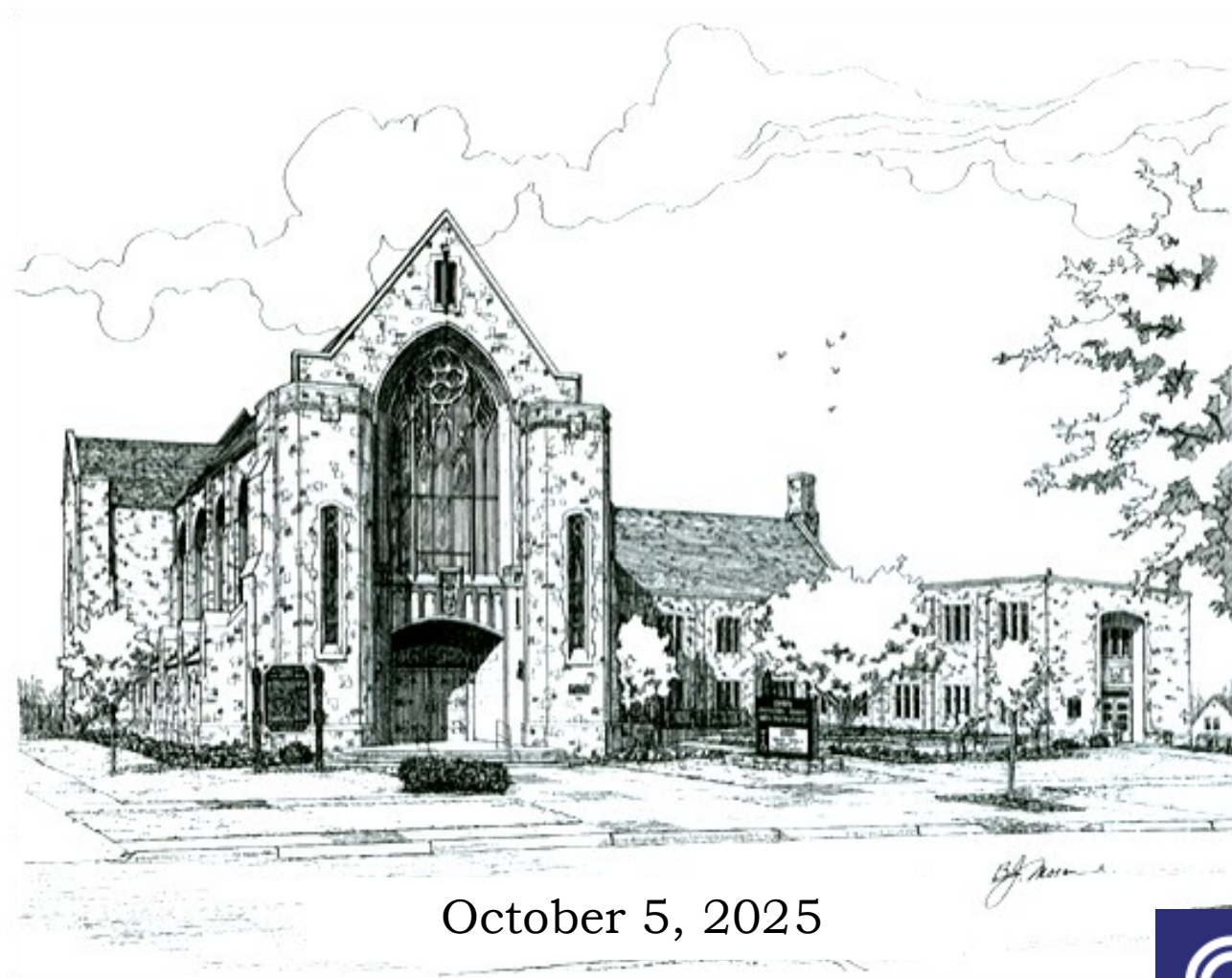


Union Congregational United Church of Christ



At Union, we are all the body of Christ together:
Through our voices, Christ is still speaking
Through our hands, Christ is still serving
Through our hearts, Christ is still loving



October 5, 2025

Our sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop. You can access the loop by activating the T-coil in your hearing aid. If you do not have a T-coil, you can request a portable receiver from an usher.



Welcome to Union Church!

- Today's service is being live streamed via Facebook and YouTube.
- During the Children's Moments, the live stream will display a graphic, in order to protect our children's privacy.
- Please see an usher if you would like a children's activity packet or if you need help finding the nursery.
- Visitors are encouraged to fill out a visitor card at the usher's station or email office@unionucc.com to receive our weekly email newsletter.
- Visitors, if you would like more information about our church, please take home a yellow "Welcome to Union Church" folder located at either sanctuary door. If you have trouble finding them, ask one of our friendly members to help you locate one!
- We encourage those who are COVID positive or have cold or flu symptoms to worship from home and to consult with your healthcare provider to ensure you are engaging in best practices regarding masking, distancing, and receiving vaccines/boosters, particularly if you or someone you live with have health concerns.

Interested in Learning More About Union Church?

Interested in learning more about Union Congregational UCC and discerning whether this is the right church home for you? Our Membership Ministry will be hosting two classes to help people get to know Union, our community, and each other on **Wednesday, October 15 at 5:30 p.m.** and on **Thursday, October 30 at 6:00 p.m.** It's helpful to participate in both sessions.

After those two sessions, people who would like to join the church will be received into membership during worship on **Sunday, November 16.**

Please contact the church office at office@unionucc.com or 920-437-9266, to register.

Serving Christ . . . Loving Each . . . Affirming All

17th Sunday after Pentecost

October 5, 2025

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

(*) invites all who are able to stand

PRELUDE:

"Cantad al Señor"

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

With music and silence we begin worship, praying quietly and opening our hearts to God.

THE LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY

Welcome! Please share Announcements, Ministry Opportunities, Joys and Concerns.

PRAISING OUR GOD

THE BOND OF UNION (in unison)

Giving our all as we have been given all...

We accept the religion of love and service which Jesus lived and taught, and declare it our purpose to strive to do the will of God, and to make the Christ Spirit dominant in our lives and in all human relations.

* CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

Leader: We gather, as God's people,
bringing our fears and pain,
knowing that when our spirits have grown cold,

All: God rekindles the gift of faith in us.

Leader: We gather, as God's people,
hanging our broken hearts on the branches of the tree of life
knowing that while friends may turn against us,

All: God transforms enemies into sisters and brothers.

Leader: We gather, as God's people,
hungering for healing and hope,
knowing that even when life is no picnic,

All: God prepares a feast for us.

***OPENING PRAYER:** (in unison)

**Source of grace and peace, you call us into being; you keep us in safety; you hold us in life.
Far too often, we turn from you, placing our trust in the frail promises of other human beings
and the insecure security of wealth.**

**Be with us now. Bring us into your presence. Comfort our pain. Challenge our pride.
Enter into our prayer and our praise. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON:** (responsive)

Leader: Hear the words of Jesus: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

All: The peace of Christ is ours, through the Holy Spirit who dwells within us.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST**

***HYMN:**

"For All the Children"
(see page 6)

David Lohman

PROCLAIMING GOD'S GOOD NEWS

HOLY SCRIPTURE:

Psalm 37:1-9

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Children are invited to gather on the chancel steps and bring their offering.
Following Children's Moments, all children are welcome to remain in worship.
Additionally, parents are welcome to accompany their children to our "playground" in the
south transept to play and pray quietly or to drop them off downstairs to play in the nursery.
Activity bags with crayons, etc. are available from an usher.

CHORAL ANTHEM:

"Bonsa Aba"

traditional Zambian song
arr. Andrew Fischer

Bemba: *Bonse aba mu pokelela, ba lipele maka akuba bana, muyayaya bakwa lesa.*
English (based on John 1:12): *All that sing have the right to be called the children of God.*

HOLY SCRIPTURE:

2 Timothy 1:1-14

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THE SERMON:

"Rekindling"

Rev. Diane Rew

RESPONDING IN FAITH

HYMN NO. 575:

"O For a World"
(see page 7)

AZMON
The New Century Hymnal

THE OFFERING

Offertory:

"Shalom"

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

*Praise Response:

"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

SEEK YE FIRST

***Seek ye first the king - dom of God and its right - eous - ness,
and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you;
Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.***

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

L. The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. Come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more;

All. You who have been here often, and you who have not been for a long time, if ever.

L. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have fallen short.

All. Come, all who seek to follow Christ's way.

It is Christ who offers to encounter us here.

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

L. The Lord be with you.

All. And also with you.

L. Lift up your hearts!

All. We lift them to the Lord.

L. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: We come to the table where all are welcome.

We prepare to remember Jesus—

We hope to be empowered by our feast—

All: touch us, O God, by Your Spirit's power.

One: O God of creation,

whose Spirit stilled the waters of chaos,

whose breath filled all creatures with life,

All: we praise you.

One: O God of Jesus Christ,

whose Spirit descended like a dove upon Jesus of Galilee,

whose glory shone in words of wisdom and deeds of love,

All: we praise you.

One: O God of Pentecost,

whose Spirit came to the faithful,

whose gifts continue to empower the church for service and witness,

All: we praise you, singing:

CONGREGATIONAL SANCTUS:

"Santo, Santo, Santo"

anonymous, Argentina



¡San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zón te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zón te sa - be de-cir: san - to e - res Dios.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, God.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Having offered our prayers of this day, let us join our voices with Christians across the world and across the centuries as we pray to you, our God, who are both our Mother and ...

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:

One: When Jesus was at table with his friends,
he took bread, blessed and broke it,
and gave it to those who were gathered there.

All: And they were changed.

One: He took a cup of wine and blessed it,
and passed it around the table.

All: And the holy was revealed.

One: This same meal is now offered to us.

**All: We gladly accept it, knowing that
in any ordinary moment like this,
God can be revealed to us too.**

One: Friends, the table is ready. Gifts of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion servers will pass trays of bread, red wine, and white grape juice through the pews. Please let an usher know if you would prefer to commune with the prepackaged Communion elements, and they will bring one to you. Please hold the bread and cup until all are served so that we may commune together. Gluten-free bread is in the paper cup in the center of the tray.

The host at this table is Jesus Christ. In Christ's name and spirit, we invite all to partake of God's grace. Children may participate according to their parents' wishes.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

Fount of blessing,

you pour upon us the abundance of your grace.

Bless us, these gifts, and this sacred meal that they may be a source of blessing to others, in the name Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENT INTO ALL THE WORLD

* HYMN NO. 353:

"Great Work Has God Begun in You"
(see page 8)

VERBUM DEI

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

arr. John Carter

Thanks to all who helped lead today's service including our reader, **Christie Reese**, and **Shawn Malone** who offered our Children's Moments.

Altar Flowers

For all October birthdays and anniversaries!

—Achim and Kathy Seifert

For All the Children

David Lohman



1. God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a - bove, and we
2. Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be free; and we
4. God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and wide can_

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dare to claim the pro - mise of Your love,___ though the day may not yet
sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,___ that they nev - er have a
live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.___ As they grow in strength and

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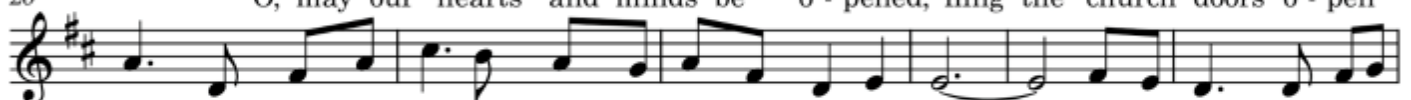
be here, we___ trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
rea - son to___ doubt that they are blest. May they, in Your love, find rest.
sta - ture, may they join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all_ hate we stand.

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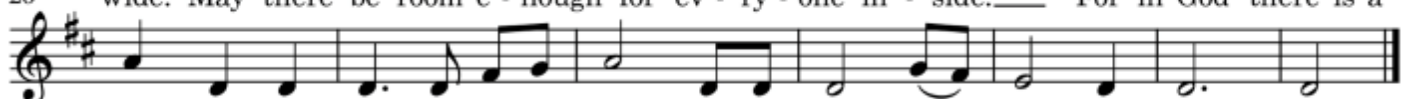
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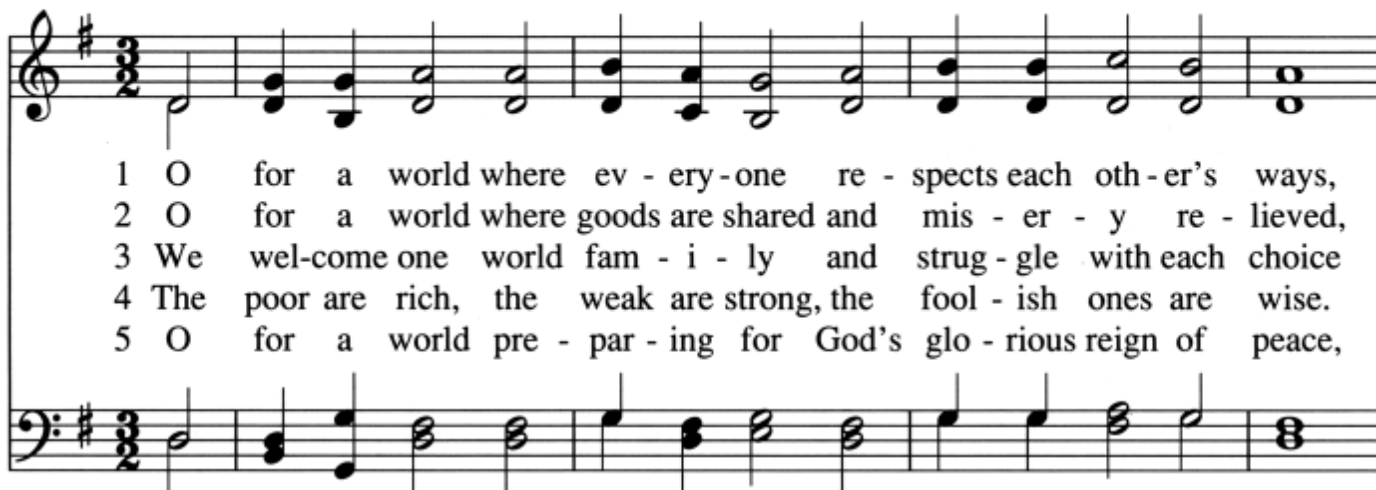
wel - come, in God we all be - long. May that wel - come be our song.____

O for a World

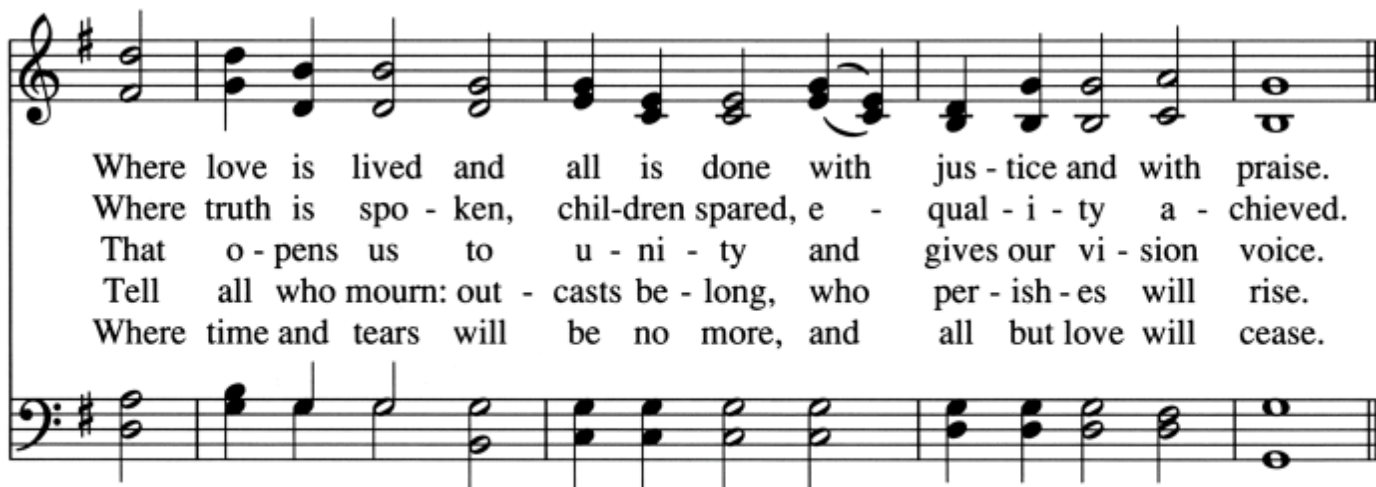
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Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

Acts 4:32–35; 1 Cor. 1:26–31; 1 Pet. 3:8–12



1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,



Where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Tune: AZMON C.M.

Carl G. Gläser, 1828

Adapt. Lowell Mason in Modern Psalmody, 1839

Yard Cleanup Days

Yard cleanup days at Scott and Bridget's will be Saturday, October 25 in the morning and Sunday, November 9 in the afternoon. If anyone has not yet signed up to help and is interested, contact Christie Reese, christie.reese@gmail.com or 920-273-52349 (call or text). If you've already signed up to help with yard work, Christie will contact you to find out your availability for October 25 or November 9.

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Great Work Has God Begun in You

Phil. 1:6; Col. 2:6; Eph. 5:1

Tune: VERBUM DEI L.M.

Alternate tune:

Carol Birkland, 1995

William P. Rowan, 1993

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1 Great work has God be - gun in you, so let the Spir - it
 3 A - round God's ta - ble cel - e - brate the end of bond - age,
 4 Great work has God be - gun in you; take on God's love in

fol - low through; The mark of Christ up - on your brow, bap -
 sin, and hate: A feast of love and vic - to - ry, the
 all you do, And may that love in you in - crease—now,

tis - mal touch re - mem - ber now.
 gift of Christ who sets us free.
 with God's bless - ing, go in peace.

Fox River Trail “Social Walk”

Our next Fox River Trail “Social Walk” is **Saturday, October 18 at 9 a.m.** Meet in the church parking lot. Participants will walk at their own pace, 20 minutes down the trail and 20 minutes back. After, we will socialize over coffee/tea and breakfast goodies in the church hall. Bring a friend!

Sojourner Circle/Cooks Who Care Meal Prep

Sojourner Circle will be holding its next Cooks Who Care meal prep event in the church kitchen on **Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.** We will be making tamale pies (beef and vegetarian options), and would appreciate some help from the congregation in gathering the ingredients we'll need. If you're willing and able to contribute, please sign up via the link in your This Week at Union Church email.

We ask that **all sign-ups be completed by next Sunday, October 12, 2025**, so that we have time to shop for anything still needed the week of the event, and that all donations be dropped off in the church kitchen in well-labeled bags or packages (with refrigerated items labeled and in the fridge) *no later than Wednesday, October 15, 2025.*

If you have any questions, would like to contribute monetarily instead, or are interested in joining us (Sojourner Circle is a group of women supporting each other through career decisions, raising children, personal growth, mid-life reflections, and more, with all who identify as women welcome!) please reach out to Beth Lyman Piontek at (beth.e.lyman@gmail.com) or Emily Lakatos at (emilyclakatos@gmail.com) to coordinate or for details.

Heifer Living Gift Market is Sunday, October 19

Heifer International is an organization that works with communities to end world hunger and poverty. Through our Heifer Living Gift Market we hope to inspire our church family to get involved in ending hunger and poverty, bringing the commandment to love our neighbors to life.

Our goal is to fill an ark by raising \$5,000 or more. This can be done with your gift of a goat, heifer, water buffalo, alpaca, llama, sheep, pig, rabbits, honeybees, ducks, chickens, and more.

Come to the courtyard **after church on October 19.** We will have exhibits and treats (including treats for our special visitors) and enjoy the Living Gift Market. Sign up at Union Central to host a table.

Weekly Planner

October 6 — 11

Tuesday:

4:30 p.m. Outreach Ministry (Zoom)
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Wednesday:

1:00 p.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Affirmations for
Spiritual Growth

Thursday:

6:00 p.m. Common Ministry

NEXT SUNDAY: October 12 **18th Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation
10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary
(or stream it online)
followed by Coffee Hour
in the church hall

Giving Online Just Got Easier

When you give online, consider ticking the
“I would like to help offset the processing
fees associated with online giving” box.



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Union Congregational United Church of Christ is an **Open and Affirming Congregation**. We are a Christian fellowship where diverse perspectives may live together in the Spirit of Christ and where all persons are precious children of God without qualification or discrimination because of ability, age, ethnicity, gender, race, or sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

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Ladies Lunch Bunch Meets October 20

**Join us at 11:30 a.m.
at the Village Grille in Allouez**

Our Church Staff

Senior Minister.....Bridget Flad Daniels
Administrative Assistant.....Eric Goska
Financial Secretary.....Katrina Catteruccia
Building & Maintenance Supervisor.....Brad Dorin
Music Director.....Haley Steele
Organist.....Franklin Beyer
Handbell Ensemble Director.....Linda Cook
Librarian.....Cathy Putman
AV Coordinator.....Daniel Hatton

Student Music Interns:

Zeke Fietsch-Huber, Caleb Hale, Caitlyn Kolter

Nursery Attendants:

Jenna Stevens, London Graham,
Katelyn Mertens, Scott Nixon