

From the Desk of Acting Associate Executive Presbyter...

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I'm Wondering:

"God said..." is a phrase used 9 times in the first chapter of Genesis. Clearly, there is power when God speaks. In the past week, I have had the opportunity to tell a many stories to our new Interim Executive Presbyter. Some stories are simply explanations of process, other stories are nuances of context and yet others are some of the silly inside jokes that come with being part of a staff community. I reflect upon the power of God's words and how they are used to create all of existence. With all the power of the universe, God chose to use God's words for the act of creation. I wonder, then do my words and my stories participate in God's creation too? I'm wondering how my words and stories are working toward creation of things that are good and very good.

I'm Asking:

What is the difficult work that God has set before us? What tools has God given and will give in order for us to make progress on that work?

I'm Thanking:

Having just left a meeting of 15 Ruling Elders and Ministers of Word and Sacrament discussing what God has placed in front of Heartland Presbytery, I am grateful for the Holy Spirit to bellowing among God's people. I am grateful for those that are responding to the movement of the Spirit. I am grateful that God has placed us in this time and place in church history. What opportunities that lie in front of us!

I'm Reading:

I must confess the first time I heard Rev. Joan Gray speak, I walked out of her workshop. I thought I had better things to do. From that first encounter to my second encounter in her book Sailboat Church: Helping Your Church Rethink Its Mission and Practice, I have come to realize that Joan is speaking a message of God's active movement in our church, yet also calling us to change the method of being church. I have been participating in Heritage Presbyterian Church's 40 Days of Prayer taken directly from Sailboat Church's pages. Are we relying on the Holy Spirit to guide us?

Respectfully Submitted,

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