youth
(Junior High)

July 16: Church Council
6:30pm

Aug 28: Back to School