



**NOTES FROM PASTOR JIM, YOUR TRANSITION PASTOR
Sunday, March 4th**

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 in these days coming days. So here goes:

- Thank you for the warm welcome I have received since coming among you on February 22. I especially want to thank **Brian and Diane Busch** for opening up their lovely spacious home to me for these first 10 days. I am deeply grateful. By the time you read these words, my wife Vicki will have arrived from Boise. We are now making our home at the **Sonesta Suites ES** at 525 Bay Area Blvd thanks to some good legwork by **Sue Noggle** and **Joyce Miller** who literally found us this place to live. Very much appreciated!!
- I also thank Brian for the **use of his car** while we are here in Houston. I think he is actually loaning it to the church who is loaning it to me. To “hit the ground running” (and also because it is an 1800 mile trip), Vicki and I came down here by plane. Hence we needed transportation. The Busch’s stepped up to the plate. Deeply appreciated!!
- **A clarifying note about my time with you**—although my initial commitment is to be here through April 22, I can return the middle of May for an additional 4-5 weeks if you needed. Vicki and I have had a long-standing Road Scholar adventure planned to Portugal and Spain from 4/25-5/12 which would have been expensive to change. Hence only a 2-month initial commitment.
- We at House of Prayer will be **doing two things at once these next couple of months**. We will be reflecting on and working through what has happened here

around Pastor DJ's resignation, AND we will be looking ahead, moving forward as a new Call Committee does its work. It is very important that we do not skip over the first thing. To that end **Pastor Beth Marie Halverson and I are inviting each of you to sign up for one of the one-hour Listening Sessions that have been scheduled.** Two of those sessions are being held today—between services and after the 11 a.m. worship in the library/conference room. I am especially concerned about filling up (6-14 persons ideally) that second session today on such short notice. The first one looks like it has a “quorum.” The sign-up sheets are posted in the narthex on the bulletin board.

- **A new Sunday adult class** which I will lead begins next week and the **Thursday morning Bible Study** resumes. See elsewhere in this worship folder for details.
- For the time being I will **take only Mondays** as a complete day off and parts of other days depending on what is happening here at HoP. **The fastest way to reach me** is either a call or text to my cell phone (208-571-6309). I do check emails (jamesggrunow@gmail.com) but usually only once or twice later the day. I do not presently check messages on the church phone.
- I will try to keep the following **office hours** this week: **Tuesday**--noon-5pm; **Wednesday** 3-6pm; **Thursday** 10am-3pm; **Saturday** noon-3pm. These are simply times I will be available in the office (barring an emergency). If the door is open, I am available. I am also open to connecting with any of you at other times as well—for lunch, for dinner, for coffee or whenever. Just give me a call and I will put you in my calendar.