



## *The Pastor's Ponderings*

### Palm Sunday return to worship

I've been thinking about you!! And how thrilled I am that we will soon be meeting again to worship in person again so soon.

In fact, at the board meeting, we were so excited that we went right ahead and decided to have singing without checking with our music director.

Roanne reminded us that she and other younger folk haven't had their vaccinations yet. And I have read article after article in the last week reminding us that we need to keep vigilant in our safety precautions due to the new variants and the coming of Spring.

So today I am pondering the need to temper our excitement about getting back together to worship with good common sense.

We will absolutely be meeting to worship again on Palm Sunday, but it may be a little while before we are have congregational singing. That may be hard on some of us, but as a community of faith and love, we want to care for each other to the best of our ability.

On the topic of offering the best care to our community, when the Board of Elders met last week, they decided it was high time to lift up the practice of having a Pastoral Relations Committee as a future practice of Abbey Road Christian Church.

Now I have had a PRC since I arrived. Some pastors have had one in the past, and others may not have, but from now on, it is official.

The PRC is essential to the good health and relationship of the pastor and congregation. It functions as a guiding and supporting group who work with the pastor and congregation to do their best possible ministry.

The PRC will also help us all to practice healthy and loving communication; that is, without triangulation ( i.e., asking others to talk to someone for us) and instead always speaking directly with each other first.

We will use honesty and speak the truth in love rather than sharing indirect or nameless information ( i.e., the old "lots of people are saying").

The members of the Pastoral Relations are: Judy Cureton, Jamie Koehler, Anne McDonough, Karen Piker, Darla Snider, and Laurie Taylor.

### **Worship**

More news! I have talked about the benefits of having a committee to work together to guide and create the most meaningful worship. Well, we are beginning to meet this month, Tuesday March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30.

The committee members will be the Pastor, associate minister, music director, videographer and projection volunteers.

We are also looking for 2 or 3 of you who are interested in worship to join with us on the team. Let me know if you are interested in serving on the committee.

### **The Diaconate**

It has been a year of fewer meetings and activities, but it seems like the perfect time to begin meeting with the Diaconate monthly once again. Diaconate members will hear from me this week!

My friends, it is a good time for us to think about the future. How will we serve God in Jesus' name in this COVID influenced world? Let's do it together!

In Christ,  
*Pastor Elaine*



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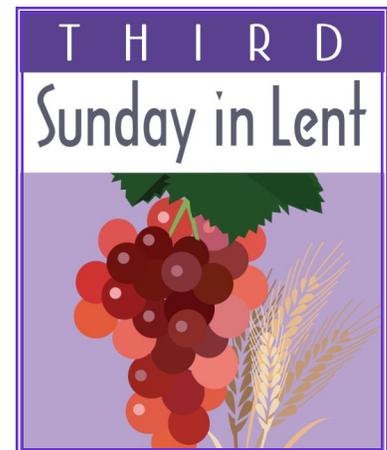
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*To all my church praying family.  
Thank you for all your prayers, cards,  
and phone calls. They kept me going during all  
the medical procedures and recovery.  
Thanks again and God bless each and every one  
of you.  
Felicia*



The Intent for the March 7 Meditation/Centering Prayer group  
is

*Gentleness*

Finding God's Gentleness in ourselves  
allows us to share Gentleness with others.



Click here to view the February 28 worship service:

<https://www.wevideo.com/view/2071579173>

John & Deborah Browne, Luther Hunt, Mark Faith, Bill Cox, Joe Robb Blattner, Susan Spooler, Carol Gleason, Liz Meyer, Debbie Bradley, Dawn Knoderer, Kim Farrar Frank, George & Helen Amick, Pat Murray & Wally Allstun, Ed Sheridan & Nita Brackin, Martha D., Mary Hendrix, Wayne Piker, Kim Wells Schott, frontline workers, Felicia Fox, Henry S., Edna Ohmart, David H., Frank & Sue Batchelor, Troy & Wilma Dooley, Dorothy R., Calvin Wells, Linda Dillman, Ed Tilley, Alan Myers, Carla Jordan, Hugh White, Kara King, Jeneva Crampton, Robyn Russell & family, relatives & friends serving in the military, all who are hurting, lonely, and afraid.



**Do you have someone to add to our prayer list? Please inform the church office or fill out a form found at the back of the sanctuary.**