



The United Methodist Appointment System

Greetings in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ!

The United Methodist Church sends pastors to serve churches under an appointment system. This means that pastors are appointed by the bishop to serve a church or a charge (more than one church) each year for a one-year period. Appointments are officially “set” by the Bishop at Annual Conference which happens in Virginia in the mid to latter half of June. Assignments to new appointments begin July 1. This happens every year, even if the church retains the same pastor for many years. The decisions on whether a pastor will stay or go are made in consultation with the Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) each December or early January. The SPRC is tasked with assessing the pastoral needs based on the mission and ministry of the church. So, in that December meeting, the SPRC meets to decide if the current pastor is meeting the needs of the church, and if so, recommends that the pastor stay in that current position. If not, they request that the District Superintendent (DS) consider a new appointment to better meet the mission and ministry needs. The Pastor also assesses if her/his gifts for ministry are being fully utilized and if God is calling them to stay in their current church or to request a move.

For the past couple of months, Faith and I have been feeling called to ask for a move. We both feel like we have accomplished what God has called us to do in our current churches. We also would love the opportunity to serve together in the same church if that opportunity is available this year. This is a very tough decision to make because we have such dear friends here, but it was made in prayer.

If a move is requested, the DS meets with the pastor to hear his/her needs and desires for a new position and the SPRC to discuss pastoral needs of the church and details like salary and housing provisions. The eight DSs then meet with the bishop (called Cabinet meetings) to match available pastors with available churches. They meet one week in January, February, March and April until all appointments are made. Once a pastor or an SPRC is notified of a possible appointment, meetings are set up with the DS, the SPRC and the prospective pastor, but appointments are not confirmed and therefore cannot be shared with the rest of the church at that time. This prevents confusion if appointments need to be adapted. Once all the meetings for that round of Cabinet session are held, the Cabinet meets again, and those appointments are confirmed or adapted if necessary. The bishop will then release that round of appointments to be shared at the church and across the Conference.

As you can see, this is a long process that requires patience on the part of the pastor, SPRC, and the church members. Please know that neither I, nor the SPRC can release information to you until after the bishop releases the appointments, but I am happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the process of appointments. Please hold your SPRC, me, Steve, DS Sarah Calvert, Bishop Lewis and the Cabinet in your prayers during this appointment processing time.

Grace and peace to each and every one of you!

Pastor Steve

Happy Birthday!

Wally Bonnewitz
Ty Dohrmann
Melissa Glover
Courtney Michels
Gayle Pumphrey



But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

~ James 1:22

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you have anything you would like included in the newsletter, please call (my phone number is in the church directory) or email me at jacoxwell@gmail.com no later than the 25th of the month.

Administrative Council Minutes

January 2022

Present: Linda Taylor, Debbie Edwards, Jan Coxwell, Reggie Dawson Richard Wilde, Rev. Steve Weedling

Minutes from November meeting approved

There has been no response to the advertisement for a church secretary.

- Ads need to be placed in the Fauquier newspaper as well as Loudoun newspapers.

The church will take over ownership of the church web site from Jay Hubbard

People needed to set up the communion table the first Sunday of the month.

A new chairperson is needed for the Finance Committee.

Debbie Edwards is getting quotes for flooring in the main hallway.

- She will get quotes from two flooring companies and report back to the council

The UMW will start meeting again in April when the weather is warmer.

The rest of the meeting was spent discussing various areas of concerns for our church.

- People are needed to fill open committee positions such as Communion Steward and Finance Chairperson.
- Mention was made of the website, our financial situation, and what we would like in a new pastor and how to get that information to the District Superintendent.

The next council meeting will be February 17 at 2 o'clock.



Have you been looking for volunteer opportunities at church, but you're not sure where you fit in? If you're a math whiz with a knack for finance, chairing the **Finance Committee** might be your spot. If you find peace and solace in Communion, being a **Communion Steward** might be your spot.

Volunteers help keep the church running, so if Finance chair or Communion Steward isn't your thing, there are plenty of other volunteer opportunities that might be. Pastor Steve is happy to talk with you about your interests and talents, and help you find your spot.

Finance Report

January 2022

The weather took its toll this month. Ice and snow and really cold weather knocked us around a bit. Tithes and offerings for the month were \$4560. That verses the what are budgeting for tithes and offerings was about 7.6% of the annual amount we need. We need \$5,000 per month in tithes and offerings.

All bills were paid, although we didn't pay everything to conference. Fuel oil for the year was budgeted at \$3.62 per gallon. The last few bills have come in at \$3.77 per gallon. Perhaps February will treat us a little kinder.

Covid cases are going down, so perhaps that will spark up our attendance a bit. The choir is back and up and running, but not yet at full speed. They are sounding extremely good. Their music comes from above us, as they are singing from the balcony.

Don't forget Adult Sunday School is available every Sunday from 10:30-11:15. Kids Sunday school is held during the church service.

Hope your January was safe and we can now begin to think about spring. Oh what a thought!

Hope to see you soon,
Reggie



We are looking for a **PART-TIME SECRETARY** to work Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to noon in the church office. Working knowledge of QuickBooks is a plus. Salary is negotiable. Please contact Pastor Steve or Reggie.



GRAB & GO SOUP AND CHOCOLATE BAR

FEBRUARY 13TH

OUTSIDE IN THE CHURCH YARD



Grab a bowl of soup and a decadent chocolate dessert before the big game.



-  Super Bowl Sunday is the second-largest day for food consumption in the United States, with only Thanksgiving ahead of it.
-  The first Super Bowl was played on January 15, 1967 between the Green Bay Packers and Kansas City Chiefs. The Packers defeated the Chiefs 35-10.
-  Tickets for the first Super Bowl averaged \$12.
-  The Pittsburgh Steelers and New England Patriots each have six Super Bowl victories—the most of any team. The Dallas Cowboys and San Francisco 49ers each have five wins.
-  The Detroit Lions, Jacksonville Jaguars, and Houston Texans are the only teams that haven't played in a Super Bowl.

Jesus' Temptation Spot the Differences

Compare the picture on the top with the picture on bottom.

Circle the 12 things that are different.

Read Luke 4:1-13

