

Ellen Bradley

Ellen Bradley started piano lessons at the age of seven and has been playing the organ since the age of 15. She served as full-time organist for this church from 1986 to 2000 and again as part-time musician from 2012 to 2020. She has also played organ for several different denominations in the Bay Area, Chicago Area, and Macomb, Illinois. Ellen sang with The Western Colorado Chorale for thirteen years and is currently a member of the Threshold Singers of the Grand Valley, a group of volunteer singers who sing at hospice patients' bedsides. She is currently playing the organ and piano for services at First Congregational and sings in the choir.

Ellen received her BA degree at the College of Wooster (Ohio) where she majored in French literature with a minor in sacred music. She holds an Masters of Arts in Teaching degree with emphasis in French and English as a Second Language. She has lived in thirteen different places including three years in French-speaking Switzerland and four years in Japan. She and her husband Ron owned and operated a school for international students in Grand Junction in the 90s. They subsequently travelled the world training teachers and still do occasional on-line training. Ellen also taught French at CMU.

Ron and Ellen have three children, six grandchildren, and five great grandchildren, the majority of whom live in Grand Junction. They enjoy travelling, making music, and indulging their eclectic taste in music by attending as many concerts as they can.