

Lines from Leigh...

Dear Friends,

Nov. 1 is a very special day for me. It is All Saints Day, and, this year, my 26th Ordiversary. That is, the anniversary of my ordination as Minister of the Word and Sacrament. Combined with *!% years in computer management before that, I must be getting old!

Being ordained on All Saints Day was an intentional choice for me. I waited until that Sunday, even though I had been working at that church since January 1992, and was certified ready for ordination in May 1992. So many "saints" had made my journey possible, that I wanted to honor them in my ordination worship service.

In 1971, as a junior in high school, I went to my college advisor and asked her, "Where do you go to be a minister?" She told me, "Women can't do that, what else do you want to do?" (To her credit, she was a Roman Catholic, but she still should have known it was possible for Protestants!)

This began a 20-year detour with many twists and turns. God used a guest preacher at a church I was attending in 1988 to rope me in to visiting Union Presbyterian Seminary "just to look at it." I began taking a Greek course in Norfolk that fall, and entered seminary in the fall of 1989.

Without the many "saints" along the way my being here with you would not have been possible. I give thanks for them every day, but especially today!

Blessings in Christ, Pastor Leigh

PS - Don't forget to bring your blue "Saints Who Inspire(d) Me" papers back to worship Sunday for dedication. We will have extras if you have lost yours or did not get one last week.