

Conference Communications Council

Hopes and Prayers from Congregations

Anawim - not currently meeting

River of Life - withdrew Jan 1, 2017

Calvary - continues as a non participating member - have now withdrawn

Transitions: - use networks

Albany

Menno

Prince of Peace

Evergreen - transition

Salem - transition

Aberdeen - Kevin Chupp - Hope - old congregation - some who have left are coming back. We are new and different - vision of hope.

Filer - Tim Gascho - Hope - have some land - what do we do with it -

Evergreen Heights - Kathy Bilderback - Hope - sense of community - inclusive and anabaptist. Reconciliation / peace orientation

Albany - are in transition - sign of hope - as we said good by to last pastor - out of sadness grows hope. AMC is using space for community events. Making things happen in Albany. Global emersion - group visiting Mexico.

Centro Cristiano

Comunidad - Vida Nueva - working for the Lord in the community. brothers and sisters who were not attending, are coming back. prayers for new programs to meet these needs.

Corvallis - most of congregation is of political persuasion that are concerned about the new administration. sensing PRAYER - first churchwidje discussion about sexual minorities

Saturday, February 4, 2017

Emmaus - challenges - signs of new life - one family in church - foster children - now we've got 6 kids in that household. supporting them - help them remodel the home so it fits the kids. source of life - challenge also to have all the little ones around. neat challenge to have. one member issued a prayerful challenge - what can we let go of that might be in the way of helping us be a welcoming community. appreciate the new life challenge.

Eugene - hopeful in our community - we don't lose hope. we're small but it seems like everyone is engaged in efforts to work in the community to relieve suffering - pay attention to people who need advocacy. challenge - to discern where we are heading, what is our future.

Evergreen Heights

Filer Mennonite

First Aberdeen

First McMinnville

Hyde Park - world and political upheaval - energy - what does it mean for us as people of faith.

Roca - most urgent - the immigration situation to our Spanish people - fears that brings to immigrants in our congregation. peace, patience, hope, confidence in God.

Jerusalem - parents - father waiting for him to depart to heaven. transition time, there is hope, tomorrow I get to present 2 twins in our church. through this we have had services at the apartment so dad could be there. people walk by and hear us sing. there is hope Thursday one of my cousins prayed with me to give her life to the Lord. pray for us as we transition. hope comes through the sadness - people and are hearing the word.

Lebanon - last august started program called the vault - boys and girls club. Pray for our engagement with each other in the congregation.

Menno

Ministerios

Mt View Mennonite - meet with 12 people who have been trying to regenerate MDS in our community. will meet with community agencies and people with needs in our valley.

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a pastor has been alienated from his church. immigration/racism people with needs. Prayer that we recognize opportunities to get involved and participate in that.

Pacific Covenant

Portland Mennonite - transition - new pastor - bringing a new level of vitality. has freed up more time to move to peace and justice issues. Night strike ministry. variety of things bubbling up. vibrant congregation - reaching capacity of our facility. what does our future hold with regards to facility.

Salem - prayers - in a difficult time of pastoral transition - complexity of life - marital infidelity. seeking prayers in time of transition. holding many different emotions in congregation. much spinning around - people in different places of moving on or not. the way people have come together. we'll make it through this - we'll be fine. heaviness with the political situation - disparity of political views even in our own congregation. have seen hope in how people have come together.

Western Mennonite - congregation is doing well. have done outreach projects - Warm Springs, Oldest living member passed away in Dec. Church is getting smaller. Relationships in church are getting closer. more open and finding ways to show love to each other.

Pastor is in Mexico now building church

Seattle - 50th anniversary year - Jubilee - discernment around stewardship of our resources. how to reach out to members of our community and our congregation who feel threatened and afraid.

Shalom - continues to meet - 6 or 14 at a time - committed group of folks who continue to gather for worship and fellowship. don't have a paid pastor - just had budget meeting. 90% of budget is given outward. we feel good about this. people who are active on social justice levels. even more work now. speaking out on issues of immigration and everything that is presented to us that we need to make our voices known on. committed to raising a ruckus to politicians.

Zion - Questions since November - trying to include youth in adult classes to listen to discussions. Bridging Cultures involvement, Jubilee Food Pantry - getting passports for young people. How to reach out to our community.