

From Our Pastor – January 2017

BEGINNING THE NEW YEAR

I have a pastoral colleague who is fond of saying that ***the best way to begin anew is to finish well!*** Those carefully chosen words seem most appropriate as we begin a new year because I believe we all sense that we have ended the old year well.

It is customary to spend the time between Christmas and New Years reflecting upon the year that is slipping away, and I am enjoying that process very much. This time last year we had not even met, so all the wonderful memories I have of our amazing church family have been the blessings of a year to be treasured. I have been blessed by your faith, encouraged by your devotion, and challenged by your determination to claim the future for our Lord.

This second year of our interim transition will inspire a unique set of goals, and chief among them is our resolve to build up the church so that our membership is viable and our stewardship is sustainable. Our Lord has big plans for our church - I can feel it, and I sense that we need more hands for the work that the Lord will set before us.

I believe that the Lord already knows who will come and join our cause, and has even prepared them in advance for the work he will call them to do. We just need to find them, and in his name, call them to the mission that we all share. We ended the year by welcoming a class of new members, and I trust we all felt encouraged by their commitment. Let's dare to imagine that they are a good omen, a great sign of things to come in the new year!

With every blessing,

David