

Third Word News & Notes

WINTER 2020

Dear Members and Friends of Third Congregational Church,

This winter marked my transition from serving as your part-time interim minister to your full-time settled minister. I am grateful for the work of the Search Committee in guiding the church through the uncertain time between settled pastors. They took on a big responsibility, considered a range of possibilities, and brought the church together with a final unanimous vote in October.

During October, November and December, work on the parsonage was in full swing, and it seemed that every time I visited, something was being renovated. The final result of all the work is a stunning home that is beautiful, functional and comfortable. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

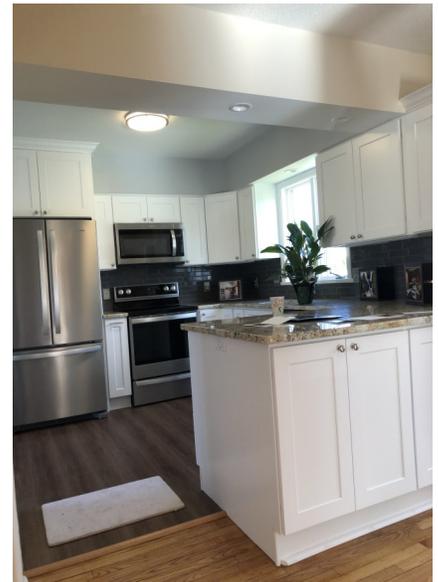
I've enjoyed Breakfast with Santa, the Ladies Aid Christmas party, special music during Advent, the candlelight Christmas Eve services, and too many special occasions to mention.

After returning from vacation in mid-January, I moved into the parsonage. Unfortunately, I was sick for a couple of weeks after that and felt like I was off to a very slow start. But I look forward with hope to blessings that are yet to be. I am so grateful for our church and so blessed to be among you.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Nancy

Reverend Nancy Lois began her tenure as our settled minister on December 1. She holds a master of divinity degree (MDiv) with honors from Andover Newton Theological School. Previously, she has served as our interim minister, interim minister of Mohegan Congregational Church, settled minister of Berkshire Community Church in MA and as head librarian of Andover Newton Theological School.

Thanks to Jeff Yardis and many, many members of the church, the parsonage got a complete make-over. The entire interior was painted, floors were carpeted, hardwood floors were refinished, and the kitchen was completely redesigned with new cabinets, countertop, floor and appliances. We had a dedication ceremony in January to bless the work and bless our new tenant.





The holiday season began with our annual Thanksgiving Dinner. It was a great meal provided by the Deacons and Randy Root with help from the congregation. In December, we enjoyed breakfast with Santa, the Bell Choir from North Guilford Congregational Church, and a string quartet. Adults were invited to assume roles in the Christmas Pageant, and with true Christmas spirit, they joined in the fun. Our two Christmas Eve services were both candlelight services — beautiful and bright.

