

## President's Letter

July 2017

Greetings. It may be the middle of summer but things have not slowed down at church. While Rev. Rose is on her well-earned study leave and vacation, services are being presented by a full complement of lay leaders. The services are being well-attended and we very much appreciate the perspectives these folks are bringing us. Rev. Rose will be back in the pulpit Sept. 4.

Two items I know you're curious about. Replacement of a large part of our roof and our many rooftop air conditioning units will not take place until probably September. It was initially planned to happen this summer, but it's taken more time to determine what size units are appropriate and to put together a construction plan. The work is expected to be done quickly, whenever it starts.

The other item is the long-awaited church photo directory. We discovered there was a problem on our end that delayed completion of this project. Now we are back on track and we are hopeful of getting our directories by September.

We are also completing and updating our online directory. For the next few Sundays there will be an Opt-In insert in the order of service. You will need to fill it out and leave it in the mailbox outside the church office (or mail it) if you want your contact information to be available to other members. Otherwise all they will see in the online directory is your name. You can also update your information and opt-in using Realm on the church website.

If you have a Caring concern this summer, contact the church office, [913-381-3336](tel:913-381-3336). This weekend (July 22-23) a Harvesters truck will be in our parking lot for the annual metro-wide Our Community Can food drive. We are a primary drop-off point. Please feel free to bring canned goods on Sunday.

Save the date of Saturday, Oct. 28. We are going to formally install Rev. Rose as our minister. Yes, she's been here a year and we could have done it last year, but, well, we were busy. In an Installation Ceremony, the congregation and the minister commit themselves to each other. The ceremony will include a guest minister.

What did we do last year that was more important than installing Rev. Rose? There was a capital campaign, plus the labyrinth that we built and dedicated, and the celebration of our 50th anniversary. We also had a successful annual fund drive. (Just so you know, we raised enough to meet our operating budget, but not enough to hire any additional staff as we had hoped.) Thank you to everyone involved in these endeavors and thank you to those many volunteers and staff who helped keep the church running more or less smoothly all year in other ways. And now we're into a new year and who knows the places we will go.

Sincerely,  
Don Skinner