



A SUMMER HELLO

If asked, What's right about my church?
What would your answer be?

I've been participating in the United Church of Christ since 2011 when I found the local church in New Baltimore because of a film series they were offering and then moved on to Pulpit Supply, and you know the rest. Mostly, I find life-long learners among the memberships, at least within the Eastern Association. Learners that are willing to listen and discern, accept challenge, look inside of themselves and then move forward with love.

Our Church Council is not meeting in July, but as a local church we are moving forward: soon some work will be done in stages in the Sanctuary as the gathering space is brightened up, and then the other stages will follow. The building won't be all torn apart for this as the work will be done in stages. It is long over-due.

This "Ordinary Time" we've moved into with the liturgical year is not ordinary. From the longest day of the year we began the trek of losing daylight each day until winter arrives, and then the "light of the world" arrives. Again and again we repeat this cycle of light born, to brightest only to wane like the moon because in our lives that is what happens. We move close to our Lord but life happens and we distance ourselves.

I love that we are accepting of all and accessible in that we really love our neighbors and make space for all at God's Table of Grace. We are flexible as we allow the boundary of our community to expand via YouTube and Facebook. Thank you for being on this God Journey with me.

Love & Peace,

Rev. Katie Dailey, in process

Since 2018 I have played the piano at 1st UCC in Richmond. During this time I have seen members go to heaven and are now with Christ. My heart breaks whenever I play a service for the departed, but I am also uplifted by their life and legacy in the church. I am also uplifted by the few baptisms and social gatherings I have seen.

Despite the ups and downs, I have witnessed the church "Do it right" in its outreach. It has stayed relevant during the Pandemic. We now have a stronger online presence, but challenges persist in appealing to younger people through music.

In order to appeal to some aspects of modern contemporary services, we will introduce some modern hymns. Our first contemporary song from Pastor Dailey's guidance and from my recent retreat is "Shine Jesus Shine."

I strongly believe that our traditional service will meld well with an introduction of contemporary Christian music. This seems to be an extremely important ingredient to churches who are gaining members.

I was happy to invite Emma Maria to church who recently sang for us, and I am excited to occasionally have a "minute for music" where I will talk about the hymns. I pledge to play the music and adjust our technology to meet today's challenges and support this great ministry.

Price D. Smith,
Music Minister



July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
No Church Council meeting in July.					1	2
3 Worship 10 am	4 	5	6	7 Happy B-day to Joselyn Manska	8	9
10 Happy b-day to Tom Hebel Worship 10 am	11 Happy Anniversary to Tim & Hope Fair	12	13	14 Happy B-day to Shelley Champion	15	16
17 Happy B-day to Brady Schrote Worship 10 am	18	19	20	21	22	23 Happy B-day to Sandy Knoell
24 Worship 10 am	25	26 Happy B-day to Erin Dunsmore	27	28	29	30 Happy B-day to Justine Achatz
31 Worship 10 am						

