

Time Allocation

Checking in on how I am spending my time in a $\frac{3}{4}$ position.

I work 5 days a week at 6 hours.

Wednesday - Sunday are the days I can be reached by telephone and email and we can schedule in person appointments on any of these days.

You can find me in my office Wednesday - Friday.

Feel free to drop in Wednesday & Thursdays, the office is open.

The church office is technically closed on Fridays and so simply call to make an appointment on Fridays. It is always appreciated that we schedule an appointment and I'm glad to visit with you spontaneously if I am not already in a meeting.

There are obvious flex hours - but I try to stick to 6 hours a day – in order to balance other family responsibilities.

Co-Pastors do our necessary shared planning on Wednesdays & Thursdays when we are both in the office.

Pastoral Care = 25%

Worship Planning & Implementation= 25%

Spiritual Formation = 20%

Community Ministries = 10%

Communications & Personnel & Administration = 20%

As the Office Manager and Keeper of the House continue to alleviate administrative and communications responsibilities we may still see another transition in use of time next quarter.

Some highlights from April - June 2022

- 10-12 pastoral care visits a week, phone and in person
- Planning with my pastoral relations committee for sabbatical leave in fall 2022
- Planning for stewardship fall campaign & Advent worship
- Prayer pods have launched,
- With other regional clergy, developed summer camp idea for youth in region
- Support to Nominating committee and scholarship ministry team
- Support to Personnel by service on the hiring team for 2 new staff positions
- Support to World cafe symposiums
- A significant highlight is deepening connections with area interfaith clergy at monthly luncheons. FCC hosted the luncheon in June.
- Community ministry team potluck in June
- Elders retreat was a wonderfully rich experience in June
- Graduation Sunday and attending graduation parties
- Church in the Park with our first church potluck in 2 year

- A major bummer in May was our family was hit by COVID-19 - this took me out of commission during a scheduled vacation time and I preached virtually one Sunday due to a positive test.
- Regular attendance at monthly meetings with the Worship team, Spiritual Formation Ministry, Elders, Community Ministries, Executive Ministries Team.

Oregon Interfaith Hub & First Christian Church

The Oregon Interfaith Hub, formally known as the Interfaith Prayer Service International, is an organization in transition, not unlike FCC Eugene. I have had the privilege of meeting with Ed Conrad, Executive Director of the OIH and learning more about their vision. We will continue to meet in upcoming months and the OIH is considering returning to the FCC Sanctuary for the 9/11/22 service.

Key takeaways: OIH is in need of a home, a truly Interfaith space.
 OIH dreams of expanding their identity beyond a monthly gathering for prayer - educational, spiritual, community connections – what could that be?

As FCC engages with the World Cafe we have an opportunity to ask ourselves -
 What is our vision for partnership with OIH?
 Do we have a passion to lend support and partnership to this vision?

I know we have a heart for having them return to our worship center, and the OIH, in part, shares that desire. However, they are looking for a place for their services that is a truly interfaith space. They understand our heart, and honestly, our physical space is very Christian.

We would have some work to do to reduce the heavy iconography in our sanctuary or develop a new space that could host our many and diverse traditions. The Interfaith connection this congregation had in 2009 is a large part of what called me to FCC Eugene; supporting their vision and progress is something that I have a deep passion and interest in; it brings me great joy to be responsible for the stewardship of our deepening relationship with the Interfaith Hub.

Sabbatical Planning

October 9 - November 20 (6 weeks)

In a perfect world, I would have taken a sabbatical somewhere in 2020.

Yeah, that didn't happen.

I am thankful to now have arranged for time to be away for resting, rejuvenation, and continuing education.

My Pastoral Relations Committee is working closely with Personnel, Regional Ministries, and both Co-Pastors to ensure for a stability in work flow while I am away. Cathy Myers-Wirt will attend Personnel in July to solidify policies around sabbatical for our employee handbook.