**COUNCIL CONNECTIONS for June 2023**

**Council Actions and Information**

**Council Continuing Business**

The focus on the LEAP initiative (Yes! In God’s Back Yard!) was heightened with two information sessions that were held after the Sunday services on June 4 and 11. Many good questions were raised and LEAP and Veolia both were very quick to respond with answers to those questions. These additional materials will remain displayed in the Narthex for members to review and take with them as needed. The Mid-Year Congregational Meeting was held after the Sunday service on June 25 and was well attended. All three motions presented on the ballot were approved. The personnel committee continues to work with the candidate for the Director of Music Ministry position and we now have a signed employment agreement for a late August arrival. Plans for introducing the candidate to the congregation are underway. Covenant Presbyterian has returned our four octaves of handbells to KoG for the summer and we have a tentative agreement for the handbells to be loaned to Covenant again for the period of August – December, 2023. Dates will also be determined for the combined-members choir to play at both Covenant and KoG.

**Council Reports**

Here are some highlights from Pastor Connie’s report to Council: a healing service is planned for the July 23 worship service; summer sermon texts will not be from the Revised Common Lectionary and will address tough topics that are relevant to our culture; our Sunday musician needs are covered for July and August between Del Parkinson and Ken Grove; nine youth will be attending LHBC in July; the Treasure Valley Cluster Dean responsibilities will be a combined effort of the rostered ministers in our TV Cluster; training is planned for volunteers interested in visiting other KoG members.

**Masking**

A continuing item of business on the monthly council agenda for the past several years now has been to review the safe behaviors related to pandemic issues. In consideration of Ada County’s caseloads of COVID, RSV and flu, the policy of wearing masks will continue to be **“highly encouraged”** but not required. Thank you for your efforts the past year to enable this community of faith to be together in-person.

**King of Glory 60th Anniversary**

The 60th Anniversary Task Force continues to meet. Most displays can be found in the Fellowship Hall. There is a Welcome Home Corn Feed event schedule for Sunday, August 27th. Watch for displays and celebratory events throughout the year.