

December 9, 2018

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ at BCMC,

We regret to inform you that we have received a credible report of a recent serious sexual boundary violation by one of our members. This incident is in no way connected to the incidents reported in March, 2018. This recent incident did not take place on church property, and it did not involve anyone under the age of 18.

Because this is an issue that raises safety concerns for young adults in our congregation, we feel that it is important for you to have opportunity to know more. We also know that this is a matter that raises strong emotion, so we will be providing this opportunity at a specially scheduled congregational meeting that you may choose/choose not to attend.

The meeting will be held on Sunday, Dec 16, at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall, and we encourage your participation. There will be opportunity for those not attending to receive the information following the meeting (more information about this forthcoming).

We invite your prayers as we discern God's paths of steadfast love and faithfulness throughout this challenging time together.

From the team of congregational leaders tending to this matter:

- Dawn Yoder Harms (pastor)
- John Waltner (Congregational Moderator)
- Patty Shelly (Congregational Moderator-elect)
- Jim Robb (Deacon Chair)
- Marlene Ewert (member of former Child Safety task group)