

The Mt. Clinton UMC Newsletter

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"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you." (Jeremiah 29:11-12).

The Bible tells of many days that are new beginnings. Times to remember and to move on to something bigger and better. A time to believe what God's love is bringing. This verse says that He has plans to prosper the Mt Clinton United Methodist Church, just as He did the Israelites over and over again.

We humans sometimes want to hold on to the past and the way it use to be, but God has plans for the Church known as God's people. We Christians are all over the world, but here at Mt. Clinton there is a special plan. We have had some wonderful moments in the past 3 years. Things that will remain with us as precious memories for a long, long time. Accomplishments that will be a part of your Church History forever. But, God's mighty Spirit is at work, and He has plans to make a world of difference in your lives for the next few years, to renew your faith and hope. So with the Holy Spirit to guide us and to enable us, both you faithful members of the church and the Schooler family have to step from the past and seek new paths of experience and enrichment.

Remember, as long as we are practicing our faith, and putting Jesus Christ in first place in our lives, Jesus will go before us and take the lead. He will introduce your new Pastor, someone with new ideas, and a vision that will grow your ministry to the world. And, God will receive the Glory and honor and praise.

The key to success will be the love that we show the Pastor and each other. Love is a gift of the Spirit that can cure many problems, and open up whole new avenues of ministry. Love is the instrument of God that makes all things become new.

Our love of Christ will pull at our heart and have us volunteer to serve the Church. We will wonder what we can possibly do, and seek God's help through prayer. With faithful prayer, God will listen to our prayers, and He is sure to answer, and send the Holy Spirit to guide and enable us in our new positions of service and ministry.

Mary and I will miss all of you, and all of the good times that we have had together. But, be assured that you will always be in our prayers. And, we hope that you will remember us in your prayers also. On the last Sunday together, it will be a tearful and emotional time for us, but we will hug each one of you present, and say goodbye. Then we go on to new beginnings, and wait to see what God can do.

In Christ Like Love,
Jack and Mary

Attention Presidents/Chairmen/Leaders/Children/Anyone:

Please submit a paragraph or two about your past events, future events, prayer requests, news, poems, devotions, recipes, etc for our monthly newsletter. All submissions are due on the last Sunday of each month. Give submissions to Cindy Carr or email them to cindy.carr@jenzabar.net. **BE CREATIVE.**

Rev. Jim Joyner grew up surrounded by the peach orchards and dairy farms of Central Georgia. He attended Georgia Tech in Atlanta where he studied electrical engineering. During his graduate studies, he discerned that God was calling him into the ministry. After finishing his PhD, he began studies at Candler School of Theology at Emory University where he met his wife, Courtney. During seminary, Jim and Courtney served as pastors in the North Georgia Conference. After completing seminary, they moved to serve in Courtney's home conference of Virginia.

Jim is being ordained an Elder at the 2010 Annual Conference. He especially enjoys teaching in the church, working with youth and children, and mission work. Courtney has further discerned God's calling her to specialize in music ministry and is enrolling at Eastern Mennonite University to complete her degree in church music.

Jim and Courtney have two sons, Zach (5) and Hunter (3), and their dog Daytona. Jim enjoys creating by hand, through woodworking, sewing, and cooking. He also loves to spend time outdoors playing with his sons, working in the garden, hiking, riding his bike, and simply marveling at God's creation.

The Joyners are excited at the opportunity to continue to serve God and grow in faith with the people of Mt. Clinton.

Father's Day Prayer

*Lord, please bless our fathers,
these men who mean so much to us,
who are greatly responsible
for who we are and who we are becoming.
Bless them for having the courage
to do what's necessary to keep us out of trouble,
for making us do the right thing,
for helping us build our character,
even when it makes us angry;
and bless them for pushing us to do our best,
even when they just want to love us.
Bless our fathers for being our protectors,
for leading us through stormy times to safety,
for making us believe that everything will be all right
and for making it so.
Bless our fathers for quietly making a living
to provide for those they love most,
for giving us food, clothing, shelter
and other necessary and not so necessary material things,
for unselfishly investing time and money in us
that they could have spent on themselves.
Bless our fathers, Lord,
for saving some energy for fun,
for leading us on adventures
to explore the outer reaches of ourselves,
for making us laugh,
for being our playmates and our friends.
Bless them for being our secure foundation, our rock,
for holding on tight to us...until it's time to let us go.
Lord, bless these men we look up to,
our role models, our heroes, our fathers.
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.
By Joanna Fuchs*

Kid's Coloring Corner

