

## Council Report

Thank you! So many of you are stepping up to support our church during this transition. Every Sunday fills us with renewed hope that God is with us—even now, especially now.

We're living the fishes and loaves parable each week with enough volunteers to lead us in worship. We hope you're connecting with us either in person or online on Sundays. Our next guest preachers include Bob Larson (January 31), Harry Strong (February 7), and Carol Layton (February 14).

Council has had a very busy January with meetings on the 7th and 14th. We'll also meet on the 28th. Here are some of the actions we've taken.

- Dave Young shared that a new AmeriCorps team will be arriving on February 2 to work with Habitat for Humanity. Again we've offered our trailer to them. Jen Parker and her committee will have a welcoming pizza for them, too.
- Anita Posey, our administrative assistant, will be onboard on Tuesday, February 2. The church office will then be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM.
- Council has decided to cancel our Ash Wednesday service this year. We hope you can join us in a time of prayer on February 17.
- Dennis Eliason will be including our online audience along with those attending in person in our attendance counts each week.

Many things are happening behind the scenes, too. Please share your thanks with our many volunteers.

- **Fred Quist**, our financial secretary, has filled openings for our weekly offering counters.
- Our transition team (**Joan Moyer, Alice Goertz, Vince Snowbarger, Randy Parker, and Lynne Evans**) continues to discern, prioritize, and explore the possibilities for our interim pastor.
- **Jackie Berger** and **Lynne Evans** are keeping the office open and preparing our bulletins and Newslink weekly. **Barb Eliason** continues to create these monthly newsletters, too.
- **Mary Anderson** is filling in for Sue Stern as she recovers from surgery.
- Our bylaws committee has been working on a governing structure, and council will carefully review and consider their proposal in February. Thanks to **Vince Snowbarger, Charlie Scholpp,** and **Donna Whiskeman** for working so diligently.
- The nominating committee has unanimously recommended Pam Larson as our new worship ministry chair. Thanks to **Charlie Berger, Alice Goertz, Randy Parker, Kate Kellogg,** and **Donna Whiskeman** for filling this opening so quickly.

*Carolyn Snowbarger, Council Chair*