



UPDATE #10

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### **We Will Be Okay!**

I keep recalling Paul's words to us in a recent sermon, "You will be okay. You will be okay!" While I am very aware the outcome of the work our committee is doing will not only be the beginning of a new chapter in our church lives, it will also be the closing of a chapter with our much loved pastors retiring. Even as I faithfully believe this transition offers our tight knit congregation the opportunity to look to the future God calls us toward, I needed to hear those words from Paul.

I attended our third Listening Session this past Thursday evening. I continue to be moved by the strength of faith, conviction of values, and love for one another we share in our community. We heard about historical events in our own congregation from members whose families belonged to our church more than 60 years ago. Congregational was leading the way back then in community outreach and interfaith relationship building. I believe all of us in the room felt a sense of pride in hearing those stories and a sense of responsibility to carry on the tradition by continuing to push boundaries and "walking the talk."

We have one more Listening Session scheduled for Sunday, April 30th. I invite you to participate if you have not had the opportunity to attend one of the previous sessions. This session will take place in the Parlor about 12:15 following Worship. Please sign up [here](#).

The Church Profile is a work in progress, and your stories and your voices are most important. The committee continues as we have been preparing for the posting of our open position. We will not meet this week due to the Council meeting schedule.

Please continue to pray for our congregation and our committee. As shared by one attendee this week, "we will stick together, we will support one another, and we will move forward with this transition as a strong community." I will be here for our next chapter ... join me in walking this journey together.

**We will be okay!**

—Robin Long