



Appleby Manor Memorial
Presbyterian Church
810 Main Street
Ford City, PA 16226

Crooked Creek
Presbyterian Church
136 Creek Church Road
Ford City, PA 16226

March 26, 2018

Dear Members,

The joint Pastor Nominating Committee would like to take this opportunity to inform you that we have identified a candidate for pastor of Appleby Manor and Crooked Creek churches. After an exhausting and challenging search, it's our belief that Marty Neal is a good fit for both churches. A strong family background in ministry has led Marty to where he is today.

On Saturday, April 14th, both churches will host a Meet and Greet in the Appleby Manor Social Room from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. It is our hope that you will take this opportunity to socialize with Marty. Light refreshments will be served.

Marty will be preaching at both church services on Sunday, April 15th. Crooked Creek service begins at 9:15 a.m. and the Appleby Manor Service begins at 11:00 a.m. Following each service, a brief Congregational Meeting will be held to vote on accepting him as our pastor. His call will include residing in the Manse.

The following is a brief biography prepared by Marty.

I was born on October 16 in Indiana, PA. I lived in the Creekside area and attended Marion Center High School. I grew up in a small country church that was one of six churches in the northern Indiana County ministerium. I attended Indiana University of PA where I earned an ROTC Scholarship and graduated in Dec. 1981. I served 10 years in the Army as an Infantry Officer at Ft. Hood, TX, Ft. Benning, GA, and Ft. Bliss, TX. After a brief attempt at working in personal finance in El Paso, TX, I returned to PA and took up residence in DuBois, PA in 1993. I worked in commercial and then home construction. Since college, God was a very low priority in my life. When home construction opportunities dried up in 2000 I started working for the Wal-Mart distribution in Woodland, PA near Clearfield along I-80. It was during this time I began to explore what Jesus meant when he said to deny myself and what it meant to take up my cross. I entered Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in July 2014. I completed all academic requirements in November 2017 and will graduate from PTS on June 1, 2018. I am currently living 7 miles east of Elderton on Copper Valley Rd. with my parents until I complete my search for a call.

Once confirmed, Marty's spiritual journey will continue. He will need to be ordained as a Presbyterian Minister and installed at our churches.

It's our hope that you will visit with him on Saturday April 14th and attend the worship service on Sunday, April 15th.

We pray that you will concur with our choice as we strive to bring a full-time pastor to our churches.

Sincerely,

Your Pastor Nominating Committee