



Tower Tidings

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- Pastor's Letter
- Announcements
- Cherryfield Trip
- Dragon Boat Festival
- Free Veggie Thursday
- Multicultural Festival
- Mens & Women's Breakfasts
- Vacation Bible School
- Coffee Hours
- Birthdays
- Covid Update
- Book Discussion
- Fall time change

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Interim Notes

(Occasional "Food for Thought" in Less than 350 Words)

Elsewhere in this newsletter is a paragraph about the extension of my interim ministry in your midst. Together, we will continue our journey of renewal and preparation!

Speaking of renewal, Rev. Jim Kidd was an acquaintance of mine when I served churches in Connecticut. Jim was the Senior Minister at Asylum Hill Congregational Church in Hartford. He wrote a book about the renewal of churches through a ministry of preaching. I went to visit with him in his office about the subject, and this is what I remember him saying:

Preaching can be a very compelling impetus for church growth. However, it relies on the laity as much as it does the preacher. The preacher needs for congregation members to share invitations with neighbors and friends saying that their church has the best preacher in the region. Now the preacher may not actually be the best preacher in the region, but if people keep talking up the preacher, and if they keep inviting people to visit the congregation that preacher may very well grow into being the best preacher in the region.

Rev. Kidd wrote his books and articles in the 1990's. I don't know if there is much credence in his strategy thirty years later. What I do like about it, however, is that he fosters a "we're all in this together" mindset. The preacher and the people need to work together to build up one another. The beauty of an interim time is that we get to practice some new approaches to building up the Body of Christ. How can Congregational Church of Laconia members share their enthusiasm about some aspect of this church with others – and then grow into being that church? How can we be the best we can be in worship, music, outreach, education, and/or walking humbly with our God? What aspect of this church is so important to you that you would invite family members, friends or even co-workers to come and experience it?

Practice for our new season begins in September!

With you on the Journey,
Campbell Lovett
Interim Pastor

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