

The Cito Fellowship News

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New Pastor Assigned for July

We recently found out the name of the pastor who will take over leadership of the church when Pastor Bard retires. John Goddissart, along with his wife Karen and one-year-old son Joel, will move into the parsonage in McConnellsburg in July. Also joining them will be their dog Amos.

Pastor John is currently appointed to the North Bend/Renovo Area Charge where he has been working for the past eight years. As a church leader he wants to focus on evangelism to bring more people into the Christian community where they can be energized to passionately worship God. These beliefs are strongly connected to his personal goals for his life: "My purpose in life is to passionately love God, persuasively proclaim God's Word, tenderly teach discipleship, and lovingly lead others toward their full potential in Christ."

Pastor John is working on his Doctor of Ministry degree from Asbury Theological Seminary and is involved in several committees in the district and conference. Both Pastor John and Karen enjoy music and traveling and should be a wonderful addition to our church family and community. If you would like to introduce yourself to Pastor John now, you can email him at john@citoumc.org.

Youth Soar for God

Fifteen youth and seven adults attended the Metro-Maryland Youth for Christ Conference in Ocean City, MD, in March. The theme for the weekend was "Your Time to Soar." The youth were encouraged to use the talents that God has given them. They were also told that they can carry God with them or let Him be their guide.

The youth and adults participated in worship services, seminars, and activities. Hope Moore, Jeff Shearer, and Janet Souders led evening and morning devotions with the youth. During their free time, our youth walked on the beach, played football, and built a cross in the sand.

The youth shared with the leaders that they liked this conference because the speakers are willing to say to them what other adults are sometimes afraid of bringing up. All had a fun and spirit-filled weekend.

The leaders wish to thank all of the youth for their wonderful behavior. They are thrilled to see our youth on fire for God and willing to grow in a stronger relationship with Him through these events.

Is the Church Meeting the Needs of Everyone?

For the next month you have the opportunity to share your thoughts anonymously about the church. You will receive surveys for five Sundays beginning April 10. Each week's survey will focus on a different aspect of the church, including the worship service, prayer, children and youth, facilities, evangelism, and leadership. Ten minutes of each Sunday will be set aside to allow the congregation to fill them out. The surveys will be collected during the service, but they can also be placed in a drop box in the narthex. All of the surveys must be completed by May 15.

We will give the results to Pastor Bard and Pastor Goddissart. We hope to use this information to see what areas we need to focus on or improve.

Rental House Improvements

Work is coming along on the house slowly but surely. Jeff Shearer recently worked on the plumbing and Chad Mellott removed the old bathroom floor and painted the walls. Thank you both for all of your help!

We still need volunteers to paint the remaining rooms in the house. The trustees have purchased the paint, drop cloths, and tape. If you can help paint, we would like you to bring your own brushes, trays, and rollers, but we're also willing to supply them if you let us know. We would like to rent the house as soon as possible, so the painting must to be completed soon. If you can help, contact Janet Souders.

Also, we have not chosen new tenants yet, so if you are interested or know someone who is interested in renting the house, please contact Janet Souders at 485-4382.



Help Needed for BP Screenings

Blood pressure screenings are held once each month. If you would like your blood pressure checked, please go to the nursery following the worship service. We need to be finished before the Sunday school opening is completed so that we can start Sunday school on time. If anyone would like to volunteer to help with the screenings, please let Chad or Brandi Mellott know.

For the Prayer Chain,
call Beverly Smith at
485-3862.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 Easter †	28	29 Kate Carbaugh's 25 th Birthday	30 Choir Practice—7PM	31	1 Larry Cree Carbaugh's Birthday	2
3 Children's Easter Program—7PM	4 Justin Carbaugh's Birthday Larry & Leah Beck's 5 th Anniversary	5	6 Choir Practice—7PM	7	8 Movie Night: The Terminal—7PM	9
10 Survivor Youth Group— 2PM	11	12 Council Meeting—7PM Christy & Brandon Morton's 8 th Anniversary Caroline Binder's 16 th Birthday	13 Choir Practice—7PM	14	15	16
17 Survivor Youth Group— 2PM Denise Peck's Birthday Jeff & Joy Ritchey's 1 st Anniversary	18 Church Growth Committee—7PM	19	20 Choir Practice—7PM	21 Mary Richards' Birthday Marvin Winters' 41 st & Rose Moore's Birthdays Kerry & Wanda Randler's 5 th Anniversary	22 Kayla Souders' Birthday Michael Wright's 31 st Birthday	23
24 Survivor Youth Group— 2PM Jean M. Mellott's Birthday	25	26 Trustee Meeting—7PM	27 Choir Practice—7PM Newsletter Info Due Grant "Toot" Souders & Carly Swope's Birthdays	28 Kim Stallman's Birthday	29 Ham Pot Pie Dinner— 4-7PM	30

 Pastor's Letter 

Greetings to Our Church Family,

A basic human instinct, one found in all flesh, is for survival. God has endued each person with a desire to live. We work, build homes, plan for the future because of this God-given drive. We may save, hoard, invest, or preserve goods to supply our future needs. Realizing that we are mortal, that one day we will die, we attempt to perpetuate our existence and influence beyond our earthly life.

God has given us the desire to form families. We "fall" in love, marry, produce children, all as a result of God's plan for life. If unable to have children, we may choose to adopt or invest our time and efforts in the children of others. Have you ever noticed the attraction of a new baby? Everyone wants to see and share in this miracle of life. A baby is our vote that the human race will continue and should continue. This too is God's plan.

We seek for security. It is our version of the child's game, "king of the mountain." If we can gain a degree of security, we are certain that happiness will be ours. We consider successful those who are secure in life. This worldly success may be measured in different ways. One way is by the amount of wealth accumulated. Another measure of success is to hold power. If you control the lives and fortunes of others, then you are successful. Yet another way is to have prestige. If the others hold you in high esteem, if they honor you, then you are successful.

We can have an abundance of this world's goods and still feel empty. We can achieve, wealth, power, and honor and still feel incomplete. What is lacking in many lives is a sense of purpose. Many ponder the question, "Does my life have purpose?" In the Book of Esther, the wicked Haman had tricked the King into ordering the destruction of all the Jews. Unknown to both of them, the beautiful queen was Jewish. This is an example of how God places his children in places of useful service. Mordecia challenged his niece Queen Esther in 4:14b "...And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?" Because of her faithfulness to God, her people were not only spared but overcame their enemies.

Today, God still calls his children to accomplish his work. In the plan of God, your life has purpose. Is God giving you an opportunity to serve? Are you open to his leading? Those who find true fulfillment in life are those who seek God's will and walk therein.

May you find fulfillment in you life by doing his will.

In Christ's Service,

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Greeters and Acolytes for April

Greeters

April 17 – The McGarvey Family
 April 24 – The Winters Family
 May 1 – Wava Hess & Martha Mowen
 May 8 – Faye Bard & Phoebe Helman

Acolytes

April 17 – Nikki McQuade
 April 24 – Krista Daniels



Attendance for March

	<u>Mar. 6</u>	<u>Mar. 13</u>	<u>Mar. 20</u>	<u>Mar. 27</u>
Worship	116	131	121	177
Sunday School	34	58	38	43

Readers' Highlights for April

Adult: *The Rescue*

The continuing saga set in the 1800's in London. See what beholds these families and what God has in store for them.

Youth: *True Friends*

Christy is Sixteen and life is not all peaches and cream. She finds herself on a ski slope and in the arms of a handsome ski instructor.

Children: *Noah*

The story of Noah's Ark. How many animals come to the Ark and do they make it through the flood?

You can find this month's selection for check-out on the barrel. Please remember to be kind to others who may want to read these books by keeping them no longer than two weeks.

Mother-Daughter Banquet

The mother-daughter banquet is planned for May 10 at 6PM. The sign up sheet and prices are available in the narthex.

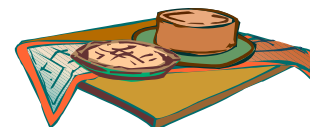
Ham Pot Pie Dinner

All You Can Eat!

Ham Pot Pie
 Coleslaw
 Green Beans
 Roll
 Dessert
 Drinks

April 30 from 4-7PM
 in the Fellowship Hall

Adults \$6
 Children 6-12 \$3
 Children 0-5 free



Have Info for the Next Newsletter?

Please give information for future newsletters to Kate Carbaugh by the 27th of each month. Information received after the deadline will go in the following newsletter. You can email articles or information to news@citoumc.org or call 485-3077. You can also place information in the newsletter box in the church office.

The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him.

Lamentations 3:25

Daily Devotions for April

3 Romans 8:12-17	4 Hebrews 5:5-10	5 Romans 10:1-8	6 Romans 10:9-13	7 Romans 10:14-21	8 Romans 11:1-6	9 Romans 11:13-18
10 Romans 11:19-23	11 Colossians 4:2-6	12 1 Thessalo. 4:1-12	13 1 Thessalo. 5:12-22	14 2 Thessalo. 3:6-13	15 Romans 12:1-5	16 Romans 12:6-13
17 Romans 12:14-21	18 James 4:7-12	19 James 5:7-12	20 Romans 14:1-6	21 Romans 14:7-13	22 Romans 14:14-18	23 Romans 14:19-23
24 Romans 15:1-6	25 2 Corinthians. 11:1-15	26 Colossians 1:15-23	27 Acts 13:26-33	28 Acts 13:34-41	29 Acts 13:44-49	30 Galatians 1:1-7

