***Affirmation of New Members***

***& The Right Hand of Fellowship***

Barbara McKay, Chair of the Board of Deacons: Today, with great joy, we welcome six new members into our church family. As Kathy, Martha, Jen, Stefan, Amy, Les, and Cheryl are willing to make a commitment to this Christian community, we are mindful that we, as a congregation, also enter into this commitment with them. As you receive them, do you promise before God and in their presence to offer them your love, support, and

encouragement as they grow in their Christian life and commitment?

**The Congregation shall answer: We do.**

Barbara: Will you both challenge them and be challenged by them? Will

you listen as they share their dreams and visions with you?

**The Congregation shall answer: We will.**

Barbara: For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us. Kathy, Martha, Jen, Stefan, Amy, Les, and Cheryl, do you promise to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ and

to serve him gladly in this congregation?

**Kathy, Martha, Jen, Stefan, Amy, Les, and Cheryl: We do.**

Barbara: Will you share with us your gifts, your talents, who you are so that

together we might do the work of God?

**Kathy, Martha, Jen, Stefan, Amy, Les, and Cheryl: We will.**

*Pastor Sharon: Dear Lord, we thank you this day for the faith & witness of Kathy, Martha, Jen, Stefan, Amy, Les, and Cheryl. As They join together with this Christian community, may they find in our midst Your welcome and*

*love. May we serve You and continue to grow in faith together. Amen.*

Barbara: In the name of Jesus Christ and on behalf of this congregation, we welcome you into the membership of this church and extend to you the right hand of fellowship.