

From the Rev. Judy Davis

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am delighted to be joining Emmanuel Brook Hill in ministry!

There are many exciting and inspiring aspects of your parish life and ministry that I am looking forward to exploring with you. We share a commitment to worship, pastoral care and faithful community. We share a foundation of Christ centered joy. To paraphrase Dr. Seuss "oh the places we'll go!"

I imagine that you may be curious about me and we will surely get to know each other in the coming months and years. Here is a quick snapshot.

I'm a mom of two grown children, Grace and Thomas. I'm a wife and partner to Doug Davis. We have been married and making each other's dreams come true for thirty-three years. We both come from large extended families. I'm from Charlotte, NC and Doug was born and raised in Richmond. Relationships of family and loved ones have shaped our lives.

My first call was in lay ministry. I became involved in various ways at my home church, St. Stephen's here in Richmond, with a particular love of worship, healing and reconciliation. My work life was in management and administration. After years of discernment that included work as a massage therapist, I entered the Virginia Theological Seminary and began my journey in ordained ministry. St. Andrew's Oregon Hill was my Field Education site, where I continued to serve after my ordination, until I was called to All Saints on River Rd where I have served for three and a half years.

Our ministry will begin on April 1. In this liminal time, please know that I am holding you all in prayer and ask that you pray for me and Doug, as well as the lovely people of All Saints, as we say our goodbyes.

There are so many things that we will want to share with each other. My understanding of call to ministry is first and foremost and at its best, a shared journey; in relationship with each other and in relationship with God. Together we will inspire and empower each other to love and serve the Lord; in time tested ways and in new ways. We will walk in love through the shadows of life and we will seek and find the Sacred – together. We have so much to look forward to.

God is, indeed, with us.

Peace,
Judy