

The Senior Pastor Search Committee continues to meet to identify candidates and listen to sermons of potential Sr. Ministers for Christ Church. “We are focusing on the input we received from our congregation prior to the search. The congregation was very clear that they want someone, first and foremost, who is a great preacher. Then they want someone who connects with the congregation. We have selected Sr. Ministers and Associate Ministers from many of the top 50 churches in the United Methodist Church to consider,” says Kirk Bailey, Chairman of the Search Committee. “The candidates include ministers from Michigan to Texas to North Carolina, so we are looking all over the country for the best fit for our church.”

John Bobango, Search Committee Member and incoming Staff-Parish Relations Chairperson, said, “Maxie has been very helpful in telling us what to listen for in a sermon and, just as importantly, telling us what not to listen for. He has helped tremendously with our due diligence.”

Once the candidate review process is completed, the next step will be to narrow the list of potential candidates to present to Bishop Dick Wills. Once Bishop Wills gives his approval, the Committee will begin site visits to listen to the candidates’ live sermons and watch how he or she interacts with the congregation.