

October 2019

Our annual Charge Conference with Richmond District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Pete Moon, is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6 at 7:00 P.M. We will be meeting in the fellowship hall.

We will begin with a time of devotion centered on Philippians 3:12-14 directed by Dr. Moon. Read and pray (as we learned during our Fifty Days of Prayer this summer) the text below in preparation:

“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of for me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called be heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

You will need to read the preceding verses to understand what the apostle Paul meant about “this” that he had not yet obtained.

Dr. Moon would like for us to engage in a conversation about how this verse applies to us by using the following questions:

- 1. Paul says that he is “straining toward what is ahead.” What is Skipwith UMC “straining toward?”**
- 2. Paul says that he is “forgetting what is behind.” What do we have to leave behind as we move “forward in God’s mission?”**
- 3. Paul says, “I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.” What do we need, as the church called Skipwith UMC, to “press on?” How will we get that which we need?”**

Please spend some time in careful, and prayerful reflection around these questions and mark your calendar now to be with us on Wednesday, November 6, at 7:00 P.M. Be an active participant in shaping both the “heart” and direction of our congregation and the United Methodist denomination.

IN CHRIST,
~PASTOR TODD