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I am a product of having grown up in the 80's and as such, whenever I hear a discussion about ch-ch-changes, I hear in my head the song by David Bowie. The intentional stutter of the word has always spoken to me about how hesitantly we enter into new chapters in our lives. In my own life I think of the call to give up my career and go back to school for 6+ years in order to enter ministry. I think of the excitement and sweating fear of getting married and making a lifelong commitment. I think of the annual ch-ch-change in Council as some office-bearers retire and others take up their task of leadership. As a church we will undergo a ch-ch-change with the retirement of Ineke Hoogendam and the start of our new staff member, Rebecca Hessels (see announcement in bulletin). I anticipate a smooth transition, but with a new job description, shifting to an electronic door-lock system and contracting out the yard-work there may also be some bumps. Ch-ch-changes never come easy, but with a pound of understanding, a good measure of love and a whole lot of grace we will move into this next chapter wondering what we had feared. That's my nickel.

Pastor Bob