



Frederick
Church of the Brethren

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Dear Frederick Church of the Brethren Congregation,

In Ecclesiastes 3:1, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven." This scripture verse talks about seasons in our lives, and how in every season God is with us leading the way. It is with heartfelt thanks, deep appreciation, gratitude, and sadness that as chair of the Frederick Church of the Brethren Leadership Team I accept Pastor Paul's retirement announcement from full time pastoral ministry, as he and Robin begin to plan for the next season in their life together.

FCOB has been incredibly blessed by Pastor Paul's leadership. As stated in our constitution, the Senior Pastor is the servant-leader of the congregation. Pastor Paul has emulated true servant leadership for all by always being available. It's never about him, but always about what is God's will for FCOB. Pastor Paul has dedicated his life to his pastoral calling, 40 years in ministry and 20 years to FCOB. We are grateful, we are humbled, and we have been eternally blessed by Pastor Paul's calling to ministry within the Church of the Brethren denomination.

During Pastor's Paul tenure, we at FCOB have been privileged to experience his ability to be an exemplary spiritual shepherd, a visionary leader, and an undeniably fantastic administrative director. He has truly put his heart and soul into each and every aspect of his ministry at FCOB, never asking for praise but always giving it back to the Lord as the one who provides. I thank Pastor Paul for the 20 years of selfless giving, overflowing love for this congregation, and his absolute commitment every day to Jesus Christ the Lord and Savior of us all.

As we begin this final season of Pastor Paul's tenure at FCOB, let us as a congregation surround Pastor Paul and Robin with unfaltering love and support. Every chapter must have an end. Every senior pastor must sunset their tenure at a church. Jeremiah 29:11 says, "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."

I encourage us all to pray for Pastor Paul and Robin as they close out this season of their life at FCOB and begin a new chapter in what can only be imagined as the best years are ahead for both FCOB and Pastor Paul and Robin Munday.

Give glory to God in all we do,

Jennifer L. Reed
Leadership Team Chair

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July 14, 2015

Dear Friends In Christ,

God is leading all of us toward the new opportunities for growth and faithfulness in Jesus! For some time now, I've sought God's leading regarding the next chapter in my life and ministry, especially as I approach my 65th birthday and the 20th anniversary of my call to FCOB next summer. As I've listened to the Lord, I've sensed the Lord calling me, at this juncture, to retire from full-time pastoral ministry and explore other expressions of Christian ministry and service.

To that end, I will be stepping down as Senior Pastor of our congregation next summer. Though my passion for Christian ministry is still robust and strong, I sense God calling me to let the "field" of full-time pastoral ministry lay fallow, and explore other "fields" of Christian ministry.

And so as I eye the future, I anticipate a time of new beginnings and reinvention; a retooling, you might say, of God's call on my life, as I strive to serve Him in new ways, leveraging the freedom semi-retirement affords. Providentially this opportunity to "renew and retool" coincides with the 40th anniversary of my ordination to the Christian ministry, which also is next summer; God's timing inspires both gratitude and expectation!

My retirement from full-time pastoral ministry is effective August 1, 2016. My last Sunday with you will be June 26, 2016. Be assured, however, I will serve you with "all my heart" until my departure, praying that these last months of ministry together, are energetic and fruitful for Jesus!

Our family will continue to live in the Frederick community. Though my immediate plans are unfolding, I anticipate, initially, entering into a season of reflection, research and writing, utilizing the resources of a local or regional theological seminary.

God's new call on my life has opened-up a time of transition for FCOB; I can assure you, however, FCOB's leaders are leading us effectively through this season of change. Utilizing the transition team announced this past spring our leaders are actively seeking the mind of Christ, seeking God's very best for our beloved congregation.

Overall, I sense God's strong, sovereign presence as we move through this time of transition together. We are not alone; God transitions with us! Thus anticipate the Lord's reassurance, as He leads us faithfully into the future He has planned for our church family.

With expectation,

Paul Munday
Senior Pastor

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