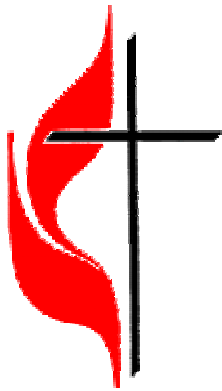


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Church Family

It is hard to believe that it was nine weeks ago yesterday that I pulled into the driveway of the parsonage to see the moving truck in position and ready to be unloaded into what is now my home. Time sure advances forward in a hurry when one is having fun, does it not?

Of course, when I speak of fun I am thinking of the joy that I feel in my heart when I look around at all of the ministry that is taking place through you, the people of Westview. It is thrilling to see you reaching out to each other within the walls of Westview as well as to those beyond these walls to the city, the county and beyond. Furthermore, it is encouraging to see you discussing and seeking new and innovative ways of doing the present ministries while being open to new ministries. This is exactly what the church is called to do and I am excited about being in ministry with you as we respond to the call of Christ – to love God with our whole hearts and to love all others as Christ loves us.

Another joy that I am experiencing today is the joy of being present for my niece's wedding this evening in Sterling Heights, Michigan. Thank you for recognizing my need to be with my family on this special occasion and for sending me off with your blessings.

Finally, I wish to say thank you for your assistance in the taping of the last few worship services, which is one part of the commissioning process. I could not have fulfilled this assignment without you.

In closing, I wish to remind us all that this is the first day of the rest of our lives. Let us not waste it.

Together in Ministry,
Pastor Marti