

The Messenger

*Newsletter of Forest Park Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

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## Kim's Korner

Ah changes. I imagine that this has been a challenging year of changes for you, changes which have already happened, and the knowledge that there are several changes yet to come. Your congregation has been facing the same concerns about the coronavirus and the impact of shutdowns as well as social unrest, just like churches across the country. Yet you have had to do so in the midst of transition and change for your congregation, including saying goodbye in June to your interim pastor. A friend of mine in ministry often says "Change is painful and difficult." I've never liked that statement, but it isn't completely wrong. Change often comes with a sense of loss and of pain, particularly change we don't choose. Even change we choose is difficult because it is easier to remain in what is familiar than break out to do something we have never done before.

Still, the stories of our faith are stories of change, of transition, of transformation. God does not change, though our understanding of God changes and grows, and God's children are constantly being called into changing situations. Christians are told in Romans 12 to be transformed by faith, to renew our minds and hearts. If God is constantly inviting us into change, then I prefer to think of change as a challenge and opportunity rather than something that is painful and difficult.

I have been serving churches for just over 30 years, first as an Educator and now as an ordained Pastor. I have served in churches from very large to very small, and have been blessed to learn from God and to be a part of the lives of amazing people of faith in each of them. Saying goodbye to each congregation I have been connected with has been a challenge, saying hello to each new congregation is full of joy and opportunity. I am excited to get to know you as companions in faith and ministry. I'd love to go out for a cup of coffee, or have a meal

together, and I hope you will share with me the places and people who are in this community you love! Once I am settled in, if you'd like to talk or need a visit, feel free to give me a call and schedule time to get together.

Peace,  
Rev. Kim Trimboli

### **Forest Park YouTube Channel**

Over the past 3 months, we've provided worship online. I created a personal YouTube Channel that we shared with Greenfield Avenue Presbyterian Church. As we move forward, I've now created Forest Park's YouTube Channel. The LiveStream worship services will be posted to the new channel. We are also uploading the previous services to the FPPC Channel. You can access this link and subscribe to the channel. You can worship with us wherever you are.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQGOcnO4kKdkYDrtID3aEIA?view\\_as=subscribe](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQGOcnO4kKdkYDrtID3aEIA?view_as=subscribe)

### **Giving Thanks for the Opportunity**

I want to extend my thanks to all of you. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Interim Pastor. It has been a joy and pleasure to serve at Forest Park Presbyterian Church. This has been an enjoyable 2+ years of ministry. I pray that the work we shared together will bring fruit as you continue to serve Christ in your community. As I depart, read these words from the Apostle Paul to the church in Corinth.

I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in Him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—God thus confirming

our testimony about Christ among you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **1 Corinthians 1:4-9**

Thank you for the memories, the stole and scrapbook. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and grace shared with me. This is a testament to your love and grace as a congregation. You have enriched my life and I hope that you will confirm with testimony of the work of Christ completed during our time together. I urge you to use your spiritual gifts to continue the ministry and mission work of FPPC.

As you prepare to meet and greet Rev. Kimberly Trimboli and her husband Tony, I give thanks for the diligent work of your PNC to bring you a candidate for your Installed Pastor position. In my conversations with Kim, I'm confident that she will continue the work and ministry of FPPC into the future.

### **Covenant of Closure**

As of June 30th, I will complete my time as your Interim Pastor. I will be signing a Covenant of Closure with the Presbytery of Milwaukee that outlines my pastor duties will cease. I will not be allowed to perform in a pastoral role for members of FPPC. I will not be able to officiate at baptisms, weddings or funerals. I've known people who think this is harsh as we've come to know and love each other as Christians. But it is important for your new pastor to be established in the pastoral role. It is outlined in the Ethical Boundaries of Former Pastor's on the Presbytery of Milwaukee website.

<https://www.pbymilwaukee.org/com/mission-on-transitional-ministries.html>

I know firsthand the challenges of a former pastor still meddling in the life of the congregation from my first church. So, while I love you and will continue to pray for you, I will no longer serve in a pastoral position, unless you come to the Fab 4 Services as I will be down the road serving Greenfield Avenue Presbyterian Church as their Interim and preparing them for their next called and installed pastor. I will see those involved in the Presbytery of Milwaukee at meetings and events. I will gladly meet and greet you but will refrain from conversation on the mission and ministry of the FPPC. Any concerns should be shared with your church leadership: your pastor and elders on Session. Also, you may bring concerns to the Presbytery Staff.

A sample of the Covenant is included in this messenger.

### **COVENANT OF CLOSURE**

The Rev. \_\_\_\_\_,  
the \_\_\_\_\_ Presbyterian Church, and the Commission on Ministry of the Presbytery of Milwaukee, having discussed the intent and requirements of the Presbytery's "Ethics Regarding Former Ministers" enter into the following covenant:

1. I, Rev. \_\_\_\_\_ agree:
  - not to become involved in any leadership or advisory role (public or private) in the \_\_\_\_\_ Presbyterian Church congregation;
  - not to intervene, support, or give advice to anyone involved in a congregational disagreement or dispute;

- not to officiate in any special events in the lives of former parishioners or of the congregation, including weddings, funerals, baptisms, worship leadership, church anniversary activities, etc. unless expressly invited by both the Pastor and the Session (or the Session if the church is without a Pastor);
  - to refuse requests for pastoral services made by members of the congregation;
  - to consult with the Moderator of Session prior to visiting the congregation, attending worship or attending a special event;
  - to refrain from giving opinions or directions regarding church business;
  - to explain and affirm the above principles to the congregation in writing (by letter or newsletter) and/or the pulpit before departing.
- It is understood that this policy does not affect or require termination of friendships with individuals in the

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Presbyterian Church congregation.

## 2. The Session of the \_\_\_\_\_ Presbyterian

Church agrees:

- to respect the terms of the Covenant agreed upon above;
- to interpret the terms of the Covenant to the congregation and to incorporate this agreement in the minutes of the congregational meeting when the pastoral relationship is dissolved;
- to incorporate this agreement in the Session Minutes.

I look forward to being a colleague in ministry with Rev. Trimboli and may see some of you in social settings as I'm still in the neighborhood. As one colleague always shared, "I'll see you around, here, there or in the air!"

Know that you will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Grace and Peace,

Rev Bruce Jones

### **Thank You for Giving the Lord**

As we move in to the Season of Pentecost, we open our hearts to the Holy Spirit to change us. The Spirit of God moves us to serve and respond to others. We give thanks for the spiritual power of Christ to give generously of our time, talent, and treasure. We give thanks to the church mice who ...

- ~ Watered the new grass.
- ~ Worked on various projects even while the church building was closed.
- ~ cared and befriended a member.
- ~ Provided Special Music for recorded worship.
- ~ Helped with extra cleaning tasks.
- ~ Recorded and edited worship.
- ~ Participated in the work and worship of Forest Park.
- ~ Changed the paraments.
- ~ Prayed for concerns, the PNC, and the Nominating Committee.
- ~ Agreed to serve as Elders and Deacons for the next 3 years.
- ~ Supported the church financially, even as we worshiped electronically.
- ~ Organized the Meet and Greet for Rev. Kim Trimboli.
- ~ Organized Bruce's farewell.

We give thanks for Christ's work in us to reach out in our community. As we connect with the Spiritual power to energize our faith. We appreciate the power of God working in and through us!

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**Introducing Rev. Kimberly Trimboli and family!  
Saturday July 11, 2020  
2:30-5:00 PM**

Mark your calendars for a Meet-and-Greet with the PNC's Candidate. We have created 5 30-minute time slots for members and friends of Forest Park Church to stagger attendance at this event. We will cap the number of attendees per session at 12. There will be individually packaged light snacks and beverages available for this social time together. Weather permitting, this event will be held outdoors. The two earliest (2:30 and 3:00) sessions will be mask-required, and the remaining sessions will be mask-optional. If moved indoors, we will have traffic control with social distancing, and mask usage as noted above, but strongly encouraged. Top priority will be given to personal safety. The sign up will be posted in the Narthex; you may call the church office to check on schedule availability and to sign up/RSVP if you aren't able to access the sign-up in-person at FPPC.

- 7/3 Lynette Hauke
- 7/3 Gordon Willey
- 7/5 Rhonda Griffin
- 7/8 Mike Washic
- 7/10 David Hermann
- 7/19 Karen Frakes
- 7/24 Trevor Shuda
- 7/26 Bill Bennewitz
- 7/26 Marne Willey
- 7/26 Karen Zobel
- 7/30 Andrew Riedmaier



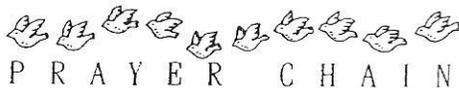
*With Deepest Sympathy*

Irene Long passed away on May 28, 2020. She transferred her membership from Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church and joined Forest Park Church in December of 2006. Irene enjoyed many pancake suppers here at Forest Park and supported our Gatherings, often bringing her friend Jack. She was also good friends with the Reverend Richard Ainsworth and his wife Ginny Kring, who many of us would remember with great fondness. Irene so appreciated the support and connection with her friends from Forest Park in the past few years, especially Bruce's sermon notes which she looked forward to receiving each week.



The Deacon on call for July is Marne Willey 414-217-9151.

**★ Thank You! ★  
THANK YOU!**



If you know or hear of a prayer need and would like to have one started on the prayer chain, notify the Deacon on Call for the month to initiate your request. If you cannot reach that Deacon, call the Church Office and speak to Pam, or leave a message on the answering machine.

Letter from Redeem & Restore Center:  
Dear Deana and Friends of Forest Park,  
Thank you for your GENEROUS donation to support our ministry!  
Thanks to your support, we are getting closer to opening the home for Redeem and Restore Center! We know that our efforts are only possible because of the contributions we receive from generous donors like you, and we thank you again for believing in and supporting our mission!