



The Old Meeting House

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January 2010 Newsletter

Letter from Rona Kinsley, Interim Pastor

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! Actually, New Year's Day has always felt like a bit of a false construct to me. Every day could be said to be the beginning of a new year. The church begins its new year with the First Sunday in Advent. Each of us begins a new year on our birthday. However, I suppose we need to have some agreement about when the calendar turns over, and the "official" beginning of the new year, in our culture, has become a time for looking back on the year just past and looking forward to the year ahead.

While I'm not big on New Year's resolutions—they seem like just one more opportunity to feel badly when, inevitably, we break them or fail to live up to them—I do see some value in taking a pause to reflect on the past and to form some hopes for the future. This past year has been a year of transition at the Old Meeting House. You have now come through a full year without Susan's leadership and have discovered, through this process, the strength and resiliency of this remarkable community. In all likelihood, the new year will see the calling of a new settled minister and the beginning of a new journey with new pastoral leadership.

As I think about what the new year may bring to the OMH, I would like to share some of my hopes for this community. I hope that lively and thought-provoking worship, accompanied by glorious music, will continue to be the focus of your life together. I hope that you will continue to make serving children and youth a priority, through strong Sunday School, youth, art, music, and theatre programs. I hope that you will maintain a strong commitment to missions. I hope that you will continue to grow in stewardship, both of the ongoing programs of the church and of your unique meeting and parish houses. I hope that you will continue to love and support one another through social opportunities, such as Coffee Hour and the café, and through the exceptional work of the Circle of Care. And I hope that each person, from old-timer to new-comer, will feel and know that they are a welcome and necessary part of this community.

The year past has been one of great blessing for me and Brent as we have been welcomed into the OMH community. May God bless you and keep you, and may God's light shine upon you, in the year to come.

Rona

PREACHING SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 17
Rona Kinsley

Sunday, January 24
Rona Kinsley

Sunday, January 31
David Connor

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Annual Meeting
January 24, 2010
11 am

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