

6. Can I friend/follow our new pastor on social media?

Our incoming pastor is active on Facebook and looks forward to your friend request. We hope you will help him feel welcome as he prepares to move from a church that he has lead for 10 years in Florida. As you interact on social media, please keep in mind that there are many from his former congregation who are also coping with the loss of a beloved pastor, just like we are. We hope you will respect the challenges and feelings that the pastors and congregations involved are facing.

7. Why is our new pastor coming from Florida?

Pastor Charley and his wife Brandy have family roots here in the Atlanta area. With a new baby and aging parents, they wanted to move back to this area to be closer to both families. Therefore, Charley made himself available to the North Georgia Annual Conference for an appointment in this conference. The bishop and cabinet ultimately determined that Charley's gifts and experience were best suited for the ministry needs of Johns Creek UMC at this time.

8. Who pays for the moves?

The cost of the move is paid for by the receiving church.

9. What can I do to help make this a smooth transition?

- a) Pray: We will participate in 40 Days of Prayer for all involved, beginning May 27
- b) Speak positively of new and previous pastors along with the transition process
- c) Express your appreciation for Pastor Sondra and rejoice with Sondra as she moves to her next church
- d) Go to church the first Sunday with the Pastor Charley and welcome him and his family
- e) Resist quick judgments – don't make comparisons
- f) Tell the new pastor our name – often! Request a name tag by e-mailing dkeller@johnscreekumc.org
- g) EXPECT THE BEST!

This is a time of both “letting go” and “embracing change.” We may sense a feeling of loss as we say farewell to Pastor Sondra as well as her family They have been an integral part of our church family and have touched our lives in very special ways. Remember that they, too, are grieving. The kind of welcome that we extend to Rev. Dr. Charley Reeb will set the tone for the relationship that will exist between pastor and congregation. We must strive to embrace the change and realize that the transition of pastors is a unique segment of the United Methodist ministry.

Please pray for all those involved in this transition process. Re-affirm to yourself and others that this is God's church, under the care and guidance of the Holy Spirit. As in everything, we can expect wonderful things from our gracious God.

9. Who, from our church, will be involved in the transition?

The SPRC, the Board of Trustees, and the Staff

10. Who can I approach with questions?

Mike Dudgeon: mjdudgeon@gmail.com

11. Where will Pastor Sondra be appointed?

Cannon UMC Snellville, GA

12. Will we have an interim pastor?

No. In Pastor Sondra's absence, Pastor Brandon will act as lead pastor. When he is unavailable, Pastor Lori will lead the congregation. This will be the format until Pastor Charley arrives on July 1.

New Appointed Pastor

Rev. Dr. Charley Reeb

Senior Pastor

Before coming to PCC, he was pastor of Tuskawilla United Methodist Church in Orlando, Florida. He has previously served churches in Lakeland and Plant City, Florida, Atlanta and Athens, Georgia. His early work included serving as a chaplain and devotional speaker for the Georgia Senate.

Reeb's work has appeared in Preaching and Circuit Rider magazines, and he has been a featured preacher on the national radio program Day 1 (formerly known as The Protestant Hour). He is also a contributing writer to the "Feasting on the Word" commentary series.

Reeb received a bachelor's degree from Florida Southern College, a Masters of Divinity from Candler School of Theology at Emory University, and a Doctor of Ministry from Columbia Theological Seminary.

Charley is married to Brandy Reeb. They have a 1 year old son, Paul. Charley is an accomplished golfer and Brandy plays a competitive game of tennis.