

who will be your new church family, as you have added much to our lives.

We will pray for you and for the whole family of God.

Let us pray:

O God, you are the strength and the protector of your people.

We humbly place in your hands Luis & Gisela of this congregation who are about to leave us. Keep and preserve them, O Lord, in all health and safety, both of body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Our prayers go with you. **Amen.**

Dear Faith UMC Family,

Enclosed is a memorial gift in memory of my cousin Bobbi Templeton, from My father and me. I am her cousin, Donnie, and we grew up right next door to one another. Since she was just 6 weeks older, it was like having a twin. In fact, my mother used to say that we fought like sisters! But those arguments never lasted long and we were back together in no time at all. We spent birthdays, holidays and vacations together as children and while some things changed as we got older, we still spent holidays together and talked on the phone frequently. Birthdays did not go by without a phone rendition of "Happy Birthday." I can't imagine how Christmas will be without her this year. It will be hard.

My father and I want to thank you for the love and friendship you extended to her and Don these past winters while they were with you and the NOMADS. We so appreciated the care and concern you extended when they each had serious medical conditions that landed them in the hospital. It was so comforting to know that friends were caring for them with rides to the hospital, visits and meals. Thank you so much.

Our hearts are grieving but are comforted with the knowledge that we will be reunited with her when the Lord calls us home. I'm hoping our mansions are next door to one another!

Sincerely in Him,
Diane Manogue aka "Donnie"

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Psalm 24

¹The earth is the LORD's, and the fullness thereof;
the world, and they that dwell therein.

²For he hath founded it upon the seas,
and established it upon the floods.

³Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD?
or who shall stand in his holy place?

⁴He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart;
**who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity,
nor sworn deceitfully.**

⁵He shall receive the blessing from the LORD,
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

⁶This is the generation of them that seek him,
that seek thy face, O Jacob.

⁷Lift up your heads, O ye gates;
and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

⁸Who is this King of glory?

The LORD strong and mighty,
the LORD mighty in battle.

**⁹Lift up your heads, O ye gates;
even lift them up, ye everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.**

¹⁰Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Isaiah 25: 6-9

⁶And in this mountain
The LORD of hosts will make for all people
A feast of ^[a]choice pieces,
A feast of ^[b]wines on the lees,
Of fat things full of marrow,
Of well-refined wines on the lees.

⁷And He will destroy on this mountain
The surface of the covering cast over all people,

And the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸ He will swallow up death forever,

And the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces;

The rebuke of His people

He will take away from all the earth;

For the LORD has spoken.

⁹ And it will be said in that day:

“Behold, this *is* our God;

We have waited for Him, and He will save us.

This *is* the LORD;

We have waited for Him;

We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.”

Revelation 21: 1-6a

¹ Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. ² Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God. ⁴ And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.”

And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.”

⁶ And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.

St. John 1: 32-44

³² Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.”

³³ Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. ³⁴ And He said, “Where have you laid him?”

They said to Him, “Lord, come and see.”

³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ Then the Jews said, “See how He loved him!”

³⁷ And some of them said, “Could not this Man, who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸ Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.”

Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, “Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days.”

⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. ⁴² And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me.” ⁴³ Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth!” ⁴⁴ And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Loose him, and let him go.”

An Order of Farewell to Church Members

The church is a family. United by the common recognition of Jesus Christ as our Savior, we are all brothers and sisters. And, for a time, Faith UMC is our home. Like every human family, our church family is formed and reformed over time: as members are born, as they die, as members are adopted into our family, and as they leave our congregation for a new home, in a different place.

For a time, *Luis and Gisela* lived with us. We have shared with each other good times and bad, we have shared each other's joys and sorrows, we have lightened each other's heavy loads. Together we have laughed and cried, together we have worshiped and praised God, together we have lived.

We feel sorrow in your leaving, yet we rejoice with you in anticipation of this new phase of your life. We will miss your love and support, yet we know you will add much to the lives of those