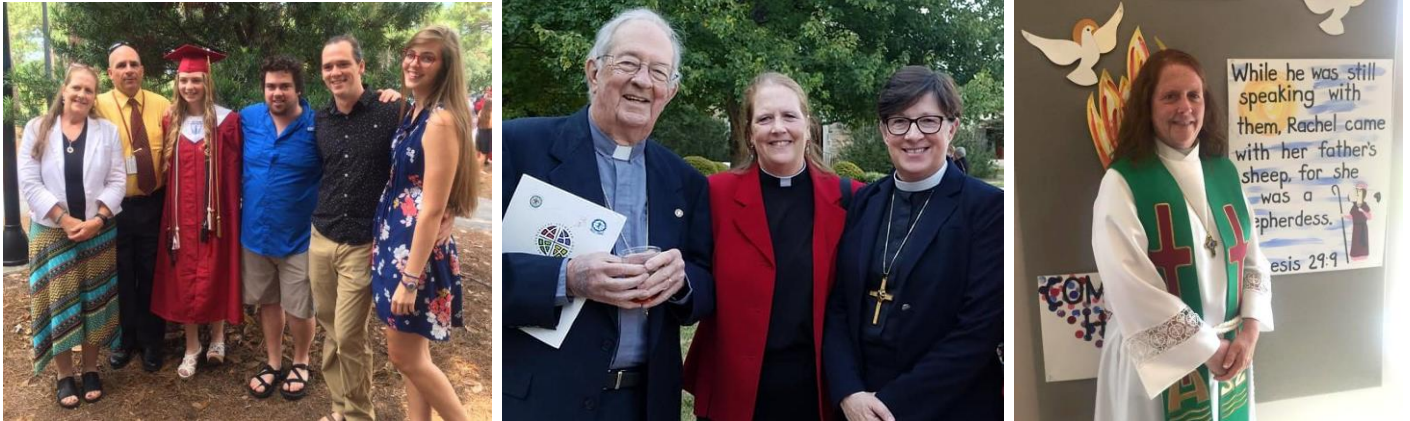


## *St. John's Welcomes the Reverend Dr. Rachel Connelly as Pastor*



*St. John's is pleased to announce the arrival of its next pastor, the Rev. Dr. Rachel Connelly, to start on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017.*

*Pastor Connelly comes to St. John's from Wilmington, NC where she had served as Pastor at Water of Life Lutheran Church since 2000, first as the mission developer and then as the first called pastor. In 2012, Water of Life began a Joint Ministry with Covenant Moravian Church in Wilmington upon which she was also appointed as pastor to the Moravian Church. Pastor Connelly brings 27 years of experience in ordained ministry with a strong focus on sacramentally focused worship, mission and community building and pastoral care.*

*Pastor Connelly earned a BS in Business Administration from Newberry College, a Master of Divinity in Pastoral Leadership from the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry in Missional Leadership from Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN.*

*Pastor Connelly is married to Mike Goyne, a High School Science teacher and coach. They have three adult children, Jesse who attends Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory, NC, Faith who is a freshman at Appalachian State, and Jacob who graduated from Duke University and is finishing an Americorps/National Park internship in San Francisco, CA.*

*Pastor Connelly interests include Ecumenical Relations, Racial Justice Work, and Outdoor Ministries. She enjoys hiking, spending time with family and friends, Thai food, and a good cup of black coffee.*