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*What First Church Means to Me*

*Faith...*

*Hope...*

*Love...*

It is you that make First Church what it is today. It is you that welcomed Claire and me six years ago to join this church family. We never looked any further than First Church. You were warm and friendly.

You are Builders of faith...First Church gives Claire and me that solid foundation to help us keep building our faith stronger.

First Church gives us hope when things go wrong... When things get tough, First Church gets tougher. All of you, the church family, are always there ready to help.

The love that flows out of First Church from you is huge... Claire and I have been to several churches, but have never found one like this one. We still have ties to Tolland Congregation Church in Tolland, CT, where love has been prominent for 40+ years, as well as to First Church of Sandwich on Cape Cod.

Our last church was in Sun City, Florida. One of the pastors there was a Pastor Warren. He was a great guy we got to know quite well. He told us when we left Sun City for Simsbury CT that we would never find a better church than SCC Methodist Church. My answer to him now is, "Pastor Warren, we have found a church that is equal to SCC Methodist Church.

First Church of Simsbury has gracefully brought us into this church family and has given us the faith---hope---and love. We thank Jonathan, Alison, and Kevin for where we are today.

Dick Burns