

## **COVENANT OF CLOSURE**

On May 15, 2011. the Clerk, on behalf of Session, The Rev. Judith Watt, and our Committee on Ministry representative, Helen Lee, signed a covenant of closure which outlined the terms of the agreement between Judy, our church, and the Committee on Ministry. The covenant is designed to ensure the ongoing health of our congregation and to allow us to form a new and healthy relationship with our interim pastor and our next called pastor.

Per Presbytery policy, the covenant includes the following:

That Judy

- a) will not become involved in any leadership or advisory role in the congregation;
- b) will not intervene, or advise in any future congregational dispute, should one occur;
- c) will not officiate in any special events in the lives of former parishioners or of the congregation, including weddings, funerals, baptisms, worship leadership or church anniversary activities, unless expressly invited by the Moderator of Session;
- d) will refuse requests for pastoral services made by members of the congregation;
- e) will consult with the Moderator of Session prior to visiting the congregation, attending worship or any special event;
- f) will refrain from giving opinions or directions regarding church business.

It is understood that this covenant does not affect or require termination of friendships with the individuals of the congregation.

The terms of the covenant will be included in the Session Minutes, dated June 8, 2011, and in the minutes of the meeting of the congregation, April 17, 2011 during which the congregation voted to dissolve The Rev. Watt's call.

Nancy Barkman  
Clerk of Session