

The Music Ministry of TUMC provides for its members the opportunity of praising God through song. Each music ensemble enhances the worship experience of the congregation as a whole, by presenting the word of God through more than just the spoken word. Our ensembles encompass a wide age range and varied musical ability from beginners to more advanced musicians, so there is literally something for everyone! One more thing to remember: there is never an audition for any of our music ensembles. All you need to do is show up!

Below is a list of choirs and ensembles offered at TUMC:

Vocal:

- **Children's Choir**

Sunday School Hour

Administration Bldg.

Director: Hanna Greer

The Children's Choir is open to any child ages Pre-School to 7th Grade. The participants sing unison and two part music and participate in the Sanctuary Services and the Contemporary Service 3-4 times per year. (They generally don't sing in all three services each time they perform). If you are interested in having your child participate, please contact Sherry Gibbs.

- **Morning Glory Choir**

Wednesday 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Choir Room

Director: Bob Marks

The Morning Glory Choir is open to any adult, as well as students in grades 9-12. This choir of approximately 15 members serves the congregation of the 8:15 Traditional Sanctuary Service, performing service music every Sunday, and anthems approximately twice per month, September through May. The Morning Glory choir joins the Chancel Choir twice a year to form our Cantata Choir, as well as occasionally through the season for combined pieces. Generally, this choir performs music in 2-part mixed and 3-part mixed arrangements. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Bob Marks.

- **Chancel Choir**

Wednesday 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Choir Room

Director: Bob Marks

The Chancel Choir is open to any adult, as well as students in grades 9-12. This choir of approximately 40 members serves the congregation of the 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service, providing service music and anthems every Sunday September through May. The Chancel Choir joins with the Morning Glory Choir twice a year to form the Cantata Choir, as well as occasionally through the season for combined pieces. Generally, this choir performs music

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arranged for SATB, as well as for Men's Chorus and Women's Chorus. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Bob Marks.

Instrumental:

- **Joyful Noise Ringers**

Monday 9:00-10:00 a.m. Handbell Room Director: Bob Marks

The Joyful Noise Ringers is our bell choir for adult beginners. If you have always wanted to ring handbells but have limited to no experience, this is the ensemble for you. This "low pressure" ensemble performs approximately four times per year in both sanctuary services, ringing music for three octaves at difficulty level two. We currently have openings in this choir. If you are interested, please contact Bob Marks.

- **Celebration Ringers**

Wednesday 5:00-6:00 p.m. Handbell Room Director: Bob Marks

The Celebration Ringers is our advanced level handbell choir and is open to anyone with handbell experience. They perform music for five octave handbell choir, using many techniques including 4-in-hand ringing for the upper bells. The music difficulty level is generally 2+ to 3+. This ensemble usually plays four to five times per year in both sanctuary services. If you are interested, please contact Bob Marks.

- **Children's Chimes**

Wednesday 4:15-5:00 p.m. Handbell Room Director: Angela Parrow

The Children's Chimes Ensemble is open to any child Grade 2 through Grade 6 (Grades 7-8 are also invited to participate). There is no experience required. The participants are taught basic bell ringing skills using choir chimes, as well as beginning music reading skills. They perform easily recognizable hymn tunes and songs, performing approximately 3-4 times per year in the Sanctuary Services. If your child is interested in participating, please contact Angela Parrow.

- **Wyckoff Orchestra**

Sunday 6:00-7:30 p.m. Choir Room Director: Bob Marks

The Wyckoff Orchestra performs in both sanctuary services approximately five times per year. They generally provide the Prelude, Offertory and Postlude, as well as providing accompaniment for the hymns. They also accompany the Cantata Choir for both the Christmas and Lenten cantatas. This ensemble is open to any instrumentalist from advanced middle school through adult.

As we are currently trying to enlarge the orchestra, there are many openings. While we welcome all musicians, we have a need for the following instruments: double reeds (oboe, bassoon), high brass (trumpet and horn), percussion (timpani, trap set, bells) and all strings (violin, viola, cello, and bass). If you would like to join the Wyckoff Orchestra, please contact Bob Marks.

- **Worship Team**

Director: Amy Edwards

This ensemble of vocal and instrumental musicians serves the congregations of the 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Service held in Murrow Hall. They provide the accompaniment for all praise songs, as well as their own anthems. The style of music is Christian pop/rock and this ensemble helps the congregation praise the Lord in an exciting way. If you are interested in this style of music ministry, contact Amy Edwards.

- **Large Works**

There are several Sundays throughout the year that are special to the Music Ministry of TUMC. These are the days that we combine ensembles to create special worship experiences. Below is a list of our special worship days and the groups that participate in each:

- **Christmas Cantata**

The Christmas Cantata is performed on the second Sunday of December in both the 8:15 & 11:00 Sanctuary Services. The Morning Glory and Chancel Choirs combine with the Wyckoff Orchestra to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ in an exciting and meaningful worship experience.

- **Moravian Love Feast**

The Moravian Love Feast is a special evening service held on the Sunday before Christmas Eve. Below is a short description:

- **Moravian Love Feast (continued)**

During the love feast a small meal of a bun and mug of coffee is served. The Christmas Love Feast is the most special with the addition of candles, lit at the end of the service as a reminder of the light of Christ's love. (from stpaulumc.net). A Brass Ensemble, Youth Choir and members of the Chancel and Morning Glory Choirs participate in this service of love and friendship.

➤ **Lenten Cantata**

This cantata is performed during Holy Week (usually Maundy Thursday), and focuses on the Passion of Christ. This is a deeply moving experience which includes the combined Morning Glory & Chancel Choirs, Wyckoff Orchestra and Drama Team. Communion is served.

➤ **Music Sunday**

As the title indicates, this special service, held the third Sunday in May, is comprised of all music. All of our children's and adult ensembles participate in this service. All three services are involved in this celebration of God's word in song. Members of the Worship Team participate in the Sanctuary Services, and the Children's Choir and members of our adult choirs participate in the Contemporary Service. At Trinity, our Music Ministry is a total ministry of many different styles.

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