



LaSalle Zion United Methodist Church

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Dear Members and Friends of Zion United Methodist Church,

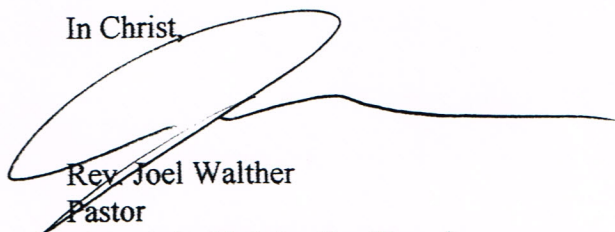
This letter is to inform you that Bishop David Bard is appointing me as pastor to the Goodrich United Methodist Church effective July 1, 2017. I have served your congregation since July of 2011. It has been an enormous blessing.

This news was shared in worship on January 29, 2017 by the chair of the Staff-Parish Relations committee, Ginger Sykes.

Our Staff-Parish Relations committee is working with our District Superintendent, Rev. Mark E. Spaw, the Bishop, and Cabinet on the appointment of a new pastor to the church. We will keep you informed as soon as we learn who this will be.

Plans for how to say farewell to one another as I make this transition with Megan and our dog, Bubbles, will be made and shared with you in the future. This is a time of sadness mixed with excitement for a new pastor coming to this congregation. Please pray for our congregation during this time of transition.

In Christ,



Rev. Joel Walther
Pastor
Zion United Methodist Church