



January 28, 2019

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for that wonderful Retirement Party and for the amazing gifts lavished upon me. I was so overwhelmed by the words of all the speakers and the impact that I have had on so many lives. And, I could not believe the donations that were given toward my vacation fund. Please know your generosity is very much appreciated.

While we shared many wonderful years together in ministry, the reality is that as of February 1, 2019, I will no longer be your pastor. This will be hard for all of us. However, I recognize that my strongest desire is that BurlPres continue to grow and flourish into the future. In that regard, when and if there might be requests for my pastoral leadership, for the year after the new pastor is installed and settled in, I will be referring all pastor care requests to Graham. First, because I have full confidence in the leadership abilities of Graham and the other pastors on staff. Second, I will also decline these requests because it is no longer my privilege to provide pastoral leadership. Third, I want you to be able to connect and bond with your new pastor through those important life transitions.

Thank you for the love and care you have shown to me over these many years. Please know you will always hold a very special place in my heart. I know that God has great things in store for Burl Pres and I am excited for a new pastor to be called to provide leadership that will reach out and care for you.

May God bless you and lead you always,

The Reverend Linda Galligan

