

## Pastor's Report for Administrative Council - March 2025

### PROGRESS REPORT ON ANNUAL GOALS

#### Goal #1 - Policies and Procedures

- Presenting a draft Staff Handbook this month, will formally approve next month
  - Council should use the month to read the Handbook, note questions and issues
- Voting on Staff Policies presented in March

#### Goal #2 - Outreach Team

- No action taken

#### Goal #3 - Parsonage

- Nancy Thompson taking point on getting bids. Contractors have walked through.

+++

### DISCUSSION

- Staff handbook

### ACTION

- Vote on policies presented last month
- Evaluation

### OTHER REPORTING

- Maplewood hosted a meeting of the interfaith LGBT Faith Alliance March 24
  - Rona Chandler is MUMC's point person in this group
- I attended the "Beyond" conference hosted at the Gathering, February 24-25
  - Theme was doing ministry in the current social-political climate
- Freedom School Team met March 3 - plans are in process
  - First payment has been submitted to LifeWise
- Average Worship Attendance to date - In person = 69 / Online = 28 / Total = 97
- Small group ministry updates
  - Added a Sunday Morning adult class - "Beloved Community"
  - Short term book study led by Jan Harsh and Suzanne Thompson
  - Two Sermon Reflection groups for Lent - In person Wednesday and Online Thursday
  - Tracking attendance in office via Chrchtrac
- I have applied to New Brunswick Theological Seminary
  - Doctor of Ministry in Transformational Preaching
  - 100% Online, 3 years if I go full time