

FEBRUARY 2024 INTERIM TRANSITION TEAM UPDATE

Our search team has been busy reviewing candidate profiles. Two initial interviews have been conducted and two meetings have been held to evaluate strengths, weaknesses and general impressions. An initial conversation with a third candidate has been completed.

"Let's Talk" sessions were held in November, December and January. They have been very helpful in directing interested members in developing a sense of who we are and where we might want to be as a church in the coming years. However, attendance and interest have been dwindling.

Ongoing activities will focus on conducting follow-up interviews to evaluate candidates more thoroughly, exploring additional possibilities with the NH Conference and using other tools to move the process along. Gordon Rankin, our Conference minister will be with us Sunday, April 7th to lead worship and an all church gathering after coffee hour. Mark your calendars.

S o.o.o.o. HOW ARE YOU FEELING?

The team has been sensing a feeling of "unease" in the congregation. Finding an interim pastor is a *slow* process. Candidates interview us as much as we interview them and we have learned that we still need to provide more answers – which is where you come in. We need more feedback – specifically:

What's bugging you – good or bad

What issues do you think need to be resolved – how?

Does our current worship format work for you – how and why?

A "suggestion box" will be placed outside the office for you to drop off your comments, or feel free to contact a council member, a team member (Deb Boyer, Sue Gontarz, Steve Majeski) or just chat with a fellow congregant/friend, perhaps at coffee hour...whatever works. If you know someone who has not come back after Covid, ask why. Listen to what they have to say and if it is important, write it down and put it in the suggestion box. YOU make a difference.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to discern where we need to be going.

Peace

Carol Stewart

Council Chair