



Dear friends,

Thank you to all who attended the Music Ministry Celebration Dinner last night. It was so nice to spend quality time with those whom I have grown to love and cherish.

It has truly been a blessing for me to continue to be a part of Carmel United Methodist Church. Your constant kindness has made my time here very special, and I am feeling more welcome than ever in the wonderful community we have created. I sincerely thank you all for your warm words of encouragement and praise throughout the two years we have been together.

I am praying that with your love and support, our music program may grow and improve so that we may continue to serve the Church through sacred music. My hope for our music ministry is that it remain an integral and spiritual part of the Church. Our church has the potential to cultivate fantastic music programs through your continued participation and evangelism. With this in mind, please continue to make connections with those guests who were able to join us for the banquet and those who have shown an interest in participating in the future.

A very special thank you to the, singers, ringers, and all adults and children who participated this year. Your faithfulness is astounding. The Wednesday night rehearsal, the Sunday morning run-throughs, the worship service Sunday after Sunday, over and over-and-over again. I know you do not only ring and sing for your anthem, but you also lend your full talent and heart to every note of every part of the liturgy and hymns. Bless you. Please keep it up, and know I hold you in high esteem.

In addition, I wish to thank the Music Council. Each of you combine your skills and dedication with repetitive hours of organizing and planning of events that serve our music ministry and church body as a whole. All of your dedication help us to perceive the magnificent nature of God and the glory of His Grace in Christ Jesus. Bless you. Please keep it up, and know that your hard work is celebrated and very much appreciated.

In closing, I thank all who have volunteered countless hours of your lives to make our music ministry strong and vibrant. This has made us a shining light to our community at large that at Carmel UMC – "Music Matters".

Sincerely,

Dave Morton; Music Minister

Keep close to your heart:

- Summer Choir 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in June, July and August, 8:30 AM sound check in Sanctuary no robes!
- Chancel Choir Rehearsals begin Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary
- Choir Retreat Saturday, September, 8<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM to Noon in Sanctuary w/group lunch following
- Chancel Choir Resumes Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM in the Sanctuary