

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Leslie would tell you that I normally have my newsletter article and pieces to her the day after I receive mine in the mail, but this month, I felt the need to hold off writing this article for a bit to try to wrap words around what I would like to say.

Many of you have now heard that I am going to be re-appointed as of July 1st to serve as the State College District Superintendent/ Conference Superintendent. I know that this is unexpected, as we have only been together for three short years. I am still trying to wrap my heart and mind around the unexpectedness as well. However, in the midst of this season here is what I feel that we are being called to as Juniata United Methodist Church.

First, we are called to be in mission and ministry. We have been working on a ministry roll out plan for Fresh Expressions of Church, or new ways to reach people in our community for Christ and that does not stop. We have a long period of transition ahead of us and ministry still happens during that time for we are still the body of Christ, the Church of Jesus Christ here in Altoona.

Second, I feel that we are called to pray. To pray for the Bishop and our District Superintendent, as they along with the cabinet discern who is best suited to continue the good work here at Juniata and to pray for whoever the next pastors to be.

Third, I also would ask your prayers for me - starting this month, I will be onboarding with the cabinet and going to meetings as I continue to serve you as well, which will need to be surrounded by prayer and grace.

Church let us keep on serving the Lord together, knowing that our God is faithful, and the Holy Spirit provides in ways that are beyond our wildest imaginations!

Blessings,
- Pastor Michelle