

# AUGUST 2018

# Newsletter

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## *From the Pastor...*

Here are a few updates on our Pastoral Transition Period.

At the Presbytery/Committee on Ministry level – they approved our Mission Study; have waived the traditional requirement for the current pastor to have left before a search can begin; and given approval to begin the search process for a Transitional Pastor. They will be conducting an exit interview with Karen and me on August 9<sup>th</sup>; and I will be granted the status of “honorably retired” at the Presbytery Meeting at the Lakeside Presbyterian Church in West Palm Beach on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Presbytery/COM will provide coverage for the pulpit upon my leaving on September 9<sup>th</sup>, with the Rev. Diane Shoaf, Region 3 Coordinator preaching one Sunday; and the Rev. Daris Bultena, the Presbytery Executive preaching another Sunday. Following that, the Presbytery and our Session will be arranging for a Bridge Pastor for the months during which the search for a Transitional Pastor is occurring.

At the Church/Session level – this past Sunday the congregation elected Robert Cintron as a member of the Church’s Nominating Committee, joining Ed and Linda Cunningham, Bill Miller, and Beverly Morris. The Church’s nominating Committee will be recommending people to the Session, to join those appointed by the Session, to serve as the Transitional Pastor Search Committee.

It will be the responsibility of the Transitional Pastor Search Committee to take the work done in the Mission Study, use it and a Ministry Information Form (basically, a job description for the next Pastor) they will write, in order to conduct a search for a Transitional Pastor. The Transitional Pastor would serve a year at a time, while a search for a Permanently Installed

Pastor is conducted. As has been said before, Transitional Pastors can now succeed themselves to the Permanently Installed position provided that a full search is conducted; they have served two years; received a Call from the Congregation; and are approved by a three-quarters majority vote of Presbytery. This means the work of the Transitional Pastor Search Committee is very important.

Here’s what PCPC needs from you. Please continue to pray for the church during this transitional process. Please continue to remain active and engaged in the life and ministry of the church. Please continue to support the church financially in this time. Please make it known to the Church’s Nominating Committee members if you have interest in serving on the Transitional Pastor Search Committee. Please READ the Mission Study prepared by the Session with the help of others. It is an excellent document, and you will be receiving it as an attachment to an email you will receive from me this week. It is well worth the read.

Finally, I would ask you to continue to keep Karen and me in your prayers at this time. After 35 years of ordained ministry, and another six years prior to that as a youth leader, seminary intern, and part-time interim supply, this is a huge transition for us as well. We appreciate all your love and support and offers of help. Thank you to those of you who provided us with “Starfish” our cargo trailer to help us move.

God bless,

Larry

# Welcome to the August Newsletter—abbreviated!

Although we didn't have an entire newsletter-worth of information to share with you this month, we didn't want to miss out on the opportunity to connect with our friends and members of Peace Covenant. So please enjoy this "abbreviated" newsletter for the month of August—there are still some great things going on that you'll want to be a part of! Happy August!



## Service Time

Please remember that through Sunday, August 26 the morning worship service will begin at 10 am instead of 11 am. We will resume our normal schedule on September 2, with Adult Sunday School at 10 am and Worship at 11 am.

## Mid-Year Contribution Statements

Contribution statements detailing amounts given through June 30, 2018 were sent out (either via email or mail) in early July. If you did not receive your contribution statement and would like one sent to you, please contact the church office.



## The Community in Prayer

Please keep the following in your prayers:

**Church Family:** We pray for our Session; John Lyon;

**Our Missionaries:** (see back cover for their e-mail addresses)

Rev. James and Jodi McGill – Niger

Rev. Dan and Elizabeth Turk – Madagascar

**Our Extended Church Family:** Maksim, Alfia, Amir, Kamila & Asel; Ray Howell; Les Steele (heart); Bill Miller's sister in law Sandy (pain management); Kim Engles (cancer); Joe Carr & Claude Ream's friend David Chiles (stroke); Joe Carr's nephew, Kevin Clark (heart surgery); Jacquie Greis's sister Monique (breast cancer); Daniella Ortueta (health concerns); Diana Jones' father, James Smith; Greg Jones' father, Bill, also Greg and Diana's granddaughter, Jessica (Sarcoidosis). Also, we pray for the churches and leaders of our presbytery, synod, and our denomination.

**Global Concerns:** Pray for peace and harmony for the world and its leaders.

**Local Concerns:** Our homeless people; the military personnel and their families; our city and county officials and citizens in the midst of change and challenge.

## Prayer List

In an effort to keep our prayer list as up-to-date as possible, please let us know when to add new names and concerns; and when it is appropriate to remove someone's name or concern.

## Peace Covenant Welcomes Missionaries Dan and Elizabeth Turk

During the weekend of July 20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> Peace Covenant welcomed Dan and Elizabeth Turk, their son Robert, daughter Frances, and friend Alefa to Key West, and to our church. Thanks to Doug Brown, Chair of our Mission Committee, the Turk family was graciously hosted at Doug's house on Flagler Avenue, where they immediately began to enjoy their stay. On Saturday, thanks to Mission Committee members Niels and Carol Ann Hubbell, the Turk family was treated to a morning of snorkeling on the reef. In the afternoon the family attended the annual Mango Fest, which, as it turned out is a cash crop that Dan is helping to introduce and cultivate in Madagascar. In fact, Dan is currently enrolled in an extension class through the University of Florida in Homestead, which is part of what brought them so close to KW.

During the morning service the Turks told us of the mission work they accomplish in Madagascar. It began with them leading the Children's moment highlighting the animated movie "Madagascar" and included an explanation of the need for fresh fruits and vegetables, clean water, education, and medical care for the children of Madagascar. The Turks then presented each child with a "Lemur" bookmark, and a picture card, asking them and their families to be in prayer for the people of Madagascar and our missionary work there.



Later, during the message, both Dan and Elizabeth described their separate missionary work in agriculture (Dan) and healthcare (Elizabeth) and talked about the work they do in bringing the Word of Christ to the people of Madagascar in partnership with the national church there.

Using a text from James 1:22 – “But be doers of the words, and not merely hearers...” they described the Gospel in action

Thanks to the graciousness of Randy and Libby McDonald, after the service, a large group of us went out to lunch together at Kennedy Cafe, where we could continue our conversation with the Turk family about their work, and about what comes next for them and for their family. Elizabeth presented more gifts of book marks, flowered stationery, and bags made by craftspeople in Madagascar to all of us following the luncheon.

Following their presentation, the Turks took a number of insightful questions from our congregation, many of them focused on how, specifically, we can do more to help support their work there; with the hope that our Mission Committee will be finding new ways in the coming year to work in partnership with them.

# August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			6:00 pm Choir Practice			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10 am Worship	1:00 PM Member Care Committee Meeting		6:00 pm Choir Practice			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10 am Worship			6:00 pm Choir Practice			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10 am Worship			6:00 pm Choir Practice			
26	27	28	29	30	31	
10 am Worship <i>2¢ a meal &amp; food collections</i>		5:30 pm Session Meeting	6:00 pm Choir Practice			



## Happy Birthday!



Happy Birthday to all those born in **August!**  
This list includes members and friends both near and far—we are all thinking of you on your special day!

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|----|------------------|----|-------------------|
| 4  | Mary Ciesinski   | 13 | Pat Borgens       |
| 6  | Joe Ordini       | 17 | Marika Smith      |
| 7  | David Sweeting   | 19 | Vicki Grant       |
| 8  | Ardel Price      | 22 | Lori Menendez     |
| 11 | Miguel Ontiveros | 27 | Jamie Kirkpatrick |
| 12 | Ray Howell       | 28 | Eleanor Ontiveros |
| 12 | Niels Hubbell    |    |                   |