

November 3, 2023

Good Shepherd Congregation and Church Council
Rev. Tara Beth Leach, Senior Pastor
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Dear brothers and sisters,

What a joy and blessing it has been to be a part of God's tremendous work at Good Shepherd the past 16 years. Indeed, half of my 32 years as a pastor have been here, among you my dear brothers and sisters and for that I am eternally grateful.

Now, it is time for God to do a new thing in the life of Good Shepherd and in my life as well. As this new chapter unfolds, other chapters must end. Most of you know that for my entire pastoral career I have walked in both the ministry and marketplace worlds. God is calling me now, to focus the next season of my life on coaching great leaders and organizations doing good work in the world and bring my parish ministry to a close. Trusting the leading of the Holy Spirit on this next call on my life, it is time to finish my work at Good Shepherd. My last day will be on Sunday, November 26th, 2023.

The timing for this transition is filled with hope and possibility for the future of Good Shepherd. I am excited to watch the ministry of Senior Pastor Tara Beth unfold! It also brings me great joy to see Pastor Greg and our new Associate Pastor Jake coming on board. What a great pastoral team indeed!

The prophet Isaiah said "Behold, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" (Is, 43:19a). I love this church and I am so very thankful for the love and support you have given me these 16 years. I believe that God is calling me to some new and bold endeavors and I will appreciate your continued prayers. I will most certainly keep each of you in my prayers and deep in my heart forever!

In Christ,

Pastor Glen Wagner