

Transition Committee Report for May

The Interim Pastor Search Committee is meeting regularly assisted by Sandra Hedrick, the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery. They expect to have the Interim Pastor approved by the Session and on board in July.

There will be a gap between Steve's last Sunday on June 9 and the arrival of the Interim Pastor. Bill Hoff will be the acting Senior Pastor during that period as he was when Steve was on sabbatical several years ago. Bill and Carol will fulfill the preaching responsibilities along with invited guest preachers. We will be going on the summer schedule of one service each Sunday at 10 am beginning Memorial Day weekend.

Jack Higson and Cheryle Busack expect to continue in their current capacities until at least the fall.

The Nominating Committee is continuing its work to select the candidates for the Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC). They hope to complete the slate to be elected by the Congregation by mid-May.

One of Steve's major interests in completing his tenure with us is to finish the Welker Memory garden. Jane Miller and Marilyn Noon are working with him and landscape companies to plan the improvements and complete as many as possible by the time Steve leaves. It is his hope to make this a more beautiful and comforting space for families who choose to inter their loved ones' ashes there as well as the entire congregation.

The all-church celebration will be on April 28 following worship. Members whose last names begin with A-L are asked to bring a side of salad and those with M-Z please bring a dessert. There will be many games and activities for the children and good fellowship for everyone.

The second celebration will be at the home of Susan and Bruce Smathers on Friday May 31 at 6:30 pm. Child care will be available at the church. Guests are asked to bring a dessert along with beer or wine. There will be a program honoring Steve and Anita.

Please expect to receive a letter from the Session in the near future concerning a gift to honor and thank Steve for his 14 years of dedicated service to Riverside.

Please feel free to contact anyone on the Transition Committee with concerns or questions. The members are Mary Coxe, Chair, Rebecca Creed, Mark Harbison, Bill Hoff, Ron Roberts, John Sapora and Mary Spuhler.