

## Sabbatical Sound Bite #2

Each week, between now and February 7th, the Sabbatical Team will put out a brief description of one aspect of the sabbatical time that our church is entering in 2016. This is the second of these notes to keep you updated and informed about the rich opportunities that lie ahead for us as a congregation.

**The Facts:** February 7th will be the last Sunday Barb will serve at worship before her Sabbatical begins.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 10th. Barb will lead our Ash Wednesday service. Easter is on March 27th. The sabbatical ends on May 14.

**The Joy:** A wonderful, intelligent, creative and compassionate minister, who is familiar to us, has agreed to lead us through Lent, Easter and the two communion services after Easter before Barb returns. Rev. Dr. Chris Fontaine will lead us in worship beginning Feb 14 through Easter on March 27. She will be available for visiting and for all pastoral care needs should there be a death or other urgent need. You will be provided with all contact information and the deacons will also be able to help you until you are able to connect with the pastor.

**The Fear:** What if I don't like the style of preaching or the way worship is lead? She doesn't know me like Pastor Barb does. I will feel uncomfortable with her. There is always fear of the new. But, it is often when we are feeling most vulnerable that the greatest spiritual growth occurs. During this sabbatical time we are being called to trust God's presence and guidance. May the experiences we have together bring us to new understandings of who God is in this time and place.

**What's Next?** Next week we will share more information about the ministers (Pastor Chris) background