

Blake **MORE**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 25, 2017

Dear Blakemore Family,

As I write to you today, I am gazing back, embracing the present, and hoping for the future. Our family joined Blakemore in the spring of 2005. Michael was less than a year old. We walked in on that first Sunday, and we were home. For the last 12+ years Blakemore has been a constant in our lives. I am so thankful that through the good times and the bad we are doing life together.

Blakemore, a family of choice, is where one can see God moving on any given day. Blakemore is not the building, even though God is there. Blakemore is us. Each one of us, bringing our fears, our faith, and our dreams, is Blakemore realized. The masterpiece mosaic that God has created through the congregation of Blakemore is a fluid one. Whether it is in worship on Sunday, on intergenerational game nights, or as a cook team, God is there. We are connected.

Our work as a congregation has a very wide circle. From the Nearly New Store and Room in the Inn to Raise the Roof Academy in Uganda, God's reach through us is vast. Loving and caring for one another is what we are called to do.

We have had an exciting year of growth and possibility as a congregation. 2017 has brought much potential for future opportunities, as well. With our incredibly talented staff and the leadership of John, we look to planning for 2018. Blakemore lives in a space of stewardship. Looking to 2018, we ask you to prayerfully consider and act out your personal commitment to Blakemore through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. You will find a pledge card, a 2018 budget, and a list of many of the ways to serve included in the envelope. I invite you to return the card on or before Sunday, November 19.

In God's Love,

Sarah Cloud
Stewardship Chair