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President's Message

Abraham Wright

Pulse Check

According to Mayo Clinic, the acceptable pulse rate/heart beat for a well-trained adult athlete is 40, especially when the athlete is resting. Otherwise, the normal rate is 60-100. For adults, a more efficient heart rate at rest implies a more efficient heart function and better cardiovascular fitness. Now most of us know that the heart beat/pulse rate can vary from minute to minute. For example, I'm not a trained athlete; but normally when I wake up in the morning, my pulse rate ranges from 40-43, two hours later it is around 51, and at mid day it is upper 50s to mid 60s. So, given these variations in pulse rates, should we abandon the pulse check and focus only on the blood pressure level?

I think not; for the well-being of our pulse rate is an excellent indication of the long or short-gevity of our physical existence, reminding us that "yes, we want to go to heaven"; but a large number of us are not ready to leave this planet. So, as it is with our physical, our social and psychological, and our economic health, we also periodically take a pulse of our Christian health or God-Jesus-Holy Spirit health or our One Lord, One Faith, and One Baptism health. For the International Council of Community Churches, the Annual Conference is one of those pulse-check times. In taking that pulse we should begin with a quick check of self; then, broaden the check to self in relation to family, church and neighbor, and at least the ICCC. For being a faithful Christian requires a vertical relationship: all three components are included in our Christian circle.

Most of us know all too well where we stand with self, our families, our churches, and neighbors; and if I were a betting individual, I would claim that most

of us take pulses of these things quite often, privately or openly, or both; and based on Christian beliefs, we primarily know what to do to make things right if they aren't what they ought to be. For example, we know that with family we must *model* love at all times, for love covers a multitude of sins, with family members and with ourselves; with church and neighbors we know that we must love people even if they don't love us; we must support the church financially even though too many of us claim that we are unable to give when we are more financially healthy than those who freely, cheerfully, and regularly contribute; and we know that we must be the church to members and nonmembers—otherwise, how will the nonmembers, including nonbelievers, be encouraged to come to Christ if they do not see Him in us?

Now. Let's talk briefly about the International Council of Community Churches. At the July 2022 Annual Conference, we were united in spirit—age-wise, gender-wise, clergy-lay-wise, and ethnically and racially. For this kind of Christian unity to continue to flourish, we who are working and overworking, must to continue to work, and in some cases, to work harder; others of us, several of whom were not at Conference for noble reasons, also need to realize that, yes, I am faithful to my church; but I am also a member of the ICCC, and it too needs my gift(s). Some of us may or may not be able to preach like Marvin McMickle or Rhonda Blevins or Michael Droege or Eloise Crenshaw or Charles Harkness or Brian Holland or Charlene Watkins; we may not be able to enlighten each other with

ease in conducting Bible Study as do Rhonda Blevins, Bill Samuels, or Eloise Crenshaw. We may not be able to conduct a business meeting in the midst of severe pain like Harry Fooockle, or serve with ease as Parliamentarian like Connie Fitch-Blanks; or organize an effective WCF presentation and execute it like Winessa Crutchfield, or maintain the perfect weight balance like Phil Tom or Bob Harris, who inspire us to get physically fit; or work with youth in perfect calmness like Michael Mahan; or evaluate financial reports like Tom Friedberg and not miss a penny; or genuinely get so involved in Bible Study like Phoebe Kitson-Davis that she inspires others by sharing her point-on knowledge with her assigned group. No, we may or may not be able to make the piano and other instruments talk or direct music or sing like Roberta Smith or Timothy Walton. We may or may not be able to inspire others from home like Lonnie Miller, even in the midst of dealing with the death of an immediate family member; or attend Conference with concerned health issues like Mary Frances and Carter Garner, Gladys Pearsall, Michael Donahue, Robert Dennis, and others; or delight the Conference as retired clergy and lay persons whose presence and participation and encouraging words are vital in lifting others spirits. And we may not be able to drive almost nonstop from Kansas City, Missouri to Columbus, Ohio like Ikey Harris and Julia Saunders. But there is meaningful work that *all* of us can do.





Executive Director's Message

Phil Tom

Church Vitality

In a recent zoom meeting, a congregation member said to me last week that he can't wait until we get back to meeting in person for our committee meetings. Our members miss the personal connection, but the challenge for some of our congregations is that some members have gotten used to online meetings. These members have decided that they prefer to meet online rather than in person. Likewise, many of our congregations continue to operate with hybrid worship services since some members have gotten comfortable with online worshipping. Some congregations have more members worshipping online than in-person, and some of these worshippers live in another city, state, or country! The covid pandemic has dramatically impacted our way of life, including our life together as a Christian community.

The pandemic has significantly impacted smaller membership congregations not only with their worship life but also with their membership base, finances, staffing, and perhaps even their mission due to the lack of volunteers. Almost 2/3 of congregations in the Unit-

ed States, regardless of denominational affiliation, are smaller membership congregations, e.g., having less than 100 members. Sometimes, a congregation wrongly measures their sense of worthiness within the Kingdom by their membership size, financial assets, or how many pastors or no pastors they have!

My Presbyterian Church USA clergy colleague, Rev. Sheldon Sorge, General Minister for the Presbytery of Pittsburgh, recently published an excellent article about church vitality in his Presbytery newsletter -<https://www.pghpresbytery.org/2022/09/measuring-church-vitality/>. Rev. Sorge says we should measure church vitality not by the 3 Bs – budgets, buildings, and butts in the pew but by our mission with our broader community! I share it with you for your reflection on how we might think differently about church vitality. It is a reading worthy for ALL churches, large or small, as we move into new opportunities and challenges as God's people.

I welcome your feedback on Rev. Sorge's article. Have a blessed day!

Phil

"For I was hungry, and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in. I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me..... I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me."

Matthew 25:42-43; 45

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Book REVIEW

By Rev. Kenneth N. Nelson

Put on the new self...Col 3:10 ESV

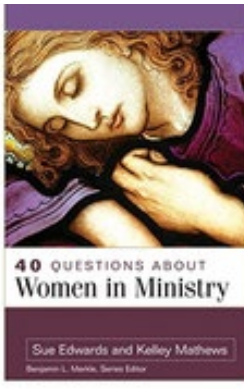
We begin another year of grace by exploring our humanity in the readings about indigenous people *Glory Happening* by Kaitlin B. Curtice, *Questions about women in Ministry* by Sue Edwards and Kelley Mathews, Care: How People of Faith Can Respond to Our Broken Health System by G. Scott Morris and reimagining our futures with Believe for It: *Passing on Faith to the Next Generation* by CeCe Winans with Suzanne Gosselin and *Reorganized Religion: The Reshaping of the American Church and Why It Matters* by Bob Smietana.



Glory Happening: Finding the Divine in Everyday Places by Kaitlin B. Curtice (Potawatomi Citizen Band) Paraclete Press (November 7, 2017), \$16.99, (128p) ISBN: 9781612618968

If you are interested in stories and prayers, then *Glory Happening*, may be something you want to read. Rachel Held Evans, author of *Searching for Sunday*, observes in her review that “Kaitlin Curtice invites the reader to see the world fresh, in all its everyday glory.

You will never look at a sink of dishes, a mound of dough, a game of Rummy, or the family dog the same way again. A stunner of a debut, every sentence a feast for the senses” One story I found interesting was about prayer flags. In a major city, she found at a community garden, a string of Tibetan prayer flags. Kaitlin concedes that “through the kindness of a friend who does not believe as I do, God had brought something home to me” (Kindle Loc 29). While there is much history behind the use of Tibetan prayer flags, one thing is certain - that they represent a friendly invitation to those who come by. I think this book is worth reading to connect with the many ways the work prays to God and each other.

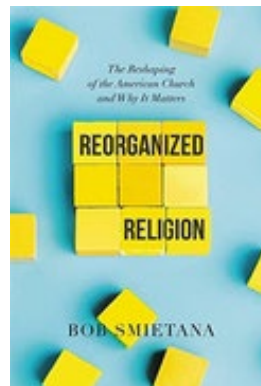


40 Questions About Women in Ministry by Sue Edwards and Kelley Mathews. Kregel Academic, \$23.99 (296p) ISBN 978-0-8254-4725-9

According to Publisher Weekly, Questions offers contemplative meditations by Edwards (Invitation to Educational Ministry), a ministry professor at Dallas Theological Seminary, and former ministry leader Mathews (Organic Ministry to Women) [to] explore the role of women in Christian religious practice. The authors answer 40 questions (“Can women

be priests?”; “What is the significance of Jesus choosing only men as the twelve apostles?”) pertaining to debates around “complementarianism” vs. “egalitarianism.” Complementarians, Edwards and Mathews contend, believe that God assigned men authority over women, while egalitarians believe that God “wants men and women to function in

the world according to merit.” The authors answer “Can women teach or prophesy?” by laying out evidence for both camps, observing that while Deborah and Huldah are biblical women prophets, Paul asserts in Corinthians that women shouldn’t speak in church. This ambivalence characterizes Edwards and Matthews’s approach, and while some readers will appreciate their evenhandedness, others may wish they took a more proactive role to reconciling contradictions, as when they probe the conflict between Paul forbidding women from teaching and the story of Priscilla mentoring Apollos without proposing a way to resolve the inconsistency. Still, the perceptive exegesis impresses, and the authors demonstrate a strong mastery of the debates they cover. Readers will be enlightened.”



Reorganized Religion: The Reshaping of the American Church and Why It Matters by Bob Smietana. Worthy, \$27 (256p) ISBN 978-1-5460-0161-4

Sometimes I am challenged by tradition and transformation, and this author deals with some interesting observations for current and future church life. While some offer many reasons about church decline and the impact of the pandemic, Smietana challenges our notions by observing that our resistance to cultural change is

the driving force behind church decline. Smietana does not lament about the problem; he also offers national examples that suggest a new culture reorganization especially after the pandemic is essential. Smietana notes “religion is only as good as the people who practice it, and the decisions those people make day after day will determine whether those institutions are harmful or helpful. (39).” The stories and examples in this book resonant within our Conference, and this book is worthy of discussion and collection action.

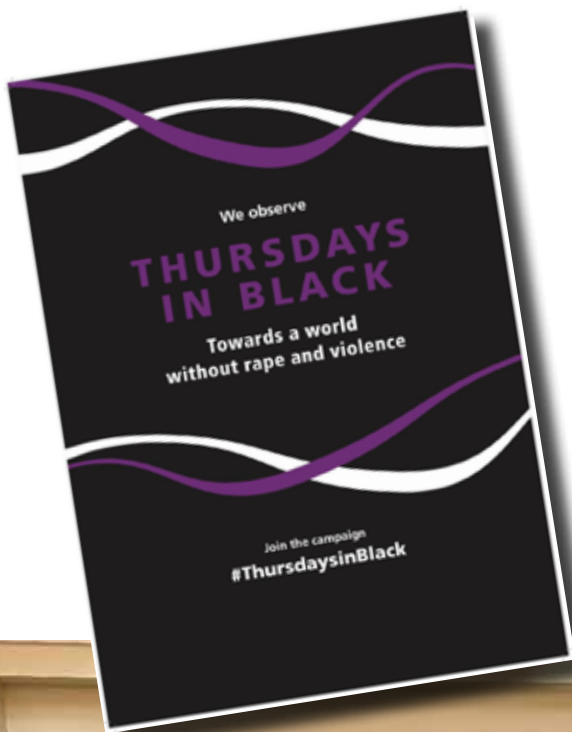
SHARE YOUR COMMENTS. Remember, please share your thoughts at ICCCNOW@sbcglobal.net by the end of the month. And let us know if we have your permission to quote or paraphrase your comments. *Thank you for your feedback and have a blessed month..*

Are you wearing Black on Thursdays?

The International Council of Community Churches Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations team joins our partners with the World Council of Churches to issue a reminder to Wear Black on Thursdays to speak out against violence against women, men, boys and girls. Too many people have faced the tragic reality of gender-based violence in homes, schools, work and public spaces.

This campaign is a timely emphasis to bring attention to attitudes and practices that permit rape and violence. It is a visible way to show support that can lift the social stigma from those who have suffered in silence afraid to speak up about the trauma.

Show your support this Thursday and every Thursday by wearing black. Invite others to join you. Show your support of Thursdays in Black on your social media platforms using hashtags #ThursdaysinBlack #WCC and also include #ICCCNOW



Our attendees at the 2022 Annual Conference wearing black for support.

President's Message *cont'd from page 2*

So, let us begin with genuine daily prayers for the Council, including our churches and their membership. It was one of the sincere things that the apostles did after the day of Pentecost, together with obeying the Great Commission as they were guided by the Holy Spirit. Let us promote the work of the Council in our churches. Begin by reviewing the heart of what ICCC represents—reconciliation of the body of Christ, beginning with our own places of worship. Share with your church and/or with small groups some of the activities of the 2022 Annual Conference. Begin now recruiting a delegation to attend the 2023 Annual Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina. Consider serving as a Council officer when the Nominating Committee chair extends the invitation, or as a viable member of one of the Council's committees. Do a check on the "pulse" of your church's relationship with the Council. Fellowship one with another and connect with ICCC churches in your area/region and with other "community-minded" churches. Support the Council financially. Invite where possible, other churches to join the ICCC family, or talk to the Executive Director and consider planting an ICCC church in an area where one is needed.

After the day of Pentecost, believers in the resurrection of Jesus Christ sold their possessions and shared the proceeds with those in need. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. The converts met in the temple courts. They also broke bread in their homes and ate together "with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people" (Acts 2:42-17).

I'm not asking us to *literally* pray for another Pentecost; the Holy Spirit is already here *indwelling* within us. I'm simply asking that we continue to be the people God called us to be, remembering that God did not bring us through a major pandemic for us to die, but for us to live life as if every day is our last day. Please journey with us in our effort to further regenerate the Council and to further sanctify ourselves in the process.

Abraham

Ecumenews

Rev. Rock R. Fremont Jr., VP Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

Recently, people gathered in Karlsruhe, Germany, for the 11th General Assembly of the World Council of Churches.

The Assembly's theme was, "Christ's Love Moves the World to Reconciliation and Unity."

It is a rich concern that draws us into what brings us together as the people of God. We were united in our experience of, and commitment to, Christ's love. It is this reality that shapes our Christian identity; it is at the core of who we are as Christian communities and pivotal to that which we seek to share and express.

This Assembly's theme implies an impact and movement. The 'moving' of the world is an outcome of our experience of Christ's love. It is not a command but rather an invitation to be on a shared journey and one that leads to reconciliation and unity.

There were many times in the Assembly, the reality of humanity in its conflict, injustice, and environmental complexities were overwhelming. Little time for naïve hope.

It was an occasion to take the world's reality seriously and orient our life as churches in responding with Christ's love. Throughout the Assembly, there was a rhythm of worship and prayer, which is described as being an 'Oasis of Peace.'

What a fantastic way to focus worship as the Assembly joined the religious journey and spiritual practice of Christians and their churches to their engagement in the concrete search for justice and peace; markers of the coming reign of God.

The resources for the Assembly are available on the Assembly website, and I encourage you to browse them. I look forward to sharing more about this experience in future articles.

<https://www.oikoumene.org/about-the-wcc/organizational-structure/assembly>



Greetings from WCF



I am pleased to address the women of the I.C.C.C. as the President of the Women's Christian Fellowship. If you did not have the opportunity to attend the 2022 Conference in Dublin, Ohio this year, let me introduce myself to you. I am a long-standing member of Seneca Community Church in

Germantown, MD, an active member in my local WCF, participant in Region B Area 1 and wife, mother and grandmother. As a member of the executive board, I started out as Secretary and moved up in the ranks to now serving as President.

This election year the following persons were elected into office:

- Winessa Crutchfield, President
- Sandra Nelson, 1st Vice President
- Victoria Kirkman, 2nd Vice President
- Mary Lou Woodcock, Secretary
- Elaine Dennis, Assistant Secretary
- Myrtis Brame, Parliamentarian
- Eloise Crenshaw, Chaplain

The following are "standing" positions:

- Mary Summers, Treasurer
- Sandra Roberts, Administrative Assistant

To reflect back on part of our WCF conference lesson of "love is grown where seeds are sown". The WCF will be working hard to plant seeds of love in Charlotte, NC for our 73rd Annual Conference. Believing in the saying many hands make light work, we solicit the assistance of the entire I.C.C.C. family for contributions in the form of gift cards and/or monetary donations so we can bless more than one shelter in Charlotte.

I am getting excited about the 2023 conference and look forward to representing the WCF and the I.C.C.C.!

Best of everything,
Winessa Crutchfield, WCF President

POST CONFERENCE MATERIALS are here!

Visit our website www.iccnnow.org to view materials used for both the How Can We Promote Racial Equity in 2022 workshop and Navigating the Red-Blue Divide Bible Study.

<https://www.iccnnow.org/council-other-agency-resources/>

<https://www.iccnnow.org/annual-conference/>

Our 2023 Annual Conference will be held at the Embassy Suites Charlotte in Charlotte, NC July 18-21, 2023. Watch for information in the upcoming months.

Our prayers are with:

- The family of **Rev. Michael Droege**, Senior Pastor at **Wilson Memorial Union Church**, NJ. Michael's wife, **Carol** passed away September 4th. A Memorial Service was held at Wilson on September 24th.
- ICCC Immediate Past President **Rev. Harry Fooockle**, Senior Pastor at **Antioch Community Church**, MO. Harry continues to recover from cancer treatment.
- **Rev. Dr. Harvey Carr**, ICCC Retired Pastor, who is experiencing health and financial challenges.

**Sharing Joys with:**

- **Chaplain Hare Varnon**, ICCC Chaplain Trustee from Woodbine, MD. Chaplain Varnon completed 31 years of military service with the U. S. Army Reserves. His retirement ceremony was on 21 August 2022. He and his wife, Winona, received retirement certificates from the U. S. Army as they celebrated his career. ICCC was well represented and honored him and his wife as they ended his military career. Thank you, President Wright, Nicholas, and Myrtis Brame, for representing the ICCC at the ceremony. Chaplain Varnon will continue to serve as the Chaplain Trustee with the ICCC. He has been a valued resource, and we look forward to him fulfilling his commitment to us. Chaplain Varnon, thank you for your service.
- **Rev. Ken Nelson**, Senior Pastor at **Seneca Community Church**, MD, who received one of the 2022 Montgomery Serves Awards for his outstanding community service. It is Montgomery County's highest recognition. *"In appreciation of extraordinary contributions to the quality of our community. Kenneth Nelson, a Silver Spring resident, has contributed to the well-being and improvement of Montgomery County by serving as the pastor of Seneca Community Church in Germantown for over fifteen years, and as director of business and community outreach for over twenty-five years at Montgomery College's Workforce Development and Continuing Education unit. He is a tireless advocate who actively engages in community outreach to address civic concerns."* ~ written program bio.
- **Rev. Carter S.R. Garner**, Pastor at **Park Road Community Church**, DC. Park Road CC celebrated Rev. Garner with a retirement celebration on Sept. 24th. Congratulations!
- Senior Pastor, **Rev. Dr. Rameen Jackson** and **St. Timothy Community Church**, Gary, IN as they celebrate Revival Month in October. Featuring Pastors: Dr. Reginald Williams, Jr., Rev. Dr. Marcus Cosby and Pastor Kim Burrell, along with musical talents. Visit <https://sttimothychurch.org/events/> for information.
- **Speed Memorial Church**, IN is happy to announce they have called a pastor! Welcome **Rev. Edward Sulpice**!
- Bridgeport Community Church, MI is happy to announce they have called a pastor! Welcome **Rev. Kyle Hug**!
- ICCC VP for Membership Services, **Rev. Michael Donahue** and the newly formed internet church - **Emmaus Community Church**, recently was awarded a New Church and Church Renewal Grant. It is hoped that the virtual congregation will grow and develop under your leadership and become a vibrant and faithful member of the ICCC. Michael anticipates the initial broadcast October 2022.



Someone You Should Know

We've been going through old photos here in the office. Recognize these ICCC faithful supporters?



It's **Susan Miller** and **Ann Trentham**, pictured here at the 1995 Annual Conference!

Susan, from **Norris Religious Fellowship**, TN, has served the ICCC in many ways, being a member of the Design Cmte, Regional Relationships Cmte, the Endowment Cmte, Faith, Justice and Mission, just to name a few.

Ann Trentham is the wife of Dr. Charles Trentham, of whom the ICCC Charles A. Trentham Homiletics Award was named after. Both Charles and Ann possessed a love for those in need.

**Thank you,
Susan and Ann,
for all your
support and love!**

2022 Christian Unity Gathering

“The Challenge of Change: Serving a Never Changing Christ in an Ever-Changing World”

*I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. (Isaiah 43:19, NRSVue)*

Register, Sponsor, Participate. NCC Friends and Supporters! As we slowly bid farewell to the long days of summer and prepare ourselves for the cooler days of fall, a major part of the NCC's agenda is the annual 2022 Christian Unity Gathering (October 9-11). This is the third year in which they are holding a virtual CUG, and this year's event will again bear witness to the work that the National Council of Churches is doing to provide advocacy and action that shines light upon critical issues and works in the public square toward solutions.

The National Council of Churches is a 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1950 which brings together 37 different Christian denominations to advocate on critical issues facing our country. The membership and scope of the NCC has evolved over the past 72 years and today 30 million Christians are united under our umbrella in a common expression of God's love and promise of unity. As an organization with a mission and purpose, the ICCC is broadly aligned with the NCC, and because of our long-term engagement with NCC's entities, we're appealing to you to get involved! There are two ways in which your participation can make a tremendous difference. I am asking that, with God's help, you lend your support in both areas.

Registration

The 2022 CUG registration fee is a modest \$25 to help defray costs. Please visit www.nationalcouncilofchurches.us/cug-2022/ and make plans to join us for engaging dialogue, impactful and relevant speeches, and conversations from leading scholars, preachers, educators, and thought leaders!

I and the NCC team are grateful for your prayers and support as we journey together toward our annual gathering in October. Let's continue to work together for a cause greater than ourselves!

By the Grace of God, Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie, Interim President/General Secretary



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Senior Minister

Join us in turning the tide from surviving to thriving in 2021 and beyond. The historic Community Church of East Williston is a Mainline, Interdenominational Protestant Church serving the needs of persons from all backgrounds. We have a faithful, hardworking congregational core and seek a Senior Minister who, through Christian love and action, will help us turn those with occasional attendance into persons with faithful commitment.

The position requires an experienced, ordained Protestant minister with youthful enthusiasm to reestablish CCEW as the "Light in the Community." We offer a competitive salary and a beautiful manse in a verdant suburb with a highly ranked school district (top 10% in NY), only 25 minutes from Manhattan via railroad.

The Pastoral Search Committee is accepting packages containing (but not limited to) your resume, your calling (share your call to ministry), style of ministry (share your beliefs) and samples of your sermons on a website, blog or Facebook.

To view their ideal candidate thoughts, visit the ICCC website for the full ad.

<https://www.iccnw.org/careers/>

Please email your response to:
maryellen@ccew.org,

or mail a hard copy to:

Community Church of East Williston
Pastoral Search Committee
Mary Ellen Williams, Chairperson
45 East Williston Avenue
East Williston, NY 11596



Interim Pastor

The First Church of Evans is seeking to fill the position of Interim Pastor. This will be a part-time, temporary position until the position of permanent pastor is filled. The First Church of Evans is a non-denominational and congregationally governed church of 60-65 average attendance founded over 200 years ago and is located in a small town setting in Derby, NY, approximately 25 miles south of Buffalo, NY.

The duties of the Interim Pastor will include:

- Collaborating with the church secretary to prepare a weekly bulletin
- Completing an Order of Worship for Sunday Service
- Preaching the weekly Sermon on Sunday mornings
- Administering the Sacraments of Communion and Baptism
- Able to perform weddings and funerals

Ministerial Status and Qualifications

- Must hold a degree from a Seminary or Bible College
- Must be an Ordained and/or Licensed Minister
- Would prefer at least 3-5 years ministry experience as a Lead or Senior Pastor

If interested in this position, please submit the following:

- Cover letter that includes salary expectation
- Current resume (including email address and contact telephone numbers)
- Personal Statement of Faith
- Submit three personal and two professional (minister/pastor) letters of reference
- Copy of Ministerial License and/or Certificate of Ordination

Full-Time Pastor

The First Church of Evans is seeking to fill the position of full-time Pastor. The First Church of Evans is a non-denominational and congregationally governed community church of 60-65 average attendance founded over 200 years ago and is located in a small town setting in Derby, NY, approximately 25 miles south of Buffalo, NY.

Ministerial status and qualifications will include:

- must hold a degree from an accredited seminary or Bible college
- must be an ordained and/or licensed minister
- must have a minimum of 3-5 years' experience as a lead or senior pastor or commensurate position or very exceptional experience as an associate pastor
- must be in agreement with our church's Statement of Faith
- must have strong interpersonal, verbal and written communication skills

The duties of the Pastor will include:

- coordinating with the church secretary to prepare a weekly bulletin
- completing an Order of Worship for Sunday service
- preaching the weekly sermon on Sunday mornings
- conducting a weekly adult Bible study
- teaching a weekly Sunday School class
- preparing a devotional article for the monthly newsletter
- administering the Sacraments of Communion and Baptism
- officiating at all weddings, funerals and other ceremonial occasions as needed
- responsible for the recording of births, baptisms, marriages, deaths, admissions and dismissals
- participating in community organizations, such as The Lake Shore Association of Christian Churches and the International Council of Community Churches to develop relationships with area churches and Christ-centered ministries to proactively serve our community and share the gospel of Jesus Christ
- sits on the Board of Directors of the Steepleview Housing Corporation, a residential facility for disabled and elderly, sponsored by The First Church of Evans. Additional responsibilities may also include communion services at the facility and/or tenant-relations meetings, etc.
- works with deacons on visitations to address the physical and spiritual needs of individuals
- serves as an ex-officio member of all church committees and as a non-voting member and spiritual advisor at all monthly church council meetings
- provides pastoral counseling to help members deal with personal issues

If interested in this position, please submit the following:

- cover letter that includes salary expectation, a little bit about you and why you believe God is calling you to apply for this ministry
- current resume (including email address and contact telephone numbers)
- personal Statement of Faith
- submit three personal and two professional (minister/pastor) letters of reference
- copy of Ministerial License and/or Certificate of Ordination

Information may be submitted to:

The First Church of Evans • PO Box 364 • Derby, NY 14047

Attn: Carl Mende, Search Committee Chairman

-or-

Submit documents in PDF format only to: fcoe@carlmende.com

Gifts have been received for the following:

In Memory of:

Marion Curtess Bascom from Beverly Reid
 Larry Dwayne Cordova from Patrick E. Trujillo
 Catherine M. Minderlein from Edward Minderlein
 Morris Shelton from Linda Hopkins
 Bernice Smith from Maxine Gaskins
 Sylvia Gilchrist from James W. Jones
 Rev. Eugene W. Burton from Rev. Carter S.R. Garner
 Bob Puckett from Jennifer C. Brown

In Honor of:

John Woodcock's 50th Ordination Anniversary
 from Phoebe Kitson-Davis
 His 2021 Annual Membership
 from Charles Banks
 Rev. Tom's Thank you notes and DeAnn's work
 from Carolyn Willey
 Rose Addison from Charles Addison
 Harry Fooockle from Doris Landis
 Region B Area 1-ICCC from Sandra Roberts
 Vermelle Barnes from James W. Jones (x3)
 Harry Fooockle from Ikey Harris
 Persavel L. Bright, Jr. from Marion Bright
 Rev. Dr. Seretha Pearsall
 from Mary Frances Garner
 Rev. Carter S.R. Garner
 from Seneca Community Church

Thank You

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(Scholarship Fund that is)

The Jordan Scholarship Fund Committee would like you to do 3 things for us:

- 1 **PRAY** our continued success in awarding scholarships.
- 2 **DESIGNATE** money to our fund.
- 3 Be **AWARE** these Scholarships are for **ANYONE** who is seeking a higher education either College or an accredited Trade School

Contact DeAnn for an application.

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