

Meet Kathy Jaderholm, Our New Children's Pastor



The people of Wabash Friends Church place a high value on the spiritual development and care of our children, youth and young families. We have invested our time, talent and treasure to insure they know and love Jesus Christ. Wabash Friends Church values children and their families so much that we have gathered our resources to build a new children and youth facility. We have put that same kind of time and energy into our search for a new children's pastor.

Kathy Jaderholm (on the Right with family), L-R: Husband Kurt, Daughters Abby & Megan, son-in-law Steve, & Kathy

We conducted an online nation-wide search for a children's pastor. With almost fifty applicants, Kathy Jaderholm was clearly the person we were looking for.

Kathy will be joining our staff January 11th. Kathy has a holistic approach to children's ministry, encompassing both the children and the parents. Kathy and our staff believe parents are the primary spiritual developers of their children. One of our jobs as a church is to partner with families to train, equip and inspire parents to spiritually develop their children with confidence and success.

The Jaderholms will be moving from Wheaton Illinois. They were anticipating a relocation to the Ft. Wayne area to be near Kathy's extended family when the WFC position opened. Kathy's husband, Kurt, received a job with Fifth/Third securities in Ft. Wayne. Kathy and Kurt have two daughters Megan and Abby. Megan is married to Steve Reynolds. They are both P.E. teachers and coaches in the Chicago area. Abby is a junior at Taylor University where she is studying elementary education. Both Kathy and Kurt are Taylor University grads themselves. Go Trojans!

We are excited about Kathy joining our staff and the leadership and vision she will provide as we transition to our next phase of ministry. Kathy and Kurt thank everyone for how they have been warmly welcomed and embraced. They have loved our hospitality and look forward to joining our family. Please continue to warmly welcome them. Introduce yourselves. Invite them over for dinner. Make yourselves available to serve beside Kathy in children's ministry. We are blessed and fortunate to have them call Wabash Friends Church their new home. Welcome Jaderholms!

Building Fund Gifted \$500,000- PRAISE THE LORD

As many of you may know, an anonymous donor has pledged a gift of \$500,000 to our building fund. Our challenge is for our entire congregation to raise, either by actual money-gifts or written pledges (over 5 years) about \$720,000(as of the writing of this article). This is the difference between the projected amount to finish the first phase of the project, including equipment for the new area, and the \$500,000 anonymous gift.

When we have the money and good, written pledges on hand, the \$500,000 will be given. A gift of \$50,000 will be given to the Maintenance Endowment, which will help with the costs of maintaining the building.

The written pledges could also be used to borrow the difference so we can begin in January, if needed. The longer we wait to continue building the greater the chances of rising material costs and interest rates. So far, 13 families have pledged \$2200 per month for 5 years. If we had to borrow \$720,000, this would create payments of \$14,000 per month. We would like to start the



rest of the building the first of the year with the hopes of completing it in November, 2010. The more money received up front will reduce the monthly commitments to a loan.

In the next month or so members of the capital campaign committee will be contacting you to see how God leads you to be involved. Or you may want to contact them yourselves. They are working on a form for a written commitment.



By the Grace of God can we pray and pull together to make this happen?!!!!!!

Thanks for your faithful giving to our daily operating needs, to our missions, to the

benevolent fund, to the building fund, and to our endowment funds. May God richly bless you this coming year.

The Committee met with the contractor Kevin Steury to set the course for 2010.

- First full week of January the framing crew will finish the firewall
- Plumbers, electricians, heating and cooling people ready to begin mid to late January. Asked them to keep the mechanical rough in to around \$150-000 to \$200,000 before we move any farther. This is to give time to have written pledges and/or money on hand to move ahead. If we reach our goal of written pledges and/or money on hand, we can borrow if needed to keep the building moving forward
- If work moves ahead without any interruptions, the building would be completed somewhere around Labor Day, 2010. YES!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Presently, a bill for \$141, 429.46 is due in January. We have \$244,272.80 on hand as of December 15, 2009. Praise the Lord.