

Good [morning]. I'm here to offer a brief update concerning our Pastoral transition - and to make a request, for your consideration:

First, you likely have - or will shortly - receive a mailing from our discernment committee, advising that we, as a congregation, are now moving into the next phase of our transition, the formation of a call committee. The letter and accompanying Q&A document provide detail around the committee's function and purpose - all of which is set forth by our constitution.

Now, I want to call attention to the membership of that committee...as our constitution further specifies, "A Call Committee of six voting members shall be elected by the Congregation Council." What does this mean? It means that for the next several weeks the church council will be focused on identifying those six individuals who will lead the process of calling our next Pastor.

Now, a request of each of you: If you know of a Messiah member you believe might be suited for this important task - or perhaps you yourself feel called to serve - please reach out to any of the 15 members of church council...their names will be listed in the monthly Messiah Memos, also soon to arrive in your mailbox. They can provide you with additional details and answer any questions. We welcome and appreciate your suggestions.

As we begin this next phase of our transition, we of course give thanks for Pastor Bridger, Pastor Krebill and the entire staff for all they continue to do. We ask for your continued prayers for them - and for our congregation - as we proceed with this important work.