



# Because I live, you also will live

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
In Revelations 21:5 we are told:  
"Look! I'm making everything new. Write it all down—each word dependable and accurate." (The Message)

Spring has begun and as we are approaching the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, I am reminded once again of how our world is constantly changing! We are personally also changing! Each year we not only age, we also learn new things, we acquire new skills, we make new friends, and we hopefully grow in our faith and in our relationship with our Lord!

The faith community also changes!

On March 21<sup>st</sup> we were informed that our Coordinator of Music Ministry, Todd Marston, will be leaving us at the end of June. Although we do not want to see him leave, we celebrate with him the many exciting opportunities he faces in the future! The Staff Parish Relations Committee is discerning how we will move forward to enable our music ministry to continue to grow and blossom in the future.

The Committee on Lay Leadership has also recommended that a *Worship Ministry Team* be formed to work with me to enhance all aspects of worship: including sermon themes; appropriate anthems, hymns and other musical pieces; altar decorations; dramas; media presentations; liturgical dance and the formation of a Children's choir. The members of this team will include myself as the chair, Peggy Codner, Mark Gentry, Beth Hall, Sela Rousseau, Shannon Wheeler, Danielle Wilson, and Sue Wood. The team will begin meeting after Easter.

But there are other changes ahead!

After Children's Sunday on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, our Director of Christian Education, Susan Wood, and our Sunday School Superintendent, Tina Beauchaine are both stepping down after serving this faith community for three years in these positions. I thank them for their new ideas, creativity, energy and faithfulness! As we move forward, we will be trying a new model for Christian Education. The Committee on Lay Leadership has helped me establish a *Children's Ministry Team*. The members of this team are Laural Plourde (chair), Tina Beauchaine, Melanie Bagaglio, Ingrid Murphy and Ann Cook. Together this team will work with parents, teachers and students to plan BVUMC's educational program. To this end we will be holding "parent meetings" on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM and on April 25<sup>th</sup> after worship. All parents, grandparents, teachers and youth are invited to attend! At these meetings we would like to hear from you about new ideas and what *you* would like to see happen in Christian Education here at BVUMC in the future.

I know that change is sometimes difficult --- *and we are facing a number of changes* --- but I also know that with God's help and through prayer, all things are indeed possible! I am excited about the future and I believe that our team approach to worship and Christian education will enable us to flourish. I ask that we as a faith community continue to be in prayer for each other so that we may move boldly into the future with faith remembering that God is constantly "*making everything new.*"

As we celebrate the Resurrection let us be open to the new life we have in Jesus Christ and to the Holy Spirit that moves among us!

Blessings,

*Rev. Michele*