

Dear Friends,

As of last Saturday night, fall is here! The rain is helping us feel the transition to fall weather, though summer's humidity is still hanging around.

Like most of life's transitions, there is not a clear turning point; much is gradual. You may think that getting your Interim Pastor is something you can now check off your list, and that would be true, but the interim process is ongoing. It takes time to grow together as pastor and congregation, even in the interim.

These first three weeks, we have been learning more about one another, and that continues. There have been many "first meetings" of this and that. Now, we can focus on some of the challenging work we will do on discerning mission and ministry for the next several decades of Mountainside CPC's presence in the world. I look forward to each new thing still to come, and to getting down to work together towards the future.

Please prepare your hearts and minds to celebrate the Lord's Supper Oct. 7, World Communion Sunday. This is a time when you truly can feel a connection to all around the world who bear the name "Christian."

In Christ,

Pastor Leigh

*"Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your **labor** is not in vain."*

*1 Corinthians*

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