

Monday, July 8th

This letter is to inform you about a new opportunity for fellowship that came out of a recent cottage meeting. Over 60 members have already participated in the first two cottage meetings and some great discussions and suggestions have been made. First and foremost is the need to reconnect with one another in an intentional way. As you may know, the Church Council made a decision to change the worship schedule to two services beginning in April, a little earlier this year than is typically done during the summer months. One of the reasons for this was to attempt to bring everyone closer together with a common time for fellowship between the two services, as well as providing more time for Pastor Ophus to meet and greet members and visitors.

During one of the recent cottage meetings a suggestion was made to change the worship schedule one Sunday a month, with a single worship service followed by a potluck brunch or BBQ. Much discussion followed and a decision was made to try it out during the summer months. The service on those Sundays would be moved to a different time and everyone would be encouraged to stay for the potluck. This once-a-month event will provide an opportunity for all members and visitors to worship and fellowship together. In addition, updates on congregational issues can be provided and guest speakers can be brought in to further educate about this interim period, including updates on the congregational study and eventually the call process.

The first of these events will be on Sunday, July 27th with worship at 9 a.m. followed immediately by the potluck brunch. Please bring something like fruit or veggie trays, cheese and crackers, cookies, muffins, ham cubes, etc. Continuation of the “Once A Month” Worship & Fellowship events during the school year is an option if the congregation so desires.

Schedule for first 3 monthly Worship & Fellowship events will be:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship Time(s)</u>	<u>Fellowship Times</u>
Sunday, July 27 th	9:00 a.m.	Brunch Following Worship
Sunday, August 17 th	9:00 a.m.	Brunch Following Worship
Sunday, September 7 th	TBA	BBQ/Potluck Around Noon

Please remember worship services will remain at both 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. for all other Sundays until Sunday, Sept. 7th. Fall worship times will be determined at a later date.

If you have not already attended a cottage meeting, please take the time to find one that works with your schedule, sign up, and then attend. Your participation and input in the cottage meetings and the Once-A-Month Worship & Fellowship events are crucial during this interim time as the congregation moves forward to where God is leading us.

God’s Peace,