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HONORS FOR BRENDA

As Brenda Crisp plans to retire as Executive Director of Uni-Pres Kindercottage after a long and distinguished career there, several honors have come her way.

On Sunday, July 14, Brenda was honored at her home UCC church, O'Fallon UCC in O'Fallon, IL. Pastor Martha Thierheimer presented Brenda with a wooden cross made from one of the church's original doors and cake was shared by all. A musical tribute, "You've Got a Friend" was dedicated to Brenda.



On Sunday, July 21, St. Paul UCC in Lebanon invited members of other churches and members of the Kindercottage Board of Directors to honor Brenda at their 10:30 service. Rev. Shana Johnson, Illinois South Conference Minister, delivered the sermon. Brenda was recognized in a special litany by Shana and board members Carla Monroe-Posey, Johann Ellerbrake and Judy Brickey.



Pastor Don Wagner honored Brenda with a gift of a stole that originally belonged to Rev. Gretchen Sterrett. Rev. Sterrett was a strong supporter of Kindercottage and a great friend of Brenda. The commissioned painting, uses the Busy Bee figure to illustrate events that Brenda launched over the years, such as White Jacket Week and Patriot's Day.



Pastor Don greets Brenda's family at a salad and sandwich lunch. Board President, Dr. Phil Wilhelm participates in presenting the painting to Brenda.



Dr. Carla Monroe-Posey introduces Ms. Patsy Mason, Uni-Pres Kindercottage's new Executive Director.



Stay tuned for the next half-century of extraordinary early childhood education and loving care in East St. Louis!

We ask that you remember to include Uni-Pres Kindercottage in your will or trust documents. We would be ever so grateful! Thank you!

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