



Pastor Mike – Sabbatical

The TCC Church Council Leadership Team approved a 6-week Sabbatical at the 10.26.2023 Meeting. The past five years have been a real challenge – looming disaffiliation, covid, Bishop Karter’s contentious letter, reduced giving, disaffiliation discernment process, the process of disaffiliating and a current greater reduction in giving – and have left me and Stephanie exhausted. I deeply appreciate this time to pray, seeking God’s healing and guidance, and to rest.

Because of other church work, I was late in planning for this sabbatical. Then the death of my best friend, Joe Weinstein, further pushed this back. I will take 4 weeks then return to celebrate Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday with our church family. I will then take the last 2 weeks.

Time frame:

Friday February 16 – Thursday March 21, 2024 - sabbatical

I have funerals on 02/17 and 02/19. (Both at off campus locations.)

Back to preach on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday

Monday April 1 – Saturday April 13- sabbatical

Very serious (reiterate, “very serious”) issues please contact:

Pastor Mike – 407-754-4633

Rev. Patti Thue, Our Presiding Elder, East Central District, Florida GMC

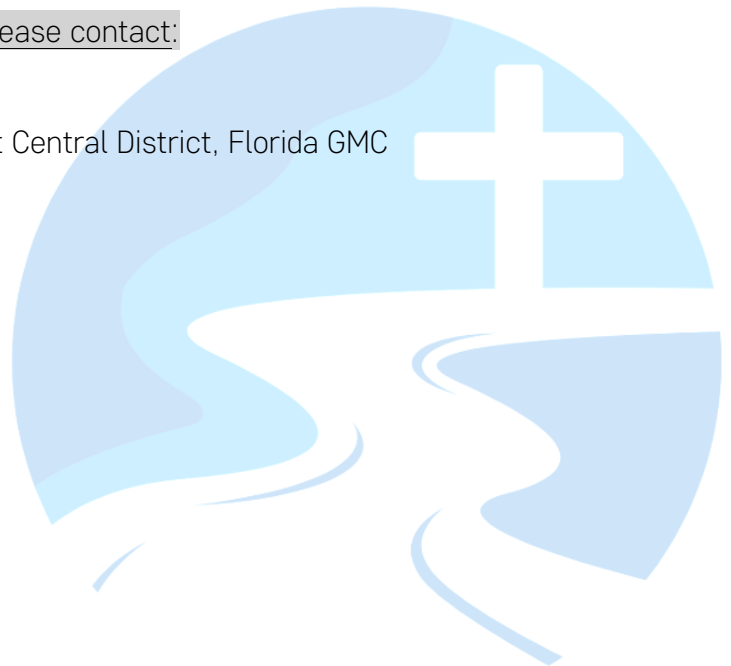
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Hospital visits and funerals:

Debbi Love

Rev. Gail Harrelson.

I will leave my funeral planning template.



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Church Council 03/21:

Work with Tom Weikel and other members to develop an agenda.
Make sure members get forms early enough.

My 2 Bible Studies and Church Wide Prayer Gatherings:

David Love has graciously offered to lead these while I am away.

JAM Afterschool Children's Community Outreach:

Unfortunately, I will not be assisting with this while on sabbatical.

I deeply appreciate all of you who are going over and above to allow Stephanie and me this time away.

Rev. Michael S. Briggs

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<u>Sunday Preaching</u>	<u>Preaching</u>	<u>Children / Offering / Prayer</u>
02/18	Debbi Love	David Love will find people to Offering; Pastoral Prayer; Children's Moment.
02/25	Rev. Tom Weikel	
03/03	Rev. Tom Weikel Communion-Rev. Gail Harrelson	Communion servers for both services.
03/10	Justin Yates (407) 775-1748	
03/17	Rev Gail Harrelson	
03/24 Palm Sunday	Pastor Mike	
03/31 Easter	Pastor Mike	
04/07	Debbi Love	Communion moved to 04/14
04/14	Pastor Mike	Communion



<u>Tuesday Night/Wednesday Morning Pastor's Study</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Topic</u>
02/13 & 14	David Love	First 4 Commandments; What did Jesus say about these.
02/20 & 21	CANCELLED	
02/27 & 28	David Love	Six Commandments dealing with personal relationships. David will write out lesson plan.
03/05 & 06	David Love	#1 The Beatitudes, The Fruit of the Spirit and The Lord's Prayer we will look at the key words and their Greek meanings
03/12 & 13	David Love	#2 See above
03/19 & 20	David Love	#3 See above
03/27 & 28	David Love	#4 See above
04/02 & 03	David Love	#5 See above
04/09 & 10	CANCELLED	

<u>Church Prayer Gathering</u>	<u>Leader</u>
02/22	Rev. Gail
03/14	David Love
03/28	CANCELLED-MAUNDAY SERV
04/11	David Love

