

TRANSITIONS...A message from your President, Linda Ice

By it's definition, a transitional time is described as "a process of changing from one state or condition to another". That's where we are folks! But during this, I continue to take pride in saying that your Westside Community remains strong and active during this time! Thank you for your commitment and dedication to the life of our church!

The Interim Task Force has now presented a job description and contract proposal for the boards approval and by the time you are reading this, we hope to be speaking to potential candidates. We are seeking ministerial leadership for a 25% – 37.5% time dependent on whether they will offer Reflections once or twice each month. Other responsibilities we are hoping to fulfill include scheduled office hours for congregant calls or visits; attend monthly meetings of the Board of Directors; meetings with officers of the congregation and staff regarding planning, programs, and opportunities; work with Membership Committee to welcome and orient newcomers and new members; provide pastoral care, including hospital and home visits as needed in coordination with the Chaplain Corp; attend church dinner or social events as available; attend district, UUA, interfaith or other meetings as available; and perform rites of passage for members including child dedications, marriage, memorial services, services of union and similar events consistent with contract limitations. If you have a suggestion of someone who may "fit the bill", please contact any member of the Interim Task Force, or it's chair, Mark McMurry at Mark.B.McMurry@gmail.com.

The congregational survey is nearing its deadline for completion by members and friends of January 31. If you happen to be reading this before that date and have not yet completed the survey...drop everything and go do that right now!!! We are looking forward to the results of this questionnaire to help guide us in seeking our Interim Minister as well as moving the congregation forward in our next long-range plan. Your input will be invaluable in the process. Full survey results will be presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting in June of this year.

We will hold our next Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, February 5th from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the sanctuary. Pertinent updates available at that time regarding the search for a contract minister will be provided and your church lay leaders will be there to answer your questions regarding any aspect of the transitions process. Childcare will be available. For reservations, please contact Cindy Fountain by February 3rd.