



August 30, 2020

Growing Our Spiritual Lives

This course on Spiritual Life will meet for three sessions at Trinity United Church of Christ, Telford, Pa., on Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. as follows:

September 26 – Spiritual growth through congregational worship

October 24 – Spiritual growth through personal disciplines

November 14 – Spiritual growth through small groups.

The course will be led by Dr. Charles A. Maxfield, an ordained United Church of Christ minister with rich experience in lay ministry training. He will be assisted by Constance A. Lezenby, a spiritual director (M.A. in Spiritual Direction) recognized by her Friends' Meeting as a traveling minister.

The cost of this course is \$15.00 per person for the three sessions. The enrollment will be limited to 20 persons. Additional applicants will be placed on a waiting list. Please register by sending your name, e-mail address and check payable to Trinity United Church of Christ, to the following address is:

Trinity United Church of Christ, 101 S. Main St., Telford, Pa. 18969-1899

email: tucctelford@gmail.com



 **PSEC Fall Meeting**

November 15, 2020

2:00 pm



INTERIM SEASONS

Interim Season for Congregations:

One of the things I share with congregations who are in an interim season is that they are now ahead of the curve. The reality is that every congregation is now in an interim season.

This era we are experiencing has moved the whole church into a season of liminality...that in between space. It is a time of being perhaps pushed or shoved into a future not chosen. It may have felt and may continue to feel somewhat chaotic. Is it possible to intentionally stop the chaos? Can we claim what it means to be in this moment as a spiritual practice? Is it possible to name this season as a sabbatical for the church?

If we all embrace this time as an interim season, it can allow for some meaningful reflection beyond logistics. It can be a time for thoughtful, prayerful conversation about who God is calling us to be and how we live out that call not only as individuals but as congregations.

Interim Season for Authorized Ministers:

One of the things I share with authorized ministers who are in an interim season is that they are ahead of the curve. The reality is that many pastors are now in an interim season.

I hear people reevaluating their gifts and graces for ministry and with that comes questions about call and how this new season is waking us up to re-examine our call to be in authorized ministry.

You too can engage in a spiritual practice of discernment. Some of us have been ordained long enough to know that the Marks on Faithful and Effective Ministry were not around when we began our journey toward ordination. How about taking some time to sit with these marks? Each week address a section of the marks and pray with them. By the end you might discern either an affirmation of what you already thought, or you just might discern something new about yourself.

Don't be afraid to be in an interim season. It can help us see ourselves in a deeper way. Go ahead and explore...engage...reflect. GOD is still speaking, calling, and listening.

- Rev. Dr. Susan Minasian

Interim Associate Conference Minister for Search & Call