

Music Ministry Report

Chris Garofalo, Director of Music Ministries, Organist, Choir Director
Community United Methodist Church – December 2017 – 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.

Volunteer Ensembles

Community Singers Chris Garofalo, director; Luke Musgrave and Joline Bastoues, accompanists. 19 voices. Scheduled 2-3x month.

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

Women's Ensemble – Joline Bastoues, Director beginning in September 10 – 12 members. Scheduled 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, Toby Elliott, Joline Bastoues, Marty Matutis.

Guest Musicians

Professional musicians were scheduled to present music for various services including: Jonita Lattimore, soprano; Dan Moroz, 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; Carolyn May, flute; Grant Street Quartet; Angela Korbitz, soprano; Amelia Korbitz, violin, Steven Baloue, viola; Janice Frank, flute.

Lent, Easter and Holy Week

Ash Wednesday, March 1 at 7:00 p.m. Ecumenical service held at Wesley UMC.

Maundy Thursday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. Fauré Requiem, Community Singers, Grant Street String Quintet: Eric Pidluski, violin; Jen Leckie, viola; Amanda Grimm, Viola; Kerena Moeller, cello; Sarah Sitzer, cello. Mary Elliott, soprano; Marty Matutis, baritone; Luke Musgrave, baritone; Luke Musgrave and Joline Bastoues, organ.

Good Friday, April 14 – Ecumenical service held at the First Congregational UCC at 12:00 noon. Combined chorus.

Easter Sunday, April 16th at 8:30 a.m. – The Grant Street String Quartet, Community Singers, Carillon Bells. Music by Bach, Mozart, Fauré and Handel.

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.

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Commitments to purchase the instrument were received within six weeks. The old grand piano and one upright piano were traded 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 were shared between UMCOR and Music Ministries.

Sunday Musicales

A Series of Sunday afternoon concerts at 3:00 p.m. for Community UMC and the community at large sponsored by Senior Ministries and Music Ministries of Community UMC. The programs draw attendance from the congregation and the community at large.

April 30th	Florence Nightingale Megan Wells, actress & Chris Garofalo, piano
June 11th	Frederic Chopin and George Sand Megan Wells & Chris Garofalo
September 24th	Piano Dedication Recital
October 15th	Due Voci Jonita Lattimore, soprano, Henry Pleas, tenor & Chris Garofalo

The Fauré Requiem featuring the Community Singers and the Grant Street String Quintet was presented twice this year: Maundy Thursday and All Souls Sunday.

Instruments

All six pianos are tuned regularly. An electronic relay board for one of the Reuter Pipe Organ keyboards developed a short circuit and was replaced. The electronic parts were under warranty and the labor costs to diagnose and resolve the issue was covered through the regular organ maintenance budget.

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Music Library

The work to relabel the cabinets and drawers and catalogue all the scores on Microsoft Access or another online database was delayed due to the building construction. The music scores and equipment from the Music Office were stored in the Music Library thanks to the help of many volunteers.

Sunday School Presentations for 2017

February 19 th	Fidelis
February 26 th	Open Circle
March 5 th	Fidelis
April 23 rd	Sojourners
October 1 st	Sojourners

Christmas Eve Concert 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Henry Pleas, tenor; Eric Pidluski, violin; Catherine Chon, violin; Lerryn Schaefer, viola; Andrew Molina, cello; Janice Frank, flute; The program will feature the Bach Brandenburg Concerto No. 5. 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, Andrew Molina, cello.

The continued growth in the Music Ministry supports the concept of transcendence and spiritual transformation through art.

Respectfully submitted,

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