



HEAD START July 8, 2018

An Offer from Mark and Ralph

Mark has been our Director of New Ministries, an unordained position, for the past 9-1/2 months. His contract will be up for renewal this September. On November 17, in our sanctuary, he will undergo an oral examination, which is the next to the last step in the ordination process. The last step is for him to be hired or called as a pastor. He and I recommended to the Session on July 2 that it hire him as one of your pastors and I would be the other one for up to two years. After a long discussion, the elders present agreed that Mark and I, after the congregation has talked about this idea, become your pastoral team. (Elders Craig Anderson, Russ Trentlage and Kevin McHugh were absent.)

Mark and I have spent the past several months discerning if this might be God's will. The elders have been in prayer about it for the past month. Session decided that the next step in the discernment process is to invite all of you in the congregation to pray about this and attend an informational gathering after worship on July 22. (More information will be sent to you before the gathering, including the tentative plans for The Common Room.) During the gathering, you will have an opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

Your heartfelt responses are vital in the discernment process and will be taken seriously. Therefore, after worship on August 5, you will have an opportunity to meet in a small group with an elder to ask questions, raise concerns and make comments.

If the congregation is supportive of Mark and me becoming its pastoral team, there will be three more steps in the discernment process.

Sermon

The passage I will use this Sunday is **Matthew 6:19-34** (NLT), which is about where our "treasure" is, how clearly we see, to whom or to what we are a "slave", and not being anxious. I will not drill deeply into this important passage but focus on the overall theme. Once again, this passage is spot-on for our current society. Please read it daily and prayerfully reflect on it. The sermon title will be "*Which Road are you on?*"

Response Groups

During the fellowship time this Sunday there will be Response Groups available for you to discuss the morning scripture and sermon and share prayer concerns. The questions for the response time are:

1. What do "treasures on earth" and "treasures in heaven" mean? Give some examples.
2. What makes you anxious? How do you deal with it?
3. What in the sermon did you agree with, disagree with, or about which you have a question? What would you add to what was said?

-Ralph

Updates from Mark

Service Dog Fundraiser Last Sunday

On Sunday, we presented an opportunity to our church family to support Margarita Roco-Evans in her effort to get her dog, Lazlo, certified as a service dog over the next year. Lazlo's certification will allow Margarita to get into government-subsidized housing, which currently won't accept pets unless they are certified.

As we presented on Sunday, the cost for 12 months of training is \$2,400 (\$200 per month). Thanks to our congregation's generosity and faithfulness, I'm thrilled to announce that we raised \$1,650 last Sunday

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towards this effort. In response, Margarita writes, "I am astounded about your response and the congregation's compassionate way of Christ-like behavior. I have been learning a lot just being around such genuinely nice and giving Christians."

I second Margarita's response and am so thankful to be a part of a community that gives generously to the work of God's kingdom. If you wanted to support this effort but didn't get a chance to do so last Sunday, drop a specially marked envelope "Margarita's Service Dog" into the offering baskets at the back of the church. These funds will be added to what we have already raised to support Margarita and Lazlo.

Community Garden Updates

On Sunday, we harvested several zucchini, two beautiful cabbages, and no fewer than 20 beets. These veggies will be used in our Joyful Noise Daycare over the coming weeks.

Last Acts Bible Study

This Sunday at 9 AM, we will have our last Acts Bible Study for the year. Read Acts 27:1-28:31 before class and bring your thoughts and questions. Whether you have made every class or this will be you first, you're welcome to join us!

-Mark

News & Announcements

All-American BBQ! Sunday, **July 15** following the 10:00 am Worship Service. Those whose last names begin with **A-M**, bring **salads** and **N-Z** bring **desserts**. *Meat, condiments and beverages* will provided by donation. Mark your calendar and come enjoy great food and fellowship together!

Basic Needs Ministry: HSPC coordinates with Love INC to provide help to those in need in our community. *Items needed:* dish soap, laundry soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, toilet paper, diapers—a complete list is available by the church office. *Monetary donations also appreciated.* Bring items to the *church office*. Orders from Love INC are received *daily* by fax and our HSPC volunteers fill the orders. Thank you for your support of this vital ministry.

July 8-15, 2018

Sunday, July 8

9-9:45 am Adult Class on "The Acts of the Apostles" led by Mark McHugh, 207

10:00 am Worship / Response Groups following in the Foyer

10:00 am Infants-5 Years Old, 210 / Kindergarten-5th Grade, 207

11:30 am Prayer Group, led by Ron Vernon, 205

1-3:00 pm Hogar de Fe Worship, Sanctuary / Following Hogar de Fe Worship, **Fellowship**, Foyer

Monday, July 9

12:30 pm Lewis County Gospel Concert Planning Meeting, 207

Tuesday, July 10

9:15 am Staff Meeting, 205

Wednesday, July 11

6:00 pm Hogar de Fe Worship Team Practice, Sanctuary

7:30 pm Hogar de Fe Worship Service, Sanctuary

Thursday, July 12

1-3:30 pm Adult Study & Support Group, 207

Friday, July 13 Church Office Closed

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10:00 am Worship (no Response Groups following worship today)

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Following Worship, **All-American BBQ**, Foyer ~ Last names beginning with **A-M bring Salads, N-Z bring Desserts**

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Church & Daycare Phone Numbers - The main number to call is still **360-736-9996**. Direct lines for each office:

360.669.5054 HSPC Reception Desk

360.669.5051 Ginger Peters

A Joyful Noise Daycare Office:

360.669.5053 Pastor Ralph Carr

360.669.5050 Barbara Stark

360.669.5049 Daycare Reception Desk

360.789.6585 Mark McHugh (cell)

360.669.5048 Ron Vernon

360.669.5052 Shalii Crownover, Daycare Dir.

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday from 9am to 2pm. Closed Fridays ~ **Daycare Hours:** 6am-6pm Monday-Friday