



My heart is filled with delight, elation, gratitude and some healthy trepidation in looking forward to serving alongside you in this time of transition. I have learned quite a bit about you, and you will learn

more about me over the coming months. In the meantime, I've been invited to share a *wee* little bit by way of introduction:

I am a cradle Presbyterian and third generation church professional. Over the course of 37 years of ordained ministry I have served three long-term pastorates which have included service to Presbyteries, the General Assembly, and time in the mission field. Several years prior to ordination were filled with program and administrative roles in summer camps.

Growing up on and around the Great Lakes, our entire household revels in all aspects of the shoreline and anything that takes us *in* - (swimming); *on* - (boating/sailing/sailboarding/kayaking); *under* -(SCUBA) or *by* (beach life, bonfires, sunsets) the water. We are avid alpine skiers and love to enjoy the beauty and wonder of God's handiwork. My spouse Jeanne is an early elementary school educator and a potter. I like to make saw dust. We have three daughters. Our eldest, Jenneke (Dutch for Jennifer – *Jenn-eh-kah*), is out making her way in the world living in Holland, MI. Justyne and Jaime are both students at Alma College. All of us work full-time for our diva-golden retriever dog – Jaelah. We are inveterate travelers and love adventure. Our household (even though you will be seeing mainly me) could not be more thrilled with the opportunity to be part of your journey in Pittsford.

Walking with God is a wonderful adventure, one which is full of serendipities, surprises, and good gifts. I am looking forward to all of those things in covenant with you as your ***Interim Pastor***. By definition, that means our time together will be limited to this time of transition. During that time, we will be busy with all aspects of our Lord's work, witness, mission, and ministry. In addition, we will be intentionally looking into our heritage, our current context, ways we do ministry, our connections to the larger church, imagining the future, and committing to new directions in ministry.

I look forward to living the adventure together in dedicated effort, playful times, prayerful moments punctuated by healthy doses of good humor. Let's have fun doing this beginning November 15.

Yours in faith,  
~Jeffrey D. Weenink~