

April 13, 2020

Dear Friends,

I hope you are having a great Easter Week. Sunday was a great day. We have over 320 devices watch our service live and over 3,750 views with over 500 comments! Our church is alive in this Easter season even if in a new way.

There is a lot going on in this season, but I wanted to make you aware of a staff transition. As most of you know, our Associate Pastor, Britney Toner, is getting married and will be relocating to North Carolina where her fiancée, the Rev. Chris Terrell, serves as a Navy Chaplain. We are excited for her and will miss her dearly. We will be throwing a virtual wedding shower and going-away party soon to let everyone have an opportunity to celebrate and say thank you. Pastor Britney has helped us a lot -- especially in virtual ministry after Hurricane Michael and now amidst COVID-19. Her last Sunday with us will be May 17. We have learned a lot and received a lot of comfort from her sermons and teachings; she will be missed.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee extends their gratitude to Rev. Toner and has met several times this year to plan for transition. The committee has even managed to get in four interviews before the stay-at-home order. Bishop David Graves received our consolation and has prayed for us and our future. The SPRC and I are pleased to announce that the Bishop intends to appoint Chelsey Brown to be our new associate pastor. We are all thrilled with this news and we cannot wait for you to get to know her. She has just the right gifts and graces for our church at this time.

Here is some back ground on Pastor Chelsey:

Chelsey grew up in Opp, Alabama. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Education from Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Alabama and a Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky. During her years in ministry, Chelsey served the United Methodist Church through various local churches in the Montgomery area including Saint James UMC, Frazer UMC, and First United Methodist Church of Montgomery. Chelsey has a passion for discipleship, spiritual growth development, and pastoral care of the local church and the surrounding community. Chelsey moved to Gulf County alongside her husband, CJ Brown, who was appointed to FUMC of Wewahitchka, Florida in July of 2018. Chelsey has been active in recovery efforts since Hurricane Michael and has been serving in the AWFUMC as a Disaster Case Manager for Gulf County. Chelsey is excited to join FUMC of PSJ staff and will continue to serve and share the love of Christ to Port St. Joe Community and the Gulf County area.

I know our church and community will welcome her to our ministry team.

Peace of Christ,



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