

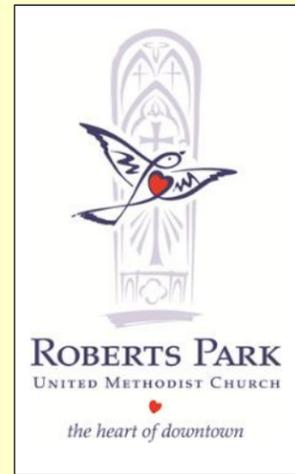


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Help Needed!!

The church office could use a couple of volunteers to help fold the newsletter once a month. If you would like to help us with this project, please call Rob at 317-635-1636 or e-mail him at



Articles for the March newsletter are due February 19. Thank you.

Pastor Melissa

Looking Forward to the Future

All change, even positive change is difficult. According to Kubler-Ross's theories on grieving, "Every change, even for something wonderful and new, means the removal of something old and loved." On Sunday, January 21, Pastor Andrew announced that I have been called to serve as pastor of Countryside Christian Church in Winchester, Indiana and my last Sunday here at Roberts Park United Methodist Church will be February 18, 2018. Even though I knew the announcement was coming, I was unprepared for the bubbling up of emotions that I felt as I looked out at this wonderful congregation.



When my husband John and I returned home that afternoon, we talked about the mixed emotions that we have about moving. While we are excited about what the future has in store, we are saddened by the thought of leaving this group of people at Roberts Park whom we have come to call friends. It has been my privilege to walk along-side so many wonderful people not just in the church but in the entire Roberts Park community which includes the children, parents and staff at Shalom Daycare.

Three and a half years ago, I was hired as the interim daycare director for Shalom Daycare Ministry. I was entering my last semester of seminary, taking one traditional class and completing my semester of CPE (Clinical Practical Experience) at St. Vincent Hospital. My

son Noah was entering Purdue University as a freshman and my daughter Sarah had just moved to Chico, California to begin a new job. It was a time of dramatic changes and much to my surprise, it was just the beginning. In December of 2014, I finished my course work at Christian Theological Seminary and was hired here at Roberts Park full-time, splitting my time between that of Daycare Director and Associate Pastor of Families and Children. I graduated in the spring from CTS and was

ordained. In the meantime, I began dating my friend John Kleinschmidt and we married in June of 2016. My daughter has since moved back from California and is living and working in Hanover, Indiana and my son began his last semester at Purdue in January and has begun applying for graduate school. Personally, my time here has been a season of change.

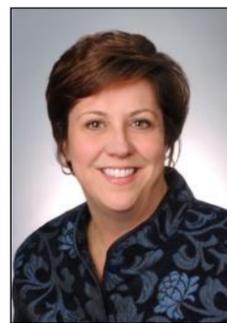
I dare to say that professionally my time here has also been filled with change and growth. I remember entering this large sanctuary for the first time and feeling overwhelmed by its size. Now most other sanctuaries seem to pale in comparison. I remember how nervous I was the first time I gave the children's moment, presided at the table and of course preached. I also remember how gracious you all were to me, giving time and space to improve my craft. It was during my time here that I realized how much I like to preach. Pastor Andrew generously gave me time in the pulpit which is what I

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believe I needed to improve and you all so graciously lent me your listening ears. You have also been wonderful about giving me feedback and sharing your thoughts with me. I believe that this experience has allowed me to feel comfortable in my role as pastor not just with preaching but in all areas of ministry.

I have enjoyed working with the children and families at Shalom and Roberts Park. I believe that the implementation of Worship and Wonder on Sundays and the inclusion of Messy Church once a month have created a good foundation for the church to continue to reach out to families with young children and provide meaningful experiences for children in the congregation and community. It was only made possible by the volunteers who have worked so diligently helping to implement and support these programs. I have enjoyed working with those in the congregation to create good outreach opportunities for the church including Pancakes and Jazz and the Pet Blessing held last fall. I have enjoyed being part of a wonderful member care task force that is committed to providing support for the members of this congregation. I have enjoyed being part of a talented and creative church and daycare staff and I believe that without these experiences and opportunities I would not be prepared to accept this next opportunity that God has presented.

While I have so enjoyed my time walking alongside the members of this congregation over the past three years, I am looking forward to the opportunity to walk alongside of the members of Countryside Christian Church in the near future feeling better equipped to do so based on my experience here. Thanks everyone for all that you have given me. Over the next few weeks, I hope to have the opportunity to speak to each of you in person; but if that is not possible, I leave you with this sentiment expressed so eloquently by writer Jeremiah Rankin and composer William Tomer, "May God be with you till we meet again."



Pastor Melissa

Sunday, February 18 will be Pastor Melissa's last Sunday at Roberts Park as Associate Pastor. There will be a farewell reception for her following the 10:30 service in Fellowship Hall.

Pancakes and Jazz — Fat Tuesday — Feb.13

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 13 for Pancakes and Jazz. Pancakes will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall while members of the Indianapolis Men's Choir entertain us with musical numbers throughout the evening. While there is no charge for admission, a free will offering will be appreciated.



Please sign up to donate ingredients and/or your time to help with this event. Two sign-up sheets are available in Fellowship Hall. We are seeking people to volunteer in shifts, helping with cooking and food prep, set-up, serving and clean-up. We also are asking for donations of food items to help defray the cost of the event. Please give of your treasure, time and talent.

Reservations are not required, but RSVPs are requested at Eventbrite.com or rpoffice@robertsparkumc.org or by phone at 317.635.1636.

We hope you have a grand time at Pancakes & Jazz and will also considering joining us for services and activities throughout the Lenten season.

Gillooly Scholarship Fund Continues to Grow



The Jerry and Pat Gillooly Organ Scholarship Fund, which was established in December 2017 in honor of Jerry's 60th anniversary of playing the organ on Christmas Eve, is a continuing project of Roberts Park Church. Contributions are welcome at any time – just make your checks payable to Roberts Park United Methodist Church

and write "Music Scholarship" in the memo line.

Jerry and his family are excited to get this project underway. To date the church has received \$13,000.

Baptisms at Roberts Park

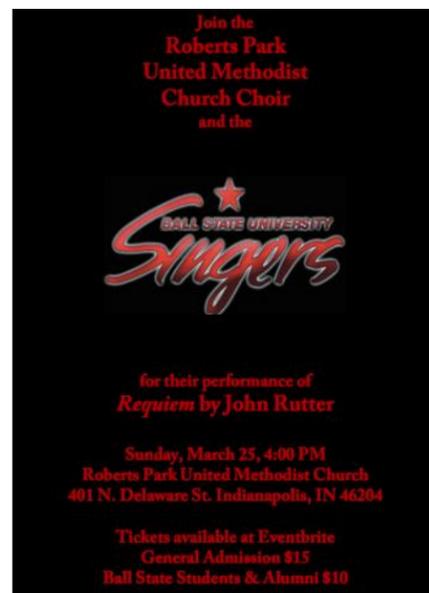


October 29, 2017:
Pierce Michael Esser
Parents: Renny and Katy Esser



December 3, 2017:
Jackson Becker
Parents: Jeff and Sarah Becker

Baptisms planned for February 18:
Thea Coggeshall and Julia Hulse



**Roberts Park members use code
RobertsParkP2018 for a \$5 discount!**

Governing Board for 2018

At the Governing Board meeting on January 22, Paul Egan was nominated and approved as the chairperson for 2018. If you would like to contact him, you may call him at 847-513-2995 or by email at pie53@sbcglobal.net. If you are interested in working with one of the task force's please contact the church office at 317-635-1636 or rpoffice@robertsparkumc.org.

Paul Egan	Chairperson
Candyce Hawkins	Staff-Parish Task Force
Margaret Blettner	Shalom Task Force
Mike Bozarth	At Large
Todd Cook	Trustees Task Force
Nora Leiderbach	Education Task Force
Lisa Lindsey	Member Care Task Force
Sherry Nagel-Smith	Worship Task Force
Claudia Swhier	At Large
Tom Thompson	Treasurer, Finance Task Force
Dick Smith	Business Manager

The Roberts Park Organ: A Legacy of Music

Mrs. Marjorie Clauer of Nashville, TN moved to Indianapolis from Carroll County, IN in the mid 1940's after learning a friend needed a roommate. There was nothing going on at home (it was war time) so she moved to Indianapolis and got a job at LS Ayres.



She took organ lessons at Arthur Jordan Conservatory of Music and one of her instructors played the organ at Roberts Park. The students could practice on two organs—at the school, or the church organ for 50 cents an hour. She liked playing at the church as it was the nicest organ. Her fiancé Robert accompanied her while practicing, being concerned about her alone in the church in the evenings. She remembers taking off her high heels and wearing slippers so she could easily play the foot pedals.

She ran out of money to pay for practicing so the church allowed her to continue to practice for free in exchange for singing in the choir. She and two high school friends sang on WKMO, a radio station, for 15 min each Sunday afternoon, and they were picked up by a talent scout and auditioned in Chicago.

She and her husband moved to Nashville, TN where she raised two sons. She continued to play the piano over the years and recently loves watching a video of the sounds of the Roberts Park organ.

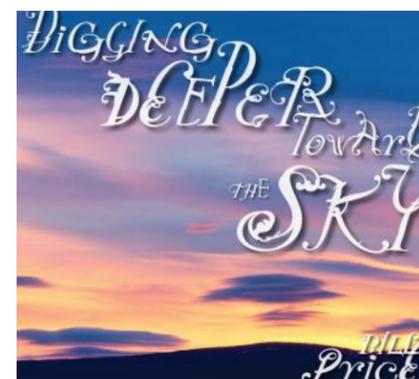
Worship Themes and Texts

- February 4**
Rev. Dr. Ann Glass
"The Importance of Remembering"
Texts: Psalm 115: 1-3, 9-13 and Luke 22: 20
- February 11**
Rev. Kim King
"A Transfigured Self"
Texts: Mark 9:2-9 & Psalm 50:1-6
- February 18**
Rev. Melissa Kleinschmidt
"Until We Meet Again"
Texts: 1 Peter 3:18-22 and Mark 1:9-15
- February 25**
Rev. Dr. Andrew Scanlan-Holmes
"The Heart of Downtown"
Texts: Romans 4:13-25 and Mark 8:31-38



Bill Price Introduces New CD at Roberts Park Event

On Saturday, February 17 at 7:30pm, Bill Price will be performing with his band at Roberts Park in support of



his latest music release—a five-song CD titled "Digging Deeper Toward the Sky." This album is a follow up to his 2015 music/design/literary project, "I Can't Stop Looking at the Sky."

Bill will be joined by five great Indiana musicians to perform songs from both of these projects as well as selections from his earlier albums.

Light refreshments will be available from A&M Bakery Cafe (George Taylor). Admission is free. RSVP to bbp@billprice.info and get a free sticker or button.