

September 26, 2021

Greetings, Members and Friends of Gregory Memorial,

The author of Ecclesiastes reflects that each thing in life has its season, and in each season a purpose. Over the past eight and a half years my season has been with you here at Gregory Memorial, and my purpose has been to minister faithfully with you for the glory of God and our deepened lives of discipleship. I am deeply grateful for this time, and the relationships we have formed in joys and in sorrows. I believe that we can readily think of occasions when we have experienced the presence of the Divine in these years.

But the time has come for me to move into a new season in ministry. The session of GMPC has, by consensus, agreed to my request to have a Called Congregational Meeting with the sole purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship, effective November 1, 2021. I have been offered, and accepted, the pastorate of The First Presbyterian Church of Cooperstown, NY. *This congregational meeting will be held, following worship, on Sunday, October 3, 2021.*

My intention is to be with you fully through October 31 of this year. I will be happy to do my best to answer any questions that you may have, and my door will remain open to anyone who wishes to speak with me. This is a bittersweet time, but it is the right one for me and our family at this time - we will be much closer to our families, and the distance from them has weighed upon us, especially recently. Megan and I will continue to treasure the memories and experiences of our time with you, and intend to remain in contact (within appropriate and healthy boundaries). I cannot thank you enough for the support you have shown me, the development you have enabled, and we will be forever grateful for the care and love you have shown Carrie and us.

Thank you, and we will continue to hold each of you in prayer not only through this time but in the months and years to come.

In Christ's love,

Rev. Dr. Jason Cashing