

The Pastor's Report

And just like *that*, summer winds down and fall is upon us!

I trust that all of you had a wonderful couple of months of travel, leisure, gardening, recreation and gentle breezes blowing in your window. I will be the first to admit that it is very difficult to put aside the languidity of the summer season and get back into the swing of fall things. Nevertheless, let us endeavor to get ourselves together and into gear.

Which is not to say the church has been idling all summer. Instead, we've been using the "granny gear" (i.e., slow and steady wins the race) to accomplish quite a bit. The remodeling of the Nursery and creation of the Selleck Room has been humming along nicely. The construction of the wall with window in the Selleck Room is complete, and the painting has been done in both rooms (looks and feels "fresh"). Christy and Emily are painting a mural in the nursery. Carpet and flooring is set to be installed the week of Labor Day, beginning on September 3rd. We found a new home for the crib unit and the old sink and basin have been removed. In their place there will be upper cabinets on both walls, with an "L" shaped counter below to include a lazy Susan, new vanity, sink and faucet. These have been ordered and will be installed mid October. It is going to be a great space.



While we will be moving most of the nursery items and furniture back into the nursery (see below) the Selleck Room is more of a blank canvas. Shall we just put padding on the walls and call it good? If not, what do we envision this space to be for the kids and youth of our church? Some "Dreaming and Scheming" will be required. We pretty much have whatever funds are necessary to furnish this however we wish. What, though, do we wish???

Here, now, is where all of YOU come in.

First, we are going to need help on Friday September 6th and Saturday September 7th to get things moved back into the nursery and get it set up. Further, we need to get the Conference Room back in shape. **All before**

the resumption of Church School and Nursery that Sunday, September 8th.

Beyond this, I would like to ask folks to be intentional about helping the church shift into high gear for the coming year. While we will hit the ground running with CS, Choir, Cabbage Roll Sale and Fall Rummage Sale, the best way to build momentum and speed is to attend worship (in-person or via the stream). Worship is what greases the gears of our church; it is where love is made known and Spirit made manifest.

Thank you all for all you do, Rev. Mike

"God has made everything beautiful in its time." - Ecc. 3: 11a