



NOTES FROM PASTOR JIM, YOUR TRANSITION PASTOR – 6/10/18

In this column today and next Sunday, I will continue sharing some personal news, reflections about this time of transition we are in, and highlighting what is and will be happening in our congregational life during these days.

- Vicki and I **share your joy in Pastor Youngdahl's acceptance of the call** you have extended to him to serve this congregation as its next pastor. Next Sunday, June 17th, will be our last Sunday with you before we head for home in Boise on the morning of the 18th. Pastor Eric has indicated his starting date here at HOP will be July 1. Pastor Beth Marie Halvorson, Pastoral Consultant to House of Prayer during this time of transition, will lead worship here on June 24th. We will be arranging for a pastor to be on call should you need pastoral assistance between the 18th and July 1.
- **I will be meeting with Pastor Eric this week** to do a kind of "hand-off" as he prepares to come among you as pastor. I will share with him my perspective on where House of Prayer's ministry is at this time. The idea is to have as smooth a transition as possible. If there is anything in particular any of you would like me to share with him, please let me know via email, a text, or a phone call.
- You may be "out of sight" come the afternoon of June 18, **but you will not be out of mind**. I will have you in my thoughts and prayers as you venture out with your new pastor to continue participating in God's mission. I will be asking Eli, our office secretary, to keep me on the mailing list for the monthly MESSENGER and at least for a while to send me an electronic copy of the Sunday worship folder (it has lots of ministry news each week). I will also be asking Nina to keep me on the prayer chain. You have much to look forward to in coming weeks and months as God continues to do God's work in and through the gifts and talents you share.
- We have **one last Thursday morning Bible study this week** as we then take a break until sometime after July 1. It will up to Pastor Eric to decide how he wants to proceed with Bible Study and adult ed opportunities here at HOP. Our text this week is Mark 4:26-34—"The Parable of the Growing Seed" and "The Parable of the Mustard Seed." We meet for one hour at 10 a.m. in the library upstairs.