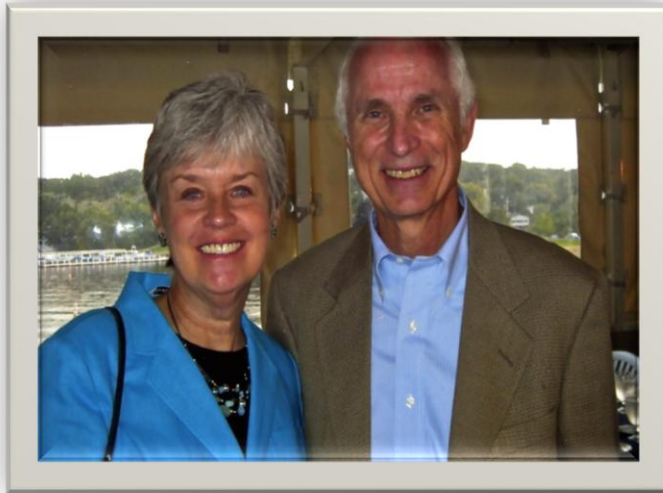


# Transitional Senior Pastor Called to Serve St. Pauls

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St. Pauls Executive Committee and Church Council are very pleased to announce that we have offered a call to Rev. Benjamin Bishop and are delighted that he has agreed to serve St. Pauls during our transitional period. Ben is an ordained Presbyterian Minister and most recently served for 7 years as Executive Minister and then as Interim Minister of Kenilworth Union Church, a large, non-denominational church in Kenilworth that has many similarities to St. Pauls. Ben served for 2 years as the transitional pastor following the retirement of a much beloved senior pastor of 37 years, and he will undoubtedly bring considerable talent and experience to St. Pauls. Ben has a BA from the University of Illinois, received his Master of Divinity from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, and has received interim training from Princeton. Ben also has an extensive business background, having worked in the marketing/advertising world prior to his ordination in 1996. Ben and his wife, Sue reside in Kenilworth and have two adult children (son and daughter) and two grandchildren.

Ben will begin his time at St. Pauls on May 1<sup>st</sup> with offsite orientations and meetings. On May 15<sup>th</sup> he will begin onsite. During the 6 weeks prior to Tom's retirement, Ben's work will be relatively low-profile, focusing on getting to know the staff and the congregation, our administrative systems, committees and overall church operations. He and Tom will also be able to spend valuable time sharing and learning about our church community, our history and traditions, and some of the challenges ahead. Once Ben fully assumes the transitional senior pastor position, he will be responsible for most of which Tom handles now, but he will also serve as an advisor and consultant on the transitional work: the church/pastor profiles, the actual search process, study of our current administrative structure, stewardship and budgeting, mission, and rummage sale. A welcome reception for Ben and Sue will be held on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> following our 11:00 worship service.