

WELCOME BACK!!

Join us for Worship Service

July 12th @ 9:30 AM

Meet our new Pastor: Bill Talbott

..JUST A NOTE FROM THE SHEPHERD

Brothers and Sisters of Scottsburg UMC Greetings,
I am looking forward to being with you soon, this is a time of excitement and anticipation not only of a new placement but more people to love and to minister to. It is my belief that worship is something you do each day and bring with you as we gather and is central to ministry, mission, and community along with spiritual practices and I am looking forward to meeting you there as we embark on this journey together. I am also looking forward to however you celebrate the arrival time. I especially want to celebrate Pastor Greg and his sharing with me about what a loving church you are. I also would like to personally thank Pastor Greg who has been very kind to me and in being helpful to make sure this time of transition is as comfortable as can be. It is always a little difficult leaving one ministry and beginning another. Spiritually the grief is compared to losing a spouse and yes there are tender moments now with tearful goodbyes in my present appointment. We all understand the concept of a time and a season.

I refer to myself as Shepherd rather than Pastor though the meaning is the same from its Latin origins. The Shepherd's duties are to Love, Guide and Protect the flock entrusted to them.

Just a little about me, I grew up on a small farm in western Kentucky east of Owensboro with my parents and two sisters. We lived near many aunts, uncles, and cousins of my mom's family who were all members at a United Methodist church just a mile from the end of our drive. I live life simply as I can, though we all probably know how complicated it gets sometimes. My education through high school was in Kentucky and I did my Bachelor of Humanities with a double major in Indiana. My Masters in Divinity with an emphasis in Pastoral Care and Counseling was here in Indiana along with completing a Spiritual Care Specialist certification through the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. I attended Billy Graham's School of Evangelism in Dallas, Texas. I was ordained in 1996 in the General Baptist Denomination and have been serving the United Methodist since 2000. I've worked as a Chaplain with Welborn Healthcare Systems and IU Health in a couple of locations. I have also been Chaplain in some smaller regional hospitals and jails with addiction ministries and worked with sexual offenders and a United Methodist nursing home Glenburn in Linton, Indiana. I've served in churches in the northern and southern portions of the state.

Even though I am here now, I will be with you soon! My son Jon keeps me encouraged by telling me, "Dad, it's just more people to love." And you know what-- he's exactly right. I hope you are blessed in your time of saying your goodbyes to Pastor Greg as he prepares for his next chapter in the life of his ministry. As I close may peace, grace, and joy be yours. Blessings to you of love, light, and life, **Shepherd Bill Talbott**

WELCOME BACK GUIDELINES

We are planning to gather for worship service on **July 12th at 9:30 AM** using the following guidelines recommended by the UMC Bishop and agreed upon by the Trustees, Administrative council and Shepherd Bill Talbott.

What does this new way of worship look like?

- ◆ The practice of social distancing should take place at all church related events and meetings by keeping 6 ft. between you/your family and others.
- ◆ If you are sick or have a temperature of 100.4 please stay home.
- ◆ It is highly recommended that everyone wears a mask while in the presence of others.
- ◆ Please use the hand sanitizer as you enter the church.
- ◆ Proper Hand washing is encouraged
- ◆ Ushers may be wearing masks and gloves when needed.
- ◆ We will keep as many of the doors propped open as possible to prevent passing germs by touching surfaces that others may touch.
- ◆ Coffee service will be up to the individual. Please use a container with a lid in the sanctuary.
- ◆ Some of the pews are “NOT AVAILABLE” for seating- using the 6 foot- safe-distance guideline between families. Please keep your children with you.
- ◆ Water fountains “Not in Use”
- ◆ You may want to bring your own Bible instead of using the materials provided in the pews.
- ◆ Restrooms- Please practice “Social Distancing”
 - ◆ Soft Congregational Singing and humming will be the norm for July.
 - ◆ Children’s Message - children will be encouraged to stay in their seat.
- ◆ Individually packaged communion may be picked up at the door.
- ◆ Sunday School Class- Practice Social Distancing.
- ◆ Offering plates will be placed at the back of the church. We strongly encourage you to e-tithe or send in your tithe by check so that we may continue our work.
- ◆ Exiting after worship: Please remember to keep your “social distance”.
- ◆ All areas of the building that are used will be sanitized prior to the next worship service. Sanitizing wipes may be available for use.

Keep in mind that this plan may change. Continue to follow updates on our facebook page/web page. God Bless & Hope to see everyone soon.

From Shepherd Bill to the flock at Scottsburg UMC.....

Greetings Brothers and Sister in Christ,

I am coming to you shortly and I'm sure you're as anxious to see me as I am to be in your presence. I am still a way off but as I come we will face many challenges and changes for these are certainly most uncertain times! Things will be different yet with some things remaining the same, or at the least—similar or familiar. Houses of worship everywhere are making changes and doing their best to carry on in these difficult times. I am positive we will arise to the occasion guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit. In these strange times, things have not happened as usual. And it seems as though the new normal is in constant flux more like the ebb and tide at the shoreline than the gentle flow of a peaceful river. For instance, I have not yet seen the church or the parsonage and will not be able to before I arrive.

One of the things we will accomplish as we come back together in Presence, in our deep connection with that which is in, around, and through us and everything else God has fashioned. It's not magic, but rather mystical, something that we are not aware of through our 5 senses and still are somehow aware of it. Yes, there is a mystery in the connection and relationships that are what we refer to as church, not a building or structure, but the gathering in of the collective of cells and souls. You may have seen one another out in public while observing the sheltering period and it was a good feeling, but not the same. As we do begin to gather let us remember that we are all running on about 50% capacity and we need to show one another some grace. I am still in conversation with your leadership and we are going to make the best efforts in a safe and comfortable way of reuniting. There will be some things I will ask of you in hopes of serving the greater good. One, we will be considering asking you about wearing a face covering of some fashion, not for you but for others. No one certainly will be asked to leave if they don't have one. Sitting in close proximity is an issue, I would ask that we sit apart from each other with a respective space and staggered. This is for individuals, now families or home units (people all leaving under one roof in close contact) may sit together as a unit. We likely should avoid handshaking and hugs for the present time. Waving seems to work well and may be used during the passing of the peace. Smiles, those are great and do wonderful things for the soul and the spirit as well as our physical well being. Commonplace things like communion and offerings will be different for a period. Hand sanitizer setting in strategic places will be helpful. Singing will need to be muted (softly or humming) for a while anyway, it has been discussed among musical and medical professions that singing out can carry tiny fluid droplets 3X further than normal speaking. They do not drop due to gravity like a larger drop flicked off your fingers that hit the floor, but instead, float around on air currents having a greater range of around 20 feet as compared to 6 feet suggested in normal speaking patterns. No one should sit in the very front pews (usually not a problem at most churches) when I or others speak with projection from the front.

I do not know if you were able to celebrate your current pastor's departure or if we can celebrate my arrival right away. All in all, we wish to proceed safely for everyone present, and for those who still may be uncomfortable with returning right off due to any considerations whether it be vulnerabilities with age or health or just unsure--here is where we demonstrate grace and do not judge or condemn them for following their convictions and we will pray for their well being. The notion is that in whatever we do as an individual or as a collective we will all be blessed and be a blessing! There's a whole lot of stupid and ugly going on in our world, let's make it a little more beautiful every chance we can everywhere we can!

The Mountain Mission Truck will arrive on July 6th. Please bring your items to the South Porch on Saturday, July 4th and Sunday, July 5th.

Scott County Clearinghouse Needs:

- *Pasta
- *Pasta Sauce
- *Mac and Cheese
- *Ramen
- *Box meals (hamburger helper, etc.)

If you can donate any of these items, please drop them off at the Clearinghouse. Hours: Monday & Wednesday 12:00 Noon-3:00pm; Thursday 8:00-11:00am, 5:00-7:00pm. You may also call 812.595.3407 to set up a time to bring items.

Please save your EMPTY small pump bottles for use at the church. They can be sanitizer bottles or liquid soap.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- SUBJECT TO CHANGE-

◆ **Finance Committee**

Sunday, July 19 @ 11:30am

◆ **Trustees**

Monday, July 20th at 6:00pm

Children's Church Memory Verses

July

1 John 5:3 – This is love for God: to obey his commands.

August

Proverbs 30:5 – Every word of God proves true.