Covenant Presbyterian Church

Learning God's Love, Living God's Love

July 5, 2023

Dear Covenant Members and friends,

It is with great pleasure that the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC), in conjunction with the Children's & Youth Ministries Coordinator (CYMC) Search Committee, introduces the Rev. Megan Berry of Ann Arbor, Michigan, our candidate for Associate Pastor for Children, Youth, & Families. Megan's biography is enclosed; terms of call will be presented at the meeting.

We selected Megan unanimously after an extensive search process. We were impressed with her keen desire to nurture the faith of children and youth and to foster strong connections among these young people and their families with the Covenant community. We also admired her commitment to building young people's hearts for mission. Megan relates easily to kids of all ages and backgrounds. We are confident that she will bring new energy and vitality to our programs for children, youth, and families.

Megan will be preaching and leading worship on Sunday, July 16, 2023. The service will be followed by a congregational meeting called for the purpose of calling Reverend Megan Berry to serve as Associate Pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church. The John Knox Presbytery Committee on Ministry (COM) has already examined her and she is welcome to serve Covenant and become a member of our Presbytery.

A reception, co-hosted by the APNC, the CYMC Search Committee, and the Deacons, will be held in Bradfield Hall immediately following Sunday's congregational meeting. The APNC will continue its efforts to locate a second associate pastor who could address congregational needs related to mission, spiritual growth, and care. This follows Session's recent adoption of the revised, "two-AP" model (see the June 30 *Connections*).

We hope you will join us for this very special Sunday at Covenant. It has been our pleasure to serve the congregation as the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and Children's & Youth Ministries Coordinator Search Committee. We highly recommend your affirmative vote at the congregational meeting.

Peace and blessings,

Your Associate Pastor Nominating Committee: Brad Brown (Co-Chair), Betsy Erickson, Bret Larget, Brenda Moten (Co-Chair), Carrie Sanders, T.J. Sargent, and Jenny Von Bergen

Your Children's & Youth Ministries Coordinator Search Committee: Brad Brown (Co-Chair), Grady Brown, Haila Conley, Arlene Kennedy, Sally Lorenz (Co-Chair), Ann Signor, and Steve Whayland