

To the Community of Faith at Harrisburg Presbyterian Church,

We would like to take a moment to share with you recent actions that we have taken considering the future of HPC. This comes after our examination and consideration of our current financial position, our last 20 year trends, our limited outreach to the greater Harrisburg community, and an overall desire to move toward greater spiritual health in our church. During this time, we have found ourselves asking questions about HPC's future in the changing community of Harrisburg.

Who is God calling Harrisburg Presbyterian Church to be in order to meet the needs of ministry in our community and our world? How are we to prepare for that? How is God inviting us to use our resources to best serve him?

After much discussion and deep prayer we have voted to enter into a church-wide discernment process to identify a path that will carry us into the future. This process is named "New Beginnings" and further information about the process is attached (<http://www.whatisourfuturestory.com>).

One of the most important aspects of the "New Beginnings" process is the multiple ways for each member of HPC to participate. Each member is invited to be an active part of the process that will include an Appreciative Inquiry (Q & A), small group discussion and discernment gatherings, as well as other feedback opportunities.

In the coming weeks and months you can expect to receive regular updates about where we are in the process, along with ongoing information as to how you can be an active part of the process.

The prophet Joel said:

"Do not be afraid, be glad and rejoice for the Lord is doing new things;
I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my
servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days."

In Christ's Service,

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