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Figuring it out more

Gene approached me the other day and suggested that more communication between various circles and volunteers might be helpful in this time of Transition. I get it.

The good news is that many people have jumped into the pool after the dance floor disappeared (reunion scene in It's a Wonderful Life) to help with service set-up and shut-down, coffee fellowship, decorations, toilet paper inventory, worship-liturgy organization, pastor supply communication, mic testing, service head-counts, Tuesday and Friday eblasts, service recording, bulletins and inserts, annual meeting materials.

The past few months have been made easier because so many are helping out. And sometimes the past few months it is harder because we are duplicating efforts or not sure if someone else is covering a task.

For the next few weeks, I would ask that if you have questions about responsibilities, that you reach out to me or your circle leader. I would then propose that we have a brief after-service meeting in February to discuss our who-does, who-should, who-might challenges.

I want to mention that our hardest-to-fill spot each week is coffee hour. There is not currently a formal Fellowship Circle and we are very much dependent on volunteers to take on coffee hour. If you have the interest or availability to do this one week a month or on a last minute basis, know that fellowship during and after church is very important to us and it is how we build and maintain connections with one another. Service does not have to be a fancy affair. Hot beverages, water, and a few store-bought sweets and savories will do the trick. The e-blast provides a place to self-schedule yourself for coffee hour- or you can leave a message for Sam (533-5152) or Karen (532-7979) by Thursday to be officially volunteered.

As I said last week, there is a lot to do, and many of us who are "lesser churched" are still trying to figure it out. Be patient with each other.

Sam Greene- Moderator