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Hello all, here is my report for June 20 – July 18, 2016:

Major events

- June 23 Clergy Cluster with the Rev. Dr. Longbottom
- June 27 – July 1 Vacation Bible School
- July 7 Brotherhood Hamburger Supper
- July 11-15 Doctor of Ministry Intensive Week at Houston Graduate School of Theology
- July 11 Celebration of the life of Bernice Pavlock

Vacation Bible School

VBS was fun again. We had 41 kids and 20 volunteers. We are a well-oiled machine and most kids come back year after year. We provide them with a great sense of tradition and continuity. For the sake of improvements and for honoring our volunteers I suggest we sponsor a get-together for all who pitched in where we can celebrate and share feedback. And Snappy can come as well!

Confirmation 2017

Between those who have expressed interest on their own and our youth volunteers from VBS we will be inviting well over ten youth to Confirmation Class this fall. Invitations will go out during the summer. Class will be from the beginning of the school year, August 22nd 2016, till Pentecost Sunday, June 4th 2017.

Family Ministry

Family Ministry has had great success sponsoring all-facility communion services at Cambridge Square. They are expanding this opportunity now to Reliable Oaks in Needville. For the remainder of 2016 we are trying to be there every other month.

In August Family Ministry will sponsor a community breakfast honoring Friends of North Richmond and Friends of North Rosenberg. These two organizations have done a lot of the hard work going from door to door after the flood hit. By celebrating these ministries we do our part of empowering community-building.

Drill schedule

Members of the church council receive the drill schedule for my Army service for Fiscal Year 2017. As a reminder I am attaching again the covenant that St. John's and I made with regard to my military ministry.

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Sunday at 10:00 a. m.

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August Event: Helping Hands

August is Helping Hands Month at St. John's United Church of Christ. That means that we will conduct a food drive all month long. This year we also have the opportunity to physically help out at their Richmond location. Helping Hands needs helping hands on Thursdays from 9:50 am to 2:30 pm. I suggest we invite people of the congregation to go either on Thursday August 4th or 11th. Council, please pick a date.

August Sermon Series

Sunday School will pick up again in August. Leo Niemeyer and I have planned to synchronize our topics in August. We will do a series on the Lord's Prayer. Here are my sermon titles:

August 7 Why do Christians need to pray?

August 21 Hallowed be your name

August 28 Give us today our daily bread

Vacation

We will go on a family vacation and I plan to take time off Tuesday – Sunday, July 26-31. The same is true for Friday – Sunday, August 12-14.

Worship Attendance

In June 2016 an average of 65.5 people attended church compared to 72 in June 2015. That is an decrease of 6.5 persons.

Looking Ahead

July 21 Philippino Night with the Rev. Mirjam Haas-Melchior at 6 pm

July 24 Mid-year congregational meeting

July 26-31 Vacation, Sunday July 31st Rev. Paul Longstreth

August 12-14 Vacation, Sunday August 14th Rev. Jenny Veres-Schrecengost, FUMC Richmond

Blessings

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