

## **Welcome Rev. Bob Kaiser**

As we continue our search for a designated pastor for PPC, we are pleased to have Reverend Bob Kaiser join us as part-time Temporary Supply pastor beginning March 1 for the foreseeable future.

Bob will be preaching on average two out of every three Sundays and will be available for pastoral care and counseling. Bob brings wonderful experience to our church. He was the pastor of Gates Presbyterian Church in suburban Rochester for 22 years. Since retiring in 1998 he has served part-time in seven churches, which were going through times of transition or conflict.

Bob is a graduate of Gettysburg College and Union Theological Seminary in NYC. He was a Methodist pastor for six and a half years and served two churches near Cornell. In 1965 he was called to a church in the Albany Presbytery. Spencertown was on the edge of the Berkshires and served weekenders from NYC as well as natives. In 1970 he moved to Little Falls, an industrial city in the Mohawk Valley, and then came to Gates Presbyterian Church in 1976.

Bob, a former moderator of the Presbytery, is a member of the Committee on Ministry and chairs the Commissioned Lay Pastor oversight committee. He also serves as chair of the Presbytery Advocacy Committee. Bob and his wife, Marilyn, have led several mission trips to Mexico and Latin America. The Kaisers live in North Chili and have four children and eight grandchildren.

Several persons who have known and worked with Bob in the past, including some within our congregation, have expressed universal enthusiasm and gratitude for his ministry. We look forward to his and Marilyn's time among us.