



CROSSINGS NEWS

Crossings Community Church

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Pastor: Rich Nolt

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Dear friends at Crossings Community Church,

Welcome to the month of March! This is the month that just might get us “over the hump” of winter. We anticipate consistently warmer weather, budding flowers and most importantly next month’s celebration of Jesus’s resurrection and new life that we celebrate during Easter!

These past four months have brought with them the loss of three of our dear friends who went home to be with Jesus: Ruth Brubaker, Mary Jane Wenger, and Jean Shenk. These sisters served and worshiped among us for many years. With their passing, we pray for peace and healing from the loss for each family member who now adjusts to life without their loved one.

As we move forward on our journey as his people at Crossings Community Church, we celebrate the blessing it is to worship, serve, and grow together. We also embrace the challenges that exist with encouraging spiritual growth and sharing the gospel. Our journey has included my calling to serve as the Pastor of Administration. This two year LMC “licensed toward ordination” qualification will be reviewed by LMC in June of 2023 with Rich and Julia and the LMC Credentialing committee. See article to follow in this newsletter.

The Leadership Team is looking forward to hosting the next Crossings Covenant Member Meeting on Monday, May 15 at 7pm in the Schoolhouse. This time together will be a conversation in which to share the proposed Crossings CC Ministry Budget for next fiscal year as well as a time to pray, worship, and share together hopes and dreams for how God is calling us forward in mission, vision, and purpose.

Blessings,

Pastor Rich

Pending change from Licensed for Ministry to Ordained Pastor

Affirmed for Ordination: The Crossings CC Leadership Team (*Tina Snyder, Jess Ebersole, Marvin Nissley, Marlin Martin, Bishop Dave Musser*) affirms Rich Nolt as he plans to shift from the credential of Licensed for Ministry to Ordained Pastor. This change will follow a successful meeting between Rich & Julia Nolt and the LMC Credentialing Committee on June 14, 2023. While this change will not change the current functions of Rich's role, it will cease the "probationary" period of service to a lifelong ministry credential of Ordained Pastor with LMC.

Feedback Opportunity: The Leadership Team and Pastor Rich invite your feedback, input, and suggestions regarding Rich's pastoral leadership functions at Crossings CC. The intent of the feedback is to help Rich be reflective on his pastoral role and provide suggestions for ways to better support and grow pastoral leadership functions. You may send your comments to any of the Leadership Team members via phone call, or email by March 31.

Pastoral Ministry Reflection Team: A team of three will meet with Rich in mid-April to review and process the received feedback. The team will include: one person chosen by the congregation, one person chosen by the Leadership Team, one person chosen by the pastor. If you are willing to serve as the congregation representative please contact one of the Leadership Team members by March 31.

Life Groups

Come together with this monthly connection to catch up on life, and enjoy special activities and/or teachings for women and men. Groups will run January - May.

Women's Life Group

- Second Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8:30pm in the Schoolhouse
- Contact Tina Snyder with questions

Men's Life Group

- Fourth Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8:30pm in the Schoolhouse
- Contact Rich Nolt with questions.

SAVE THE DATE, May 15... Crossings Covenant Member Meeting

Plan to attend the Crossings Covenant Member Meeting on **Monday, May 15 at 7pm** in the Schoolhouse. This meeting is NOT limited to those on the Crossings CC membership roster. **All folks engaged in worship and ministry at Crossings CC are strongly encouraged to be at this special time of sharing together.**

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“Love Feast” & Communion

Put this on your calendar...

6pm, Friday, April 7

In the schoolhouse

Remembering the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus as we share
a simple meal and communion together.

Crossings Youth Group

7:00 to 9:00 PM unless otherwise stated

March 11 (Saturday): Guys & Girls Surprise -details TBD

March 15: Games and Bible Study

March 29: Volunteer for Blessings of Hope

March 31: Volunteer for MCC craft fair



Schoolhouse 1884 Current Information

“Schoolhouse 1884” committed to date: \$81,772.57 + \$40,000 (Capital Funds) = \$121,772.57
Projected estimated cost is \$120,000



March Celebrations

Birthdays

- 2 Andrew Miller
- 7 Esther Wenger
- 9 Marilyn Nolt
- 10 John Wenger
- 17 Nelson Wenger
- 22 Glenn Nolt
- 24 Marlin Martin

Anniversaries

- 5 Glenn & Mary Snyder (1955)
- 12 Andrew & Naomi Miller (1960)
- 14 John & Esther Wenger (1959)
- 30 George & Jean Hurst (2008)



It's Almost Here!
67th Annual
Pennsylvania
Relief Sale
March 31 & April 1,
2023

FRIDAY, MARCH 31 | 4 PM TO 9 PM
SATURDAY, APRIL 1 | 7 AM TO 3 PM

PENNSYLVANIA FARM SHOW COMPLEX
GIANT EXPO HALL
HARRISBURG, PA

Proceeds benefit Mennonite Central Committee
(MCC)