

# **CROSSINGS NEWS**

September - October 2023

"Loving God, loving people, and inviting all to do the same"

#### A note from Pastor Rich...

What a gift and blessing it is to share life together! I was greatly blessed by the worship together on Sunday, August 24. We gathered to celebrate God's goodness and faithfulness and recognize my ordination as Pastor of Administration at Crossings Community Church. Bishop Dave's example of the coffee table crafted from burl wood was a beautiful analogy to the beauty that Christ redeems from the stressful and challenging parts of life's journey. The table was representative of something beautiful coming from a very stressed part of a tree. God is in the redemption business! Taking something difficult and stressful and using it for his glory. This is evident in many of our lives personally and also in the experience of restarting Erisman Mennonite Church as Crossings Community Church. To God be the glory!

I am deeply grateful for the care and trust you share with me and Julia as I learn and grow in my pastoral role among us. As you have expressed words and acts of support and kindness, I am reminded of the reality that each of us is uniquely called and ordained in the work of sharing the gospel message of Jesus Christ. We grow in our spiritual journey as we are open and honest with each other. We must continue to remind and challenge each other toward trust and hope in the redemption story of Jesus Christ being lived out in our story! Each of us has a story. Watch for God in your story. Share these moments with others.

Psalms 105:1 "Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done."

Blessings to you,

Rich



**CROSSINGS COMMUNITY CHURCH** 8 S. Erisman Road, Manheim, PA - 717-653-4791 Crossingscc21@gmail.com - www.crossingscc.org

Pastor: Rich Nolt Elders: Marlin Martin, Tina Snyder

#### **Crossings Supper Connections**

Good food, good company, and the opportunity to encourage and be encouraged. Where else can you find a deal like that!? If you have not yet joined one of the Supper Connection groups, contact Pastor Rich.

If you have already signed up, you will receive notice of your Supper Connection group assignment by Sept. 3.



#### Informal Worship Night at the Schoolhouse

This Thursday, <u>September 14</u> event is young adult lead and young adult focused and is a great opportunity to worship together as you make new friends. Spread the word!



7pm Thursday, September 14th
at The Schoolhouse
8 S. Erisman Rd, Manheim

www.crossingscc.org

invite friends and bring instruments

#### Income and Expenses for July 2023

Income: \$14,354.45 Expenses: \$8,353.95

"Schoolhouse 1884" committed to date: \$81,867.57 + \$40,000 (Capital Funds) = \$121,867.57

#### Projected estimated cost is \$120,000

#### **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- Sept: 5 Kathy Nissley
  - 13 Linda Bentzel
  - 16 Lisa Nolt
  - 19 Miriam Witmer
  - 24 Ruth Nissley
  - 27 Wilmer Nissley

- 3 Harold & Virginia Brubaker (1955)
- 23 Marlin & Doris Martin (1978)

- Oct.: 15 Emma Huber
  - 25 Jane Hess, Mary Snyder
  - 30 Darwin Metzler, Nate Snyder
- 1 Melvin & Helen Eby (1955)
- 11 Richard & Reba Metzler (1952)





**Teen Central** in Manheim is seeking volunteers to plug into the lives of young folks coming to the center throughout the week. Prayerfully consider how you may be involved. Support opportunities: pray for staff, volunteers, and teens, financial giving to the ministry, encouraging and supporting existing staff and volunteers, becoming a volunteer.

Contact Activities Coordinator Shontel Griffith for more information: info@teencentralmanheim.org | 717-664-2990

#### Coming soon...

- Sunday, Sept. 24 combined worship at United Zion Camp Grove (2298 Camp Rd, Manheim, PA 17545) with Hernley Mennonite Church and Crossings Community Church. NO Sunday morning worship at Crossings CC on Sept. 24.
- Crossings Youth Group "Taco Stand" at Manheim Farm Show in October

## SOMETHING NEW IS HAPPENING IN MANHEIM...

### Please join us to learn more and give input



**HOPE SERVED** is a non-profit organization, incorporated in 2021, working to develop jobs, housing and community for people with disabilities in Manheim and beyond.

Our dream is a transformed world where people of all abilities work together to promote dignity and solidarity, along with the erasure of biases.

# JOIN US to learn what's brewing for 201 W. High Street and give your input into our planning process at one of our AWARENESS SESSIONS

DATE	TIME	TARGET AUDIENCE*
Thurs., Sept. 7	7:30-9:00am Breakfast Provided	Church Leaders (Pastors, outreach committee, members, etc.)*
Thurs., Sept. 7	12:00-1:30pm Lunch Provided	Business, Church & Community Leaders*
Wed., Sept. 13	7:30-9:00am Breakfast Provided	Business, Church & Community Leaders*
Thurs., Sept. 14	6:30-8:00pm Refreshments Provided	Business, Church & Community Leaders*
Thurs., Sept. 21	12:00-1:30pm Lunch Provided	Business, Church & Community Leaders*
Thurs., Sept. 21	6:30-8:00pm Refreshments Provided	Local Neighborhood*

\* Please feel free to attend any date that works for you.

#### Location:

Hope Served Offices 201 W. High Street Manheim, PA 17545 (This is the former Manheim Mennonite Church, now Community Church of Manheim. Please park in rear.)

**RSVP:** Please RSVP <u>two days</u> in advance of your session, so that we're able to prepare your meal or refreshments: <u>bit.ly/AwarenessRSVP</u> or scan →

"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." Jeremiah 29:11



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