



Monday, May 3, 2021

Greetings FUMC,

I write today on behalf of the Staff Parish Relations Committee following our meeting on Sunday, May 2. Last week, our Director of Youth and Children's Ministries Kaylee Pillow met with me to share her desire to resign from her position. Kaylee expressed a heartfelt appreciation for FUMC and the opportunity to serve on staff. Kaylee is looking forward to a career transition that better accommodates her family as well as returning to a more typical role as church member. The Staff Parish Relations Committee has reviewed and accepted Kaylee's letter of resignation which states in part:

**"Thank you so much for the opportunity to work in this position the past four years. I've greatly enjoyed and appreciated the opportunities I've had to grow our children and youth ministries...My family looks forward to continuing our journey at Paragould FUMC as faithful congregation members."**

I know you join myself and the SPRC in offering our sincere gratitude toward Kaylee for her faithful years of service at FUMC. Kaylee has been a critical and valued member of our church staff. As Kaylee has indicated, her family plans to continue to worship and serve at FUMC. We look forward to future opportunities to be in ministry with Alan, baby Luke, and Kaylee.

Kaylee's last day as a staff member will be Sunday, May 23. This is Pentecost Sunday & Confirmation Sunday! We will also be baptizing Kaylee & Alan's son Luke in the 9am service! A busy morning!

We are organizing a drop-in "Thank You" reception in Kaylee's honor for all FUMC members including children, youth, and families for the afternoon of May 23 at 5-6pm. More details forthcoming.

It is not uncommon for individuals to serve in youth ministry for a few years between college and starting a family. Kaylee's desire for a change in this new stage of her life is not a surprise. We thank Kaylee for her work and wish her the best! Also, I can assure FUMC that Youth and Children's ministries are in good hands. Kaylee has a wonderful foundation in place. And we have experienced staff and volunteers who will work closely in the coming weeks and months to maintain the highest standards of ministry. We are looking forward to an exciting summer!

Please hold Kaylee and her family in prayer during this season of transition. Be in prayer for our church including its families, children, and youth.

Grace & Peace,

Rev. Dane