

Congregational Chair's Report – September 16, 2018

The leadership team consists of congregational chair Karen Rath, assistant congregational chair Doug Miller, and elders Bethany Spicher Schonberg, Joel Weidner, Rosita Derstine, and Leland Glenna. Elders Gloria Horst Rosenberger and Jim Pierce ended their terms as elders on August 31, 2018 and we thank them for their service.

We continued to take turns checking church phone messages and leading sharing time during worship until the arrival of Pastor Kate Heinzl. We have also worked on completing gifts discernment for volunteer positions for the 2018-19 church year. We worked with the fellowship committee to coordinate the Moving Day & Potluck Picnic on August 23, the day Kate arrived in State College.

We had a leadership team meeting that included the outgoing elders as well as the incoming elders and Kate. We finalized the wording of the covenant between UMC and the pastor. The substantive changes to the covenant were voted on at the May 20, 2018 congregational business meeting.

We are excited to have Kate as our pastor and look forward to working with her on leadership team business. We are grateful to everyone in the congregation who helped in so many ways during our time of pastoral transition, and we ask you to keep us in your prayers as we move into the next chapter of our congregation's story.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Rath, Congregational Chair