

Friends,

In my final weekly devotional I'm writing to you as your pastor, I want to express my gratitude to you one last time. I'm so very thankful to have been able to serve with you at Belmont United Methodist Church. Belmont is a special place, not simply because of its beautiful building, or its rich heritage of ministry, but most importantly because of its people.

The truth is, the heart of a church is never its programs, its events, its building, or anything else, but its people. It's the moments that people share, and the connections and relationships they have with one another as they seek to do God's will together, that make ministry worthwhile. In the end, it's the people that make any church.

So I want to encourage you to continue to be God's people, serving as a tangible witness to the love of Jesus Christ to Belmont and beyond. Remember that you, *the people*, are the church.

May God's Spirit be ever with you,  
Pastor Jordan