

Pastor's Report to Consistory
March 6, 2017

February seemed like a short month, considering that it is a short month, and also that I was away due to the passing of my sister-in-law who resided in Frankfort, Kentucky. Since this was such an extended time of a full week, I will be taking this as a one of my four weeks of vacation time for 2017, though I took my laptop with me and was able to work on Monday, Feb. 27. I would like to thank The Rev. Robert McKie for filling in for me on February 26 and on Ash Wednesday and for covering for emergencies. This month has included preparations for Lent, leading the Saturday Morning Bible Study Group, teaching the Confirmation Class, and pastoral visits. We also published the quarterly newsletter, "The Hilltop Echoes."

We had scheduled a Pastoral Relations Committee meeting on February 22, which I canceled because I needed to make last minute travel arrangements. It is rescheduled for Monday, March 13. Scott Hartung chairs this committee. The elders serve on this committee (Dan Walk, Robin Brautigam and Brian Long) along with at-large members Dave Conner, Bonnie Malovitz and Bill Martin.

We have received many donations in response to the letters sent to businesses requesting donations for the Women's Fellowship May 20 event, "Ladies Lunch and Laughter."

As always, planning worship and sermon writing takes up a great deal of time, and while this is a given, folks often forget that every week I have a deadline to meet.

I would like to thank the congregation for all their well wishes and condolences in my family's loss, and Rheba for holding down the fort, doing several the extra things that I do every week in preparation for Sunday. She and I were in contact during my week-long absence of February 23-March 2.

Respectfully submitted,

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