

Pastor Bryan's Report for the 2019 Annual Meeting

Well I have been here officially as your pastor for one month, beginning December 5, 2018. I have very little to report therefore other than my deep gratitude to the search committee and to all of the members and friends of McFarland UCC for receiving me as warmly and generously as you have. I am also extremely grateful of course to Pastors Kerri Parker and to Mike Bausch and to our office administrator Melissa Mendl for their hard work and leadership in recent years and to all of the members of MUCC for doing the work of becoming the healthy and vital congregation MUCC is at this point. I really could not have asked for a more open, drama/conflict-free, and wide open bunch of folks with whom to begin my ministry with you and the next chapter of MUCC's life together.

Beyond organizing weekly worship services and the Christmas Eve service, my only additional pastoral functions so far have been to meet with the December Messy Church group, the Confirmation class, the finance committee, the SALT group, and a small handful of non-urgent pastoral calls. I am doing my best to get my bearings, learn the ropes, learn names (!), and give the Spirit a chance to guide my understanding of how to best focus my ministry as we hit the ground running together in 2019. I am delighted to be here and simply cannot thank all of you and God for this opportunity to serve and be a part of this community.

With great hope and much gratitude,
Pastor Bryan Sirchio