

ANNUAL REPORT FROM JULIE KEEFER, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

It has been 4 ½ years since I arrived at UUSD. It has been such a joy to make music with, not just the choir, but with the congregation as well. Music continues to be one of the greatest assets of UUSD and I am blessed to be the director of this amazing ministry.

Since the pandemic, it has become evident to me that having the choir sing every week, as a part-time staff member, was not sustainable. Although, I love working with, and hearing the choir, as many of you do, the vocal teams have been a great way to continue to use many of our talented vocalists and have them help lead the music on the off-choir weeks.

I want to take a brief moment to thank Dianne Conine for her years of dedication and commitment to the Audio/Visual ministry. From a musical perspective, specifically, I want to thank Dianne for sharing her techno-audio skills. Dianne has made sure that the choir is heard and that we have a good balance each week when it comes to music. Without her, those listening via livestream, would not be able to hear the music!!

Looking toward the future, I am hoping to work with more musicians from within our congregation, getting more people involved with the music ministry at UUSD. So, get your instruments out of the attic, brush up on your playing skills and let me know that you play!

Here is to another great year of music and more to come!

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