

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am grateful for the gift of the sabbatical I will begin April 5. I returned from my first sabbatical seven years ago renewed, refreshed and re-committed to serving in ministry with you. During the nine weeks of my sabbatical I look forward to times of travel, writing, learning, and growing.

I will attend the Faith and Writing Festival at Calvin College in Michigan and the Festival of Homiletics in Nashville. Marty and I will spend two weeks exploring the coast of Maine. I also will spend time at home reading and writing.

The Interim Pastor will begin her service with you on Thursday, April 8. From April 5 - 7 if you need pastoral care please call the Deacon representative, Susan Zalewski at 630-802-1748. She will put you in touch with the proper support person.

While I am gone you will be in the very capable hands of Pastor Elaine Eachus. She will be available for all emergencies and pastoral care needs as well as worship planning and preaching. You can reach her at 630-833-1478. Her email is: eachuses@comcast.net.

Our Church Board chair, Loren Habegger, is available if you have questions or concerns during my sabbatical.

I will keep you all in my prayers during my time of Sabbath rest and I ask that you pray for me as well. I will certainly miss you and look forward to being with you again on June 7.

Blessings,  
Pastor Christy Waltersdorff

### From our Interim Pastor

I am honored and excited to be stepping in for Christy as she takes her sabbatical leave. I am an ordained pastor in the United Church of Christ and a trained interim specialist, which roughly translated means my work recently has been with churches in transitions. Prior to that I have been an elementary school teacher, librarian and a director of gifted education. I am the wife of one (variously called ACE or Alan), the mother of two (Andy married to Lyn and lives in Plantation, Florida) and (Tim, married to Beth and lives in Vienna, Virginia) and the grandmother of six (Emily 11, Elizabeth 10, Ashley 9, Jackson 8, Victoria 6, and Robert 2-3/4 years old).

I consider myself a lifelong learner and that is why I am so excited to be stepping into a new faith tradition and learning much from the York Center Church of the Brethren. While a member of Community Congregational Church in Villa Park, I used to take Bible classes with Bob Neff Sunday mornings. I used to love to hear Bob translate the Greek Bible into English as he "opened the Scriptures to us." I hope to learn and grow from you and with you. I hope our conversations will be rich in the love that we have come to find indispensable for our health and well-being.

While I am with you, you may reach me at my home phone 630-833-1478 or e-mail at eachuses@comcast.net.