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Dear Members and Friends,

The church calendar has been under some pressure lately, first from planned special events and most recently from Mother Nature! We certainly appreciated the resumption of church services on February 14 after two cancellations due to snowstorms.

We are sending you this letter because the two recent cancellations have deprived us of face-to-face opportunities to inform you of upcoming special events and changes to the regular Sunday morning schedule for three consecutive Sundays in March. You are warmly and enthusiastically encouraged to attend and participate in the following events.

On **March 7**, we will have one combined worship service at 10:00 followed by lunch and the first Mission Study group event, in which we will recall and describe our church when it has been at its best. You will need to sign up for this event by leaving a signup form in the collection plate with names and menu selections for all attending, calling the church office, or sending an e-mail to joeavent@yahoo.com. This will be a fun and exciting opportunity to help determine the course of our church and the search for our Pastor, and we need and want your input. Details on the event are in *The First Pres*, on the church website (use the member log-in, which is "peace"), on posters around the church and in weekly bulletin inserts. Deadline to sign up is Monday, March 1, 2010.

On **March 14**, we will have one combined worship service at 10:00 to be followed by a congregational meeting to consider recommended changes from the Session to the Terms of Call of the Associate Pastor (salary adjustments), the adoption of congregational Bylaws, the formation of a church property corporation and transfer of the church's real property to the property corporation, and receiving the 2009 Annual Report. Copies of the congregational Bylaws and incorporation documents are on the church website. You will need to use the member log-in to view them. Please attend this very important meeting which will follow the one combined worship at 10:00.

On **March 21**, we will again have combined worship followed by lunch and the second Mission Study group event, in which we as a group will develop our vision for our church in the future. Arrangements will be similar to those for the March 7 event – watch for continued publicity in *The First Pres* and bulletin inserts.

We regret the disruption of the normal worship and church school schedule, and ask that you understand that these events are scheduled in this fashion so all of our members can conveniently attend. Your entire Session, Mission Study Task Force, and your pastors are all supportive and excited about these Sundays. We look forward to your attendance and participation, and may God guide and bless the work we do together.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gavin".

Gavin Meek, Interim Pastor

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David".

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