



Our Mission

To build flourishing churches
that make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Our Core Values

<p style="text-align: center;">Missional Centrality</p> <p>We believe in living out the whole of the Great Commission – including evangelism, spiritual formation, compassion, and redemptive justice – in our communities and around the world.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Egalitarian Ministry</p> <p>We believe in unleashing the ministry gifts of women, men, and every ethnic group.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Leadership Velocity</p> <p>We believe identifying and developing gospel-centered leaders is critical for the church, and a great leadership culture is risk-taking, innovative, and organic.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Center-Focused Spirituality</p> <p>We believe in calling people to the core of what it means to be followers of Jesus – what “mere Christianity” is and does – and not fixate on the boundaries.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Jesus-Shaped Identity</p> <p>We believe Jesus Christ must be at the center of our lives, and making disciples of Jesus at the core of our ministry.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Kingdom Vitality</p> <p>We believe congregations should vigorously reproduce new missional communities to expand the Kingdom of God.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Accountable Community</p> <p>We believe that relationships of depth and accountability are essential for our health. We believe guidance is a corporate spiritual experience. And we want to connect people to one another in healthy relationships of accountability, synergy, and care.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Biblical Integrity</p> <p>We believe the Bible is the unique and authoritative Word of God, which teaches all that is necessary for faith and life. The prominence of God’s Word over our lives shapes our priorities, and the unrivaled authority of the Bible directs our actions to be in concert with Christ’s very best for our lives.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Thoughtful Theology</p> <p>We believe in theological education, constant learning, and the life of the mind, and celebrate this as one of the treasures of our Reformed heritage.</p>

1. How has the Holy Spirit been evident in your congregation in the past year; through conversions — growth in the fruit of the Spirit, or other transformational experiences that make disciples of Jesus Christ?

- The Holy Spirit has faithfully guided our congregation as we have successfully transitioned to a new denomination that better demonstrates our understanding of God's Word. During this time we have experienced strong unity and support for the direction of our church. Our members (covenant partners) share a common vision for the future and are filled with excitement and anticipation to boldly respond to God's call to go out and make disciples of Jesus Christ.
- Many of our members have experienced personal transformation and spiritual growth through worship, small group and fellowship connections, Alpha, and interpersonal relationships that form as a result of vast avenues available to our covenant partners.

2. How has your congregation extended itself beyond its bounds through the establishment of new communities of worship and discipleship, expanding the Kingdom of God?

We have hired a minister of church planting and missions who began serving in February. Chris began with the objective to discover, "Where is God working and how should Bonhomme join Him?" He has met with multiple church planters in the city, and has visited multiple service organizations in the city, seeking to build relationships that may lead to establishing worshipping communities. He has connected with both a larger church planting network in St. Louis, and with the ECO church planting network, and plans to build collaborative partnerships with other ministers to ultimately expand the Kingdom in St. Louis. Bonhomme members join in worship with mission partners locally as well as internationally (see questions 3 & 9). We have started a monthly Protestant Communion service at a nearby senior living facility.

3. In what ways is your congregation seeking the welfare of the community to which you have been called — devoting itself to the poor, seeking justice, and living out the whole of the Great Commission?

We seek the welfare of the **local community** here in West County by our ongoing support of:

- Heart & Soul Ministry – serving those with special needs and families that care for them
- Moms in Touch International- Interceding and praying for our children and their schools
- AlphaLive – making and growing disciples of Jesus by helping non-Christians and new believers explore the core truths of the Christian faith (20 participants and 22 on Alpha team)
- Alpha Parenting Class - Helping parents in West County equip their children for life (12 participants and 2 leaders)
- Alpha Marriage Class - Helping couples in West County grow their marriage whether it's strong or struggling (30 participants and 12 on leadership team)
- Day Alpha – Daytime version of Alpha course for new and growing disciples of Jesus (13 participants and 2 leaders)
- Being involved in a number of mercy ministries through our local congregation (egs., Stephen Ministers, Parish Visitors)
- Making our facilities available to external ministries such as BBT and BSF

We seek the welfare of the **St. Louis area** by our ongoing support of:

- Restore St Louis - tutoring children who need help catching up in school
- Haven of Grace - helping pregnant homeless women heal and grow
- Habitat for Humanity - helping build solid homes for struggling families
- The Freedom School - providing weekly reading buddies to children in St. Louis
- The Bridge - serving up food and encouragement to the homeless
- Isaiah 58 - meeting the tangible needs of the needy in South St. Louis
- Presbyterian Children's Services - providing compassionate and therapeutic care for children separated from their families
- Samaritan's Purse Children's Heart Project - providing support for children of developing countries to receive heart surgery in St. Louis.
- Oasis International Ministries - working with refugees who have been relocated to the St Louis Area
- Board of Religious Organizations - gathering funds/supplies that make a difference for ministries across the city.

4. How are you encouraging people to allow God's Word to shape their priorities and actions, and to nurture constant learning and the life of the mind?

- **Sunday morning worship:** Bible-based sermons with particular emphasis on application in today's life in both Traditional and Contemporary services. At least monthly in both services, time is devoted to "Minute for Mission" to inform and update the congregation on the current status and activities of our mission partners.
- **Adult Sunday School classes:** 2015-6: A variety of programs are offered, some video- and educational-based formats, some didactical and exegetical, some more interactive, to appeal to a wide range of interests and to optimize participation by taking advantage of different teaching and learning styles.
- **Sunday School for Children** (preschool through 5th grade): 2015-6: Average weekly attendance 54. Galileans for Middle School and Emmaus for High School meet for Sunday School and various other activities. Other activities focused primarily on children's ministries are described in detail in the next question. In this last year in our Confirmation classes, we have introduced one-on-one mentoring for the students by adult non-family Covenant Partners. This has proved to be a valuable educational effort both for students and mentors as we foster intergenerational interaction and understanding.
- **Midweek Bible Studies:** Groups meet on regular schedules weekly to monthly for in-depth fellowship and learning. Some groups use structured learning programs, e.g., Beth Moore Bible Studies, and out of which independent book study groups emerge as offshoots. Men's Fellowship group frequently hosts local well-known speakers who bring a Christ-centered focus to their presentations. Bonhomme has continually hosted Bible Study Fellowship.
- Bonhomme has been a satellite host for the **WCA Global Leadership Summit**. We are offering registration stipend assistance for all Bonhomme officers (Elders, Deacons) to facilitate attendance and leadership development among church officers. A goal of the Nomination and Lay Leadership Ministry is to ensure that the church has solid Christ-centered leadership and that elected leaders are provided with opportunity to enhance their leadership skills.
- **Small Groups** meet regularly for Bible Study, and we have recently instituted a program, "Redemptive Conversations," to encourage and equip Covenant Partners to become leaders of small groups and home groups. Our goal is to ensure that we maintain active, stimulating conversations that keep God's Word alive and vibrant in whatever situation people find themselves.

5. How are you helping children and others new to the Christian faith to discover Jesus and grow in their understanding and love of God's Word?

We are helping children and others discover Jesus by creating a scripture based, loving environment for the children. This is being driven by the support of the parents in the congregation and children focused programs:

- **Kids Day out & Pre-school** – Classroom setting format within the church, staffed by experienced caregivers and are equipped with developmentally appropriate materials. The curriculum is structured so children can choose activities that will help them grow socially, emotionally, cognitively, physically, and spiritually. There are approximately 150 children currently enrolled and of which 90% are not Bonhomme covenant partner families. In the last year, we have seen about 5 families attend worship at Bonhomme, and one family has joined the church.
- **Vacation Bible School** – summer based week-long event that centers on a unique/God-centered theme. In 2015, we had 237 children from 152 families and of whom 70% were not Bonhomme covenant partner families attend. This activity also provides an excellent opportunity for our own youth to serve in assistance roles. Many have commented that their own faith has been strengthened in the process, working along side with adults and with the children who attend. Attendees also participated in the subsequent events of Holy Week (Good News Easter Egg Hunt and Journey to the Cross).
- **Family Worship Activities** – A priority is placed on equipping and inspiring parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers of their children. Tools used towards this end include *Home Front Weekly* (a parent resource designed by David C. Cook for our Tru curriculum that allows families to have time in God's Word before their child comes to Sunday School), *Home Front Monthly* (a 45-47 page monthly magazine provided with more spiritual parenting ideas), Baptism Classes, Special Events (Our Christmas event always includes an element of equipping and modeling faith at home training. Good News Easter Egg Hunt - gifts through the Kathleen Fullerton Osterholt Memorial Fund are carefully selected to help parents with their primary role of spiritual nurture. This year we gave out 80 boxes of Resurrection Eggs.), and Other Memorial Fund books.
- **Youth Groups** (grade school to high school) Through the Director of Student Ministry this is a very strong and fully supported ministry that is joyfully supported by our students, staff, leaders, volunteers and members of our congregation through. We recently hired an Assistant Director of Student Ministries to provide additional support for the strategic and logistical management of the vibrant and growing program which includes Mission Outreach, Sunday School Studies, Christian Life, and Leadership Skills, Life Groups (Middle School on Wednesday evenings, High School on Sunday evenings, and Developing Leadership Skills.
- **Alpha Live & The Marriage Course**, led by the Acting Sr. Pastor and a dedicated team of volunteers are extremely effect ways Bonhomme is reaching unbelievers and seekers grow in their faith through the understanding of who Jesus Christ is and how He guides us to live in the 21st century.

6. Describe the moral expression in your congregation — are you more like the world or more like participants in the values of the Kingdom of God?

- Our church vision is knowing, growing and going with Jesus. Spiritual Formation (study of scripture) is the one of the centerpieces of the church. Doors Wide Open Outreach this year is an effort for members to personally invite community members to special events during Bonhomme's 200th Anniversary Homecoming. As Jesus asked his disciples to go forth to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the Earth (Matthew 28:19), Bonhomme members also emphasize evangelism and mission work at the local, urban and international level. Our external focus is local (our Jerusalem), the city of St. Louis (our Samaria), and new worship communities within and outside St. Louis (ends of the Earth). A sizeable portion of our church does think like Jesus rather than according to the values of the world; we need to expand the size of that proportion.
- Our stewardship efforts over the years have tried to address the values of the kingdom and the hold that a consumption driven culture has over us. We have seen a strong growth in giving and believe this is evidence of moving in a sacrificial direction in our personal lives. Our church is generous compared to other churches in similar circumstances, but compared to the resources of its covenant partners, it could potentially be even more generous.
- Our pastors have addressed the moral theology of human sexuality in a series on marriage, taught the Alpha "Marriage Course" and a course on "The Bible the Church and Homosexuality." Young people learn the values of God's Kingdom through experiences such as Bonhomme's summer Vacation Bible School, the Easter Journey to the Cross, and mission work. As time goes on, Biblical teachings on this topic will need to be continually reinforced here, as our culture continues to attack those teachings from outside.

7. How is your congregation intentionally unleashing the ministries of women, men, and people of different ethnic groups who are experiencing God's call?

Since we last reviewed this question, we have made some progress in this area, but we still have a lot of room for growth. Bonhomme is located in Chesterfield MO a predominantly white suburb of St. Louis. While there is some truth to our congregational demographics broadly reflecting the community in which we are situated, it doesn't adequately sum up the experience of coming into our doors.

For our **staff** we have added a female pastor of community to our previously all male leadership team. Our support staff continues to have strong representation of women. However, we still are lacking in minority staff that would represent our surrounding community. For **lay leadership**, we continue to have strong participation of women serving as Deacons. In this year's class, we were also able to call 3 women to the session as ruling elders bringing our total to 6. We continue to have room for growth here, particular in minority representation. Mark Deymaz's talk about the multi-ethnic church at the 2016 ECO gathering has inspired conversations among us about reaching out to people in our community that are not well represented at Bonhomme

In **Worship**, we continue to have women involved as liturgists, in music performance, and providing corporate prayer during services. We need to increase the minority representation in leading aspects of worship. In **spiritual formation** classes we have 2 courses being lead by women. One of these classes is for the purpose of equipping members to participate in God's Mission of Reconciliation and focuses on race relations being one key area in need of reconciliation. This course helps members of our congregations think about how the gospel can break down racial divides, especially given the events of Ferguson Missouri in 2014. In **Mission**, we continue to have strong participation by women in the congregation with all of our mission partnerships opportunities.

While we are excited by the growing evidence of our commitment to egalitarian leadership, we also recognize that we have further to go. We need to grow as a congregation in recognizing our cultural norms that can be barriers for gender and ethnic leadership both inside the church and ultimately to our ability to carry out the great commission to all peoples. We are excited to see how the Lord will use our intentional obedience about changing the numbers in leadership, to actually change experiences, and hearts going forward.

8. How is the idea of ministry as the joy and calling of every disciple evident in your congregation? How are you equipping people to represent Jesus more effectively in their respective professions?

This year is a unique historical time in the life of our church. We are celebrating our Bicentennial in the same year that we are coming to the end of our vision 2016 plan, we have moved into a new denomination, and our 20 year senior pastor will be leaving to accept a new position at Gordon-Conwell. We are deeply rooted and incredibly nimble all at the same time. We have begun incorporating ECO values into the DNA of who we are as a congregation.

Discipleship is becoming our orienting theme in staff, session, and executive meetings. New classes are equipping would be leaders to engage deeply in redemptive conversations with others in their community, be it

home, work, or church. September will mark the beginning of several community group experiments where these leaders get to dive into discipling and equipping others in the art of redemptive conversation. We are also expanding our relationship with Biblical Business Training (www.B-B-T.org) to train and support small group leaders in bringing Bible Study and Biblical Principles into their individual work places. This will further encourage and equip believers to be genuine in their discipleship both in and out of the workplace. Further, Bonhomme hosts the WCA Global Leadership Summit as an intentional time of weaving the joy of ministry into every aspect of professional leadership development, and Bible Study Fellowship continues to explode the bounds of our facilities every Wednesday morning as they teach and train women in the study of God's Word.

We have a long way to go until every covenant partner in our church is embracing discipleship, much less ministry as their joy and calling. However, sincere desire to lead spiritually and willingness to risk new paths towards making disciples among our current leaders is a hopeful sign of things to come!

9. Illustrate the commitment of your congregation to global evangelism and discipleship, including examples of where you are engaging and with whom you are partnering.

- Amor Ministries (**Mexico**): building simple houses to provide shelter and reunite homeless families in La Gloria, Mexico. We support this ministry financially, prayerfully and with volunteer help.
- Comfort Foundation (**Russia**): partnering with local Christians in government-run orphanage in Vologda, Russia. We support this financially, prayerfully and with organized team trips.
- El Centro Integral (**Honduras**): serving 28 children in small Christian orphanage in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. We support this financially, prayerfully and with organized team trips, usually 2 per year.
- Oasis International Ministries in South St. Louis. Locally based but serving **refugee families from 100 different nations.**
- Light of Hope Ministries (**Ethiopia**): partnering with local villagers, the Ethiopian government and Light of Hope Ministries to financially and prayerfully support a rural school in Ziway Dugda, Ethiopia.
- Samaritan's Purse Heart Project (**Bolivia**): Providing housing, meals, transportation and daily prayer partnering for a family who has traveled to St. Louis from Bolivia for their young child to undergo heart surgery.
- We financially and prayerfully support 5 missionary families working on 5 locations (**Africa, Macedonia, Uganda, Brazil and Costa Rica**)

10. How does your congregation understand commitment to the larger church through our connectional relationships within the Body of Christ?

Bonhomme sees itself as an expression of the universal (catholic) Church, the Protestant branch of that Church and the Reformed family of faith within that Church. We understand ourselves to be a pioneering colony of the kingdom of God on earth and part of the whole global work which Christ is doing.

Specifically, in ECO we've connected with two other churches (First and Calvary and Hope Church) in our first MAG experience in January at the Synod meeting. We found this to be a great experience of mutual encouragement, accountability and joy.

In addition, our pastor has participated as a representative of ECO in the Ordination and Installation service of Joe Siefkas at the Frankford, MO church, and in the Commissioning of Lay Pastor Matt Ver Meer at the Hannibal, MO church.

Bonhomme Presbyterian Church Transitional Staffing Plan

Beginning June 1, 2016 our Bonhomme community is embarking on an important transitional season of life. This season is important because we are at such a rich and vital time in our church life. During the coming months we will be:

- ✓ Culminating our invitation-oriented Bicentennial celebration
- ✓ Discerning and developing a vision for the next season of our church's life
- ✓ Completing our transition into ECO, working ECO's mission and values into every area of our life
- ✓ Taking exciting, practical steps towards church planting
- ✓ Launching Community Groups that will help us connect in deeper ways

We are looking to our **Executive Team** (our ministers and pastors) to provide leadership for us as a church during this transitional season by:

- Working with session to develop and communicate our vision as a church
- Equipping ministry staff, elders, deacons, and lay leaders to lead well (through our transition)
- Preaching and teaching

Don Everts will be serving as our Interim Pastor, Head of Staff. His duties in this new role, and the additional responsibilities for AmyRuth Bartlett and Chris Macky are as follows:

BONHOMME'S EXECUTIVE TEAM		
Don Everts Interim Pastor, Head of Staff	AmyRuth Bartlett Minister of Community	Chris Macky Minister, Missions/Church Planting
<p>1. <u>Provide senior leadership.</u> This will explicitly include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervising 2 ministers (AmyRuth, Chris), 5 staff (John G, Lynn, Cheryl, Mary, Nate) • Leading 3 teams (Session, Executive Team, Staff Team) • Partnering in the leadership of 2 ministries (Human Resources, Spir. Formation) • Leading vision for our whole church, the pulpit, and Spiritual Formation • Playing a role in the Corporation, Congregational Meetings, legal matters, all-church communication, and ECO service (presbytery's ordination team) <p>2. <u>Anchor the pulpit.</u> Serving as our primary preacher on Sundays.</p> <p>3. <u>Shepherd new people.</u> Focusing relational time on guests, nonChristians, and new Covenant Partners.</p>	<p>1. <u>Architect and operationalize a strong relational web at Bonhomme.</u> This includes overseeing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Care Ministry and its many care ministries and programs • Community Life Ministry and the development of new Community Groups • A Team of Stephens Ministers, elders, deacons, and pastors who provide pastoral care for our congregation. • Supervise our Parish Nurse, Community Coordinator, and Community Interns. <p>2. <u>Additional Transitional Duties:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervise Elizabeth Harris and Tom Hobson • Partner in the leadership of Nominations & Lay Leadership • Guide our pastoral response to memorials, and be available to perform memorials. 	<p>1. <u>Lead BPC Missions Team.</u> This involves overseeing our mission strategy and implementation in the St. Louis area and around the world.</p> <p>2. <u>Spearhead Church Planting.</u> This involves leading BPC to become a church planting church by developing a church planting strategy and teams, as well as casting vision for whole-church involvement.</p> <p>3. <u>Additional Transitional Duties.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervise Jeremy Brokaw, Student Ministries Director • Lead the Deacon Team • Fill in for memorials and weddings when others aren't available • Provide internal consultation for the transition process
<p>Some staff are being asked to take additional duties during our transitional period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Tom Hobson will serve in ecclesial-related tasks for ECO in the presbytery, perform memorials, and be available to conduct weddings. <input type="checkbox"/> Lynn Packwood will perform memorials and be available to conduct weddings. <input type="checkbox"/> Nate Jeffers will oversee the Evangelism ministry and the conclusion of our Bicentennial Year. <input type="checkbox"/> Mary Oldfield will supervise Sharon Rinklin. 		



Dear Bonhomme Family,

Through conversations with many of you since Tom announced his departure for Gordon-Conwell, I have come to realize how many transitions our church, and especially our traditional worshipers, have been through in recent years: Wilkie, Gary, Nikki, Kathy, and now Tom and the 11 a.m. service have all gone. These changes have had varying levels of significance for each of you I'm sure, but if I were in your shoes and had been impacted by each of these transitions, I would feel a deep sense of grief – especially the loss of shared history with those on staff at my church.

As Bonhomme's new Minister for Community, I recognize the holes that have been left by this string of changes and I care that each of you feel known and cared for when you come to your church to worship, and remembered and reached out to when you can no longer make it to church. However, the new faces (mine included) that have been brought on staff to fill these holes do not yet know you or share your rich history. So I have put together a team of Pastors, Ministers, Elders, Deacons, Staff, and Covenant Partners to be available to you throughout this season as your Transitional Care Team.



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Lynn has recently assumed additional responsibilities as the Minister of Pastoral Care. He can be found visiting home-bound or hospital-bound Bonhomme members and is available for weddings, funerals and any other needs that Bonhomme members have.



Cypress Garrett
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Cypress Garrett joined the Bonhomme team in May serving as our Community Care Intern. She has spent her career as a massage therapist, chiropractor, birth doula, and volunteer Stephen Minister. Thus she has had the honor of being present for births, deaths, and everything in between. A skilled listener who helps others feel comfortable and at ease while talking through their troubles, she is here as a resource for medical questions and concerns. She will be assisting the team with visitations as well as revitalizing our Parish Visitor ministry to help ensure that no one gets lost in the shuffle. She is passionate about healing on all dimensions: body, mind, and spirit, and is available to discuss concerns in any of these realms.



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Elizabeth Harris has served on Bonhomme staff for nearly nine years in Evangelism and Community Ministry. Through this time she has enjoyed offering pastoral care and leading Bonhomme's Stephen Ministry. It is a privilege to walk with folks as they seek, search, heal, question and rejoice. I have had the honor of sharing holy space with people as they journey through trial and suffering, and helping them to "rejoice in their sufferings" (Romans 5:3) through the love and hope of Christ." I am always available to listen, talk and pray.



Tom Hosbon
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Tom Hosbon is currently a retired Assistant Pastor at Bonhomme. In his own words he is “Wilkie O’Brien without the Southern charm.” ☺ He has been with us since the vote to join ECO in October 2014 and has made considerable advances for Bonhomme in our ministry to aging covenant partners, especially by providing communion to homebound individuals and starting a much desired protestant worship service at Friendship Village. He is always available to listen, talk and pray or perform weddings and memorials as needed.



Martie Fenger
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Martha Fenger goes by “Martie” with those who know her well. Bonhomme has been her church family for the past 10 years. Having been through some of it herself, she knows the pain of change and is happy to listen, help, and pray with anyone who needs encouragement during this time of transition. Martie retired from a 50-year career as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and has generously offered to share some of her expertise with our community. “Let me help you get answers for your unanswered questions,” about long term planning, Durable Power of Attorney, Medicare and/or Social Security, and resources available to help with aging in place.



Jane Kostelc
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Jane Kostelc has been a member of Bonhomme for 31 years and loves our worship services! Her husband is Jim, and they have a sweet golden retriever named Abbey. Out-of-town children and grandchildren live in Maple Grove, MN and New York City. She is delighted to welcome everyone to the 11:00 a.m. service in Stephen Hall, where she usually worships. Contact her ahead of time if you’re feeling nervous about worshipping downstairs for the first time. She says, “Look for me and I’ll look for you!”



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Mary has been a member of Bonhomme for over 40 years and actively involved in the life of our beloved church family for the majority of those years. She was first ordained as an Elder 30 years ago, as a Deacon 10 years ago and is now serving her third year as an Elder. “I am committed to being available as a source of comfort and encouragement to my Bonhomme family through this transitional time. Confident that God has an amazing plan for all of us, I know his timing is perfect. This is an exciting time for Bonhomme and I thank God that He has blessed me with being a part of it!”



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Cathy is a long-time member of Bonhomme, a current deacon with Community Care, and a Stephen Minister. She would be honored to stand beside you in this time of transition and her role as a current deacon of Community Care makes the feedback you share with her valuable to the shaping of that ministry. “I will be happy to be here for you, and I pray that you will call me or seek me out” “Therefore encourage one another and build one another up...”



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Don is a longtime Covenant Partner. He writes to his fellow traditional worship goers, "Here we go again, another change at Bonhomme! But I think back to when we lost my good friend and Pastor Jim Capps. While I was sad to see him go, look what we got in Tom! I will continue to attend the 8:30 Traditional, and be Liturgist about every 4-6 weeks. If I can be of any help or a sounding board for your concerns, grab me in the halls or call me. Let's be excited about what God has planned for us in our next chapter!"

As always Bonhomme's Stephen Ministers are available to you with confidentiality at any time.

You'll notice the diversity in this line up of individuals: older, younger, new to Bonhomme, been here 40+ years, male, female, traditional and contemporary worshipers, not to mention the diversity of strengths they each bring, all working in tandem to care for our community throughout this transition.

We will be intentional throughout the summer about being available in the commons before and after services for conversations, to get to know you, and to listen. Please take us up on it on Sundays and call throughout the week. After all, we are a family, and it is the great privilege and responsibility of any family to care for one another. "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." ~John 13:35

Grace and Peace to You in Christ,

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AmyRuth is your Minister of Community in charge of architecting and operationalizing a strong relational web at Bonhomme. This will be done by developing a robust culture of small groups, strong pastoral care, and a church wide sense of community reinforced through occasional church-wide major events. She is also your contact for planning Memorials and Funerals at Bonhomme. Please do not ever hesitate to call or contact her.