



April 21, 2022

Hello Church Family,

Your Baleville Deacons have spent many hours in prayer and in study of the Word in the past few months, with specific reference to where we will regularly worship. (For those who are new and may not be aware, we moved our regular worship services to the Hall last March due to bathroom renovations and mold issues). As we have studied God's word, we have renewed our commitment to the church being a body of believers, not a building. As a result, we believe God is calling us to continue our worship services in the Hall.

Over the past year while worshipping in the hall, we have discovered that we have been able to fulfill Biblical purposes of the Church like fellowship, discipleship, and evangelism more effectively. This body of Christ began education classes for our next generation with two Children's Church classes and a reorganized youth group. (The benefits of safety and security for our children during worship; also having parents and children within the same building must be a major consideration). Bible studies and small groups began once again. Additionally, we were able to add elements to our time together with refreshments and fellowship. Countless members have expressed how this new time of fellowship before and after our services has led to an increased ability to support one another, learn together, and meet new people. As a result of our ability to fellowship and build relationships, we have also seen our weekly attendance increase. God is bringing new families into our congregation!

We dearly love our little white "church on the Hill" (Chapel) and all the memories we have. We will continue to ask God to show us how He wants that building to be used - just like we did when the parsonage was not being used. Currently, we will worship there for occasional special services and prayer and praise gatherings. Our Good Friday worship there was special and memorable! Additionally, we will open the doors of the Chapel *each Sunday* from 9:00am-9:30am for a time of personal prayer, contemplation, reflection, and preparation for worship in the Hall. Ian will provide music during this time also. We will have a deacon there each Sunday morning during this time if you would like to pray with someone. This will remain available as long as this time is utilized and needed.

In Christ,

Your board of Deacons;

Debbie Cooper, Georgeanne Dauksis, John Galandak, Bill Herdman, Gail Leyboldt, Barbara Mosher, Maryann Roe, Kathleen Schrieber, Stan Utter, Sally Yanvary

