

The background of the entire page is a vibrant collage of various flowers and butterflies. There are large pink daisies, smaller green and yellow flowers, and several colorful butterflies in shades of blue, black, and green. The overall theme is bright and cheerful.

God's Dream for You

*"For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you."
(Isaiah 41:13, NIV)*

This week, I want to pause from my normal routine of devotions, which are often related to upcoming sermon topics or something seasonal in nature. Instead, I want to take a moment to thank you for sharing this past year of ministry together.

This past week, I began my second appointment year with you as your pastor. Although the first year began with several considerable bumps in the road for my family (moving in, Josh's health concerns), this past year has been full of reasons for thanksgiving and celebration. As I look back on our first year here at Trinity UMC in Orrville, I see many signs of the kingdom of God at work in our world. I'm sure you do, too.

Summer is typically a time of year that allows spiritual leaders to slow down a bit and lift up one's head to see and hear God's leading. I've been making more space for that important work to take place lately. And as I do so, I already have the sense that God is ready to take us to some new places where we have not yet been. And, I, for one, am excited about that opportunity. I believe that God has much more in store for us on the horizon - things that we cannot even begin to see clearly yet. I hope that you will also find time this summer to slow down, get out of your normal routines, and allow God's Spirit to break in. As you do so, may you discover a glimpse of God's preferred future - His dream - for you

Grace and Peace,

Pastor David

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