

Parting Ponderings

I'm not very good at parting words. I've given seven years of sermons here at Faith Church, written seven years of newsletter "ponderings," and had many interactions with many of you along the way. I don't think the deep experiences of our lives or the deep meanings of our relationships can be summed up in a few words, or even in a great many words. We just feel the meaningfulness in our bones, and in our souls. I feel I've done what I was called to do here at Faith, and you supported me and worked faithfully with me through it all. God brought us together for this good season and we have done our best to be the living Body of Christ here in this place at this time. Thank you. Thank God.

As you know, following my retirement on May 31, Leslie and I will be renting the parsonage through October. We will be back and forth to Georgia a number of times in the coming months and orchestrating a somewhat complex move out of the parsonage and into an apartment in my daughter's home north of Atlanta and an apartment yet to be determined here in WNY. Although I must clearly step out of my role as your pastor, we will be smiling neighbors this summer and hope to remain in touch as friends in years to come.

I am delighted and very comforted that Rev. Lynn Morgan will be stepping in as a part-time "Bridge" pastor beginning in June, leading worship on Sundays and providing essential pastoral care when needed. Many of you already know Lynn since he and Sandy have been worshiping with us here at Faith for nearly three years now. You can read more about Pastor Lynn and his new role at Faith in his message below.

Blessings and peace to all,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ted". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.