

Dear Church Family,

First and foremost, thank you for your continued commitment to the Lord and welcoming spirit to all who visit us on Sunday mornings. I hear from our guests time and time again, "I felt so welcomed!" Keep it up! God is good and he continues to use FBC MHC in powerful ways.

In recent days we were saddened that our candidate for Minister of Music and Worship decided not to accept our invitation to serve at FBC. This was certainly not what we expected or hoped for. Nevertheless, our God is faithful and we know He will provide.

The Personnel Committee is actively working to consider potential candidates to serve as Interim Minister of Music and Worship, while at the same time publishing our ad for the full-time position in the appropriate places. Exactly how long it may take for either effort to come to fruition is anyone's guess.

Therefore, after several days of thoughtful reflection and prayer followed by several conversations with all parties involved, we've developed a plan for the next few months. I'm excited by this plan and feel that we will hardly miss a beat regarding excellence in worship through our music ministry! Here is a very brief outline of that plan. My door is always open should you have any questions.

- Sarah DeLuzio will continue to serve as Interim Pianist and will take on the responsibility of worship planning (in partnership with me) for both the 8:30 am traditional service and the 11 am blended service through September.
- Rev. Linza Layman Coffee will serve as Choir Director during both services, working closely with Sarah DeLuzio in the planning process.
- Deborah Lockey will return as Worship Team Leader beginning in October. She will then take on the responsibility of worship planning (in partnership with me) for the 11:00 am service. (Sarah D. will continue to plan the 8:30 am service.)
 - Deborah's last Sunday as Director of Youth and Senior Adults is this Sunday. She is retiring from full-time vocational ministry. That has not changed. However, Deborah and Tim have graciously agreed to return to FBC MHC-- after taking the month of September to be with family and celebrate Deborah's retirement--so that Deborah can serve as worship leader during our search process.

By God's grace, these three incredibly talented women have risen to meet the challenges we face. I am personally so very grateful for each of them. Sarah, Linza, and Deborah will be giving their time and talents on a week-to-week basis as the search for both an interim and full-time Minister of Worship and Music continue to unfold. Please continue to pray. All of this has been very fluid and will continue to be. Being flexible and adaptive are traits we have learned well over the last decade with all its ups and downs, twists and turns. Yet through it all God has been faithful and prospered his church! I am confident he will do no less now!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Nate