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Taylor is available to Lutheridge Camp and Conference Center and the other Campus of Novus Way Ministries in hospitality. Sarah is a graduate of the University of North Carolina in Charlotte, having graduated Magna Cum Laude in Art Illustration. She is teaches art classes in Fountain Valley, CA. Karen is a homemaker and is involved in numerous ministries at Bethany including the knitting and crocheting ministry which makes "Prayer Shawls" and items for the care and ministry to members and non-members. She is also planning to work with the quilting ministry as it begins at Bethany. Pastor Shaw believes that the Church is called as never before, in the 21st Century to be the Church for others in the world, as she offers guidance and support to those who seek to become Christian disciples in the world. The Church is compelled to make disciples as she receives seekers who are called by God's Holy Spirit to the waters of life through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, or to seek to live out their Christian Baptism in daily life.

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