

The Pastor's Report

Spring being a tough act to follow, God created June.

My friends far and near, if ever there was a perfect month it is surely June. I trust these words find you wrapped in its warm embrace!

Wedged in-between the recent completion of the "Flower Fountain" around the new electronic sign (WHEW! see photo elsewhere in this newsletter) and the work on tap for the summer to renovate the Selleck Room, the big news this month is the launch of the **NEW CHURCH WEBSITE!**

After several months of hard work, and too many months of me just "thinking about it," the new website *should* go live the same day this newsletter is sent out. Fingers crossed! Though we have yet to add the plethora of photos we intend, as well as other bits of information we'd like to include, the site is certainly what might be termed, "operational."

First things first. This was an *enormous lift* and, frankly, something I could not have even thought about getting accomplished if it weren't for Christy Dekay; our savvy and adept Office Coordinator. Not only did Christy "persuade" me to reorder my priorities, she brought (or learned) the requisite skills to code the pages. **Please join me in offering Christy our profound thanks for her efforts!**

Beyond this news, I would share with you that what made the endeavor

such a challenge was the task of expressing an accurate understanding of our church, her congregation and, especially, our joyful and spirit-filled "vibe." While providing all the necessary information one might expect from such a site, we did not shy from "breaking the fourth wall." This is a term from the theater world where a performer will acknowledge the presence of the audience (or visitor, in our case). Meaning, we

didn't wait to have folks venture into our world, we ventured into theirs.

Having arrived at this point of rolling out the new site, **I would now ask all of you to take a look** for yourself and consider where we might improve the site. Is it too much, too little, or just right? Are there typos or grammatical issues? Did we miss something? Are

there ways it might be improved? Most importantly, do *you* think it captures the essence of who we are and what we are about here at the First Presbyterian Church on the Park?

I will confess that sometimes I get a little myopic in my view of the church. Please know I am *very* welcoming (please!) of different perspectives and understandings of who we are as a church. Remember, we *are* "The Church Reformed, Always Reforming!" Let the Reformation continue!

Always just a "click" away,
Rev. Mike



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"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

- Romans 2:12a