



July 17<sup>th</sup> 2019

Dear Members of The Church of the Covenant,

We are writing to share with you the news that our Associate Pastor, Melanie has accepted a call to a Presbyterian church in Jacksonville, Florida. Yesterday the Presbytery of St. Augustine approved the call of Rev. Melanie Marsh Baum to the role of Senior Pastor and Head of Staff. Melanie's last day with our church will be Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. On that day, the church session has called a congregational meeting to act on the request to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Melanie and The Church of the Covenant.

The church session is working with the Presbytery Committee on Ministry to provide for pastoral leadership in worship, with church staff, and on Session during the period of time until an Interim Pastor is in place. You will receive a more detailed report about this transition plan from our Clerk of Session, Will Klein, during worship on Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, and via our e-newsletter in the coming weeks.

We are grateful to Melanie for the gifts that she has shared with our congregation during her time with us, and we are excited to see all that God has in store for her as she begins this next part of her ministry journey. We wish Melanie and her family God's blessings as they return to Florida.

Sincerely,

The Session of The Church of the Covenant