



A message to the Congregation from Father Dow

Dear Friends,

I am happy to be able to announce to you the next steps in Church of the Good Shepherd's future. As you know, we are leaving our current place of worship by November 1st in order that the building's owner can enlarge her own business. After much conversation, and through the kindness of many, the following information is now "official."

1. Office Space: Mary and I will relocate the church offices to the house on Cedar Street currently being used as a Beauty Shop (the building will be vacant by the end of October). This location is on the parcel of land donated to the Church by the Toppers, and it has the advantage of establishing our mailing address and "presence" on what will become the permanent Church home when our building is completed.
2. Worship and Adult Christian Education. With deep gratitude to Pastors Andrea and Nathan Rice, and with the unanimous support of the Parish Council of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, we have been offered the use of their historic Chapel (facing Central Avenue) for our Wednesday and Sunday services. This beautiful building comfortably seats 150 people.
3. Nursery, Children's Christian Education, Restrooms and Coffee Hour: With deep gratitude to Fr. Rob Spainhour, and with the unanimous support of the Vestry of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, we are being offered the use of their parish hall. Epiphany is conveniently located right next door to the St. Luke's Chapel.

Obviously, there are many details to be worked out, so that we can all work cooperatively, but establishing these "big picture" decisions is enormously helpful. I know you join me in deep gratitude to our neighbors for their kindness and generous hospitality.

After several weeks of meeting and setting goals, the Architect Search Committee will begin next week interviewing prospective architects. As I mentioned in Sunday announcements, we will have in person congregational meetings at every important step, so that we can have conversation and receive your ideas and input. And of course, I or the Wardens are available any time for personal conversation.

These are indeed very exciting times! I am delighted to be on this new adventure together.

Faithfully yours,

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