I was called to ministry at age 17 between my junior and senior year of high school. I wanted to live life first though, what I thought life was, on my terms and not on God’s terms. Years went by. God remembered.

At 29 years old God recalled me to ministry. I had been a teacher for 7 years and was less than satisfied in that last year of teaching. I began exploring the option of ministry and God’s call to it.

One of the “conditions” of entering ministry as a calling was to go to seminary. God made that possible.

I went thinking I had to, I had to have the answers, to know more, in order to be confident. Little did I know I was beginning the process of becoming a disciple. And little did I know that seminary would not answer all my questions Things I learned in seminary Devotion time is not two hours of Greek in the first thing in the morning and last thing in the evening.

Come when you can, leave when you have to

We all have busy schedules coming late or leaving early won’t hurt…you might miss something, but you will get more than you would have if you didn’t come at all “shut up and listen”…Professor Andrew Purves used this when talking about prayer, devotion time, meditation, etc.

I did not get all the answers being gone two hours for a 15 minute trip for cigarettes to his significant other…Trust God, God will make a way…that was what I continued to learn during seminary and still today What I now know is that my seminary experience was in part a coaching experience in how to be a minister. This was in part because I was serving as a Local Pastor during my seminary experience (and the busier I was in both, the better I did, my best grades were in the busiest semester 16 hours, during seminary and still today and a chaotic pastoring season at the church I served, including five funerals in one week, along with Lent/Easter season (Pastor ponderings continued on page 3)
**ACTIVITIES**

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**USHERS for August:** Bob Whipp-Captain, MacShimp, Eric Anderson

**Greeters for August:**
- August 11 - Fred Brunner and Bonnie Anderson
- August 18 - Stella Strickling
- August 25 - Linda Blair

**House of Carpenter for August:** peanut butter or jelly

**Children Church Leader:** No childrens church, June, July, August

**August Worship Leaders:**
- August 11-Mike Linger
- August 18-Marilyn Dague
- August 25-Shey McGuire

**Meetings:**
- Wednesday, August 7, 14, 21, & 29 – Prayer Group at 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, August 11 – Blessing of backpacks and the school; All school supply donations are due
- Thursday, August 15 – Finance Meeting at 7:00; Trustees Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, August 22 – Nurse’s Graduation at 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, August 18, RNP and NCD meeting at Perkins at 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 24 – Choir Picnic at Kathy Jura’s; **NOTE:** Children’s Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 15 at 9:30 a.m.

**Glen Dale Elementary School Teacher’s Wish List:** Glen Dale UMC will be helping the teachers again this year by purchasing items for the new school year. These items are to be brought to the church on or before August 11. Monetary donations are also much appreciated.

**Events:**
- Aug. 8 – Hungry for History, “Marx Toys” by Francis Turner at Cockayne Farmstead Noon – 1 p.m.
- Aug. 8 – Campfire Jam, Out of the Blue Bluegrass Band at Oglebay 7 – 9 p.m.
- Aug. 9 – 10 Bellaire Firefighters Festival; Aug. 9 – Ohio County Relay for Life, Wheeling Park; Aug. 9 – 11 Heritage Music Blues Fest, Heritage Port; Aug. 9 – Concert, The Muddle at Grand Vue Park, 7-9 p.m.
- Aug. 10 – Daniel Tiger Day, Children’s Museum, Wheeling 11 – 1 p.m.
- Aug. 10 – Clergy Scooper Day, Kirk’s Homemade Ice Cream, Noon – 4 p.m.
- Aug. 10 – Everyone’s Got Talent event, J.B. Martin Recreation Center, St. Clairsville, noon.
- Aug. 11 – Senior Street Fair, Heritage Port, 6-9 p.m.
- Aug. 12 – Valley Hospice’s memorial butterfly release, Wheeling Park, 6 p.m.
- Aug. 12 – Concert, Hoard & Jones, Centre Market, 7 p.m.
- Aug. 13 – Baked Steak dinner, Warwood UMC, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 14 – Concert, Pocket Change, Heritage Port, 7 p.m.
- Aug. 15 – Film, “A Walk on the Moon”, Marshall County Library 6 p.m.
- Aug. 16 – Kathy’s House Foundation 5K walk-run, St. Jude Park 6 – 11 p.m.
- Aug. 16 – Concert, Hoard & Jones, Centre Market, 7 p.m.
- Aug. 17 – Appalachian Artisan Festival, Cockayne Farmstead, 10-4
- Aug. 17 – Ohio River Festival, Powhatan Point Marina, 10 a.m.
- Aug. 17 – Kathy’s House Foundation steak fry, St. Jude Park, music, 4 p.m.
- Aug. 18 – Concert, Billy the Kid & The Regulators, Oglebay Park, 7 p.m.
- Aug. 20 – Concert, Roger Hoard Jazz Quartet, Wheeling Park, 7 p.m.
- Aug. 21 – Concert, Twice as Nice, Heritage Point, 7 p.m.
- Aug. 22 – Hungry for History walking tour of Mt. Rose Cemetery, Mdsiv. Led by Jim Stultz, noon -1:30 p.m.
- Aug. 23 – Concert, The Cherry Trio, Grand Vue Park, 7 – 9 p.m.

**Bible Readings August 11, 2019**
- Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20
- Psalms 50: 1-8, 22-23
- Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

**Prayer List**
- Rita Angalich
- Sara Deane Barlow
- Gerry Blair
- Johnny Blair
- David Bonnette Jr.
- Darlene Cunningham
- Shirley Goddard
- Brian Martin
- Sondra McCracken
- June Myers
- Josie Strickling
- Sandy Wiseman

To start the prayer chain, call Sam Rader at 304 845-7049 or the church office at 845-1140.
Staying Connected

Joys:

- Bonnie Anderson was happy to announce the performance of Mamma Mia at the Strand Theatre today and that Jessica Jasinski and Michael Murphy were both in the production. The last performance is at 2:00 today.
- Kim Whipp was happy to be back from their trip to Scotland and Ireland and thanked Ed and Janet Grose for doing the powerpoint slides while she was away.
- Bob Whip thanked Marilyn Dague for the goods she had collected for the Rosenbaum house.
- The pastor was happy to have been able to share at the ice cream social at Mt. Pleasant church.

Concerns:

- Sue Mason announced that Celebrate Recovery was ceasing their operation in Marshall County and that hopefully someone else would pick up the attempt to help recovering addicts.
- Pastor Chris reported that a fire had destroyed a church near Charleston.
- Remember the people and families involved in the recent shootings that occurred this weekend in El Paso and Dayton and also those happening nationwide. Pastor Chris led the congregation in a special prayer before the church services.

Other:

- The supplies for Glen Dale School are to be turned in by Sunday, August 11.
- Please remember to turn in the newest survey forms for Pastor Chris. He has reviewed some already and stated that they will help out a lot.
- There is a second survey for this Sunday regarding Sunday morning study classes and the type of class we might be interested in attending.
- Pastor Chris has asked the congregation to gather around the school sign and say a special blessing for the teachers, students and staff on August 11 after worship service next Sunday. Everyone is welcome.
- Pastor Chris is to be a celebrity scooper at the ice cream day at Kirkes in St. Clairsville on August 10 to benefit Faith in Action.

Pastor’s Ponderings (continued)

Coaching is new to me, to our conference. I explored earlier this year what the role of a Pastor is Priest, Cheerleader (encourager) for the people God has allowed me to care for, Coach (See file saved on thumb drive?) My coaching experience growing up included football, I had some really good coaches, interested in our well being, becoming young men, and followed us into high school (one even came to my mom’s funeral (35 years later). We don’t know the impact our interaction with others will have on them, nor on us. Trust God.

If my role is a coach, What am I to coach…trusting God, spiritual development, continuing on the journey, to Christian maturity. As we move from the basics to deepening experiences, as We move from simple to complex thinking, from the basic skills...worship, prayer, reading the bible to Worshipping the risen Lord, interacting and communicating as if we were face to face, including listening, and devotional bible study that we apply to our own lives to deepen our relationship All this allows us to change and be transformed, moving from sinfulness to Christ likeness

Trust God, follow God’s guidance, allow God to coach you on the journey of faith.

Amen. Pastor Chris
The Glen Dale Good News

Childrens sermon
Marcie Robbins

Teen Time
Chris Duckworth

Gracie lighting candles

Faith in Action Events

Clergy Scooper Day at Kirke’s Homemade Ice Cream in St. Clairsville, August 10 Noon – 4:00 p.m. Pastor Chris will be serving Noon until 1:00 p.m.

Disc Golf Tournament, Grand Vue Park September 28

Please remember those who are unable to worship with us on Sunday morning by visiting, calling or sending a card.

Shadyside Care Center:
Virginia Strong

Good Shepherd:
Mary Lou Campbell-Rm. 349

Home:
Darlene Cunningham, Bob Harler,
Mound View: Peg Turner

Choir Picnic

August 24
Kathy Jura’s
Bring a covered dish

The Glen Dale United Methodist Prayer Group meets every Wednesday morning at 10:00. Stop in and pray with them. Everyone is welcome.

Blessing

Join us Sunday Aug. 11 for a blessing of the school year, students, staff and teachers, blessing of the backpacks, work bags, etc. After worship we will surround the sign of Glen Dale Elementary and pray for the school year. If anyone needs a book bag or backpack, contact us. We invite all students, staff and teachers and educators, bring your backpack, school bag, work bag as we invite God’s blessing on this school year.

Calvary UMC - Moundsville, WV
Friday, August 16
Tickets $8 each
Takeout available

Kathy’s House Foundation 5K Run/Walk
At St. Jude Park, Glen Dale WV
Friday, August 16, 2019 - 7:00 PM

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