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Warm greetings to all of you,

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I announce today that we have been able to get a new INTERIM pastor. Pastor Melody Sell, who has preached the last two weeks, has agreed to serve as a part-time interim for us. She comes with a great amount of experience having served many Pennsylvania churches in places like Lafayette Hill, Williamsport, and Washington. She holds Masters degrees in both Religion and Divinity. She currently resides in Mt. Joy, PA.

Pastor Sell will serve us for 25 hours a week, which helps us to keep our costs low. Therefore, we cannot expect to see quite the level of involvement we had in the past. She will be there for us for any pastoral act, some meetings, and of course, visitations, as well as pastoral care. It is our job to let her know when visitations are needed and to remember to uphold her in prayer. Please welcome her and help her to mesh into our church family!!

In a few days I will send out the notice of our upcoming congregational meetings. Please pay close attention to the dates so you can be present, if able. We need to have a quorum, and with the numbers that currently attend, this would not be possible. We are close, so your efforts would be greatly appreciated. Our budget still leaves a large deficit. We are constantly drawing from our endowments. Like all good things, these will eventually dry up and we won't have that to rely upon.

Our survey results are in, and with 74 people responding, 98.6% said they would accept one service at 9 a.m. Most of the reasons people give for not attending services is that they are waiting for a vaccine or that their health is not good. Hopefully, you will all eventually find your way back to in-person worship. We look forward to rejoicing together, singing, and warm hugs. For now, however, know that we are making every effort to keep things going in the safest ways possible, and to provide the Word and the blessings we all need!!

In Christian Love, Adele King Council President

United in Christ, we are called to love and serve.