



The First Word

THE PASTOR'S PEN *(Disciples of Christ)*



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Pastor's Pen

Farewell

Frances and I consider it a blessing to have been a part of your life for these five months. I have an appointment for the treatment of my neurological pain shortly after we return to Winter Haven. As I said in my letter of resignation, I have fallen a few times and I am afraid that if I do not get treatment, I may fall and sustain a break. Not knowing if my recovery time after treatment will be a few days or if it may be up to six months, I feel that it will be best to be back at home in Winter Haven.

Frances and I will continue to pray for God's direction as you continue to search for your new shepherd. Pray for the Search Committee as they seek the person God wants for your next pastor. Pray also for God to prepare the heart of the right leader as they come here. Be in prayer for your new interim as he comes in May.

Just as families are constantly changing, church families change as well. Both individuals and families come and go in our church life. It is important that we recognize these times as passage, both endings and beginnings. My last Sunday will be April 8th.

I thank you for your friendship, acceptance, love, kindness, and support shown to Frances and me during the time we were with you.

God, your everlasting love for all enables us to trust the future. May the First Christian family rely on the guidance of the Holy Spirit as they face tomorrow.

Pastor John

