



A Stranger Leads Us to a Church Home

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My work had moved our little family to Parkersburg, West Virginia. One of our first adventures was to find a new church home. We visited Methodist churches and Presbyterian churches but none felt right. We even had to provide nursery coverage at one because our kids were the only ones there!

Meanwhile, a friend and co-worker of my aunt gave us a call. We didn't know Ethel Cox at all but she invited us to St. Paul's United Methodist. How could we say no? We were introduced to Ethel the first Sunday we attended and our faith journey had found a new home.

Over the ten years that we were members at St. Paul, we were very active and we made lasting friends. And Ethel became a close friend of our family. And all it took was that first phone call...

Father in heaven,

In this exciting time of Advent and Christmas, we thank you for unexpected messengers. Keep our eyes and ears open to the love you send through strangers. And help us to see you in everyone we meet.

Amen.