

Dear Friends,

As you know we are again without a pastor and have the task of searching for a new leader for our church. While this is disappointing, with God's guidance and support of our entire church family, we can bring about a positive result. Our church officers are working on this to find the perfect match as soon as possible and ask that you help in this endeavor by supporting their efforts.

The First Presbyterian Church of Vassar was born in 1855 when 6 individuals who met in their Vassar homes for worship voted to officially become Presbyterians. The church has grown over the years but has had setbacks and challenges along the way. In the early years it was difficult to find pastors due to the isolation of the community. War, illness, and the Great Depression coupled with a tragic fire and then a 100 year flood have all threatened the church over the years. But the members joined together with courage from God and recovered to become stronger than before. Our church has always been a center of care and service to the community and beyond.

Our community is now recovering from a recession that started in the early to mid-2000's. Jobs were lost and the population in Vassar went down when people left to find work. Consequently, the school and church numbers went down as well. This drop in the population and the difficulty in filling the pulpit is a challenge we are now facing to insure the future of our church. We need to remain steadfast in God's care if we wish to become strong to carry on the journey of faith as our forefathers (and mothers) have done for 164 years.

Contact any of the following Elders and/or Deacons if you have questions, concerns, or suggestions concerning the future of our church or pastoral care. We will keep you informed as to the status of the search etc.

God's blessings to you,

First Presbyterian Church of Vassar

If you have questions

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Pulpit Schedule for Worship:

Aug 25: Russ Hubbard

Sept. 1: Steve Franko

Sept 8: Dr. Dan Saperstein