



OB Meeting

September 26, 2017

Minister's Musings

- ✚ As you all know, Summer has been a busy time and I have shared my activities with congregants with little notes for two weeks, and the response has been very positive. I plan to continue doing that... As much as possible.
- ✚ I am grateful to God for the Community Called Elgin-Portland, and I am looking forward to continuing this journey together and growing, deepening our roots in God's Love.
- ✚ Yes, the work of ministry has changed, if I get 3 days off in a month, it is a miracle... The vocation has become a 24/7 calling, thanks to Facebook and my office being at home, I am immersed in my work all the time. However, in all things, there is a rewarding factor that I am aware of as I journey with people and see God working in different ways, even in the wrestles of life.
- ✚ I am working with the supervisee of our Presbytery, Emma Pipes and putting to action what I have learned over the course of June 2016-May 2017.
- ✚ As I plan for my Sabbatical, I do want to call it, "EPPC Sabbatical", and ask this court if they will support a mission idea that I would like to carry out as able for Refugee Students in Lebanon – at the school I attended and grew up in, The Armenian Evangelical School, Shamlian Tatigian High School.
 - The idea is to prepare an evening in Portland and an Evening in Elgin and share my life's journey and share the need of this partnership and do a fundraising for student tuition.
- ✚ Yes, we will celebrate the 5th anniversary of our ministry together, on February 1, 2018, however, I still feel that we have just begun and we are taking baby steps in this relationship of Grace.

I remain humbly because of Grace,
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