

May 1, 2023

Dear church family,

As I think about Lent and Easter and all the joyful worship services we have shared together recently, I am so thankful to be here with you. We have many more joyful services ahead as we go into May. We will be delving into the work of the Spirit this month, especially when we celebrate Pentecost on May 28 (feel free to wear RED). Our confirmation class will be graduating into membership on the 7th, another cause for joy. Each service will have something special to offer, so please come and see what God is doing!

The self-studies are beginning to be tabulated (final self-studies accepted through Sunday, April 30) and the nominating committee will be creating a slate of names for the pastor nominating committee (PNC) which will then be presented to the congregation for a vote. We are on schedule for a new pastor to be installed next year in the fall, or maybe even sooner. Please be praying for that person and pray that God brings us together.

Speaking of prayer, if you're a church member and you haven't already done this, you may want to join the prayer chain, which circulates whenever there are prayer concerns within our congregation. Contact Rev. Terri to be added to the prayer chain list. You will be blessed as you lift others up in prayer.

May is our last month of Sunday School before we take a break for the summer starting in June. Worship will remain at 10:15am for the time being, but as we continue to grow, we will continue to discern the option of adding back another service.

Please reach out to friends and family members who have drifted away from church worship services and invite them to come back. There are also Bible studies, book studies, women's circles, and other activities for people who need encouragement in their faith. Find a group and join in! God is working in so many ways through our small groups.

If you feel drawn to do acts of service, check out the bulletin and the newsletter for ways to serve our church or our community. We have an abundance of opportunities to consider. Don't hesitate to reach out to me if you want to volunteer and need help to connect. I'll be happy to help you find your way.

You can also reach out to me with any concerns, questions, struggles, or problems you may have. I'm here if you need a listening ear, a shoulder to cry on, a prayer, or someone to bounce ideas around together. I'm always happy to spend time with you!

In Christ,

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