



The Chatham United Methodist Church

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⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

1. Corinthians 12: 4-11

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Dear Friends,

Throughout the Sundays after Epiphany, we have been looking at the wisdom of Paul and his care for the relationships, health and maturing faithfulness of the early church in Corinth. It was a church divided by petty disagreements, personality conflicts and immature faith that insisted on one way of being “right.” The United Methodist Church, and I trust most Christian churches, continue to struggle with these dynamics. In our United Methodist denomination, we are contemplating an amicable separation because we can’t yet figure out how to allow space for diverse views on the ways to read scripture, understanding of human sexuality, and issues of control.

I hope you will join me in praying for our denomination as it prepares for the globally represented General Conference held in Minneapolis in May 2020. It saddens me that we have not yet found a way forward that includes everyone, but I trust in the Paschal rhythm of death and resurrection. Whatever our denomination decides at General Conference, God will bring something out of this that will be new and good, and faithful. The Holy Spirit has blessed the church of all ages with various and diverse gifts. God has led diverse, good and faithful people, with diverse, good and faithful spiritual gifts, to be active at the Chatham UMC. I have confidence that the Chatham UMC will continue to mature in faith and follow Jesus together no matter what the denomination decides. Let us honor one another’s differing gifts, each of which give glory to God, as we follow Jesus together.

With love, and with trust,

Jeff