

## June 2018 Pastor's Report to Session

Summer has officially begun, and that generally means a lull in the activity of the church as people vacation, rest, and gear up for the fall. This past month has been somewhat hectic but great nonetheless. We've had Vacation Bible School, our Habitat for Humanity Build, Beginners Camp at Kirkmont, and much more. The opportunities to connect more fully with members of our church, presbytery, and community have been very meaningful. I am looking at taking a few days off during the first part of July to get some refreshment and rejuvenation.

### - Christian Education

- *Pastor's Discussion Group - On the Sunday after Labor Day, I will begin teaching a new class called "The Thoughtful Christian" during the Sunday School hour. This will be a topic-based class dealing with issues that young adults (no age cutoff) are experiencing.*
- *Summer Trip - Michele and I continue to plan the summer trip to Louisville, KY, with approximately ten 4th - 6th graders on July 23. This will be an opportunity for both fun (the Mega Caverns!) and education about the ministry of our denomination at our "headquarters." We are grateful that the Urbana United Methodist Church has given us permission to use their van and that our insurance will cover this.*
- *Vacation Bible School - I felt Vacation Bible School was a success. We had approximately 20 adult volunteers and about 30 students each night. We also raised enough money to plant 80 trees in Malawi as well as many items for the PAWS Animal Shelter.*
- *Child Protection Training - Our first Child Protection Policy training was very well-attended. We have completed background checks on most of our children/youth ministry volunteers and will have another training this fall to make sure we cover all the volunteers.*
- *Kirkmont - I was a counselor at Beginners Camp this year. This was a very enjoyable time, and I got to meet Kevin Horrigan, which was a blessing. A big thank you to Michele Slone for leading this amazing camp!*

### - Marriage Committee

- *We had our first marriage committee discussion on Sunday, July 10. Approximately 30 people attended and the conversation was open, respectful, and gracious. Many different opinions and stories were shared. I posted a short video recap here: <http://ufpc.church/marriage-discussion/>. Our next meeting will take place on Sunday, August 26 after worship.*

### - Mission

- *We had a great time working with Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, June 16. About 15 volunteers helped with construction and meals. A big thanks to Patti Wilbur for all of her work on this!*

### - Pastoral Care

- *I have continued to visit members of the church at home and in the hospital to get more acquainted and to pray with them.*

### - Potential Capital Improvement Campaign

- *I met with the Financial Needs committee on June 14. We began formulating a plan for our capital improvement campaign and will share this with session for approval once we complete a draft proposal.*