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Dear Glenelg Church Family,

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I am excited about my appointment to Glenelg UMC and becoming your pastor and partner in ministry. It's never easy to make a change like this, especially in the middle of a worldwide pandemic . . . and with just one month for preparations. So, you might imagine, my family and I are a little nervous. I bet you all are too. We will miss the friends and life and ministry we have with Oakdale but are looking forward to the new opportunities and friendships that God is bringing through Glenelg and each of you. We can't wait to meet you and your families and to learn about all the wonderful things God is doing in and through you all.

We are already somewhat familiar with the Glenelg community and know several families. My son, Evan, plays for the HoCo lacrosse club. Many of his teammates live in Glenelg, attend Glenelg High School, and are on the school's lacrosse team. We're hoping that our move to Glenelg UMC strengthens the bonds we already have with these lacrosse families and allows us to get to know even more of the wonderful people in the community.

I want you to know, we feel strongly that God's hand is at work in this transition, and so we are prayerfully and obediently following God's lead and trusting that He will provide and will bring much fruit from this new relationship. In fact, we know God has been and continues to be at work in and through the Glenelg congregation and we feel honored to now be a part of your unfolding story.

My family and I are praying for Glenelg UMC in this transition. Please pray for me, and for Deb, Natalie, and Evan. As I said earlier, I know these are challenging times and we are all probably a bit nervous. But we follow One who is always faithful, who has all authority in heaven and on earth, and who has promised to be with us, even to the end of the Age. Therefore, we do not have to be afraid, but can go forth to make disciples, trusting that Jesus will build His Church and nothing will be able to stand against us.

Your brother in Christ,



P.S. My wife and kids helped me with my sermon a few weeks ago.
You can see us all on video here: <https://vimeo.com/435515228>

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