

RUTH ANN WHITE retires as Director of Educational Ministry as of May 20, 2018

It is with some sadness and excitement, that I tell you that the time has come for me to retire from my position as Director of Educational Ministry at UPL, as of the end of this program year.

As you may know, Jack retired last spring, and turned 80 just a few weeks ago. It is time for a new chapter in our lives, with more time together, while we are able.

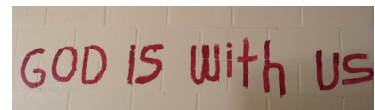
It has been a wonderful ride for almost 29 years! The folks in this church who work with our families love them so much and have so many gifts and talents for ministry. They and the children and youth are my joy. I have shared so many special moments with the families I have watched grow up in this church. Now I watch their



The Golden Rule:
*Treat others the way
You want to be treated.*

children and grandchildren! Such a privilege! I hope that I have equipped others for ministry and living as Jesus taught. Honestly, if they have the Golden Rule in their hearts and they live it in their lives, know God loves them and we love them, I will be content. The rest comes as they pursue their own faith growth. We are all, always learning.

I want the church members to have enough time to discern how they want to move forward to keep Faith Formation a vital part of our church community and a place where children, youth, and families can grow as disciples of Jesus. And then to hire someone who will bring new gifts to this church.



I know that the Spirit is alive and well in this place!

Thank you for opportunity to serve among you for all these years!

The Education Committee has already begun laying ground work for a plan to move forward and forming a Search Committee for the new Director. They need and want your input. If you have any thoughts or questions, please contact one of these folks:

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