

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert...to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise."

Isaiah 43:19-21

Dear Friends,

I pray that you are all healthy in Body, Mind, and Spirit. I thank God for every one of you because you are the eyes, ears, voices, hands, and feet of Christ Jesus at Trinity UMC of Jensen Beach. I am blessed to serve God alongside all of you!

Last week, even as I was recovering from a terrible cold, I took part in one of my favorite forms of service in the United Methodist Church: Interviewing candidates for ordination as Deacons or Elders. The path to Ordination can be long, uncertain, expensive, and at times frustrating. But for those of us who faithfully persevere and engage the process with a teachable Spirit, the experience can also imbue us with an unshakable confidence - in God as well as in ourselves. Thank God for people who offer us the time and opportunity to grow!

After getting to know a handful of clergy candidates in my few years on the Board so far, I can honestly say that I am excited for our future as a Conference! The clergy I've met so far have been conversant with the Bible and Wesleyan theology, creative in their work, and fruitful in their respective ministries. God is doing a new thing in the Florida UMC!

Every year, on the closing Saturday of our Annual Conference, the Church celebrates the licensing of Local Pastors, the commissioning of Provisional Elders and Deacons, and the Ordinations of Elders and Deacons in Full Connection. It's an awesome gathering, filled with reunions and memories and blessed expectations for the future. If you sense a call to join us at Florida Southern University in Lakeland this year, set your calendars for Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. I'll provide details as the date approaches.

Keep the Faith! God is doing a new thing through all of us!

"May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance." - Jude  
Anil

