

FAQ's

Pastor Brian's call as Senior Pastor at the Ephrata Church of the Brethren

- 1) WHO WILL BE OVERSEEING THE WORSHIP MINISTRY AFTER PASTOR BRIAN IS GONE?
 - a. Pastor Gene and the Worship Commission (Manny Blackner, Chair) will provide overall direction to the worship ministry at FCOB with the help of Meg Hughes, Director of Worship, and her staff/lay leader teams. With Pastor Gene, the Worship Commission, and Meg serving together with Pastors, Staff, and Lay Leaders, we anticipate the Holy Spirit continuing to do wonderful and mighty things through our act of worship.

- 2) WHO WILL BE OVERSEEING THE EVANGELISM MINISTRY AFTER PASTOR BRIAN IS GONE?
 - a. Mendie Gift has agreed to take on a large portion of Pastor Brian's role in the area of Evangelism. While Mendie is going to serve as a lay leader, Paul – our Manager of Church Operations, and Katherine - our Director of Communication will help the Evangelism Commission (Ray Hertzog, Chair) keep things moving forward in missions and other avenues for reaching out with the Gospel.

- 3) WHAT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL FOR PASTOR BRIAN AS HE EXITS?
 - a. Pastor Brian has a deep love for FCOB and the members that he has had the opportunity to serve with, encourage, and walk alongside for the last 12 years. Please pray for Pastor Brian, that God will use his gifts and calling to glorify God's kingdom on earth. Find ways to encourage Pastor Brian as this is a difficult and painful time – as well as an exciting and joyous opportunity to follow God's call. To that end, there is information in the bulletin, online, and at the church office on additional ways that you can support him as he follows God's call in his life. If you desire to speak to someone about these opportunities or need additional information, please contact Lisa Gouker.

- 4) HOW WILL WE BE CELEBRATING PASTOR BRIAN'S MINISTRY AND SAYING GOOD BYE?
 - a. There is a celebration scheduled for Sunday, October 23rd @ 3:00pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. It will be a time to focus on and celebrate God's faithfulness. The activities will remind us how God has worked here at FCOB and how God has used Brian to strengthen and expand Christ's Kingdom. The celebration will be announced in the bulleting and from the pulpit over the next couple of Sunday's.

- 5) HOW CAN WE BLESS PASTOR BRIAN FOR HIS FAITHFULNESS AND SHOW OUR APPRECIATION?
 - a. There will be a thank you book created to remember and to say well done good and faithful servant. Cards and Letters will be collected and included in this book. There will also be freewill offering collected at the services on Sunday October 16th and Sunday October 23rd. Please give as you are led. Please give generously beyond your regular giving to bless our brother as he is called to minster in a new congregation.

- 6) WHERE CAN I GO IF I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT PASTOR BRIAN'S CALL OR NEXT STEPS RELATED TO HIS ROLE?
 - a. If you have questions regarding Pastor Brian's call or move, we encourage you to go directly to Pastor Brian himself. For all other inquiries, please contact any member of the Leadership Team (Tom Simmons, Lisa Gouker, Michelle Dorsch, Bill Mitchell, Janet Fogle, Dave Weldon, Doug Fisher, Lerry Fogle, Dave Weldon), Pastor Gene, or Paul Derstine.