

## SEARCH COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT – APRIL

Brothers and sisters, the work of your committee is underway. Thank you for your prayers and the support you have given in various ways to us.

We've met four times, including the night just over a month ago when you set us on our path, where we gathered for a time of prayer and brief organization.

We met with Kent Mathews, the representative of our Presbytery's Ministerial Committee.

We've made some decisions. Our secretary is Kari Heide. Our Vice-Chair is Angela Jacobson.

I'll serve as the Chair.

We are slowly learning how to forge ahead in this process.

We're submitting some items to the Session for their consideration.

We're identifying the ways to communicate with you all – announcements like this morning, about once each month; a page on Grace's website to post updates; and occasional emails.

Some decisions and activities we can readily share with you, but others must remain within the Committee. Please take no offense when a committee member is unable to answer certain questions, as you entrusted us to exercise discretion and judgment as your representatives throughout this process.

[pastorsearch@gepc.org](mailto:pastorsearch@gepc.org) will be functioning soon for each member of the committee to receive communications.

What can you do?

Please continue in your prayers that God grants us His wisdom, discernment, good judgment, and continued kindness.

Continue in prayer for our next pastor that God has for us – to prepare him and his family, as well as to prepare us, to receive and welcome him and his family.

Be on the lookout for some specific ways from us, to be praying and reflecting through this process. I will leave you with one of those that we discussed as a committee – the faithfulness of God. God's faithfulness is glimpsed through the more than three decades of faithful service to us by Bill, who's remained faithful to Karen throughout their longer marriage. These are blessings we should recognize, gifts that we should not take for granted, and the Divine favor of God's goodness and graciousness to us.

May that lead us to worship Him and stir within us a desire to give Him the glory.