Beloved of Bethlehem Stonepile UMC and Springvale UMC:

On behalf of myself and my family I would like to express my great joy and thanks for the opportunity to serve as your Pastor and become a part of your faith families. The welcome that was extended to my family and I was warm, welcoming and blessed. As I mentioned in my sermon on Sunday, I am keenly aware of the amazing legacy of ministry that I am stepping into and I look forward to honoring that legacy by working with you to both continue and expand the ministry and mission of our Charge.

Over the past two weeks I have been in the process of moving into my new office and am slowly settling in. Please feel free to stop by and say hello when you have a chance. I plan to be in the office on Tuesday through Thursday, when I do not have a meeting or visitation to attend to. If my office is open, you are welcome to come in and I would love to meet you. Please bear with me as I learn names.

I also want to make myself available to you as best I can. While you may reach me through the church office number, you may also reach me through my cell, 410-218-7714 or my email, [wjones@susumc.org](mailto:wjones@susumc.org). Please honor the fact that I am called to be husband and father as well, so if you don’t get through to me right away, I will return your call/message as soon as I am able.

The passage that comes to mind when I pray for all of you comes from Philippians 1: 3-6,

**3**I thank my God every time I remember you. **4**In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy **5**because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, **6**being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

I cannot wait to see and experience with you all that God will do in, through and with us in the years to come!

Your’s in Christ,

Pastor Bill