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Dear Friends in Christ,

I am humbled and excited to be appointed to your beloved congregation, Parker UMC! My thanks to the Staff Parish Relations Committee at Parker for their investment of time and energy during my recent introduction. Your current lead pastor, Rev. Randy Jessen, has such a gracious and contagious spirit and I am grateful for his care and his kindness. We are all committed to working together to create a good transition!

My husband Bob and I will move west from our current home in Columbus, Ohio. I am currently completing my fifth year as the Executive Clergy Assistant to West Ohio Conference's Bishop, Gregory Palmer. I am completing my 23rd year in ministry having served as an associate minister of a 2,000-member church, the senior minister of a 1,000-member church, and as a District Superintendent overseeing 123 churches in the Columbus metropolitan area. Bob and I are part of a clergy couple, with Bob recently retiring from active ministry in the United Methodist Church. Our daughter and son-in-law live in Centennial, Colorado, along with our seven-year-old granddaughter. We also have two rescue beagles who will be joining us on our trek west!

Moving into this time of change I am reminded of God's word to Jeremiah, "*For I know the plans I have for you,*" declares the LORD, "*plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future*". This ancient text is as relevant for us today as it was to Jeremiah in his time and reminds us to trust in the plans God lays before us. Even as change is a constant in all our lives, we know that Jesus remains the same yesterday, today, and forever and is the foundation for our Christian faith. Thanks be to God for this Good News!

I will be praying for you, Parker fellowship, in these days and weeks to come. I covet your prayers for me and my family as we begin God's next adventure in our lives with you.

Blessings,