

St. John's Chancel Choir

Wednesdays, 6:45 to 8:45 (choir room)

Welcoming adults and youth from age 14 and up, our choir provides musical leadership weekly at the 11:00 am worship service. You will find us to be a fun-loving and spirit-filled group. We sing many different styles of music and rehearse all our offerings well in advance of performance. Ability to read music is a plus, but *not* a requirement. No audition is required. Babysitting is provided.

Catherine Stapleton Nance, Director
Louis Playford, Accompanist and Organist

Men's Praise Choir

Sundays, 4:30 to 5:30 (choir room)

This group is open to men who love to sing! All ages are welcome and ability to read music is *not* a requirement. We sing hymns, gospel songs, Christmas and Easter music, making special appearances at worship services several times throughout the year. We are actively involved in community outreach, singing at nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

David Salter, Director

Youth Choir

Sundays, 5:00 to 6:00 (choir room)

This is the choir for you! We'll explore different types of Christian music, with an emphasis on contemporary. In this age group young people can truly begin to realize their innate ability to use their voices for their own pleasure and to glorify God. Group vocal instruction is an important offering in each rehearsal. Come join us in the experience of the true joy of singing! Then, let's take this choir on the road! We will be attending the Youth Choir festival at Springmaid Beach in April, 2010

Catherine Stapleton Nance, Director
Louis Playford, Accompanist

OUR MISSION:

To Involve,
to Instruct
to Inspire

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR...

God has blessed so many of us here at St. John's with music talent. Our various musical groups provide an opportunity to give back to God in worship those gifts He has lovingly given us.

Be a part of our worship team by joining one of our musical groups or by making it possible for your children to participate in the choirs designed for their age groups.

Music is one of the most important ingredients of a dynamic, spirit-filled worship service. Make a difference in the worship life of our church with your participation in its music ministry!

Catherine Stapleton Nance

ST. JOHN'S MUSIC MINISTRY STAFF

Catherine Stapleton Nance, Director of Music Ministries
Louis Playford, Organist/Accompanist
Jane Timmerman, Joy Choir
Doris Hoffman, Alleluia Choir
Judy Kalbaugh, Alleluia Choir accompanist
Donna Walker, Handbells & Chimes
Carolyn Williams, Handbells
David Salter, Men's Praise Choir

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The Music Ministries of St. John's United Methodist Church 2009-2010

The Good News...

**There is a place for YOU in the
Music Ministry of
St. John's UMC!!!**

Chancel Choir

Children's Choirs

Chime Choir

Orff Instruments

Youth Choir

Men's Praise Choir

Handbells

Thank God! Call out his Name! Tell the whole world who he is and what he's done. Sing to him! Play songs for him! Broadcast all his wonders!
1 Chronicles 16:8

Opportunities abound for all ages and varied interests. See where you and your family might find a way to join in the musical program!

Wherever it is, we WILL welcome you!

Our Weekly Rehearsal Schedule at a Glance

Day	Group	Location
<i>Tuesday</i>		
7:00-8:30pm	The Joyful Sounds	Handbell Room
<i>Wednesday</i>		
5:45-6:45pm	Joy Choir	Room 117
5:45-6:45pm	Alleluia Choir	Room 120
5:45-6:15pm	Hearts Afire Choir/ and Instruments	Choir Room
6:15-6:45pm	Chimes	Choir Room
6:45-8:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
<i>Friday</i>		
9:30am-11:00am	Ringspiration	Handbell Room
<i>Sunday</i>		
4:30-5:30pm	Men's Praise Choir	Choir Room/Sanctuary
5:00-6:00pm	Youth Choir	Choir Room

Joy Choir (Room 117)

Wednesdays from 5:45-6:45

This choir is for ages 4 and 5. Children should be 4 by September 1 for this choir; if a younger child wishes to participate, he or she may if a parent is present at this rehearsal. Our tiniest choristers enjoy their first experience of making music together with friends. They are loved and nurtured through pitch matching, rhythm games, and simple melodies with meaningful texts. Singing for worship services several times during the year teaches them the importance of preparing and offering their very best to God.

Jane Timmerman, Director

Alleluia Choir (Room 120)

Wednesdays from 5:45-6:45

First, second, and third graders focus on good vocal tone, ear training, pitch awareness, self-assurance, and self-discipline. We work hard to present our very best offerings for the worship services in which we sing. We dabble in drama from time to time. Musical games help teach cooperation. We venture into another language, on occasion. We learn some of the hymns of our church and, who knows, we may write one of our own. We have fun and praise the Lord in all we do!

Doris Hoffman, Director

Judy Kalbaugh, Accompanist

Hearts Afire (Choir Room)

Wednesdays from 5:45-6:15

This choir will focus on Orff instruments this fall. We will provide instrumental support for the Children's Christmas presentation on December 6. We will also be providing narration and vocals solos for that program. Through these instruments, we will learn about music in a new, exciting way. This group will rehearse for the first 1/2 in the choir room, then children are encouraged to participate in the chimes rehearsal for the 2nd half-hour (see description of chimes).

Catherine Stapleton Nance, Director

Louis Playford, Accompanist

Chimes

Wednesdays from 6:15-6:45

Older elementary age (4th, 5th & 6th grades) and also youth are encouraged to come learn how to ring handbells through the use of chimes. We will learn various elements of music through the chimes and will present preludes and accompaniments during worship.

Donna Walker, Director

Messiah for Young Voices

On December 6, 2009 in our 8:30 & 11:00 worship services, the children and youth will present *Messiah for Young Voices*. This piece is a kid-friendly rendition of Handel's *Messiah*. It is a wonderful way to introduce this timeless work to children and will be a beautiful presentation for the entire church family. Help us by encouraging your children to be regular and attentive in their attendance.

Music Staff & many dedicated volunteers

The Joyful Sounds (Handbell room)

Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:30pm

This adult handbell group, which rehearses on Tuesday evenings, is for beginning through accomplished ringers. Music ranges from the classics to favorite hymn tunes and incorporates many different ringing techniques. The ensemble participates frequently in worship services, sometimes adding their special accompaniment to Chancel Choir anthems.

Carolyn Williams, Director

Ringspiration (Handbell room)

Adult Handbells. This group is for intermediate through accomplished ringers. The emphasis is on small ensemble bell music and will be limited to no more than eight ringers.

Donna Walker, Director

Non-Singing/Playing Opportunities

Don't sing ... can't play ... that's OK! Contact Catherine Nance or any of the other directors and ask what kind of a job they have for you to be of help in all that's happening. We especially need help with the children, both during weekly rehearsals and with the presentation of the Christmas Musical. You won't be disappointed!

Catherine Stapleton Nance, Coordinator

Find rehearsal and performance schedules online at
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