

## Pastor's Update – June & July 2022

### A Brief Word or Two for Now

So grateful to you all and my clergy colleagues making possible for me to take a restful vacation and returning just in time to join many of you for our annual Reconciling Sunday / Pentecost Worship Service last Sunday. Susie O'Bryant, Janie Howard Knudsen, Patti Nelson, and Helen Roland Cramer provided us with a wonderful archive of memories and witness for how Davis UMC became a Reconciling Church. Each drew lines of connection between clergy, participating church members, and the processes formed for the conversations and gatherings that made it all possible. Rita Lundin, Joyce Smuda, and Blanche Shannon made our sanctuary beautifully appropriate for the day with banners and flags flying in support of the LGBTQIA+ communities. Thank you, Service & Justice, for the outside banner, too! Our choir wonderfully gladdened our hearts with their anthem "In This Very Room." What a great way to celebrate Pentecost in worship!!

We've needed and will continue to need experiences like Pentecost to inspire us for the challenges yet to come, to embolden us for faithfulness to be our best when our circumstances seem most dire. Mass shooting deaths, the menace of what supremacy, racism, and the growing threat of fascism in the form of Christian nationalism. Let us seek to bring out in one another the better angels of our nature.

Our COVID PROTOCOLS for worship remain unchanged. So, vaccinations and KN95 masks fitted properly will serve us well to stay well and help us to "do no harm" and care for one another while gathered to sing, pray, and share as a faith community. Take it from those who have suffered COVID symptoms: you do not want it nor does anyone else I know! We'll make it through this together. You can find detailed information regarding the ongoing endemic at this link: **CDC COVID Update**

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There's more to share, of course. MUCH more! But let's save that for next week. Until then, I am....

*Praying and Serving in the Way of Jesus with You! – Pastor Brandon*

### CALENDAR for JUNE & JULY

#### Office Visits with Pastor Brandon

#### Sundays after worship & Wednesdays Noon to 3 PM

Make your appointment now by contacting Pastor Brandon in person, by email, by text or phone call! Other times for a pastoral visit are available, so please call or email our church office or Pastor Brandon directly.

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### Memorial Services

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Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 PM – Lois Misfeldt @ DUMC with reception to follow – Rev. John Oda, officiant

## WORSHIP SERVICES

June 19 <sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM	<i>Pastor Brandon, preacher</i>
June 26 <sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM @ 11:15 AM	<i>Pastor Brandon, preacher</i> <b>Ice Cream Social</b> – Celebrating Pastor Brandon’s 25 <sup>th</sup> Year of Ordained Ministry
July 3 <sup>rd</sup> @ 10:00 AM	<b>NEW! Sermon Series: Church - A Detective Story</b> - <i>Pastor Brandon, preacher</i>
July 10 <sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM	Church - A Detective Story - <i>Pastor Brandon, preacher</i>
July 17 <sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM	Church - A Detective Story - <i>Pastor Brandon, preacher</i>
July 24 <sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM	Church - A Detective Story - <i>Pastor Brandon, preacher</i>
July 31 <sup>st</sup> @ 10:00 AM	<b>A Contemplative “5<sup>th</sup> Sunday” Worship Experience</b> - <i>Pastor Brandon, facilitator</i>

### **Pledge Giving – Please Check Your Records!**

Our Finance Committee noticed a lower-than-expected level of giving in the first quarter of this year. We have heard from a few church members who have reported that they simply forgot to monitor their giving during the new year. As we live into the summer months, when many of us will take some time to relax and refresh, please check that your pledge giving for the ministry of the church is current. Steady as we go! And, thank you!