

FEBRUARY 2012

From Jimmy...

Friends,

This weekend our Chancel Choir will make history for Myers Park United Methodist Church, as we premiere the anthem *My Help Comes from the Lord* of composer Stephen Paulus. One of the most sought after composers in the country, Stephen will be with us for our Saturday rehearsal and all traditional services on Sunday morning! This work was commissioned in celebration of the decades of the tremendous singing and overall contributions of one of our dearest choir members and friends, Harriette Thompson. This is a "not-to-miss" Sunday!

Soon you will be reading about a trip to England that I am organizing for the Chancel Choir in late May of 2013. This will give us the opportunity to take our music outside of these church walls and into the world, and to have the experience of singing in some of the United Kingdom's great cathedrals, such as Christ Church (Oxford) and Bath Abbey. We will continue to make a difference in lives of so many each week in worship... and soon we will take our music and "heart for worship" on the road (or actually the PLANE!).

-James R. Jones



Save these dates

March 26, 2012

Concert at Aldersgate (WC)

April 1, 2012

Palm Sunday (HB, CC, CITR)

April 5, 2012

Maundy Thursday (CC)

April 6, 2012

Good Friday service (CITR)

April 8, 2012

Easter Sunday services (CITR, CC)



CITR Update

Greetings!

As I'm sure you have already noticed, we have undergone some significant changes in CITR over the past two weeks. Ellen wrote a wonderful article for the Cornerstone that outlined what would be happening in CITR based on the survey that many of you participated in dur-

ing the past year. There has been a wonderful sense of energy each Sunday! We continue to welcome your feedback as we continue this transition.

We will start working towards learning music for the Lenten and Easter seasons. This year the CITR singers will be participating in the Good Friday ser-

vice with members of the Chancel Choir small ensemble. I certainly look forward to that collaboration.

I look forward to seeing each of you on Wednesdays at rehearsal and again on Sunday mornings.

Blessings,
Jenni



Prayer Requests & Praises



Please remember in prayer:

- The family of Betty Ann Shaner, Kay Rice's cousin, who died on January 22
- The family of Peggy Thomas-Campbell, Jimmy Jones' aunt, who died on January 23.
- The family of Thomas Risher, Becky Jenkin's brother, who died on January 25.
- Judy Hannon, chemo treatments
- Ruby Sparks, health concerns
- Erin Bice, Nancy Hamff's niece, Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Libby Privette, recovery from foot surgery
- Ann Morris' sister, Sarah Flowe, brain tumor

Music Ministry Luncheon

It's never too late!! Join us at our first Music Ministry luncheon on **February 5, 2012** in Jubilee Hall immediately following the 11:00 am service. It'll be lasagna (meat lovers and veggie), salad, and cheesy breadsticks for all! **No reservations required!**



Have you had a change?

When was the last time you checked that we have the right contact info for you? Have you moved?... changed a phone number? ... changed an email address? If so, **please contact Jeanne Poole** at the front desk to check the accuracy of your contact information. You can reach her at the main church number **704-376-8584**. We are using the church database information exclusively for all of our communications, so please help us be efficient!

February Birthdays



- 4 Patrick Vaughn, CITR
- 5 Larry Walter, CC, ME
- 8 Tachi Dellinger, CITR, WC
- 12 Bob Lumadue, ME
- 14 Mary Ann McDonald, WC
- 16 Marilyn Collins, WC
- 20 Sonya Charles, CC, WC
- 24 Kim Stumpf, CC
- 25 Jim Willoughby, CC, ME
- 26 Betty Oelhafen, WC
- 27 Ann Morris, CC, WC
- 28 Jenni Hough, CITR, CC



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CITR= Church in the Round

Did you know?


We have commissioned selections from three composers well known throughout the music world. Here are some interesting facts:

- *The Hand's That First Held Mary's Child* was the #1 Best Seller in 2012 for Beckenhorst Press.
- Da Capo Brass' CD *from the Beginning* ranked #8 on the Top Classical chart on iTunes. Our joint commission *Rejouissance* is featured on it and was recorded in our sanctuary.
- Our third commission *My Help Comes from the Lord*, by Stephen Paulus, will premiere Sunday, February 5th at all three Sanctuary services

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:15 pm HB 6:30 pm CITR 7:15 pm CC	2	3	4 10:30—12:30 CC Workshop with Stephen Paulus 12:30 pm HB Audition with Asst Organist
5 <i>Premiere: My Help Comes from the Lord</i> 8:30 am CC 8:45 am CITR 9:45 am CC 11:00 am CC 12:00 pm ALL MUSIC MINISTRY LUNCHEON	6 10:30 am WC 6:15 pm WC	7 6:30 pm Faith Academy Class—Francis Chapel	8 6:15 pm HB 6:30 pm CITR 7:15 pm CC	9 7:30 pm MPS	10	11
12 8:30 am Other 8:45 am CITR 9:45 am WC 11:00 am WC	13 10:30 am WC 6:15 pm WC	14 6:30 pm Faith Academy Class—Francis Chapel 	15 6:30 pm CITR 6:30 pm Assistant Organist audition— Sanctuary 7:00 pm CC (candidate audition) 8:00 pm HB (candidate audition)	16	17	18
19 8:30 am Other 8:45 am CITR 9:45 am CC 11:00 am CC	20 No Women's Choir 	21	22 No Handbell Rehearsal 6:30 pm CITR 7:00 pm Ash Wwdensday Service CC (6:15 pm call)	23 7:30 pm MPS	24	25
26 8:30 am Other 8:45 am CITR 9:45 am CC 11:00 am CC	27 10:30 am WC 6:15 pm WC	28	29 6:15 pm HB 6:30 pm CITR 7:15 pm CC <i>Leap Year!</i>			

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