

First Congregational Church



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Dear Friends,

As most of you know, I am retiring at the end of the month. My last Sunday is October 27. On November 1, I celebrate my 65th birthday and my 30th anniversary as your minister.

I am incredibly grateful for the support and care that you have given to me and my family over all these years. First Congregational Church has defined and shaped my life in more ways than I could have imagined.

We love our old house on Milwaukee Street, and our children and grandchildren are close at hand, so we will not be moving away. Port Washington has become our home.

Having said that, I need to tell you that it is the official policy of the United Church of Christ that I am not to participate in the life of the church, or assume any pastoral responsibilities, for at least a year following the arrival of a new minister.

In the meantime, I will not be able to attend church, make hospital visits, conduct services, or meet members and friends of the church for coffee, lunch, etc. This includes communication via email or text messages.

This will undoubtedly be challenging for all of us, but I clearly understand that this is the only way that a new minister can start to develop deep and trusting relationships, just as I did.

The church is hosting an **Open House** on Sunday afternoon, **October 27**, to celebrate all that we have shared in this place.

I hope that you can come and celebrate with me.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name "Jeff". The signature is written over the word "Sincerely," and extends across the width of the page.

Jeff