

Council Report

Council has been meeting at least twice each month to discuss and plan for our transition and will continue these more frequent meetings as needed. As you can read below, our church family is stepping up to support our efforts as you always do. Thanks to all of you who regularly help out, say yes, and share your time and talents to support us.

We have voted to search for an interim to provide pastoral leadership for our congregation and to help us re-examine our programs and operations. We've appointed a transition team to lead our search for an interim: Lynne Evans, Alice Goertz, Joan Moyer, Randy Parker, and Vince Snowbarger.

Lynne Evans is helping in our church office as we look for our new administrative assistant.

We will welcome a new AmeriCorps team in January as they continue to work on our Ridgway Habitat for Humanity project. They'll again be living in our trailer and will remain onsite into April. They'll also be helping with our snow shoveling this winter.

For worship, we'll be moving to monthly communion on the first Sunday of each month. Pastor Pam's last Sunday will be January 3. On January 10, Rev. Wendy Kidd will be preaching; Rev. Carol Layton will join us on January 17; and Rev. Dr. Mike Motsko on January 24.

Rob Datsko has resigned as our worship chair. Many thanks to him for such responsive leadership as we moved to outdoor worship this summer, back inside this fall, and continued our online services.

Fred Quist has been reappointed as our finance chair. He's continuing to schedule our money counters each week and make bank deposits. He can always use more help especially during the winter months.

If the need to cancel our Sunday in-person service should arise, we'll let you know through a special Newslink on Saturday.

We'll be continuing with Zoom for our online meetings, social gatherings, and education activities. Starting in January, you'll need to have the link, meeting ID, and password to enter the meeting. We'll publish these in Newslink each week. Please contact Jen Parker or Carolyn Snowbarger if you need to schedule a meeting.

We wish Pastor Pam and Ken God's blessings as they transition to retirement, and peace to each of you during this unusual holiday season.

Carolyn Snowbarger, Council Chair