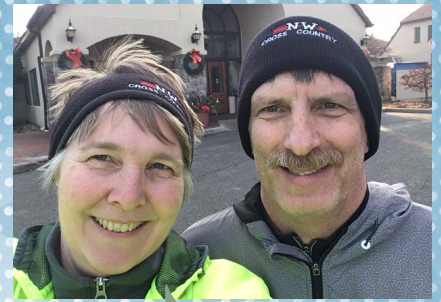


Big changes in 2018...

When we chose the word “run” for 2018, we might have underestimated the challenges God would give us! It’s all been good, but at the end of the year we feel like “running on empty” might be a better way to describe us. It’s been a crazy good year, but even good stress is stress. Jeff started the year being a full-time professor at Bethel College and part-time pastor at a small but active United Methodist Church in Granger; in July, he reversed roles and is now a full-time pastor at Plymouth Trinity UMC and part-time professor at Bethel. We sold our house in Wakarusa over the summer and moved into the parsonage next to the church in Plymouth. Cathy’s really embraced the mid-century modern era of the house and has enjoyed changing her style of decorating. Jeff’s embraced the huge basement and not having to pick up walnuts in the fall.

When we talked to our District Superintendent about going full time in ministry at the end of 2018, we had no idea we’d end up at a church as large as Trinity—or at the church Jeff worked at part-time when we first moved to Indiana. Before leaving full-time teaching, Jeff fulfilled his dream of handing Will his Bethel diploma. Cathy taught two college writing classes at Bethel in the spring and three this fall. She also preached two Sundays a month this spring at a small United Methodist Church without a pastor. All this left little time to invest at Trinity, so in the spring of 2019 she’s taking a break from teaching to focus on ministry and getting to know the Plymouth community. We managed to get away a few times to enjoy hiking and relaxing at Pokagon State Park. We’re adjusting to our new stage of life as true empty-nesters and are incredibly proud of our sons as they strike out on their own!



TJ & Will

In May, TJ finished his second year teaching math at Brownsburg East Middle School, and Will graduated from Bethel College with degrees in Economics & Finance and Business Administration. During the spring they began talking about making a move south. They moved to Austin, TX this fall and are sharing a house with two friends from high school and one of the friend’s wife (very millennial). TJ decided to try a different job with the move and is working as a software trainer for Reynolds & Reynolds. He’s based in Austin, but travels most weeks to high-end car dealerships around the country. He’s racking up hotel points and airline miles pretty quickly. After helping us move to Plymouth and taking a trip to Europe in August, Will started looking for a job in Austin. He’s working for Accenture looking at expenditures at a social media company. He’s enjoying the perk of having free food there! They’ve been doing a lot of hiking around Austin on weekends—and we look forward to visiting them in 2019.



At Will's graduation from Bethel College

