



**FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Brighton · Whitmore Lake

February 27, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of First United Methodist Church,

As Chairperson of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, I have the responsibility to announce the appointment of our Associate Pastor and Whitmore Lake Campus Pastor, Rev. Bob Fuchs, to the Downriver United Methodist Church in Taylor, Michigan, effective July 1, 2020. This appointment has been made by our Bishop, David Bard, in consultation with the Cabinet of the Michigan Conference. The decision to appoint Pastor Bob to the Downriver United Methodist Church occurred after considerable prayer, discussion, and discernment. Pastor Bob has agreed to accept this new appointment.

In the coming weeks and months, we will have the opportunity to express our appreciation for Pastor Bob's ministry in our midst. There will be time to say our good-byes, and time to begin planning a welcome for the new person whom God will send to become our next associate pastor/campus pastor.

As United Methodists, we affirm with faithful understanding that we, the Church, are the Body of Christ. It is Christ's sustaining Spirit that will guide us in the days ahead. We will trust and rely on Christ's presence and grace during this time of transition.

The Michigan Area Cabinet has already been meeting with Bishop Bard, and will soon be discerning the appointment of our new associate pastor/campus pastor. Please be in prayer for them, and also for Pastor Bob and his wife Sue, as they prepare to follow Christ to new ministries ahead.

In Christ's service.

Kelly Myers

Chairperson
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