



NOTES FROM PASTOR JIM, YOUR TRANSITION PASTOR Sunday, March 25th

In this column each Sunday I will be 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 these days. So here goes this week:

- **Welcome to Holy Week.** I hope you can and will join us for the continuing drama of Jesus' last week on earth as we gather for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship at 7pm and then on Easter Sunday as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord at 8:30 and 11:00am. The choir will offer their gift of music at all of these services this week.
- A reminder that **a different way of filling slots for worship teams goes into effect with the April Messenger.** Here are the details: (1) Let Eli, our Office Secretary know by tomorrow noon which Sundays in April you would like to serve (and which ones you are definitely not available.) (2) Eli will fill in ALL the worship ministry slots for the month of April and print it in the MESSENGER based on the information she has from individuals to date. (3) Eli will send out an email reminder to you early in the week of your assigned task. If you cannot serve on that Sunday, it will be YOUR responsibility (not Eli's) to find a replacement and inform the office of the change. Eli will attach a list of folks and their contact information for your area of ministry to assist you in find a substitute or exchange with someone. (4) Do call the office by tomorrow noon (and each month by the Monday following the last Sunday) if you would like to assist on a particular Sunday. The goal will be that no one gets assigned more than once a month for the same task.
- Some special Sundays are coming up after Easter—**April 8--Baptism Sunday** (Let me know if you would like to schedule a baptism); **April 15—Time and Talents Commitment Sunday** (we will be making these commitments right in the worship service); **April 22—New Member Sunday** (If you would like to officially join House of Prayer's ministry, please let me know.)
- **The last scheduled Listening Sessions** (except for one Pastor Beth Marie and Curtis will have with the youth after Easter) surrounding Pastor DJ's sudden resignation were held last Sunday with 24 folks attending. If you were not able to attend one of these but would like to, we can and will schedule another one or two. Please let me or Pastor Beth Marie Halvorsen know.
- **My regular office hours** will remain the same as last week – **Tuesday**, 1-5pm; **Wednesday**, 3-6pm; **Thursday**, 11:30-4pm; **Saturday**, noon-3pm. Barring an emergency or a need to do pastoral care in the community, I should be in the office and available. I am available at other times as well by appointment. A reminder—the quickest way to reach me is by text or call to my cell phone—208-571-6309. I check emails (jamesggrunow@gmail.com) only a couple times a day.