

1. **Next Session meeting.** As a reminder, our next stated meeting is Wednesday, August 25. There is no scheduled stated meeting in July. Committee chairs: please contact the pastor should a special meeting be needed.

2. **August 8 Communion.** Our next celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be Sunday, August 8.

Here are the scheduled servers:

1	Stewart Sherwood	4	Paul Wolfe	P: P. Wolfe / J. Wright
2	James Wright	5	Nancy Swisher	
3	Caroline Wobke	6	Chuck Blackley	

I am excited about this service, given the two elders serving as preparers. There is no telling what the elements might be!

3. **219th General Assembly.** The Assembly will be in session Saturday afternoon, July 3, through Saturday morning, July 10. The new moderator will be elected Saturday evening, July 3. Assembly Committees will meet Sunday through Tuesday, July 4 - July 6, with the plenary sessions where business will be decided starting Wednesday afternoon, July 7, and lasting until adjournment. News and streaming video will be available on the GA web site, <http://www.pcusa.org/ga219/>.

The major issues coming before this meeting include:

- The proposed new Form of Government, the only section of the *Book of Order* not completely revised since reunion in 1983.
- A report from a special committee to "Prepare a Comprehensive Study Focused on Israel/Palestine."
- A report on a special committee to "Study Issues of Civil Union and Christian Marriage."
- Two special committees with recommendations related to the *Book of Confessions*: one proposing amendments to the Heidelberg Catechism, and the other proposing to add a new confession, the Belhar Confession (from the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa).
- The usual overtures concerning ordination standards (both keep and replace).

Should you have any questions, I will be available by email during my time in Minneapolis, and of course, in person when I return.

4. **Vacation/Leave update.** A reminder of my upcoming vacation and study leave schedule, to occur between now and our next Session meeting:

- June 25 - July 9 – vacation / General Assembly (Sundays: June 27, July 4)
- July 24 - August 1 – study leave (Baja Mission Trip; Sundays: July 25, August 1)