

Music Ministry Opportunities 2016—2017

A Few Highlights:

September 7

Carillon Choir first rehearsal

September 8

Chancel Choir first rehearsal

September 8

Wesley Women first rehearsal

September 11

Orchestra first rehearsal

September 11

Wesley Men first rehearsal

September 25

New Spirit Singers first rehearsal

September 28

Prime Chimers first rehearsal
Genesis Ringers first rehearsal
Rejoice Ringers first rehearsal

October 3

Joyful Bells first rehearsal

October 23

Kids Choir first rehearsal

Special Services:

November 13

The Great Day of Music

December 18

Travelers' Christmas Eve

December 21

The Longest Night

Welcome back!

Another year is starting, and that means exciting things for the music ministries of Midland First UMC. As you can see from the dates in the left column—many of our groups are already rehearsing and participating in worship! However, it's not too late to join in.

Please take a few moments to notice the rehearsal changes for some of our bell and chime groups, which all meet on Wednesday afternoon and evening. New Spirit Singers has also moved their rehearsal to Sunday evening.

And looking forward, we have several events coming up during Lent that you won't want to miss, so mark your calendars now and plan to join us.

Lastly, I offer the words of the final stanza of "When in Our Music God Is Glorified" as an encouragement to all of us as we worship together in music and in word:

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!

Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!

And may God give us faith to sing always,

Alleluia!



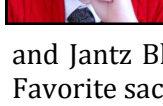
Jantz Black, Director of Music

2017 Lenten Program Highlights...

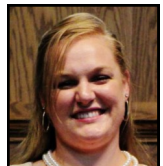
Please mark your calendars now in anticipation of these events coming up in early 2017!



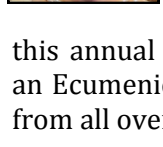
March 8 - "Mister Jantz's Neighborhood" - Mister Jantz will once again host his friends for a talent show with a positive message and humor to warm your heart. This is the fourth-annual talent show and the second "Mister Jantz" program. Don't miss it!



March 15 - "Grace Marra in Recital" - Grace Marra, soprano, and Jantz Black, pianist will team up for a varied program of vocal music. Favorite sacred solos, opera arias, and Broadway songs to be included.



March 22 - "Maranda Ginop and Company" - Maranda will use her varied artistic gifts and those of youth and adults from our church to create a night of drama, music, and fun!



April 14 - "Community Good Friday Service" - At this annual service, we will host an Ecumenical Orchestra and an Ecumenical Choir as we observe Good Friday with churches from all over the Midland community.



April 23 - "40th Anniversary Handbell Concert" - Come celebrate the 40th year of handbell ministries at MFUMC. Directors Connie Nicholson and Jantz Black will lead a special concert including all the chime and bell groups in solo and massed-ringing selections.



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Choir Opportunities

(Changes in rehearsal times are **highlighted**)

Wesley Men—Grace Marra, director. Rehearses most Sundays at 10:00 a.m. through the fall and spring, and sings in worship five to six times a year.

Wesley Women—Grace Marra, director. Rehearses most Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the fall and spring, and sings five to six times a year.

New Spirit Singers—Miranda Ginop, director. **Rehearses on Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m.** with a modified “snowbird” schedule. Participates in worship about once a month.

Chancel Choir—Grace Marra, director. Rehearses on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. and participates weekly in worship (September through May).

Kids Choir—Jantz Black, director. Rehearses on Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m. on a custom schedule. Participates three to four times per year.

Handbells and Chimes

(Changes in rehearsal times are **highlighted**)

Prime Chimers (elementary through adult beginners)—Connie Nicholson, director. This choir is primarily for elementary age children or adult beginners with little or no music knowledge. Rehearses on **Wednesdays at 4:15 p.m.**

Genesis Ringers (6th-12th grade and adult)—Connie Nicholson, director. This is a beginning bell choir where some basic music knowledge is required. Rehearses on **Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.**

Rejoice Ringers (6th-12th grade and adult)—Connie Nicholson, director. This is an intermediate bell choir for people who are very comfortable **reading music in different** rhythms and meters. Rehearses on **Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.**

Joyful Bells (9th grade-adults)—Connie Nicholson, director. This is an advanced bell choir. Rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m.

Carillon Choir (adults)—Jantz Black, director. This is an advanced bell choir. Rehearses on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.



Instrumental

MFUMC Orchestra—Jantz Black, director/coordinator. Usually plays the third Sunday of the month and other special services.

Praise Band

Praise Band—Jantz Black, director. The Praise Band is our primary accompaniment for the 11:15 a.m. service. Drummers, guitarists, keyboardists, and other instrumentalists are welcome.

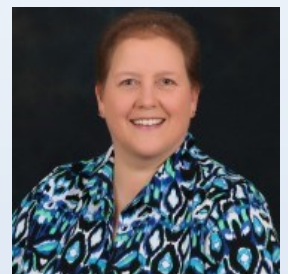
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