

Come for our yearly all-church meeting!

Our incoming pastor, Rob Douglass, is joining us for this year’s “congregational council.” Hope you can make it, too.



Saturday, February 25
10:00 a.m. Annual Meeting
followed by lunch.

What we’ll do . . .

Celebrate what God is doing in our community. Hear from Pastor Rob and our ministry leaders about vision for 2017 and caring for “the one” among us. Help us give thanks to leaders who are concluding service and affirm new leaders stepping up. Give your input for discussion items. Spend time in worship and seeking God. We look forward to an invigorating time together!

** Note—childcare is provided.*

Calendar Notes

Feb. 19 - 26, 2017

Wednesday 22 nd	9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study (FHE) Intercessory Prayer and Praise Kids’ Club Thrive
Saturday 25 th	10:00 a.m.	Congregational Council
Sunday 26 th	9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Classes Worship

Statistical Notes as of February 12, 2017

Attendance: Worship	172
Giving: Worship	\$ 8,145.00
Deacon Fund	\$ 60.00
Year to Date:	
General Fund Giving	\$54,573.26

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Pastor for Worship and Communication Arts: Nathan Stonge
Pastor for Youth: Jeffrey Conrady



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February 19, 2017
9:00 am Classes
10:15 am Worship

Preparing for Worship

Opening & Welcome

Songs and Prayers

Invitation to Give

Reimagining Church –
Are We Still Saving Lives?
(Matthew 9:36-38; 25:35-36)

Closing & Prayer

After the service, the front of the room is open for prayer and prayer leaders are available to pray with you.

Fellowship Lunch Following our annual meeting on **Feb 25th**, we look forward to sharing lunch together. Meat, rolls, drinks, and place settings will be provided. Please plan to bring something to share. Here are some ideas: Green salad, Side salad (potato/macaroni salad or coleslaw), Snacks (chips/pretzels), Fruit or Dessert. Refrigerator space will be available, but due to logistics, we are trying to stay away from things that need to be kept warm. Please contact Dulci Brubaker with any questions.

Ben and Eunice Stoner are coming to speak to the Wednesday prayer and praise group on **Feb 22 at 6:30pm**. Ben and Eunice have been working with the Navajo people in New Mexico almost their entire adult lives and have many good things to share about Navajo culture and worship and what God is doing there.

1.) Is it a fair analogy to compare the church to service organizations in the community? How would your concept of the church change if you saw us as an organization servicing the community?

2.) In the message Pastor John compared fire fighters to disciples. What are three traits of fire fighters that remind you of what Jesus said about disciples?

3.) In the message a reference was made to St. Paul’s church in New York City. This church sits at ground zero of the events of 911. During the aftermath of that tragedy, this church broke all kinds of rules (spoken and unspoken) in their church life in order to minister to all the emergency workers. Have you found yourself breaking any rules to serve on behalf of Christ?

4.) Here’s a quote from a pastor at St. Paul’s: “It’s not just about stain glass windows and beautiful liturgy. What any of us does is as big as religious imagination will take us, as much as the Spirit of God will whisper in our ears and in our hearts and let us do something that maybe we have never done before.” What is something you’ve done recently because you heard God’s call to respond?

5.) When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” (Matt. 9:36-38) How is this call like a call for volunteers for a fire department?

6.) A siren is used to rouse fire fighters into service. How is the Holy Spirit like the siren that is used to call men and women out to fight fires?

7.) Courage is an important trait of a fire fighter. What are some ways for a disciple to increase in the trait of courage?

8.) Camaraderie is an important trait in any fire department. Fellowship is an important trait in any church. How are these two similar or dissimilar?

9.) Where did you hear God speaking directly to you in regard to this message?

10.) What is one practical thing that you could do as a response to this message?