

## Session Meeting Update for the Congregation

Tuesday March 6<sup>th</sup> 2018

The Kenney, Community Room 3 at 7:15 pm

### Opening Prayer and Devotions

*Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. James 1:12*

Elders spent time sharing and praying in small groups

1. Think about a personal 'perseverance' of the past year. In what way as it challenging to stand the test? In what way did you grow or benefit from the trial?
2. Pray together for brothers and sisters in Christ who are persevering under trial.
3. Lift up the staff, deacons, choir, and garage sale ministry teams.
4. Write a note or reach out in another way to offer encouragement.

### The Fellowship Nation Gathering report

Nick Upton, Katie Batts, Pastor Shari

### Nominating Committee

Agreed to 15 elders to serve on session going forward

### Fellowship Department

Approved motion to create "Minister of Hospitality & Pastor Coordinator" staff position to support the Fellowship department of session and the Head of Staff pastor. Part-time 20-24 hours a week at current rate of pay. Madeline May approved to serve in this role.

### Christian Education Department

Spring adult study on "The Message of Romans" a curriculum by Timothy Keller, Redeemer Presbyterian Church. April 8 thru June 24, Sundays at 9 am in Howell. Study runs for 12 weeks, is led by 8 teachers, and 6 small group/table hosts.

This study has 23 lessons requiring midweek homework, done on your own or in small group. Exploring possibility of Sunday night small group format with childcare alongside Financial Peace University.

### Outreach Department

Mark your calendars, contact your friends, involve your ministry teams - City Serve Day this year is Saturday August 18<sup>th</sup>

### Stewardship & Finance

Rap Hall update, furnace repairs are complete. Request session departments share all anticipated expenditures with S&F in a more timely manner.

### Spiritual Life

Outreach service planning team is meeting, visiting area church with similar worship services, discerning where to hold this service at West Side, and more. Keep us in your prayers. Soon a call will go out to the congregation to join with us to pray for the upcoming services.

### Pastor Shari's Report

- CE Children and Families Minister search is ongoing
- Stations of the Cross is coming together nicely
- March 11<sup>th</sup> Fellowship meal following worship
- Ministry staff evaluations taking place this month

- Sr. Pastor evaluation will be conducted by session in April
- Quest Youth Confirmation retreat at the Monson's April 27 and 28

**Closing Prayer** (9:05 pm)