



THE CENTRAL CHIMES

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Pastor Suzanne's Farewell Celebration - May 31, 2015



Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us is from everlasting to everlasting, We give you thanks for cherished memories and commend one another into your care as we move in new directions. Keep us one in your love forever, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Reference: United Methodist Book of Worship)



Farewell Celebration photos courtesy of Louise Witherspoon

God be with you till we meet again;
By his counsels guide, uphold you;
With his sheep securely fold you.
God be with you till we meet again.



Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

A Note of Thanksgiving

On the eve of my departure from the faith community called Central UMC, so many memories and thoughts flood my mind! I dare not begin to enumerate the holy moments shared with you these past six years, because I would not be able to fit them on a page or two, but here are several:

Baptisms, celebrating Holy Communion, preaching and teaching to encourage discipleship, receiving believers into membership, coffee and fellowship times, meals and visits together, UMM Shrimp Dinners, UMW programs and outreach efforts, Bible and small group studies, "Serving Our Neighbors" Sunday in 2014, singing with the choir, worshiping through the seasons of the Church Year, Monday morning prayer time, Early Bird Breakfast with M&E, working with committees that take their purpose/mission to heart, generous giving for disaster recovery work, watching your children grow in faith and stature, sitting and praying with you during anxious times, celebrating lives well lived who have gone on ahead of us, visiting the sick and homebound, praying for you, getting to know you ...

In the last several weeks, many of you have blessed me with calls, cards, words, meals, packing assistance, yard work, prayers and encouragement. If you don't get a separate thank-you card from me, please forgive me and know that I am most grateful for your generous acts of hospitality.

I am so thankful for our time of ministry together! I will continue to hold you and the wonderful community of Mathews in my thoughts and prayers as you begin a new journey with Pastor John Choi and continue to grow in Christ. Thank you for your prayers as well, as I begin a new season of ministry.

And now, as the apostle Paul encouraged the Colossian brothers and sisters, *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."* (Colossians 3:16-17)

With much love and thanksgiving, *Suzanne*

Acolyte Recognition Day - May 31, 2015

Gabrielle, Emily and Joice were each given a certificate of appreciation and a pin for dedicated service as an Acolyte.



Photos courtesy of Judy Moughon