

## **CALLED COUNCIL MEETING AND INTERIM SENIOR PASTOR ANNOUNCEMENT**

Church council will meet in a special (called) meeting on Sunday, September 8, at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary for the purpose of calling Christy Dowdy to the position of Interim Senior Pastor. The Executive Committee is pleased to unanimously recommend her as our Interim Senior Pastor, beginning October 1. This recommendation was affirmed by the Board of Administration on August 22.

## **RESUME FOR CHRISTY DOWDY**

Christy Dowdy has been a pastor in the Church of the Brethren for the past 28 years. She served as co-pastor with her husband, Dale, for 9 years at the Antelope Park CoB in Lincoln, NE, followed by 16 years at Stone Church in Huntingdon, PA. In July 2016 Christy became the senior pastor at Stone Church, serving for 2 more years while Dale accepted an interim ministry position at Roaring Spring CoB. Christy most recently completed a part-time, 15-month interim pastorate with the Arlington CoB in Arlington, VA. Christy and Dale moved to the Shenandoah Valley in August 2017. She is a 1976 graduate of McPherson College (KS), has a Master's Degree in Master Teaching from Emporia University (1984), and received an MDiv degree in 1989 from Bethany Theological Seminary. Christy calls McPherson, KS, her hometown, being reared in the Presbyterian Church. Following her graduation she taught first- and second-graders for 9 years in schools in Quinter, KS; Emporia, KS; and Greeley, CO.

A meaningful part of Christy's life in PA included study to become a spiritual director with Oasis Ministries. As the parents of 3 young adults who live in various parts of the country (including her eldest, Mark Dowdy, a member of our congregation), she and Dale enjoy exploring the area, reading, music, traveling, and connecting with friends and family.