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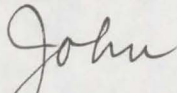
Dear Doris:

Mary Whanger spoke with you about the music committee's request regarding the possibility of additional funds for music programming from United Methodist Women. We realize that this is not something that you would want to do on a regular basis. We believe, as I know you do, that funding for programming should be a part of the church's overall budget. The church's members should take responsibility for the needs of it's ministry programs. Of course, there are always a multitude of needs in many areas, and as the music ministry is not an area which has had "full-time" leadership, it's budgetary support has been minimal. Therefore, we see the need to seek out some possible alternatives for presently supporting growth and development of the music program. I and the entire music committee know of the fine work and strength of UMW and thought that you might be interested in helping us find ways to meet some of our present needs.

Below, I have listed some materials and tried to provide insight into their purpose and need at the moment. The quantity is listed for the purpose of options and vision into the future.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our request and for the spirit and vision that United Methodist Women give to the life of Duke Memorial Church.

In support of our ministry together,



John W. Semingson, Director of Music and Organist

Children's Choir Program:

"I LIKE MUSIC" Level I - Church Music Curriculum which incorporates ear training, pitch matching, singing skills, music reading/theory, creatively into the choir program specifically for children. The church purchased the Level I teaching books and we now need the individual student books.

15 student books @ \$4.00 = \$60.00
(for Carol Choir)

"I LIKE MUSIC" Level II.

1 teacher's kit w/poster pak and other
teaching aids: \$58.75

20 student books @ \$4.00 = \$80.00
(for Wesley Singers)

AWARDS PARTY for excellent attendance (less than 4 absences the entire year) held at Wheels Skating Rink. The party

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fee covers entrance and skate rental for up to 50 children.

(Involves both Carol & Weseleys)

\$150.00

SHELVING AND MUSIC STORAGE UNIT - to include individual choir music storage for adult and children's choirs. Presently, the adult choir stores their music, hymnals, and other worship materials in individual boxes kept on top of long "banquet-style" tables in the choir room. There is no storage space for the children to store their music, choir notebooks, rhythm instruments, posters, etc. I have discussed plans with a local carpenter who could build us a multi-purpose storage unit across the west choir wall. This unit would allow storage space for all of our music ministry needs in a compact, efficient, durable wall unit. He is willing to build this for little more than the cost of materials. This investment in sorely needed storage space would provide decades of use.

\$300.00

CHOIR CHIMES - These instruments are similar to handbells but are not fragile; virtually indestructible. The sound is rounder, more mellow, more tubular than than that of handbells. These chimes provide perfect preparatory training for handbell ringing and have many uses both pedagogically and in "performance". They are excellent motivational tools for children and youth to develop music reading skills, team work, and provide an appealing, rewarding musical experience. They can be played by children to accompany their own singing and also as solo instruments in a choir chime ensemble. They may also be used with handbells in double-choir fashion, or for special effects. These instruments require little wrist action and are excellent with a senior citizens group as well.

(see attached flyer)

\$595.00

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