

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Dear Church Family and Community,

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you of the passing of our organist Jim Russell. May we all be in a spirit of prayer for Jim's wife Patty, his five children, his grandchildren and his entire family and friends.

Jim served as the church organist for many years – always with enthusiasm, dedication and a true love of music. He will be greatly missed.

One member of the church perhaps stated it best when she said, "He literally would pull out all the stops and rock the church. Many, many times it would cause an eruption of applause from the congregation."

We were truly blessed by Jim and the most beautiful sounds he filled the sanctuary with.

Blessings always,

Pastor Michele Melia