

## WE WELCOME OUR NEW HANDBELL DIRECTOR

On Tuesday evening, August 10, a small group made up of Brett Dimmer, Chancel Choir Director, Carolyn Heatwole, longtime member of the Handbell Choir, Ric Probst, Representative of the Staff Support and Review Team, Mike Spalding, Representative of the Liturgy Team, and Pastor Scott met with a very qualified candidate for the Handbell Choir Director position, Lydia Clough. The group had a great conversation with her and found her to be energetic, enthusiastic, knowledgeable, experienced and with great potential to be a really good fit with our congregation.



Lydia works in the West Allis/West Milwaukee School District as an Elementary School music teacher. She grew up playing trumpet in school and handbells at church and continues to work on her ringing through her participation in the Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble. She previously worked with a church handbell choir in Cedarburg but took a break from conducting to finish her degree at UW-Milwaukee. After surviving teaching online through a global pandemic, she is now ready to take on a new adventure at First Congregational Church.

The Handbell Choir will have an opportunity to meet her at their first rehearsal early this month. If you are interested in being a part of the Handbell Choir; they would love to have you! Just send a note to the office and you can be in touch with Lydia and the choir. What a joy it will be to have the handbells helping us worship again this fall.



## MUSIC PROGRAM UPDATE

At this time, we are still unsure when the Carol Choir, Chapel Choir, and Chancel Choir will begin to start up for rehearsals and share in worship. We are all anxious to hear them as they help us lift our praise to God—we have missed their contributions to Sunday morning so much! Hopefully, we will be able to reach out to the families and individual members with a plan to resume soon.