



Greetings,

First, thank you for the warm welcome that I've received during my first days at Good Shepherd. I'm truly excited to be with you and look forward to sharing ministry together.

Let me assure you that during this interim time, our ministry will continue moving full speed ahead. This is not a time to step back, but we encourage everyone to faithfully engage in the work of the congregation. God has good things ahead!

As is true in all transitions, there are questions about priorities and timelines and what's next. The Council will begin a series of regular **"Coffee with Council"** conversations between services, with the first on **Sunday, September 17**. This will be a wonderful time to gather together as a community and get an update from the Council. Please stay after the first service or come a bit early to the second, grab a cup of something, and engage with us.

On September 17, we'll talk about the timeline for moving forward. We'll answer questions about when another call committee will be formed (after the new year....but come and let us share why), Council's thoughts on the process to create a long range plan that will play a big role in the call of a next pastor, an update on one of our wonderful ministries (and there are SO many), and whatever other questions you have.

Finally, please know that I'm always available for you. My "normal" schedule will be to work at home on Mondays, then in the office Tuesdays-Thursdays. There is a stack of business cards at the welcome center with my full contact information so grab one and put it into your wallet in case you need it.

Again, I am thrilled to be together in ministry. God has called us together for this time and this place. Let's listen to God's voice above all the other noise in our lives and see where God leads us.

Many blessings,  
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