

Pastor's Report to Session
Kent Winters-Hazelton
March 16, 2022

- 1) Pastor Emerita: Cynthia Campbell has indicated she would be honored to named Pastor Emerita. This is an honorary position which carries no responsibility or compensation.
While the new *Book of Order* does not speak to this position, the previous edition directed congregations to inform the Committee on Ministry in their presbytery of the church's desire for this distinction. This has been done. We will recognize and honor Cynthia at a later date. A plaque will be prepared, similar to the one attached to the portrait of Jim Chatham, in the Fellowship Hall.
- 2) Megan and I met with the COM Task Force (with Joel Weibel) on February 24. We discussed the status of the congregation, shared the sense of the session regarding further actions with COM or the Task Force in discussion with members of the church, and our questions about next steps. The Task Force is committed to working with the congregation, session and pastors in through this time of transition and restoration from the period of post-resignation.
- 3) Charles Brockwell shared with the COM that the service on March 6 was very healing for the congregation.
- 4) Megan and I met with Joe Phelps and Erin Mires on March 3, to discuss the status of the congregation and their ideas about next steps. Erin proposed that she and Joe put together a proposal for next steps in the healing/grieving conversation, and bring it to the session.
- 5) At the staff meeting on February 22, every member of the staff was present in person. We had a few meetings with everyone present in the summer and fall. This was the first time since mid-November that we have had everyone on board.
- 6) Amy Fitzgerald reported that the Weekday School has full enrollment for the fall.
- 7) Included in the session packet is the proposed Policy of Conflict of Interest, which was brought to the presbytery at the February 25. While the session does not take action on the proposed policy, it may be helpful to see the direction the presbytery is heading. The result of the policy would be that members of COM who are part of the community at Highland (clergy and elders) recuse themselves when a discussion of their home congregation is on the agenda of the COM. The vote was postponed until the May meeting of presbytery.
- 8) On the white board will be the committees and task forces of the session. Please take a moment to list your preferences for committee assignments. Rank your preference. The new elders have done this at officers' training. Megan and I will be in touch as we try to mix and match.
- 9) I will be on vacation March 18 to 24.

Pastoral Activities:

- 1) Presided at and preached for the Ash Wednesday service.
- 2) Facilitated weekly staff meetings, and the pastoral/worship staff.
- 3) Participated in meetings with John Odom and Bill Williamson; the COM Task Force (including Joel Weibel and Megan; and with Joe Phelps and Erin Mires.
- 4) One meeting with Cynthia Campbell
- 5) Attended Worship and Spiritual Life, Finance, Stewardship, Earth Care, Reopening Task Force, and personnel committees.
- 6) One meeting to coordinate Easter worship and programming (Vini, Michael, Rhonda, Megan)
- 7) Regular attendance at the Feasting on the Word adult education class.
- 8) Attended the Cabbage Patch annual breakfast fundraiser.
- 9) Attended the two-day meeting of the Presbytery Mid-Kentucky, in Bowling Green.
- 10) Co-Led two sessions of Officers' Training.
- 11) One meeting with my pastoral supervisor.
- 12) Spend one week working from home in Lawrence, Kansas, Feb. 14-21.
- 13) 29 pastoral contacts.