

The Newsletter

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Dear Saugatuck UMC Friends,

Welcome to 2020; a new year and a new decade, which presents us with new opportunities to more effectively reflect God's love within our daily lives as we try to seek His will and do His work in this ever-changing world.

Part of that change this month is right here in the church as Sherry and I begin our ministry; taking over from Pastor Emmett and Mary. You will note that I have intentionally avoided using the word "replacing" since Emmett was an excellent minister with Mary as his constant supporter, advisor and sounding board.

Their obvious faith, knowledge and humble approach to living out and preaching the word have been much appreciated, and are not attributes that are easily replaced. However, after 8+ years of exceptional ministerial service here and 45 years overall, they understandably felt it was time to retire.

We owe both Emmett and Mary a debt of gratitude for their friendship, spiritual leadership, and general fellowship over these many years. They will certainly be missed.

So, where do we go from here? That depends quite a bit on each of you. We, as a community of believers, are the church. And, it's up to us, together, to try to determine God's leading. Are there changes to the service you would like us to adopt or incorporate? Are there different ways to interact with and/or support the local community that we should investigate? Are there new ways you would like to serve God and/or the church this year?

If the answer to any of these questions is yes, please let us know.

Like all years, with God's support, this new one is full of promise. It's up to us, together, to identify and achieve that which He desires us to do.

In Christ, Rick & Sherry