

Pastor's Note July 2024

Dear friends,

As we swing into full summertime, I know that many of you will be traveling and spending more time with family. As you do, please remember your church family, and participate in services, classes and activities as much as you are able. Please also remember to be faithful in your giving through the summer months so we can keep up with our mission projects and youth events, among other things.

We have the mid high mission trip to Asheville this month, which gives our children the opportunity to reach out to those in need and grow in their faith. We will commission the participants on Sunday, July 7, during worship. We will also complete our peace post project this month and have a celebration with St. James Presbyterian Church, who shares our cemetery. Many people have been involved in the process and there is another chance to help as we dig the holes and set the four peace posts on Saturday, July 6, at 9am. Hope you can join us! (The posts will be in the sanctuary this coming Sunday so everyone can see them before they are planted.) The celebration day is Sunday, July 14. Keep an eye out for more details coming soon.

This church has continued to thrive throughout our time of transition, with new members joining, programs and classes going strong, and our community of faith here being uplifted by music and mission. I have enjoyed being your pastor, even as I know our time together will be concluding within the next several months, whenever the PNC finds the next pastor. I urge you to keep the PNC in your prayers, and pray for our church and for the next pastor to be a good fit, to challenge, strengthen, and encourage one another into deeper faith and love for Jesus, as we do the work of God's kingdom. I know that God is even now preparing that partnership to come about. In the meantime, we will continue to update our policies and procedures manual so it will be in a completed state for the new pastor's arrival. Thank you so much for being engaged, participating in worship and meetings, volunteering and donating to mission and ministries, and welcoming new members and visitors with the love of God. All of this matters.

Please reach out to me if you need to talk, pray, consult, or have a conversation. I'm here for you at any time, and I'd love to meet up.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tricia L. Petrucci". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the "In Christ," text.

Rev. Tricia