

DEEP LISTENING

Imagining our way forward - led by Naomi Kelly

"The still small voice of God tells me not to be afraid. Susan Beaumont's book tells me how. In a time when if-then scenarios and step-by-step solutions no longer satisfy, Beaumont provides guidance on the postures and attitudes that, combined with intentionality and attentiveness, serve to render leaders effective in an era of chronic uncertainty." Sarah B. Drummond

We are praying for 10 committed souls to begin the process of deep listening and imagining our way forward by reading a book, practicing silence and other disciplines to discern the core values of First Presbyterian Church, so that we can move forward in this liminal* time. We are going to start by reading the book, How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going: Leading in Liminal Space by Susan Beaumont. Beaumont is a spiritual director and a church consultant who has combined the disciplines of spiritual practice with exploration of the mission of the church in this time of change. Chapters include: Clarifying our Purpose, who do we choose to be?, Shaping Institutional Memory, telling our story; and Tending the Soul of the Institution.

We will begin on Wednesday, May 5th at 7 P.M. at the church or church house. Each session will include silent reflection, discussion of the book, sharing of story, and conclude with a group reflection. Don't know what I'm talking about? Well, don't worry the way will become muddier as we go along, but your commitment to see your church become a beacon of light for this community is all you need to start.

Contact Naomi to register if you want to listen to what God is calling us to be and do in this season. Call 315-369-8253 or email naomikelly58@gmail.com

*"A liminal space is the time between the 'what was' and the 'next.' It is a place of transition, a season of waiting, and not knowing. Liminal space is where all transformation takes place, if we learn to wait and let it form us."

Happy Easter! What a joy to celebrate and affirm that goodness is stronger than evil, that love triumphs over fear and that life, not death, is the final word.