

Pastor's Report to Council July 2022

As I return from a brief vacation, my report is brief and focused this month.

I. Upcoming Activities

July 17, 9am at First, Rev. Kevin preaching
July 23, 2pm (tbc) Family graveside memorial service for Denise Rotival Huffman
July 24, 9am at First, Rev. Kevin preaching
July 31, 9am at First, Rev. Sue preaching

August 7, 9am at East, Rev. Kevin preaching
August 14, 9am at East, Rev. Debbie preaching
August 16, September/October Newsletter articles due
August 21, 9am at East, Rev. Kevin preaching
August 28, 9am at East, Rev. Sue preaching

September 4, 9am Labor Day weekend, worship at East Rev. Sue preaching
September 11, 10am Home Coming, worship at First

October 1, Bond/Boies Wedding
October 8, 10am Animal Blessing
October 23, time?? Installation/Celebration of all who make ministry happen

My vacation schedule:

Aug 22 – Sept 1, Oct 24 – Oct 31.

II. Staffing

Lisa is in the office Mondays and Wednesdays.

It is taking more time to help her learn our processes and technologies. This has been complicated by the Union services as some worship details have come in through email, several items required more hands on for Lisa to complete, and several last-minute changes hit at a time when we were trying to finish the newsletter. I will work more closely with Lisa over the next two weeks to smooth out our processes. We will work with East to identify special content and get the content for the 31st early in the process, especially if it will not be directly entered into our Worship Planning Google Drive.

Maria has agreed to stay on as Music Director. We are grateful to the Trustees' fast action to address her concerns and work together to retain her. Importantly, our new agreement will run through June of next year and clearly articulates that we are not looking to her to organize a choir. We will encourage people who are already singing together to continue to do so, but will not use her limited time to plan, rehearse or organize choir. She is willing to continue; and is also flexible and willing to step down should someone emerge with the right gifts and calling.

Heather is continuing to learn the resources we have and Debby Kirk and Paula Wilmot have been helping her become more grounded. The focus for the Summer is for Heather to plan the program at least through Christmas, and ideally for the academic year.

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III. Questions to Ponder

- 1) In your mind why are we holding the installation service? What will be different, how might we be changed because of it?
- 2) Regarding restructuring, are you wanting to be more engaged in the design? Waiting to see what the restructuring team comes up with? Desiring more direction from the pastor? Wanting it to be over? All of these? some of these? Wanting something else?