January 19, 2017 ***Come and See***  Milepost 264

 Last Sunday’s sermon ended with a question: Can a congregation *come and see* together as a faith community, as Jesus invited Andrew and John to *come and see* (John 1:39)?

 By embracing an intentional time of transition, Shalom is doing precisely that! The congregation moved from routine to a new place, and is *seeing* new realities. This dynamic is even more visible in the January vision process.

 In just two sessions, some common themes are emerging in the compiled results. Group reflections about the experiences are encouraging:

-Discussing matters together, efficiently

-All voices are being heard

-Good to know we are not alone in our observations

-This is interesting!

More than 40 are participating. Half a dozen

who had to miss last Sunday, are gathering in a “make up” group on Jan. 24.

 The remaining sessions focus on the results of the relationships assessment the congregation completed during worship on Jan. 8.

 A congregationally owned vision is an essential component of a healthy congregation. The Holy Spirit is enabling Shalom to discern this together. Stay tuned. –Gary Martin