

A photograph of three lanterns on a wooden table. The lantern on the left is dark metal with a glass chimney. The two lanterns on the right are blue metal with glass chimneys. They are all on a light-colored wooden table against a light-colored wall.

THE LANTERN

SAINT GILES
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WEEKLY NEWS #3
JANUARY 20TH, 2021

Important Dates At-A-Glance

Wednesday, January 27th

7am Centering Prayer—Zoom

Sunday, January 31

9:30am Adult Sunday School—Zoom

Wednesday, February 3

7am Centering Prayer

Sunday, February 7th

10:45am Annual Meeting of the
Congregation and Corporation

Wednesday, February 10

7am Centering Prayer
12pm Session Packet Deadline

Intentional Interim Update

What a joy it has been to get to know staff and members over the past two months. I'm very aware that the process is slower since we are not chatting before and after worship, sitting together for a congregational meal, or gathering for a meeting in the adult education building. Zoom and telephone calls are what we have and they work too! Thank you all for being honest and open in your thoughts, hopes, and dreams for St. Giles. Hearing your thoughts and stories has helped me to begin to know you.

And now things will move to a new level. Your Session has appointed a Transition Team that is a microcosm of the congregation. It will this team's responsibility to engage you around the five focus points of interim ministry - Heritage, Leadership, Mission, Connections, and Future. The team members are: Matt Morgan, Cindy Hemminger, Erin Wilber, Leslie Pressel, and Caroline Tatum-Carter. I will be training them soon and meeting with them all along the way, sharing resources and serving as coach to the team. Please be in prayer for them, keep an eye out for their requests for feedback, and make it a priority to participate as best you can!

Grace and peace,
Lance

Annual Meeting

The session has called the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation for Sunday, February 7th at 10:45am. It will be held via zoom; the link will be published the week beforehand. This important meeting will be used to receive the Annual Report, elect the Congregational Nominating Committee, and inform the congregation of the budget. Please make a note in your calendar for this important day!

Transition Team Announcement

Good news! The Session of St. Giles has appointed a Transition Team to guide the congregation through the identity-clarification process. The team's responsibility will be to engage the congregation around the five focus points of intentional interim ministry (Heritage, Mission, Leadership, Connections, and Future). The team members are: Caroline Tatum-Carter, Leslie Pressel, Erin Wilber, Matt Morgan, and Cindy Hemminger. Please be in prayer for the team as they begin their work and plan to participate along the way!

Directory Update:

We will be publishing an updated version of the Saint Giles directory in February. If you have any updates to addresses, phone numbers, emails, etc—please let the church office know ASAP and we will make sure your contact information is up to date. Thank you!

COVID-19 Safety

Please plan to observe COVID safety guidelines when entering St. Giles buildings. Per session guidelines, all persons entering buildings are required to wear masks. Thank you for your attention and care for the safety of the St. Giles community.