



# Moderator's Farewell Message

What a ride it's been! I realized early on that I would be moderator through Jeff Suddendorf's retirement, and a probable interim ministry, and maybe - maybe the call to a new settled minister. But the addition of Covid in the midst of all these church-shaking changes was totally unanticipated! And oh! The discussions we had regarding how to move forward...stay open...close and move to on-line services only - mask or not to mask - sing with masking - should the choir be required to be masked as they sang? Weekly reports from the state! Numbers going up - numbers going down! Unhappy members regardless of whatever we decided what was best! Will we survive as a church? Of course, only time will tell, but be assured dear friends - we really tried to do what seemed wisest at the moment!

And so here we are - a little scarred, but with a new talented leader in place thanks to the thorough work of the Search Committee, and to all of you for hanging in there with us as we wavered one way - then another!

Thank you for the honor of being - or trying to be - your faithful Moderator over the past two years!

-Jeanne Mantsch



## ADOPT-A-BILL A SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER

The Church Council would like to thank everyone for helping to make the "Adopt-a-Bill" fundraiser such a great success. Some of the regular budgeted expenses the church is responsible to pay month in and month out were split up into monthly or weekly amounts. So, for instance, our regular cleaning expenses were broken down into four \$150 weekly bills to be adopted. And the repair loan that we took out in 2020 and are paying back now in monthly installments was broken down into four weekly \$275 bills. And the same went for monthly costs; garbage disposal, pest control, utilities such as water, gas and electric, the phone bill, office supplies, etc., etc. The "bills" went up on Sunday, May 8 and by Sunday, May 15 all of them had been adopted! So, Council decided to try it again! On May 22, another set of bills to be adopted went up, this time with "June" written on them, and at the end of May, there were only a few left. Once again we see the power of our faith community; when everyone pitches in and does their part, incredible things are possible!