

Music Ensembles open to community singers and ringers, ages 5 to 95+ (all rehearsals at Christ United Methodist Church in Chapel Hill's Southern Village)! All voice parts are needed for Spoleto Festival and recording!

We are a mixed choral ensemble (SATB) made up of mostly church members where we rehearse Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00pm (childcare provided!) at Christ United Methodist Church in Southern Village. If you can better commit to a *portion* of the year, instead of the whole year, that would be a great way to share your musical gifts and the burden of the responsibility which comes with those gifts, such as:

GROUP 1 Sept. 17 to October 26 (recording due at Spoleto Festival in October);

GROUP 2 Nov. 5 to Christmas—the choir sings most Sundays and on Dec. 24 @ 7:30pm);

GROUP 3 January to Easter (Apr. 12)—this season includes plans for a community-wide *Messiah*-sing type of event, with orchestra, tentatively culminating in a performance on Sun., Apr. 5 (afternoon);

GROUP 4 Spring to Pentecost season (June 28).

If selected to perform on the “Festival of Churches” series, members of Christ Church’s Chancel Choir will be traveling to Charleston (you must participate in either Group 1 or both Groups 1 and 4 above). We will be able to raise funds for the above performance tours by presenting/hosting concerts (a dinner concert?) and by producing/selling CDs. If you or someone you know is interested, please have them contact Dr. Daniel Steinert, AAGO @ 969-1686 or dsteinert@christmethodist.org .

Children’s Choir has begun with more than 25 singers/ringers! Wednesdays after school—gather in Ascension Hall with a snack provided by Christ Church, followed by a one-hour rehearsal:

3:00pm Snack in Ascension Hall

3:15pm Warm-ups and rehearsal in Music Room

3:45pm Sanctuary Secrets (hymnals, worship) and ring chimes

4:15pm Dismissal

Some children will join in October due to conflicting Wednesday schedules. Please feel welcomed to join throughout the year as your schedule allows! Children’s Choir also will be singing/ringing in worship and at an area retirement center in October as a part of Christ Church’s mission emphasis to reach out beyond these walls—stay tuned for details.

The Belltones (high school ages and adult handbell choir) ring Monday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm (childcare provided). This group is interested in expanding its ranks and purchasing more octaves of handbells by 2009, to help its level of outreach and ministry thrive with other Area III ensembles of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers. If you can rehearse during the day, please contact the Dr. Daniel Steinert, Director of Music (see above) if you would like to ring.

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