

January 5, 2026

Church Family,

It is with a full and grateful heart, I write to share that I will be resigning from my position as Senior Minister at the Mantua Center Christian Church. I have accepted a position with Bellefaire JCB to work with children and families in crisis as I finish out my MFT degree at Christian Theological Seminary. Our last Sunday will be February 22, 2026.

This decision has come after much prayer, discernment, and conversation, and it is made with deep love and appreciation for MCCC and this season of ministry we have shared together. Serving as your pastor for the last 17.5 years has been the greatest privilege of my life and a tremendous blessing to my whole family.

Together we have worshiped, laughed, grieved, celebrated, learned, and grown together. We have experienced the ups and downs of life. Christin and I have had the joy of raising our kids among incredible examples of Christ-like values, goodness, and servanthood. I am profoundly grateful for the trust you have placed in me and for the countless ways you have supported and shaped my faith, my calling, my life, and my family.

In the coming weeks, I remain committed to a thoughtful, faithful, and joy-filled transition, working closely with church leadership to ensure continuity and care for the congregation.

Please know that this decision does not diminish my love for you or my deep gratitude for our time together. I trust that God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, will continue to bless and guide Mantua Center Christian Church, calling you to live and love in the likeness of Jesus Christ for the sake of a world in need.

God's grace, peace, and blessing be with you now and always.

With deep appreciation and love,  
Rev. Chad Delaney