



Dear Friends –

Our Vision process is, like much of our church life these days, full of excitement and the promise of new beginnings in our faith journey. I want to thank the many members of our Church who have participated in this process, working to turn shared *visions* into tangible plans in support of a faithful mission and ministry at First Church. And as we move towards a new season in our church and calendar year, it is time to dive into the next phase in our Vision process; one that involves churchwide participation and dialogue exploring where God is leading us as we choose the next best steps to take together in furtherance of this call.

I am writing to ask all members of our congregation to join in two important after worship March events to learn and contribute to our dialogue.

Together, on the 19th and 26th, we will look closely at proposals from our Vision Teams and then together we will rank our priorities. In April, the Vision Team and Trustees will use this collective discernment as we start developing a strategic plan.

So please save these dates and help us prepare for our next Visioning steps:

- **Sunday March 19, following worship:** Please join us to hear and discuss proposals from our Vision Project Groups.
- **Sunday March 26, following worship:** Please join us for a churchwide meeting to participate in a process to narrow our focus – ranking priorities for planning.

These gatherings are our best opportunities to listen, explore options, give support when we find a proposal that speaks to us and to imagine what could come next.

I am confident as this season unfolds that our ongoing dialogue and discernment will bring us to a place of mutual understanding and faithful purpose for our future. We share much by way of our common faith and love of this church community - and need every voice heard. Please come, listen, and share your insight and vision as we plan for the future together.

With gratitude and faith,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'S'.

[Susan Ellwood](#)
Church President