

Dear KC Community,

It's been a little over a month since the Search Team announced the selection of Rev. Claire Matheny as KC's Enabling Minister and so much has happened since then: 1) We have a signed contract with Claire who will begin as our Enabling Minister on July 1; 2) Human Resources has developed a 90-day onboarding plan for Claire; 3) Claire and Adam have found a house in Columbia (and they are readying their home in Silver Spring to be put on the market on May 1st); and 4) Plans for the July 1st Worship Service are underway.

Meanwhile, Council has approved the following:

- The 2018 final Budget
- \$30,000 of the 2017 excess funds will be put into the Building & Grounds Capital Improvement Fund and the remaining \$20,000 will be placed into a Surplus fund
- The Investment Committee's motion to consolidate all of KC's investment accounts at T. Rowe Price
- Building & Grounds' motion to begin three major projects: replace the carpet in the Sanctuary and Enabling Minister's loft; mill and asphalt the parking lot; and replace all chairs in the Sanctuary
- The Enabling Minister's Contract for July 2018 – March 2019

Additionally, there are several projects in progress.

Building & Grounds will make recommendations in June on a Safe Church policy which will focus on ensuring our building and all of us are safe and secure.

Finance Team will work with Amy Sens, Office Administrator, to implement a bulk purchasing program. Amy will work with Leadership Teams to order supplies in bulk ensuring that we have the supplies we need on hand eliminating the need for one-off purchases and reducing the number of green slip requests. Every month is a "project" for the Finance Team as they review, analyze and report on KC's finances.

Human Resources is focused on preparing for Claire's arrival. A smaller task group has been formed to explore, and then recommend to Council, updates to KC's background check policy moving forward.

Worship is preparing for the June, July and August services which includes appreciating Amy's year-long service as Worship Coordinator on June 24th, scheduling musicians to cover each week in the summer (several will be on vacation, so this has been a real challenge), transitioning Worship Task Groups to Claire beginning July 1, and supporting Claire in her first few months.

Note: Amy's contract as Worship Coordinator will end on July 1. Amy (and guest musicians) will be added to the list of musicians who provide music for our Worship services.

Spiritual Enrichment is planning now for Fall events while the Sunday School continues under the leadership of Laura Lesche and teacher, Jennifer Fairbarns.

Community Life has rewritten the KC booklets on Membership, Community Commitments, and CARE Groups, and created a new one, "How it Works" that is a structure, function, and resource booklet. In addition, there is a new booklet, "I'm New Here" full of information for new folks, and a

short introductory booklet available in the foyer, with basic information and KC jargon so visitors and new people feel more included.

50th Anniversary – We will hold a 15-minute “Planning Meeting” for anyone interested in helping to plan for the 50th Anniversary after Worship on May 20th. We know that that is a busy day at KC so we’ll keep it short. We have an overall plan and we need individuals who are willing to do a single task or multiple tasks to make our celebration a momentous success. Everyone is welcome to add ideas and contribute to the discussion.

Upcoming Dates to put on your calendar:

May 20:

- Short 50th Anniversary Celebration Planning Meeting right after Worship
- Labyrinth Tour – contact Elaine Buderer if you want to attend
- Crop Walk – Vicki and Sally will walk. Let’s support them by making a contribution to “TEAM KC CHURCH” at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/columbiamd/Donate>

May 28 Barn Work Day – The Matheny family will be joining us!

June 24

- Celebration and Thank You to Rev. Amy Sens at the 10:00 Worship Service
- Council Meeting

July 1 Welcome to Rev. Claire Matheny at the 10:00 Worship Service followed by a BBQ potluck lunch

July 29 Community Meeting

Sept 9 Installation of Rev. Claire Matheny

Plan to join us for all these events. We have so much to look forward to and don’t want you to miss a thing!

We welcome feedback, ideas, and concerns. Stay on top of what Council is working on by accessing the Meeting Minutes at <http://www.kc-church.org/kc-documents/>.

Sincerely yours,

Theresa Gale
2018 Council President