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## Changing Lanes

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.  
*Psalms 121:8*

I like to have goals, something to aim for. Years ago, I set a goal for myself. I liked the sound and look of the date 22.02.22. That's the day I will turn 81. It seemed like a long way off and when it arrived, I would say I have had a good long life. But now that it's only a year and a half away I have changed my mind and extended my goal indefinitely.

I started last December planning a big party for my 79.5 birthday this August. When Covid 19 arrived, I had to change lanes. I didn't want to but it was necessary to stay safe. On the highway we often have to change lanes to stay safe. There may be a tailgater behind or an emergency vehicle on the roadside. Our car may have a flat tire or a mechanical problem. So, we change lanes, or pull off, to keep everyone safe. But we still have a trip to do and a goal to reach.

The goal we want to reach may have to change. We may be delayed for some reason and stop sooner than planned or we may decide all is well and decide to travel longer. We may have to take a detour to avoid danger. Our goal is like a moving target but at the end there is a hiatus and a place we will be safe.

Our church has envisioned many goals that we have thankfully reached but now our goals keep changing as we go through this new and unknown period of our lives. As we travel, the rules and the information keep changing. We have to change lanes again and again. We consider what we need to do to continue and reach the safe place we know is waiting for us.

I think of the hotel chain whose advertisement said "We will keep the light on for ya". We will eventually experience the joy of coming home after a long journey. God will keep the lights on for us.

Safe travels everyone. Godspeed.

**Wilma Harris**

*"Our relationship with God and each other strengthens us, and helps make the world a better place.  
We welcome and include **everyone** into congregational life."*

