



We welcome Marissa Van Wyhe into Church membership on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. It's a special day for Marissa, her family and all of us who are part of the Waterman Presbyterian Church.

Marissa has taken the opportunity to be in the confirmation class the past year, and she has participated in the activities of the Church during years past. Seeds of faith have been planted and nourished by many people, and Marissa herself.

I've become more aware of the strength and endurance of the faith seeds, which are planted in the lives of children. A Sunday morning visitor made a comment to me about the importance of his grandmother, with whom he lived, sending him to church. I know adults who say the same table prayer that they learned before they even went to school.

It may seem that faith seeds are fragile, and die quickly. I hear parents and grandparents who are frustrated when they cannot see the seeds of faith alive and well in their children and grandchildren. But then I remember the people who have made comments about the seeds of faith that were planted in their childhood.

I'll keep thinking about my part in growing and strengthening the faith of the children and young adults who are part of our Church. And I'll keep thanking the people in our Church who are planting and nourishing faith seeds with the children in our church, and the children in their own family, and the children in the community. So important!

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