

## President's Notes: Board Meeting

Here are a few highlights from the Board meeting last Thursday. The meeting was shorter than usual, in light of the holiday preparations.

- The Stewardship campaign for next year is coming to a conclusion. We have commitments for about \$110,000 so far, about \$15,000 below what is needed to keep us on track to fully fund our operating expenses. There are still a few members who have not pledged yet (keep in mind—a pledge of \$0 is also welcomed as a commitment, since it lets us know what we can count on). **Please, if you have not pledged yet please do so before the mid-year meeting in January!**
- Most of our discussion revolved around planning for the mid-year meeting on January 27 at 12:00. The agenda will include updates on decisions we have made and things we have been doing already this year (there is a lot to report!). We will also take a congregational vote on installing Rev. Rita Capezzi as our settled minister (yes, we called her back in April—but there is yet one more step confirming that decision, referred to as “Installation”). Anticipating a positive vote, the Board is considering celebrating the Installation on April 14.
- We also spent a little time discussing how best to communicate with all of you. There is, of course, the Weekly Update, as well as the website and our Facebook page. But some of us do not use online media, and still more do not read it regularly. Please share your thoughts with any of the Board or staff. We would like to do better.