

Hello my Sixth Street CC friends!

By now, many of you have heard that my ministry with you all will end in November. I have accepted a full-time pastorate at Bethany Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Evansville, Indiana. One of the main reasons my husband and I have been considering positions in that area is because his parents, brother, and two grandmothers live near there.

As exciting as it is to be moving close to family, this is one of the hardest decisions we've had to make, and we haven't made it lightly. We will be leaving behind good friends and a good church. You all have welcomed us and sheltered us and seen us through several storms. You have also helped me to become the person and pastor I am today. From you I have learned ...

- That “being” and “doing” church is far more important than attending worship
- That studying the Bible can be a journey of discovery for all students (including the pastor!)
- That fellowship is a critical ministry of the church
- The value of a hug or a handshake or in one case, a fist bump – and during 2020, an air hug!
- How to sing alto in the choir (well, kind of)
- The joy of putting together Easter and Christmas cantatas with the music directors (thank you Susan and John!)
- How to listen with my whole heart
- That offering grace is more important than being right
- That humor is necessary and a spiritual gift
- And much, much more

Thank you for your encouragement and grace and love (sometimes tough love). I hope you have felt those from me as well. I will value the time we have shared for the rest of my life.

With much love and my blessing,

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