



SHAWNEE
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The Messenger

Our mission: Connect people in a growing, engaged, active relationship with Jesus Christ.

Shawnee United Methodist Church | 10700 Johnson Drive | Shawnee, KS 66203 | 913.631.2280

June 2020

Dear Church Family & Friends,

As you all know, we've got a lot of change ahead of us as do Pastor Shane & Toni and Chris & Becca.

As we all try to process the magnitude of this to us individually and as a church family, we also must recognize the road they must travel. I believe it's all our desire to plant these roads with flowers and sunshine so we all see and appreciate the seeds and growth God is planting for us all.

It's so important we have an opportunity to say our good byes and express our gratitude as all of us move forward, and in these unique times our celebration style must also be unique!

Your Staff Parish Relations Team (Warren Livingston, Ophelia Behee, Deann Pasowicz, Earl Smith, Missy Stump, Sheryl Atherton & Laurie Kessler) have been meeting with the District, Pastor Shane and our new Pastor Changsu Kim in partnership so that we are celebrating, transitioning and welcoming in a way that gives thanks to all of the work God is doing among us.

The goal of this message is to share and involve you in the plan to celebrate the leadership and service of Pastor Shane & Toni along with Chris & Becca.

We will have 3 elements of recognition and thanks. ALL are developed in consideration of the health and well-being of everyone and meant to give each person/family multiple ways to participate in recognition and parting!

Card & Note shower: To begin at once with a deadline of June 9. Pastor Shane & Toni's last Sunday with us will be June 14. Chris & Becca's last Sunday with us will be June 21.

Three ways to be involved:

1. Group leaders will collect cards/notes and create a gift presentation delivered at a coordinated time to the homes of Pastor Shane & Toni and Chris & Becca. Groups will decide how and what they want to include in their group's presentation. (Shane mentioned he loves sweets and food!) It will be up to each person within each group to coordinate with your leader.

Groups & Leaders:

Maranatha Sunday School: Ophelia Behee
 Genesis Sunday School: Warren Livingston
 Equip Sunday School: Earl Smith
 Keystone Sunday School: Elmer Hedrick
 UMW: Gail Canfield
 UMM: Warren Livingston
 Lectionary: Judy Livingston
 Youth: (for Pastor Shane & Toni): Chris Lehew
 Children: (for Pastor Shane & Toni) Becca Lehew
 Youth: (for Chris & Becca) Mary McCoy & Charla Nichols
 Children: (for Chris & Becca) Mary McCoy & Charla Nichols
 Choir: Scott Fears
 Stephen Ministers: Sheryl Atherton

CLERGY/STAFF

Pastor Shane Britt
Pastor

Connie Perry
Office Administrator

Chris Lehew
Director of Student and
Young Adult Ministries

Becca Lehew
Kid's Club Coordinator

Scott Fears
Worship Coordinator

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2. Baskets will be available in the Narthex on Sundays beginning with our first Sunday back May 31st through Sunday June 7th.

3. You're welcome to mail a card directly to their homes. Please be mindful to have your card received no later than June 9th!

Car Drive-by Celebration

As you may have seen on local news stories, the "new way" to celebrate when we can't be in close contact is to organize a car caravan to wave and honk and make a joyful noise!

We will be organizing two such caravans:

Pastor Shane & Toni:

Meet in the church parking lot in your cars Thursday June 4th at 6:50. Pastor Shane & Toni will be outside in the parking lot north of the parsonage. Beginning at 7pm we'll drive by them beginning from the south end entrance and exiting the north end entrance. Make as many passes as you want!!

Chris & Becca:

Meet in Asbury UMC parking lot (located at 5400 W 75th St Prairie Village, KS) at 11:45am Saturday June 13th. We'll then all drive to their home to arrive at 12 noon at 7300 Maple St, Overland Park, KS. Chris & Becca will be out front. Make as many circles around the block as you want!!

Video Thanks Celebration

Families & individuals are encouraged to record a video message of thanks and encouragement and share to the SUMC Facebook page (@bigstonechurch) anytime now through June 9. Please record and share separate messages for each family. Ideally, recorded messages need be no longer than 60 seconds in length! Additionally, so we can compile these video messages and play a montage on each family's last Sunday here with us at SUMC please text your video message:

for Pastor Shane & Toni to Chris Lehew: (405) 537-6486 no later than June 7th

for Chris & Becca Lehew to Bob Kessler (913) 744-1870 no later than June 7th

Thanks to everyone for participating in as many ways as possible to express your thanks and encouragement to our wonderful friends and leaders Pastor Shane, Toni, Chris and Becca!

If you have any questions feel free to reach out to anyone on SPRC.

We ask God's blessing on each and every one of us as we navigate the change inside and outside the walls of His Church!

With thanks and gratitude to you all for showing your love and support,
Staff Parish Relations Committee

With the appointment of Chris Lehew effective July 1, 2020, we have a need to fill the roles both he and his wife Becca will be vacating the end of June.

SPRC, with the support of Pastor Shane and in conjunction with our new Pastor Changsu Kim have been in discussion about how best to move forward.

We're excited to share we will begin the process to fill two newly defined roles for SUMC we are confident align with our current needs and future goals.

These positions are:

Director of Communications

Director of Youth and Children's Ministry

We encourage you to go to our SUMC website to read the job descriptions for these positions. If you or someone you may know is interested, information will be posted on how to apply. We're going to begin the applicant search immediately following the Memorial holiday and hope to have these positions filled prior to the departure of Chris & Becca.

As always, your prayers and support are welcome during this busy time of transition!

Should you have questions, please reach out to any member of SPRC:

Sheryl Atherton, Ophelia Behee, Laurie Kessler, Warren Livingston, Deann Pasowicz, Earl Smith, Missy Stump