



Dear Congregation:

We bring you greetings in this season of Christmas. As we celebrate the Light born again in us and our world, we are reminded of the blessings of Love we share. In the midst of all that we have going on as we move into a new church year and post-interim time, we want to keep moving forward. As a part of that process, we have scheduled three gatherings of our congregation in the next two months that we want to be sure you know about.

- On **Sunday, January 13th** after worship we want to talk together about how we see our vision and the leadership of this congregation connected as we move into our future.
- On **Sunday, February 10th** after worship we want to continue our reflections on our vision.
- And on **Sunday, February 24th** after worship we will be gathering in a congregational meeting. In that time we will acknowledge our sense of God's call by affirming our staffing plans and voting on a budget which supports our sense of God's call.

Each of these meetings will include light refreshments and an opportunity for people to bring ideas and questions to our process. Children are welcome at any of these gatherings, though the conversation will tend to be more oriented for adults. Childcare for children up through grade five will be provided.

To prepare for these gatherings, we are enclosing some resources. "What It Means to be A Leadership Church" contains some thoughts regarding the relationship of our vision, our vitality and our staffing as a congregation. These thoughts will help begin our conversations at the January gathering. "Our Vision: taking Love to hard places," summarizes what we have been hearing over the last several months as we have lived with those words. We are now ready to explore these and other words more deeply, and this resource will shape our conversation at the February 10th meeting.

Also look in your next issue of Church and Home for additional information regarding these meetings, and the budget meeting at the end of February.

May love find you in this season of light.

Peace,
Catherine Foote, Peter Ilgenfritz and Don Mackenzie, Ministers
David Anderson, Business Administrator
Marty Curry, Church Moderator

P.S. from Don: I am grateful for God's healing as I continue to recover from my surgery. I look forward to returning, I hope, in the next month.