PASTOR’S DESK

Greetings to you and peace to you. Summer has come and gone and now Autumn is here with us. The temperatures are gradually falling, leaves are changing colors, animals are gathering food and preparing for the winter and Westmont Presbyterian Church (WPC) is pressing on through all the changing seasons of life.

So much has taken place since my arrival. Two months ago, it was a preparation and anticipation for my arrival. The preparation turned to reality with my arrival on August 19th, 2021. We settled in an AirBNB whiles the manse work pressed on unabated. Today, I am happy to announce to you that the manse renovation is complete, and we are moving in this week.

Notwithstanding, the marching drums came sooner than expected. I hit the ground running. I officiated Whitney’s funeral on September 4th 2021 and continued with the Scottish Sunday on September 12th and my installation service on September 26th 2021. So much joy and glamour was witnessed during these services testifying of the goodness and mercies of God journeying alongside us. Indeed, we saw WPC at its best! YES!

All in all, the joy and camaraderie in the congregation is infectious. Most of you Volunteered in every way possible to move the wheels of the church forward during these services. I am humbled and grateful for all of your contributions, Session members, Deacons Board, Staff, Committee heads and members, and the Congregation at large. Your love, understanding and show of support is unequalled and my family and I are deeply grateful.

Are you hearing the bells ringing and calling? It is a time for Community Building! The call is for us to come together and put our shoulders to the wheel and push forward as one. Apostle Paul said “For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.  We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. (Romans 12: 4 – 8). Our church mission is beckoning us to step up to the plate of being Christ-centered, Biblically based, Servant-led and Blessed to be a blessing. This is our true self as a church – to be a beloved community.

Looking forward, in November, Adult Sunday School begins, and Bible studies also begins. The specific dates shall be announced soon. I am looking for volunteers to help in the Adult Sunday School who will share the history of the church. Where we were and where we have been over the years. It is said that “a people who forget their history, will forget their path into the future.” So, if you are the one we are looking for, please give your name to Kevin Howell.

It is my hope and prayer that we all will come together and journey together to be God’s voice and hands and feet for the good of our church and our community. God bless you.

Pastor Benept