

President's Report to the Board:

Greetings –

It seems like we have had a month full of activities - and I, for one, am so glad we are now meeting in person – even for Sunday Services. This month started off with a bang as we opened the process in search of an Interim Minister to assist us in preparing for our next settled Minister. A huge thank you goes out to Brooke Gaunt and her team for their work on this. We do have a signed contract as of May 29th from the new Interim and will be making an official announcement - I am hoping - at Sunday Services on June 13th. Brooke is putting together a bit of background on the Interim to be sent to the entire congregation that same weekend.

Next, we had a highly successful Retirement Party judging from the comments received from Terry and his family as well our members. And once again a huge thank you to all those who participated in this event. Terry has given us his last sermon from the pulpit - which was amazing and as usual inspirational. And is now packing his office to go. While the rest of us wait for the next chapter.

Our new coffee brewer is installed and has already been tried. We also cleaned up and painted the area around it to freshen things up a bit. Thanks go to David, Frank, and Steve for the work done. The Board has finally inherited a four-drawer file for our use to be relocated to Kathryn's office for our official paperwork, minutes from board meetings, minutes from committee meetings where decisions made effect the congregation, and hopefully room so the treasurer can file some of her work. Anyone eager to help move furniture?

We are still working on replacing the light fixture in the women's bathroom and building the frame for the banner we purchased that will go up out front. We have had good reception on the Feather Flags that we have at front for Services. We are trying to stir up activity around the church to discourage our night visitors that so far have not damaged anything, but they certainly have created chaos. The last group moved all the medium to large rocks out of our landscape area and into the parking strips. Fortunately, our cameras are beginning to pay off. We have actual pictures of the culprits, that we turned into the Surprise Police, and they have started doing night patrol in the area and around our property in an attempt to catch these guys (And yes, they are guys – 2 of them)

Next on the list of activities was the kickoff of the "Welcome Back Project" painting the church and refinishing the front doors. With out an open advertisement until this last weekend -we have collected over \$5,000. We will need \$12000+ to do the project and hopefully we can collect that so we can finish the project by September 1 when the Church Season begins. IF you have not contributed – please think of this as your Auction expenditure since we will probably not be holding one this year.

And one last idea that came up while we were preparing for the party – there was a suggestion that we have a "clean up day" for the Church in the Fall as the weather cools down. The entire congregation could sign up to help and we would have tasks assigned both inside and out. We would serve Pizza and drinks - and when we were finished the inside would match the newly painted outside.

A reminder that Kathryn's work hours are 9 – 1 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until the first of September when they will go to Monday through Friday 9-1. If you have meetings – please, try to use the Church to have activity around it during the day. We want to discourage trespassers and having the building continue to stand empty after Covid is an invitation to unwanted visitors. Thank you all for a good month.

Yours in faith, Friendship, and genuine appreciation for all you do
Sherry

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