

Pastor's Report  
March Council 2004

- Follow-up

**Saturday Service needs**

**Music** – I've contacted a couple of people (one Presbyterian, one UCC) in regards to a musical worship leader, no results yet. I've also posted the position on several email sites for church staffing. I will continue to explore other options, i.e. ecumenical contacts.

**Advertising** – Shirley Willingham researched the prices and sizes for the ads in the Guide, I have contacted them and the ad will be published once they create the worship directory as a part of the paper.

Bill Meyers has procured a banner for front of church with attachable seasonal signs. **We need someone to update the marquee signs.**

**Council Retreat**

Rescheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for understanding my need to reschedule. It was obvious that I could not put together a retreat that would be worthwhile by February 28<sup>th</sup> and I was not about to waste people's time with a retreat that would not address our needs. On the 27<sup>th</sup> we will focus on "Leadership and Vision."

- **Confirmation Sunday** is April 4<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday. It is the first Sunday of the month. We are scheduled to have communion that Sunday. I recommend that we do not have communion because of confirmation and also because it is the beginning of Holy Week. **Questioning night** – Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:30 pm in the quiet room, I need 2-3 council members to ask John questions for predefined list. Note: No answers are provided for those who question. My philosophy is that if you are going to quiz the confirmand, then you need to know the answer yourself.
- **Lenten series** – On March 31<sup>st</sup> I will be Zion Golden Ring preaching at their 7:30 service. I need someone to help lead worship with Beth Cantrell-Counts who will be our guest preacher. *Carol Rowell*
- **Guests from Chicago** – On April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be housing approximately 70 people from 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church of Western Springs, IL. They are arriving around 6 p.m. on Thursday, they plan to leave DC at about 5 p.m. I think it would be nice to have some council members here to welcome them. **Do we want to welcome them in some way, i.e. snacks and sodas, or dinner?**
- **Request from the UCC Insurance Board** – there is an account manager position with the Insurance Board, they are requesting we post this position within our congregation, to allow UCC members first dibs at the job.