

July 24, 2020

Dear First Church United Congregants:

As you're likely already aware, Pastor Marian Hart has informed the FCU Board of her intention to retire effective October 31, 2020. We want to congratulate Pastor Marian (and Arnie!) and thank her for serving First Church United for the past 10+ years!

Pastor Marian's announcement sets in motion the process of finding our next Pastor. One element is the appointment of a Pastoral Search Committee. The following have all agreed to serve on that committee:

Susan Deahr – Chairperson

Jim Kiwala – Co-Chair

Jo Noble

Emily Reed

Holly Gingerich

As members of this committee, we are YOUR voice. We will do our best to gather input from all of you on the qualifications, experience, and characteristics that our next Pastor should possess.

Shortly you will be receiving a survey to fill out that will assist us in determining your preferences in our next Pastor.

We will be sharing information soon on in-person and virtual listening posts where you'll have the opportunity to engage with committee members and share your thoughts.

It's difficult to set an exact date for when the committee will complete its work, because getting it right is more important than getting it done; but, we'll do our best to get the best possible Pastor that fits our needs!

God Bless!

FCU Pastoral Search Committee