

# Westlake UMC Music Opportunities for 2010-2011

## Children's Choirs

**Cherub Choir** – for ages 3-5. This group meets during the first 15 minutes of Sunday School and is a precursor to the Primary Choir. Children learn the basic bible songs and perform in worship once or twice during the school year.

**Primary Choir** – for grades K- 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meets each Sunday morning 9:00-9:30 am in the Music Room. Following the rehearsal children will go to Children's Fellowship. This choir sings monthly and performs a Christmas Concert in early December along with the Junior Choir.

**Junior Choir** – for grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. Meets each Sunday morning 9:30-10:00 am in the Music Room. Children attend the first half hour of the 9am worship service and then proceed to the Music Room at 9:30.

## Youth Choirs

**Youth Fuego** – for youth in grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Meets each Sunday at 12:15 for pizza lunch and 12:30-1:30 for rehearsal in the Music Room. This choir provides musical leadership at the 9am and 11:10 am service 2-3 times in the Fall and in the Spring.

## Adult Choirs

**Chancel Choir** – this choir provides music leadership for the 11:15 am service blending a variety of styles and musical forms. Short-term choir members are encouraged to join us for Christmas and Easter and other special events. Rehearsals are Wednesday 6:30-8:00pm No experience is necessary and childcare is provided.

**The Foundation** – The Foundation praise band provides worship music every Sunday at the 9:00 service. The music is contemporary rock, with occasional country and gospel music tunes thrown in. The band's repertoire of over 200 songs comes from the best of contemporary worship songwriters. Contact Frank Webster if you are interested in sharing your musical talents in The Foundation.

## Handbell Choirs

Our Handbell ministry will begin fall rehearsals the week of September 1. We have five very active handbell ensembles, for all ages and abilities. If you are interested in participating, please call Susan Finnigan, Director of Handbell Ministries at 750-8328.

**Sanctuary Bell Choir** – this choir is made up of youth and adults who have some experience in ringing. They usually play once a month at the 11:10am worship service. They meet on Wednesday from 6:15-7:45pm in the Bell Room in Building M. Childcare is provided.

**Chamber Bell Ensemble** – this unique choir is made up 4 players who are seasoned ringers and ring 4-8 bells each. They play 2-3 times in the Fall and the Spring. They meet Fridays at 9:30 am in the Bell Music Room in Building M.

**Holy Handbell Choir** – for grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. This group meets each Wednesday 5:15-6:15pm in Building M. This choir performs in worship several times throughout the school year.

**JV Ringers** – for grades 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. Meets each Wednesday from 4:30-5:15 in the Bell Room in Building M. This choir plays several times throughout the school year at both the 9am and 11:10am services.

**Southern Belles** – a Senior High bell choir. Meets Thursdays 4:30-5:30 in Building M.

### Seasonal Ensembles

**Christmas String Ensemble** – this ensemble forms in mid November to learn and perform music during the Advent/Christmas season. Rehearsals are Sundays from 3-5pm.

**Easter Orchestra** – this orchestra forms in March to learn and perform music for Easter Sunday. Players of all ages and abilities are welcome to join. Rehearsals are Sundays 4-5pm.

### New Ensembles being developed

**Youth Worship Team** – a group of youth who will lead worship for UMYF and other worship experiences

**Youth and Adult Orchestra** – an ongoing ensemble for all ages who want to make music and play in church and other venues on a regular basis.

## Fall Kick-Off Events and Rehearsals

Children's Choirs Parent Orientation Breakfast – this is for Primary and Junior Choir children and parents. Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:15am-9:00am in the Music Room. This orientation breakfast is a must as children are fitted for robes, parents sign-up for various duties and everyone gets to know one another. Come and register your child for choir and have breakfast on us!

Primary and Junior Choir – first rehearsal will be Sunday August 29th. Primary Choir meets at 9am, Junior Choir at 9:30am in the Music Room.

Bell choirs rehearsals begin September 1st. JV Ringers at 4:30, Holy Handbells at 5:15, Sanctuary Bells at 6:15 Southern Belles on Thursday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>. For more information call Susan Finnigan, Director of Bell Choirs.

Chancel Choir – Open House will be held on Wednesday August 18th and 25th. All former choir members, current choir members, and potentially new members are invited to join us for an evening of singing and fellowship. If you've been thinking about trying out the choir, this is the time for you. Rehearsal begins at 6:30pm. The Chancel Choir rehearses each Wednesday at 6:30pm in the Music Room and new members are always welcome. Call ahead at 327-1335 x15 and we'll have a folder ready for you!

Youth Fuego – first rehearsal will be August 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Music Room. Come prepared to eat, sing and fellowship! Pizza at 12:15, rehearsal at 12:30.

The Music Staff at WUMC Feel free to call us and to discuss how you and your family can get involved.

The Foundation – Frank Webster  
The Bell Choirs – Susan Finnigan



The Vocal Choirs – Diana Sanchez-Bushong  
The Seasonal Ensembles – Diana Sanchez-Bushong  
*To reach us call the church office at 327-1335. Make a joyful noise!*

