Annual Report from Julie Keefer, Director of Music Ministries

On Sunday, October 8th, I celebrated my 5th anniversary with UUSD. What a blessing it has been. The choir continues to sing 2-3 times a month. Our vocal teams help to lead the music when the choir is not singing. Through the teams we have had some amazing special music shared with the congregation.

Our greatest gift to the congregation was producing and performing *A Tiny Miracle* by Charlie Gilbert, a former member of the UUSD choir. The musical is based on the story by Richard M. Wainwright. It was certainly a multi-generational event. Twenty-eight adults and ten children help to the story of a Tiny Tree hoping to be taken to a home for Christmas. Along with these great actors and singers, we also had Deanna Duby and Jean Charles who helped with staging and narrating. A huge shout out to Beryl Martin who worked diligently to prepare the piano accompaniment. All involved can tell you that musically, it was a very difficult project, but we did it and we are very proud of what we accomplished!

Our Music Sunday, which will be held on Sunday, June 9th will be focusing on a new addition to UUSD. Our very own, Ron Parks, who faithfully plays guitar each week, has shared his talents in creating. The theme describes the different parts of the design, while expressing who we are as UUSD. Our theme for the day was *Melodies Behind Glass: A Musical Window to the Soul*.

It continues to be a blessing to serve UUSD as Director of Music Ministries.

Keeping a Song in My Heart,

Julie Keefer
Director of Music Ministries