

## *A Message from The Pastor*



It can be difficult to write a message for the upcoming two months, especially when I am actually writing this in mid-November. So much could happen between the writing of these words and the time you read them. That is much like life, though, isn't it? We plan and hope and dream, but we can't know what will happen in the future. We trust God to care for us and to walk with us regardless of what the future brings. In the next two months, we will go from music and light and joy at Christmas to the dimness and cold of January. At least in the church, we celebrate Epiphany and hold onto a bit of the light and music until after January 6<sup>th</sup>.

I can feel kind of let down by the change from December to January. I need to remember that God is in the ordinary stuff of life. God is in the lights on the Christmas tree and also in the darkness of the January evenings. God is in the joy of gathered family and friends at the holidays and in the quiet after they have gone back home. God is just as much in the de-decorating as God was in the decorating. In fact, if we really think about it, maybe God prefers to be in the ordinary everyday parts of our life. Didn't God choose to be born in an ordinary stable to ordinary people? God chooses to be with us in our every moment, from turning off the alarm clock to brushing our teeth to how we interact with other folk throughout the day to doing laundry to every decision we make. God yearns to be part of every single second of every day of our entire lives. Christmas is a joy-filled celebration that I would never give up, but maybe I need to recognize more the reality of God in the conversation I have with a co-worker on January 11<sup>th</sup>. No matter what may happen between the writing of these words and when you read them, God is with us in the ordinary Moments of our days. Praise be to God, who goes before us, walks beside us, and follows behind us!

Blessings,

Pastor Margery