

CONGRATULATIONS AND GREETINGS FROM REV. ANDY AND DEAN

Dear Friends in Christ at Severna Park United Methodist Church,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! Congratulations on achieving the “Big-Five-O” and our love and best wishes to you during this special Anniversary Weekend. It looks as though you have an exciting weekend planned involving the tried and true United Methodist formula of success--delectable food, inspiring worship, fun fellowship and loving people. Thank you for including us in your celebration and, although Dean and I cannot be present with you this weekend, as they say, we will be in spirit.

We bring you greetings from the State of Retirement, and, thanks be to God, it has turned out to be a very fulfilling one at that. Dean and I are now also known as “Nana” and “Grampy” to our three young grandchildren. Quinn, who is three-years-old, is the daughter of our Ft. Lauderdale family, Brady and Joanne. Dashiell, who will be three in December, and Anika, born in April, are the children of our older son, Danny, and his wife, Gina, in Hendersonville, Tennessee. About every other month, we are at one of their homes, so we see them frequently. We still go to our family cottage in Maine each August, and last September we experienced a “smashing” time in Great Britain.

Confucius said, “Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life.” That is how I feel about my volunteer ministry at St. Andrew’s United Methodist Church in Edgewater. I have been there almost two and a half years serving on the staff as: Coordinator of Adult Christian Education; Chair of the Welcoming/Membership Committee; visitation minister to our Home Friends; and worship assistant Sunday mornings. I feel that the Holy Spirit beckoned me to St. Andrew’s and I have loved every day of my service there. Dean is involved too and is very active in a number of projects in the South County Rotary and SCORE, where he counsels people wanting to start businesses. So that’s us.

But this is about Severna Park UMC, remembering and highlighting all that God has helped you accomplish in 50 years. You surely have been witnesses to the grace and love of Jesus Christ which you have exemplified in so many ways. I am proud to have been a very small part of your faith story. We pray God’s blessings on you as you continue to serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, his brothers and sisters in the church, community, and world.

Love and Prayers,

Dean and Rev. Andrea “Andy” Titcomb

