

Music Ministry Report – Church Council

Chris Garofalo, Director of Music Ministries, Organist, Choir Director
Community United Methodist Church - October 2017

Sanctuary Piano

Early in 2017, Community UMC had the opportunity to replace the 105 year old grand piano in the Sanctuary with a 9' 6" Bösendorfer Imperial Concert Grand Piano (1983). The instrument was a unique find: 34 years old and barely used by a doctor who played lightly. This community responded overwhelmingly to a special funding campaign led by Council Chair Rich Fleming. Commitments to purchase the instrument were received within six weeks. The old grand piano and one upright piano were traded in to help fund the purchase. The new instrument was delivered on July 15th, 2017.

The Bösendorfer Imperial Concert Grand Piano is an instrument that can produce a wide variety of sounds, colors and textures and take full advantage of the acoustics of the room so the Sanctuary becomes an extension of the instrument.

On Sunday, September 24th, Community UMC presented a Piano Dedication Recital. In addition to solo piano works, the concert featured church musicians Joline Bastounes, Beth Buffington, Nate Burke, Mary Elliott, Emily Larson, Sean Les and Marty Matutis in a program of music chosen to reveal the tonal possibilities of the piano and celebrate the love of music shown by members and friends of the congregation who cherish a sanctuary of beautiful music.

The program featured works by Handel, Bach, Daquin, Mozart, Creston, Chopin, Hoiby and others. Pastor Tom offered a prayer and Psalm. Pastor Grace led the dedication service and was presented with a plaque from Rich Fleming to commemorate the dedication. A reception sponsored by Sylvia and Tom Kupferer through the Senior Outreach Ministries followed the program.

The program was very successful in demonstrating the possibilities of the instrument, featuring members of the church, attracting members of the congregation and the surrounding community and in inspiring donations for CUMC and missions. Donations from the free will offering totaled 789.00 and were split between UMCOR and Music Ministries.

Sunday Musicale - October 15th Due Voci

Jonita Lattimore, soprano and Henry Pleas, tenor & Chris Garofalo, piano

The program will feature arias, duets, spirituals and musical theater selections.

This is the 4th and final program for 2017 sponsored by the Senior Outreach Ministries and Music Ministries.

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Organ

An electronic relay board for one of the Reuter Pipe Organ keyboards developed a short circuit several weeks ago. After the board was replaced, another circuit problem was revealed in the same keyboard. Dean Christian and Associates has contacted Peterson Controls to inspect the organ to find the source of the problem. The electronic parts should be under warranty. The labor costs to diagnose and resolve the issues are expected to be fully covered by the regular organ maintenance budget. Two thirds of the organ are still fully functioning and the instrument continues to be used for the services.

Music Schedule

The Fauré Requiem featuring the Community Singers and the Grant Street String Quintet that was presented on Maundy Thursday has been scheduled again at the request of Pastor Grace for the All Souls - November 5th Sunday service at 8:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve Concert 7:00 p.m.

Henry Pleas, tenor

Eric Pidluski, violin

Catherine Chon, violin

Lerryn Schaefer, viola

Andrew Molina, cello

Janice Frank, flute

Bach: Brandenburg Concerto V in D

Chris Garofalo, Director, Piano & Organ

December 24th Christmas Eve Services

9:30 One CUMC service

4:00 Family Service – Prayer Stations

5:30 Contemporary Service

7:00 Christmas Concert

11:00 Candlelight service: Community Singers, Women's Ensemble, Carillon Bells, Henry Pleas, tenor, Eric Pidluski, violin, Catherine Chon, violin, Lerryn Schaefer, viola, and Andrew Molina, cello.

Respectfully submitted,

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