



Westfield Presbyterian Church

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Rev. Paul Votaw, Pastor

Rev. David Champ, Associate Pastor

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Dear Westfield Covenant Partners and Friends,

Rev. Votaw has been our Temporary Pastor since January 2013. He recently shared with the Session his desire to retire. We have discussed the best way to make this transition so that it honors his request and enables Westfield to continue to fulfill her vision and mission. We have determined the following:

1. Begin immediately to form the Pastor Search Committee. Our constitution stipulates that the committee will be made up of 2 elders (one of whom will be the chair), 1 trustee, 1 deacon and 5 members at large. If there are individuals you believe should be considered for the Pastor Search Committee, please submit your suggestions to David Schmolly by way of the offering plate or his mailbox in the church office.
2. We have agreed that Rev. Votaw will stay on until the end of the year when his contract with Westfield ends. If we find someone prior to the end of the year Rev. Votaw will step down at that time.

This is an exciting time for Westfield. Our worship attendance is growing. Involvement in ministry is increasing. People are embracing our vision and mission. We have plans to initiate new ministries, expand our facilities and reach out to people who do not have a church family. There is vision, momentum, energy, and commitment and we must not let that wane. So let's make the most of the eight months that remain of Paul and Marcia's time with us.

While we are sad that Pastor Paul's time at Westfield is drawing to a close, we are excited about and looking forward to calling a pastor who is able to commit long term to the leadership and care of our faith family.

We move forward with confidence that God continues to lead, that the direction of ministry at Westfield has not changed, and that even now God is preparing the individual who will be our next pastor. Please pray for a smooth transition and that God will prepare the right person to lead us into the future.

We will have an information/discussion time soon. An announcement will be in the bulletin.

On behalf of Westfield's Session and confident of God's call and provision,

Janet Wigg
Clerk of Session