

**Dr. Matthew Garrett**  
**Palm Sunday Statement of Appreciation**  
**April 14, 2019**

**Thank You Fred!**

On behalf of the music staff, I hope our congregation will join me in thanking Fred Mailey for his outstanding volunteer work with our audio systems over the past several years. While Fred is not leaving us, he will be stepping back from being the sole individual responsible for our audio systems and we wanted to express our gratitude for all he has done (mostly unseen) for our church.

Fred is a retired software engineer and an alumnus of Case Western Reserve University, and he started attending Covenant during his studies in University Circle. His work with Phillips electronics and his hobby of operating ham radio certainly provided him with skills to help keep our audio systems running. Fred joined other church volunteers and staff members to “keep the mics on” for Sunday services, church events, memorial services, and weddings. THANK YOU FRED, we look forward to having you back in worship on Sundays!

**Welcome to Ken Wendt!**

We welcome Dr. Ken Wendt as our new manager of audio-visual services! Native to Northeast Ohio, Ken is a professional musician, multimedia specialist, educator, and consultant who serves as Information Technology Coordinator for the CWRU Department of Music. He is the principal and owner of, Media216, a Cleveland based media arts production company providing professional audio and video services. Ken works with local and national artists including Grammy Award winning Apollo's Fire, and Neosonicfest, and the leading artists and performers of Northeast Ohio. As an active artist across several disciplines, he has directed short films and documentaries, performed as an international musician, and continues to write, record, and perform original compositions. Ken will be coordinating his work with our music staff and other volunteers from our congregation.

**Opportunity to serve our church!**

Our welcome to Ken and thank you to Fred lead right into a new opportunity for Covenant members to serve our church. We are looking for church volunteers to help operate our audio systems with guidance from Ken Wendt. You do not need to know anything about audio technology to volunteer, you just need to have an interest in serving the church and a willingness to learn some new skills. Ken will provide initial training and schedule follow-up sessions to learn how to set up and operate our audio equipment. You'll even get a handy how-to guide to help you remember how our systems work. If this service opportunity appeals to you, please speak with Ken or Matthew following our Palm Sunday service, where you will find us in the reception room. You can also contact Ken or Matthew using the information on our church website. Join us, learn a new skill, and serve our church!