

# The Link



## Interim Ministry Vision and Mission

As of this publication, I am officially your pastor. I've moved from pulpit supply to interim ministry. Over the next few months, I'll be explaining what interim ministry is, how it's similar to ministry with an installed pastor, and how it's different from ministry with an installed pastor.

In this publication, I want to give an overview of interim ministry. The vision for interim ministry is: A congregation ready to minister with a newly installed minister. The mission of interim ministry is: *To prepare conducive conditions for the next installed minister and congregation to minister effectively together.*

Some folks may say, "We're ready now to minister with a newly installed pastor!" This may be the case for some but not all. We all grieve the Godspeed of Rev. Hill and family in our own ways and in our own time, and there is still some work to be done to truly be ready to minister with a new installed pastor.

There are usually 5 areas that need to be investigated by the congregation at large before ministering with a newly installed pastor. They include NRC's Heritage, Mission, Leadership, Connections, and Future. Some great work is already happening in a lot of these areas, of which I will explain in future articles, and there is some work still to be done.

This is where I come in. I will support the great work in our Lord Jesus already happening, and I will work with the Elders, Consistory, and Classis to make sure any remaining interim ministry gets addressed. Predominantly, I will be your pastor – preaching, teaching, and providing pastoral care. I'm looking forward to ministering with you through this interim and seeing what God has in store for us.

In Christ's Love, Dave (Rev. David Kahler)

## Holy Cow Conversations-The Vision for NRC

The Search Committee and Consistory want to, again, thank everyone who filled out the Holy Cow Survey. The question is "What do we do now?". Join us at coffee hour on January 27th to talk about what we do next. We will have a brief presentation of some highlights from the Holy Cow Survey followed by small group table discussions about our vision for NRC moving forward. Do you want to see us support a new mission? Do you have a great idea for a fellowship activity? We want everyone's ideas. The church is at its best when every member has a voice. Come share your opinions. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Meals for Christine Held

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/34w2zy> - Sign up for a meal via the Meal Train website. We would like to provide meals 3-4 times per week. Contact Anne Mazer with any questions phone at 908-938-2900 or email [andrew\\_mazer\\_210@comcast.net](mailto:andrew_mazer_210@comcast.net).

## Upcoming Events

- Jan. 6 No Sunday School
- Jan. 6 New Year's Communion Breakfast
- Jan. 7 Search Committee
- Jan. 11 Family Movie Night
- Jan. 13 Children's Choir Rehearsal
- Jan. 14 Consistory Meeting
- Jan. 26 Christian Nurturing Center Open House
- Jan. 27 Mission of the Month Offering
- Jan. 27 Children's Choir Rehearsal
- Jan. 27 Holy Cow Conversation

Let us know if you want to receive this monthly newsletter via email exclusively!

Just email the church office to be added to the list.

Thank you for considering to help us save on materials and postage!

## More Important Church News

### Family Movie Night

Come to view "Moses" filmed before a live audience at the Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA, on Friday, January 11th, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This movie is appropriate for teens and adults. Snacks provided and friends welcome! Don't miss this great opportunity for fellowship.

### Worship Committee

Come join us to start the New Year off together. Our annual New Year's Communion Breakfast is on Sunday, January 6th. Breakfast starts at 10 am followed by service around the table.

### Property Committee

From Jeff Bevan: I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to all those who attended our fall cleanup of the church property. This would not have been possible without all the helping hands who attended. I have received positive feedback and have been told this may have been one of the largest turnouts for such an event! I would also like to thank the Woman's Group for generously donating money which allowed me to provide lunch. It was a day of fun and fellowship!

### Gifts for Visions and Pathways

Thanks to the generosity of our members and friends, 100% percent of tags offered were returned with gifts or gift cards for the more than 42 children currently under the care of Visions and Pathways. Our crew, who traveled and participated in the annual wrapping session, included Kolbe Clarke, Chris Herbst, Cindy Maher, Ute Pratt, Mary Rooney & Bev Wetzell. Thank you to Bev Wetzell for, once again, coordinating this drive for us!

### Sunday School

On December 2nd our children beautifully decorated ornaments for our Jesse Tree, on display in Fellowship Hall through January 6th. In addition, a variety of Christmas crafts were available for the children to make during the hour. Many thanks to our Sunday School teachers/greeters/aides as well as additional adult and youth volunteers who made this decorating and crafting session a success!

### January Mission— The Midland Foundation

Founded in 1960 and located in North Branch, The Midland School offers a comprehensive special education program serving the needs of children with developmental disabilities. Currently serving 108 children (ages 3 through 21), their mission is to promote personal achievement and foster independence for children and adults by providing a range of innovative programs.

### Christian Nurturing Center Open House

This special event is on Saturday, January 26th, from 9:30 a.m. till noon. Help us spread the word! We invite parents and children to stop in to learn about our school, see our facility and meet our teachers. Nursery, Pre-Kindergarten and Fun for Two's (2 year-olds with parent) classes are offered. Extended day programs are available as well.

### Sunday Worship Altar Flowers

Please contact Neva in the church office if you would like to order flowers to be displayed during one or more of our Sunday worship services.

### 2019 Offering Envelopes Available

If you currently don't have any and would like a set for 2019, contact the church office.

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