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“Trusting God in Times of Transition”

*“So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”
Isaiah 41:10*

From time to time, all of us go through a time of transition in our lives, a time when things are different, familiar patterns disappear, familiar faces are no longer seen, and we feel ill at ease like things are not how they are supposed to be. The transition may be a new house, a move across the county, a new child, a new job, a radical change in diet, and many other things – some large and some small. These kinds of changes also happen to church congregations and we at Spiceland Friends are going through a big transition this fall!

After 12 years of fruitful ministry, Co-Pastor Cathy Harris has resigned here at Spiceland and has accepted the call to become the Pastor at Plainfield Friends in Plainfield, Indiana. We are fortunate as a congregation to have had the benefit of her MANY talents and gifts for ministry. I am fortunate as a pastor to have had the privilege of working with Cathy and working together to develop a team ministry that was unique in its approach and effective in ministering to the congregation and to the community. When we started the team ministry in 2006 and 2007, we said it was an experiment in ministry. It seems to me that it has been a successful experiment and it is one in which there has been

constant growth and development for Cathy and me as well as the congregation as the congregation adapted their expectations and made changes through those years. We look back now and can clearly see the hand of God at work in our congregation in so many ways.

After 12 years of stability and consistency, now we are faced with making some major changes. In addition to Cathy’s position, the youth pastor position is also open. **The challenge to us is to trust God in this time of transition.**

Since God has worked in the past, we can trust him in the present and for the future. Since God worked to fill Plainfield’s pastoral need, we can trust Him to fill the hole here at Spiceland that is left by Cathy’s departure. Since we believe the scriptures are true and applicable to today, we can believe the verse at the top of this page – God will uphold us and strengthen us and we do not need to fear or be dismayed. Yes, we will worry. Yes, we will wonder what is next. Yes, we will volunteer to do extra things during the transition. Yes, we will listen carefully to God to discern what He is calling us to do. But we will not panic or feel helpless because we believe that God is in our midst and God is guiding us as well as guiding the right person to come to Spiceland Friends.

Let’s encourage each other to grow in Christ day by day so that he will be more and more at home in each of us – dwelling in our hearts and lives and dwelling in the midst of our congregation and each of our ministries. Pray each day for our congregation: its people, its ministries, its leaders, and its pastors.

David Brock



Gospel Sing – August 18

Join us for a wonderful time of worship through music at our annual Gospel Sing on Sunday, August 18, at 10:30 a.m. (during our regular worship service). Several people from our congregation – as well as the choir – will be sharing the Gospel message through special music. Invite your neighbors, friends, and family and join us on this inspirational journey!

Letter from Cathy Harris (Co-Pastor)

Dear friends,

I am writing to tell you that I will be leaving Spiceland Friends to take the pastor position at Plainfield Friends Meeting.

I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve at Spiceland Friends for the past 12 years – it has been a wonderful journey of ministry and faith – for which I am deeply grateful. I dearly love this church and church family – we have had a lot of fun, have worked hard together, and have sought to deepen our faith and grow closer to God along the way – a wonderful combination. I have also been very blessed to work with Dave as a pastoral team. Dave and I have always felt this was a very creative, unusual, yet effective approach to our ministry. I have learned much from Dave, and appreciate him and Linda – not only as friends, but also in their ministry here at SFC.

The decision to leave was not an easy one because of treasured friendships and because I believe that this Meeting is one of the healthiest I’ve known. I feel truly honored and privileged to have served as one of your pastors - and for you to invite me into your hearts and your lives - it has been a joy, and a special partnership in ministry that God put together and has blessed. As I’ve prayed about this, I feel God is leading me – calling me – to go to Plainfield to serve there.

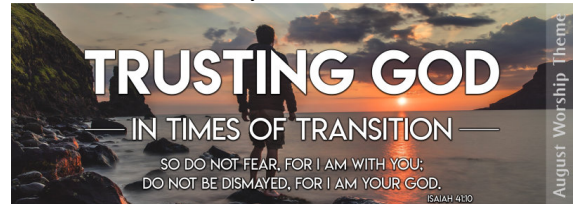
I deeply appreciate your friendship, support, prayers, and encouragement over the past 12 years – you will always hold a very special place in my heart, with many fond memories, and you will be in my prayers. I pray the best for you individually and as a Meeting.

My last day at Spiceland Friends will be August 31.

With love,
Cathy Harris

Sermon Topics for August

David Brock will be preaching the first two Sundays in August. **Cathy Harris** and our own musicians will lead us in worship on the third Sunday, **followed by an all church dinner to honor and celebrate Cathy Harris and her ministry among us for the past 12 years.** The fourth Sunday will be an inspirational report from the team that went to the Iowa Indian Mission Center for a week of Mission and Ministry.



August 4

Sermon – “Seek Wisdom”
Scripture – Luke 12:13-21;
Ecclesiastes 1:2; 12-14; 2:18-23

August 11

Sermon – “A Promise Made; A Promise Kept”
Scripture – Genesis 15:1-6;
Luke 12:32-40

August 18

Inspirational Gospel Sing –
Cathy Harris and our Musicians

August 25

Inspirational Report from our
Missions Team and Devotional Message

Farewell Dinner for Cathy Harris and Her Family

Following the Gospel Sing worship service on August 18, we will all gather in the Family Center to honor **Cathy Harris** and her family for their twelve years of ministry among us. Cathy's last Sunday will be August 25, but we wanted to honor her on the day of the Gospel Sing because her music ministry has been so important to us along with all of her other gifts. Ministry and Oversight will provide the main dish, and we ask that each family bring a side dish. More details later, but save the date and plan to stay for lunch on the 18th.

Choir Practice for Gospel Sing



The choir will be singing a couple songs for our upcoming Gospel Sing on August 18. We will practice on Wednesdays – August 7 & 14 – from 6:30-7:30 p.m. We will work on familiar songs that are easy to put together quickly. **Rita Reeves** will be directing the choir, and **Cathy Harris** will be playing the piano. Join us!

Please Remember in Prayer



Church Family

Janet Putnam – recovering from gallbladder surgery
Linda Brock, Pam Pyle, Dale Albertson – cataract surgery this week
Tommie Hunt – TIA mini-stroke, blood pressure problems
Libby Henshaw – knee replacement surgery; is at Glen Oaks for therapy
Eleanor Painter – starting chemo again
Family of Bobby Thompson
David Baker – surgery for colon cancer
Sandy Alexander – back at Addison Place
Pat Bogue – problems with both eyes and knee
Gerald Darling – recovering from eye surgery
Amy Upchurch – chemo treatments
Lisa & Jason Ash – hosting foreign exchange student from Spain
Granddaughter of Teresa Batt – seizures
Barbara Meade – upcoming cancer surgery
Don Meade – very weak; at home
Janet Craft – broken shoulder and ankle; breathing problems
Charlie Byrket – recovering from broken leg
Max Jessup – at Glen Oaks
Chris Garner – recovering from back surgery
Pete Kiger (Judy Sadler) – hospice
Irene & Monte Goodwin – health problems – Irene getting physical therapy
Upcoming missions trip
Unspoken prayer requests
Pastoral search for a new co-pastor

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Extended Family and Friends

Family of Karen Reno (Pam Reno's step-mother)
Cousin of Jason Ash – chemo treatments
Mother of Jason Ash – not doing well
Donna Smith (Amie Thornburg) – cirrhosis of liver and other problems after battling cancer
Isabel Cummins (Claudia Garner) – back surgery
Draper – computers hacked
Jill Fitzhugh (Barbara Lacy) – chemo treatments
Joanna Winningham (Pat Bogue) – recovering from fall
Emogene Putnam (Jim Putnam's mother) – uterine cancer
Jane Brooks (Peggy MacFarlane) – upcoming hip replacement surgery
Rhonda Meade Brown – broken ankle
Nancy Jordan (Sonja Coffman) – fell, concussion, difficulty walking
Ron Bryan (Presiding Clerk of FUM) – significant pain
Colleen Wallace (Marcia Byrket) – cancer
Lesley Reece (Debbie Denny) – at Glen Oaks; not doing well
Mary Kay Lacy (Vickie Richardson) – lung cancer
Cathy Chamberlin Smith (Tasha Crandall) – breast cancer surgery
Franka Dick (Pam Pyle) – recovering from surgery
Andy Davis (Janet Putnam) – brain cancer
Our country and servicemen and women
First Responders – 9-1-1 Dispatch Operators
Pray for Christians who are persecuted
Farmers and crops

Quaker Missionaries/Missions/FUM

Friends United Meeting
Native American Friends Centers – Mesquakie (Mac & Bernie McDonald), Kickapoo, Mowa-Choctaw
Belize Friends School and New Friends Church (Oscar Mmbali, Nikki Holland)
Ramallah Friends School in Palestine (Adrian Moody)
Shawn & Katrina McConaughy – Kenya Missionaries

With Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Bobby Thompson** upon his passing on July 5.



SFC Movie Night with Friends

We will be showing the movie, “Zootopia,” Saturday, August 24. One of Disney’s best movies,



Zootopia is an animated comedy adventure set in the modern mammal metropolis of Zootopia. Determined to prove herself, Officer Judy Hopps, the first bunny on Zootopia’s police force, jumps at the chance to crack her first case – even if it means

partnering with scam-artist fox Nick Wilde to solve the mystery. It’s big fun for ALL ages (Rated PG)!

The movie will be shown in our Family Center on our big screen at 6:30 p.m. – it’s free! Popcorn and drinks are provided. Feel free to bring other snacks to share if you’d like – and don’t forget to bring your friends and family! Everyone is welcome!

Worship Assistants for August



Scripture Readers

August 4 – Linda Ratcliff
August 11 – Judy Sadler
August 18 – Steve Stevens
August 25 – George Fort

Junior Church

August 4 – Jason Ash & Marcia Byrket
August 11 – Linda Brock & Judy Smith
August 18 – Children stay in worship for Gospel Sing
August 25 – Children stay in worship

Host – Kandi Rutledge

Children’s Story

August 4 – Janet Putnam
August 11 – Mike Van Osdol
August 18 – Linda Brock
August 25 – Mike Van Osdol

Notes of Thanks

“Thanks to everyone who helped with VBS and Jacob’s Lemonade Stand – whether you were praying for VBS and Jacob’s Lemonade Stand, or whether you donated items or money or volunteered your time – we thank you for helping to make this all possible. The sum of **\$3,403.85** was made from the lemonade stand!”

“Thank you so much for the adorable quilt that was made for Brynlee. She loves her new quilt.” 😊

– **Lindsey & Brynlee Peavie**

“The family of **Bob Thompson** would like to thank everyone for the love and support offered during this difficult time. We want to give special thanks to David Brock for officiating and to Spiceland Friends for providing a wonderful dinner. We appreciate all of you!”

“Thank you for the donation to the **Brianna’s Hope** chapters in New Castle and Knightstown. We help almost 150 strugglers each week now. Our continuing ministry is because of faithful donors like you. Thanks so much.”

– **Dennis Kinser**

Stay Connected with Friends

We have multiple ways to stay connected with Friends and events in our church!

“SFC Friend to Friend” – an email with reminders and information about upcoming events, weather-related info, and any information you need to know.

SFC Prayer Chain with Joys and Concerns – We have an active prayer chain – people who will pray for any needs and concerns that come up. We also like to share what God is doing in our lives and share those joys with one another as well.

If you’re interested in receiving emails (the SFC Friend to Friend and prayer requests), please contact us at spicelandfriendschurch@gmail.com.

Spiceland Friends Church – Facebook Page.

Spiceland Friends Church website – www.spicelandfriends.org – check out new information on upcoming activities and the Sunday morning bulletin and newsletter can be found online each week/month.