

Music Ministry Report

Chris Garofalo, Director of Music Ministries, Organist, Choir Director
Community United Methodist Church – December 2016 – Year in review.

Services

A list is maintained of all music compositions presented in the services throughout the year.

5:00 Saturday Chapel Service - classical piano music, professional and volunteer soloists.

8:30 Sunday Service - Organ, Piano, Community Singers, Carillon Bells, Women's Ensemble, Volunteer Soloists, Rainbow Dancers and Professional Guest Musicians and ensembles.

11:00 Sunday Service - OnCenter band, Women's Ensemble, Rainbow Dancers and Professional Soloists.

Volunteer Ensembles

Community Singers Chris Garofalo, director; Luke Musgrave, accompanist. 22 voices. 2-3x month.

Carillon Bells Kyle Markwell, director. 12 members + substitutes. Scheduled monthly.

Women's Ensemble – Mary Ann Kastner, Director through May. Chris Garofalo, Director beginning in September. 10 members. Sings 2x Month.

Rainbow Dancers – Donna Pries, director. Scheduled monthly.

OnCenter Band – Kyle Markwell, Director, Dave Jenkins, leader. Scheduled weekly 11:00 Sunday.

Volunteer Soloists – Scheduled throughout the year: Nate Burke, Mary Elliott, Sean Les, Emily Les, Ellen Bartel, John Pollitt, Rod Jacobs, Toby Elliott, Joline Bastounes.

Guest Musicians

Professional musicians were scheduled to present music for various services including: Jonita Lattimore, soprano; Roger Birkeland, saxophone; Jen Leckie, violin; Amanda Grimm, viola; Kyra Saltman, cello; Eric Pidluski, violin; Christine Chon, violin; Henry Pleas, tenor; Andrew Molina, cello; Michele Lekas, violin; Mark Lekas, cello; Goran Ivanovic, guitar; and Carolyn May, flute; Grant Street Quartet; Brianna Imgruet, trumpet, Sarah Younker, French Horn; Mark Miller, organ;

Vocal Workshop

March 31, 2016 Opera singer, Jonita Lattimore presented a vocal workshop for the Community Singers.

History of Hymns

A presentation given to three Sunday School classes.

February 14th – Sojourners, March 13th – Kairos, April 10th – Open Circle

Christmas Eve 2015 – 12:00 service, 5:30 Service, 7:00 Concert, 8:30 Service, 11:00 Service
Community Singers, OnCenter, Children's solos, Henry Pleas, tenor; Mary Elliott, soprano
Eric Pidluski, violin; Andrew Molina. Cello; organ and piano and various ensemble works.

Easter and Holy Week

Maundy Thursday – Ecumenical service held at Wesley UMC with CUMC and 1st Congregational UCC.

Good Friday – The Life of Christ by Roland Hayes sung by tenor, Henry Pleas with readings by congregation members.

Easter Sunday – The Grant Street Quartet and Community Singers

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All seven pianos have been tuned regularly: Steinway Model A– Sanctuary. Baldwin Model R - Chapel. Upright Pianos: Kawai, Yamaha, Baldwin & Young Chang. The Chickering Grand Piano in the parlor had extensive keyboard restoration including new hammers. The damper system was also refurbished. After multiple and extensive repairs in 2015, the Reuter Pipe Organ maintenance is current and the organ only required routine tunings and adjustments this year. The Bass amplifier for OnCenter was refurbished.

Sanctuary Piano

Information and options have been researched on the cost of replacing the Sanctuary grand piano, which is over 100 years old, with a 7' or 9' grand piano suited to the size and acoustics of the room.

Music Library

All the choral music is now in 13 file cabinets in one room. For 2017, the next step in the process is to catalogue all the music scores on Microsoft Access or another online database. This is a multiyear project to sort, organize and create a searchable database of the music libraries at Community UMC.

Sunday Musicales

A Series of Sunday Afternoon Concerts for Community UMC and the community at large.

Deep River: A Spiritual Journey May 15, 2016 – Rev. Sylvia Pleas, storyteller, Henry Pleas, tenor and Chris Garofalo, piano. Sponsored by Senior Ministries

TreDiva October 9, 2016 - Jonita Lattimore, Elizabeth Norman, Anisha McFarland and Chris Garofalo, piano. Sponsored by and anonymous donor and Senior Ministry. Proceeds from this event funded two additional soloists for 2016 - in part completing a string quartet for the Christmas Eve services and concert this year.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day 2016

This year, a string quartet and two vocalists are scheduled in addition to the many CUMC ensembles for services throughout Christmas Eve and for the service on Sunday, Christmas morning. The concert program is noted below

The continued growth in the Music Ministry supports the concept that art music provides a transcendent, spiritual experience for the community.

Respectfully submitted,

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Hope A Christmas Concert

Rev. Grace Imathiu

Henry Pleas, Tenor Mary Elliott, Soprano
Eric Pidluski, Violin Christine Chon, Violin Lerryn Schaefer, Viola Andrew Molina, Cello
Chris Garofalo, Director, Piano & Organ

Carol/Hymn 238 Comfort Ye - Every Valley	Angels We Have Heard on High	George Frideric Handel
Rejoice Greatly		George Frideric Handel
Carol/Hymn 217	Away in the Manger	
Ave Maria		Giulio Caccini
The Wexford Carol		Traditional Irish Carol
Carol/Hymn 219	What Child is This	
Concerto for Two Violins in D minor, BWV 1043 Vivace Largo, ma non tanto Allegro		J. S. Bach
Lulajże Jezunia		Traditional Polish Carol
Bidding Prayer Eclogue for Piano and Strings		Rev. Grace Imathiu Gerald Finzi
Carol/Hymn 211 O Divine Redeemer	O Come, O Come Emanuel	Charles Gonoud
Believe		Glen Ballard & Alan Silvestri
We Three Kings		arr. Steven Sharp Nelson
Grown-Up Christmas Wish		David Foster & Linda Jenner
Carol/Hymn 239	Silent Night	