

Meeting to call our Settled Pastor, Jeffrey Mark Hensley
Sunday, November 17, 2024

Jamie Pennington gave a brief history of how our search went for an interim and a settled pastor.

The Pastoral Search Committee decided in a unanimous decision to recommend Pastor Mark Hensley as our settled part-time pastor.

Bob Brandemuehl asked about what will happen to the parsonage since Pastor Mark doesn't need it. The Council will have to deal with that issue as time goes on. Nothing has been decided as of yet about the parsonage. Parsonages in general seem to be a thing of the past.

Rae-Ellen discussed that renting out the parsonage would jeopardize our tax exempt status. She also mentioned that the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches currently has 32 pastoral positions open. There are fewer candidates than there are positions nationwide.

Since Pastor Mark has a full-time job as a State Farm agent, he would be called as our part-time settled pastor.

We used paper ballots to vote.

The ballot reads: Do you agree with the Pastoral Search Committee recommendation to call Pastor Mark Hensley to be our next settled pastor? Circle one. Yes No

We need 75% approval of the vote.

The vote was unanimous to accept Pastor Jeffrey Mark Hensley as our settled pastor!

We will have an installation service sometime in the winter.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Himebauch
Council Secretary

