



PRESQUE ISLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 15, 2024

To the Members and Friends of the Presque Isle Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ

On January 28, 2024, we will come together for our annual meeting. This year, in addition to our regular business of reporting out, electing officers, and approving a budget, we have some decisions to make about our future. At the meeting you will be presented with two motions that present opportunities to engage with the United Parish Church of Fort Fairfield in ways that could be of mutual benefit to both congregations. Those motions are as follows:

- To approve the creation of a joint committee to explore the process and possibility of collaborative ministries between the Presque Isle Congregational Church, UCC and United Parish Church of Fort Fairfield.
- To engage in periodic worship and spiritual development between the Presque Isle Congregational Church, UCC and the United Parish Church of Fort Fairfield with the intention of strengthening our communities and relationships.

The first motion allows for more long-term discussion and planning between the two congregations while the second allows for the possibility of experiencing more immediate and short-term opportunities. Both motions were approved by the Council at the January 10, 2024, meeting and came about following receipt of a letter from Rev. Dr. Diane Langworthy, Pastor, and the Council of the United Parish Church, which is included for your review.

In addition to these motions, there will come before you a motion regarding the parsonage property as follows:

- To authorize the PIUCC Church Council to sell the parsonage property should the Council deem that to be the best option for and in the best interest of the congregation.

I think most of you are up to date on the parsonage issue, but we will be prepared to answer questions during the discussion of the motion. I urge you to review the letter from the United Parish Church and reflect on the opportunities it presents for both congregations.

Blessings,

Moderator



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