

# Insights

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

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## MINISTRY THROUGH MUSIC

In the days of King David, choirs were established to serve their church by expressing the prayers, praise, and thankfulness of the people to God. This purpose has never changed. The Apostle Paul, in his letter to the Colossians charges: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your heart to God." (Col. 3:16) Psalm 147 also states clearly that we are to praise God through music: "Praise ye the Lord, for it is good to sing praises unto our God, for it is pleasant, and praise is comely." Each one of you can be a member of the Ministry of Music through active participation in worship each week. Read this brochure, share the information with others, and keep one handy for easy reference.

At Duke Memorial Church music is an integral and essential part of the ministry and spiritual development of the church. We seek to offer musical opportunities for various age groups, through which individuals can use their gifts in service through music.

We are especially excited about "WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS" this year. Celia Oatney will prepare dinner for our entire church family from 5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. each Wednesday evening at a cost of \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for children 12 and under. Dinner reservations are required. Reservation forms will be in the bulletin each week or you may call the church office by noon on Monday.

Following dinner, Wesley Singers and Carol Choir will have rehearsals from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Several "Weekend of Discovery" groups will be offered for adults. Childcare for infants and toddlers will also be provided.

Plan now to join us for the OPENING CELEBRATION ON SEPTEMBER 16. The celebration will include a visit by Zani the clown, animal balloons, and choir registration during our first rehearsal!!!

We welcome you to be a part of a music ministry that celebrates the abundance of God's gifts and reaffirms music's inspirational, nurturing, and edifying role in our spiritual lives. Discover Ministry through Music. Join a choir!

John Semington,  
Minister of Music

## WEEKLY MUSIC SCHEDULE

### WESLEY SINGERS

(3rd to 7th):



### SUNDAY

10:15 a.m. Sanctuary Choir  
5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. J.O.Y. Bells

### MONDAY

(second Monday of each month only)

7:30 p.m. Celebration Singers

### WEDNESDAY

5:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. Fellowship Supper  
(\$2.50 adults; \$1.50 12 and under)

6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. Wesley Singers  
6:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Carol Choir

7:30 p.m. Bethany Bells

### THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

## THE GRADED CHOIR PROGRAM

### CAROL CHOIR

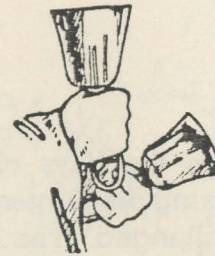
(Kdg. to 2nd):



The Carol choir strives to involve each child in all aspects of music and worship. Singing, listening, rhythmic skills, and music reading are learned through DOING. Music education curriculum is utilized through special activities, games and movement. The Carol Choir sings in worship 3 to 4 times yearly and participates in the "White Christmas" program. Choir registration and rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 16.

### J.O.Y. BELLS

(6th - 12th):



Junior and Senior High Youth only, please! This youth bell choir meets each Sunday evening as part of our United Methodist Youth Fellowship. We learn teambuilding through the art of English Bell Ringing, music reading skills, and anthems for Sunday morning worship. For youth who play an instrument or the piano, or just enjoy music, this ensemble is for you! Rehearsals begin Sunday, September 13.

### CELEBRATION SINGERS

(8th - adult):



This intergenerational group specializes in many styles of contemporary Christian music including folk, gospel and rock. Celebration Singers rehearse the second Monday of each month and meet at 9:30 a.m. the following Sunday to sing in worship. Musical expertise is not expected, only the desire to praise God through song!

**SANCTUARY CHOIR** is the primary adult singing ensemble in the church. The Sanctuary Choir leads in worship each week. The choir presents several major musical services throughout the year. This year we will present an Advent/Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols with Brass and Percussion, a February Dinner and Broadway Musical Revue, and a Lenten Cantata within the Good Friday Service of Darkness. There will also be special choral and instrumental music for High Holy Day services throughout the year.

Next summer (June 28, 1993 - July 10), members of the Sanctuary Choir and Epworth Choir will form the North Carolina Wesley Festival Choir for a concert tour of churches in Bavaria, Austria and Switzerland.

While we always strive for choral excellence, the Sanctuary Choir welcomes new members at any time.

**BETHANY BELLS** is an adult handbell choir which leads in worship every 4 to 6 weeks and participates in several area handbell festivals.



### OTHER WAYS TO SERVE

**ATTEND WORSHIP!** Worship provides the greatest opportunity for ministry through music. In addition to the inspiring music provided by our many choirs, members of the congregation are encouraged to embrace hymn-singing as an active exercise in worship. Regardless of one's expertise, we may all "make a joyful noise" with our voices.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL.** Singing in Sunday School classes is an important learning opportunity. Martin Luther stressed the power of singing as a means of learning the Word.

**PATRONS MUSIC FUND:** Gifts to this fund may be given in honor or memory of friends and loved ones. Gifts can be used to purchase copies of music which would be marked with the appropriate inscription. Funds for guest instrumentalist may be given to glorify God in worship. There are many possibilities. John Semingson would be happy to discuss this with you and make suggestions.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS '92 - '93



### SEPTEMBER

- 13 J.O.Y.Bells begin 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
(following DMYF)
- 14 Celebration Singers, 7:30 p.m.  
Bradshaw Room
- 16 **C H I L D R E N ' S C H O I R**  
REGISTRATION AND  
OPENING PARTY  
5:00 - 6:15 p.m.  
Dinner and Party with clown  
6:15 - 7:00 p.m. Carol Choir  
6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Wesley Singers

### OCTOBER

- 12 Celebration Singers, 7:30 p.m.  
Bradshaw Room
- 24 Durham Bellfest, 9:00-4:00 p.m. at  
Epworth U.M.C.

### NOVEMBER

- 1 **ALL SAINTS.** Organ recital by  
John Semingson, 7:30 p.m.
- 9 Celebration Singers, 7:30 p.m.  
Bradshaw Room
- 21 Sanctuary Choir Christmas  
Rehearsal, 9 a.m. to noon
- 22 **CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**
- 25 Thanksgiving Eve worship,  
7:30 p.m.
- 29 **ADVENT** begins.

### DECEMBER

- 12 Wesley Singers / Carol Choir  
rehearsal for White Christmas,  
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- 13 White Christmas program featuring  
children and youth choirs,  
4:00 p.m.  
Children's choir break following  
program until Jan. 13.
- 14 Celebration Singers, 7:30 p.m.  
Bradshaw Room
- 16 **NO "WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS"**  
**UNTIL JANUARY 13.**
- 19 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal with  
Brass, 9 a.m.- noon in Sanctuary
- 20 Festival of Lessons and Carols  
Sanctuary Choir and Brass  
Prelude begins at 10:45 a.m.
- 24 Candlelight Carol Service  
with choir at 11 p.m.

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### JANUARY

- 4 Celebration Singers, 7:30 p.m.  
Bradshaw Room
- 13 Children's choirs begin for 1993
- 16-17 Sanctuary Choir Retreat at Fort Caswell

### FEBRUARY

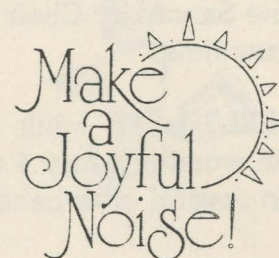
- 8 Celebration Singers, 7:30 p.m.  
Bradshaw Room
- 19-20 Sanctuary Choir Dinner and Musical Revue at Epworth U.M.C. (European tour fundraiser) Dinner. Tickets required in advance.
- 24 Ash Wednesday worship with Sanctuary Choir. LENT begins.

### MARCH

- 8 Celebration Singers, 7:30 p.m.  
Bradshaw Room
- 19 ORGAN RECITAL featuring nationally acclaimed virtuoso Marianne Webb, 8:00 p.m.

### APRIL

- 4 PASSION/ PALM SUNDAY. All choirs participate in worship.
- 8 HOLY THURSDAY Communion
- 9 GOOD FRIDAY Service of Darkness featuring "Seven Words of Love" by Sanctuary Choir, 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal with strings, 9 a.m. to noon in Sanctuary.
- 11 EASTER Celebration with Sanctuary Choir and String Quartet. Prelude begins at 10:45 a.m.
- 19 Celebration Singers, 7:30 p.m.  
Bradshaw Room



### MAY

- 2 Homecoming with Sanctuary Choir and guest instrumentalist.
- 9 Choir Appreciation Sunday with children's and youth choirs. Wesley and Carol choir year closes following service.
- 10 Celebration Singers, 7:30 p.m.  
Bradshaw Room
- 30 PENTECOST

### JUNE

- 6 TRINITY SUNDAY
- 14 Celebration Singers, 7:30 p.m.  
Bradshaw Room
- 27 Sanctuary Choir (Wesley Festival Tour Choir) Farewell Concert, 7:30 p.m.
- 28 Sanctuary Choir  
Tour of Germany and Austria.

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*"I will sing unto the Lord, for  
He hath triumphed gloriously..."*

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