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Moving ahead in the new year— sharing ideas and hopes for CSPC

As we catch our breath after the busy and exciting seasons of Advent and Christmas, we still have a lot of work to do as we keep moving ahead in the new year. For CSPC, this is a time of figuring out where and how we go from here. For me, it's time to start working myself out of a job.

Our Interim Contract expires in mid-April, marking a full year together at that point. The general assumption is that we will renew for another year, though the Session has not made that decision nor has the Committee on Ministry blessed any decisions about that. But, the probability is high that I'll be around here for another year to begin the search for an installed pastor.

I have consulted with the Rev. Kevin Murphy, our COM advisor, and have had some conversation with the Session. It seems to me that the logical next step is for the people who are CSPC to talk together. What do we value about this church and what do we dream about for our future in God's service? What do we think a really good new pastor would be like? The only way to find out is to ask. We'll use the next three months to do our questioning.

I'm proposing a series of meetings – similar to those that addressed the number of worship services. The truth is I was intending to set up similar meetings to discuss issues much broader than worship services. I just didn't figure on time out for surgery and a recovery process that is a whole lot slower than I anticipated. God has a

way of adjusting our plans and purposes without consulting with us. So, we've had three meetings which actually provided the Session with information in addition to worship preferences. And now, we need more meetings to gather information on additional topics.

I am hoping for small groups, because discussion bogs down with too many people in the room.

I'm also hoping for groups that are representative of all ages and interests. I would like to see all those diverse groups of people sharing their ideas and their hopes for what CSPC can become. What will it look like around here in early 2010? What would you like for it to look like? Gathering that information is the first step to making it happen.

We'll also want these groups to meet at various times so that everyone has an opportunity to attend, perhaps at soup suppers or brown bag lunch group.

I know the process can work. I'm eager for us to begin because I'm sure you will learn things you didn't know, and you'll be able to put your ideas out for discussion. When we finish this task, we should have the information we need to ask the Committee on Ministry for permission to elect a search committee so that we can take the next important step in our journey... *Between the Times*.

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“May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” —Romans 15:5

Report from Congregational Meeting

At the January 4 Congregational Meeting, CSPC voted to sell a small parcel of land facing Lorraine Court to the neighbor who lives adjacent to CSPC at 702 Western Reserve Road. The land has both a garage and shed which currently require extensive repairs; these will become the responsibility of the buyer.

Before the sale can be made final, it must be reviewed and approved by Presbytery and the land must be re-surveyed. Surveying costs will be paid by the buyer.

Aerial photos and a diagram of the plot are posted in the Gathering Room. If you have questions, please contact a member of Session.

December Session Notes

At its December 9 meeting, the CSPC Session:

- elected Janet Stadtmiller to serve as Clerk of Session and Karen Peters to serve as treasurer for 2009;
- set the following for celebration of the Lord's Supper in 2009: first Sunday of each month, Maundy Thursday, Easter, Pentecost and Christmas Eve.
- set stated Session meetings to occur on the second Tuesday of each month, except when those dates conflict with Presbytery meetings,
- approved minutes of the November 18 stated meeting;
- voted to propose sale of small parcel of land facing Lorraine Court and scheduled congregational meeting for Jan. 4 at 10:45 a.m.
- heard a report from Building and Grounds Committee about estimates to repair storm damage to the roof of both the manse and church building;
- approved 2009 budget and will re-examine the budget in May, as pledges and offerings increase; and
- discussed a special Session meeting for training about the Directory of Worship.

Hoxworth Blood Drive Coming to CSPC

Our congregation will host a blood drive for Hoxworth Blood Center here at CSPC on February 28. If you are physically able to be a donor, please take a few minutes and volunteer. Blood donors are always needed and make a difference for patients across our region. Look for more information and a sign-up sheet as we get closer to the date.

CSPC to Host Arts & Crafts Show

Plans are underway for CSPC to host a juried arts and crafts show in May. The event will provide an opportunity for local artists and art students to showcase their works, while CSPC members enjoy the fellowship of organizing the event, increase awareness of our church in the community and raise some money. Jurors will be Anne Hevener, Editor of Pastel Magazine and David Laug, Executive Director of Baker-Hunt Art and Cultural Center.

Volunteers will be needed. If you'd like to be involved, contact Stephanie Redman at 344-8032 or sredman@modern-d-i.com.

Give Us An Update!

The start of a new year is a good time to make sure we have current contact information for everyone in our church family. If you have recently had a change of address, phone number or e-mail address, please inform the church secretary at 341-9347 or cspc@cspchurch.net.

Check out CSPC Men's Fellowship Group

What do real men do on Saturday mornings? Well, a growing number from CSPC spend an hour or so almost every Saturday drinking coffee, swapping "sea stories" and advice, as well as discussing current events. Once in a while we even go out to a local eatery such as First Watch or the Anchor Grill to spread our good humor to the wait staff and any patrons in the area whom we may or may not know.

The Men's Fellowship Group was started some six years ago by a few men in the congregation who were looking for a way to reach out and get to know one another outside of Sunday worship services. In addition to providing a support group of sorts for those who attend, it serves as a potential source of man power for church work days, moving furniture or whole households for friends and members of CSPC, and impromptu small maintenance projects that are tackled after the meeting breaks up.

Each meeting begins at 8 AM and closes about 9 AM with sharing of prayer concerns, joys and thanksgivings and a prayer for spoken and unspoken thoughts and needs. It is a real opportunity to get to know your fellow CSPC'ers and share good natured jabs and personal concerns, as well as solve one or two of the world's more pressing problems. Some folks come every Saturday and others visit as time and other commitments permit. Why not drop by one of these Saturdays and see what we are all about? We guarantee you will be welcome, and we really think you will find the experience uplifting.

Mark Your Calendar!

Jan. 18	Arts & Crafts Show Committee Meeting, following 11:00 service
Feb. 1	Youth Service and Souper Bowl Offering
Feb. 8	Chili Cook Off
Feb. 28	Blood Drive
March	Coffee House with movies for kids
April 11	Easter Egg Hunt
May	Game/Card Playing night with snacks CSPC Art & Craft Show
June	Florence Freedom baseball game
July	Ice Cream Social
August	Coney Island Day
Sept.	Picnic
Oct	Square Dance and Halloween Party
Nov	Pot Luck Dinner/Birthday Table Dinner and heirloom slides and pictures