



A PLACE TO WORSHIP IN COMMUNITY



A letter from Pastor Steve

Dear friends,

Attached you will find a letter from Caitlin Bomar, Director of Children's Ministry, announcing her resignation in order for her husband, Kyle, to accept an appointment as pastor of a United Methodist congregation in Virginia, closer to both Caitlin and Kyle's families. She will see us through Vacation Bible School (June 3-7) before her move.

Caitlin joined the Idlewild staff in October of 2016. The energy and enthusiasm she brought to her work has been contagious. The number of children in our ministries has grown significantly as Caitlin has added monthly fellowship gatherings, increased worship leadership opportunities for children, and refined the Sunday School hour. The Children's Ministry Committee has grown in membership and responsibilities, as Caitlin has put in place structures and policies to guide their work.

While the fruits of Caitlin's service among us are obvious when we see the chancel overflowing with children on Sunday mornings, the most important impact of her work may not be seen for decades. Only then will we see the seeds of faith she has planted fully take root, grow, and bloom. The comfortable way she talks about her own faith encourages children to talk about their own; the ways she has encouraged parents helps them nurture their own children in faith; the care she takes to call each child by name makes children feel welcome and loved. All of these seeds she leaves for us to water and feed and help to grow.

I know many of you are reeling from the number of these emails you have received in the last ten days, but I hope you can celebrate with Caitlin, Kyle, and their daughter, Anna Charis, as they make this move to be closer to home. Let us send them with our prayers and our love and our gratitude. And let us honor Caitlin's service by investing our time and energy, our prayers and love in the children of Idlewild—especially as they grieve this loss. As Caitlin reminded the children (and the rest of us) on Sunday, God's love will carry us through the unexpected moments in our life together. This we trust as we say goodbye and thank you to Caitlin and pray her on her way to Virginia later this summer.

Grace and peace and many prayers,
Steve Montgomery and Rebekah Abel Lamar

[Read Caitlin's letter](#)

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