

The Parish Relations Committee met last week, 4/23/08. Members are: Rev. Cathy, Carol Rowell, Bob Osburne, Marge Hurd, Lynn Sanders

For Council's consideration, please review the following:

- Rev. Cathy has chosen not to take Sabbatical leave during May 2008 through May 2009.
- Rev. Cathy is requesting 3 months' Sabbatical leave between May 2009 and May 2010. Exact time to be determined. This would be a time of intentional study and intentional rest. **Council should review and advise.**
- Sermon writing days will be shifted to Thursday of each week.
- The committee is requesting that a guest preacher be utilized once every quarter as a respite to Rev. Cathy to reduce preaching responsibilities. **Council should review and advise.**
- Bob Osburne will be asking the Council for conversation regarding one service during the summer months.
- We had positive conversation regarding the dinner group meetings – the meetings are encouraging and good conversation is being generated.
- In order to invest in our church's community, the Canton Community Association meeting schedule will begin being included in The Endeavor. It is already included in our bulletins.
- I'll forward an article to Barb Matthew for The Endeavor regarding purpose of Parish Relations Committee and Committee members.

For future Parish Relations' discussion:

- Rev. Cathy would like to see the church become involved in discussions surrounding our faith, the environment, other religions. This topic can be discussed in more detail at future Parish Relations meetings and presented to the Council.