

Pastor's Report to Session
June 15, 2022

Conclusion of Transitional Pastor's Contract

The Transitional Pastor contract with HPC concludes on August 31, 2022. I do not intend to renew the contract. Generally speaking, based in experienced wisdom, an interim/transitional minister does not stay beyond that 24-month period. The contract may be extended for six weeks to cover the time of Megan's maternity leave.

Mid-Kentucky Presbytery/COM Meeting

On June 8, a meeting was called together and facilitated by Joel Weibel, bringing together the MKP staff, COM leadership, Craig Siegenthaler, Cynthia Welch, Megan McCarty and myself. The purpose of the meeting included discussion of the next phrase of the transitional ministry at Highland. This included discussion of the ending of the TP/HOS contract. There were no formal decisions or actions taken or proposed at the meeting, but we set as a target date for my departure on August 31, with the possible extension to Oct. 15, which would be a hard exit date.

The group also explored options for the replacement of the TP/HOS to service the congregation until the new Pastor / Head Of Staff arrives. More information on this discussion will be shared at the meeting.

COM Visitation Group

We welcome to the Session members of the COM Task Force (or Visitation Group) who have been and will continue to be part of the MKP support network for HPC as it continues through this time of transition. Many of us have already met Bill Williamson and Kathryn Trentham, and Marissa Galvan-Valle may be joining us online. I encouraged their participation in part to help restore the relationship between the COM and the leadership at Highland, and to relieve some of the wear and tear on Joel. Joel will continue to serve as the COM Liaison. Joel is attending the Montreat Youth Conference this week.

Meeting of the Presbytery

Mid-Kentucky Presbytery met on May 23 at the Presbyterian Center. We were the first group to meet in the newly rehabbed conference room which is being prepared for the committees of the General Assembly, that will begin their service this weekend.

The Presbytery overwhelmingly approved the proposed policy regarding conflict of interest for the committees of Presbytery.

Electric Vehicle Charger

The new EV charger is up and running. (Rumor has it that Megan was its first user.) The church received the grant from MKP set aside for churches who installed chargers on their property. The check was for \$3,000. We are thankful to Steve Makala, who serves as the chair of the finance committee of the MKP, who made the suggestion that the presbytery move in this direction.

Home Visit

I will spend a week at my home in Lawrence, July 26 – August 1.

Vacation / Time Off Schedule:

Kathleen: 6/13-17; 12/19-12/23

Joy: 6/17, 20

Rhonda: 6/20-6/26; 8/1-8/6
Vini: 6/26-7/2; 7/7-7/15; 7/18-/22
Rob: 7/1-7/8; 9/11-9/17
Ben: 7/2-8
Kent: 7/25-8/1
Megan: 7/1-9/24 (Maternity leave)

For the Record

1. Co-Officiated sacrament of Communion, June 5.
2. Facilitated weekly staff meetings.
3. Follow up meetings regarding the parents' small groups, with Michael Harper, Rhonda Hibdon and Joe Phelps.
4. Attended the meeting of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery, May 23.
5. Attended meeting with presbytery staff, COM leadership, church leadership and pastors, June 8. In preparation and coordination for this meeting, I had two meetings with Joel Weibel, and one with Bill Williamson and Jerry Van Marter.
6. Supervisory meetings with Rob Miller, Vini Frizzo, Rhonda Higdon, Wayne McAlister, and Megan McCarty.
7. Planning meeting with Melissa Worthey in preparation for her service beginning in July.
8. Attended Finance, Property, WSL, Earth Care committee meetings.
9. Attended Men's Pub night.
10. Took three-day trip to Lawrence for doctor's appointment and wedding anniversary.
11. Twelve pastoral contacts.