

THE IN-CHOIR-ER

Skidaway Island
United Methodist Church
Chancel Choir Newsletter

Sunday's Music

Choral Introit:
"As a Little Child"
(Measures 14-20)

Opening Hymn No. 73:
"O Worship the King"

Prayer Response No. 451:
"Be Thou My Vision"
(Stanza No. 1)

Psalter No. 750
Psalm 19
(Musical Response No. 1)

Middle Hymn No. 395
"Take Time to Be Holy"

Offertory Anthem:
"Give Me Jesus"

Closing Hymn No. 352:
"Standing in the
Need of Prayer"

Benediction Response:
"Go, My Children"

* Warm-ups are 9:00 am
on Sunday mornings.

October B-Days

Phyllis Albertson 1
Sue Prior 4
Jane Ault 6
Gwen Leathley 23
Michelle Negley 25
Don Burney 28



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

A Note from the Director

Dear Friends in Christ,

There is nothing like robust, exuberant, Spirit-filled hymn singing to bring tears of joy to an organist. As I began to plan my remarks for tonight's dinner, I was reminded of the deep impact of congregational hymns in my own life.

I grew up singing and playing hymns. "How Great Thou Art," "Are Ye Able," "Be Thou My Vision," and "For All the Saints," were family favorites. Spirit-filled family hymn singing on Sunday afternoons in the Addington household was not uncommon. Playing hymns is the most treasured and pleasing part of my church work and something that I have cherished sharing with each congregation I have served.

In a recent article, Alfred Fedak said "when it comes to our hymn singing, God deserves our very best. There's no room for a casual or haphazard approach to music in the church. Which is not to say that the church's music all

need be difficult or classical or whatever. In fact, there can be excellence in any genre. All of the church's musical leadership, including the choir if there is one, should be well-trained and well-prepared."

How do you think we here at Skidaway Island United Methodist Church measure up to that statement? I think we do pretty darn good, but isn't there always room for improvement?

Scripture: "Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise."
- Psalm 47:6-7



Soli Deo Gloria,
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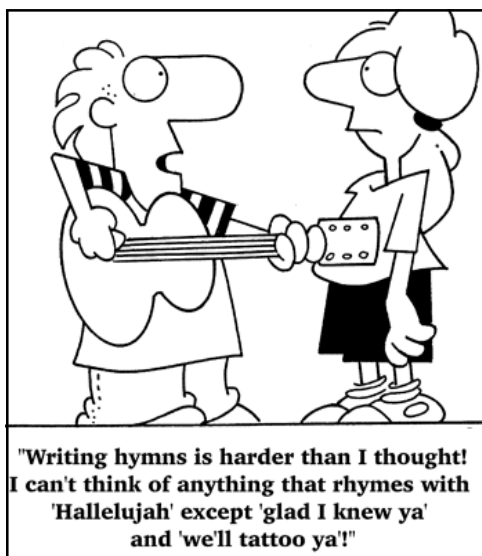
Joint-Choir raises over \$1,200 for Backpack Buddies!



Prayers & Praise

- Pray for Alan Nichol who is battling cancer.
- Pray for Judy Meuleman who had shoulder surgery yesterday.
- Pray for Bev Brucher who had a heart procedure yesterday.
- Praise for the "Prayers of the Children" concert on Sunday!

On the Funny Side



Chancel Choir Retreat

Our annual retreat will be **October 21st** from 9:00 am until 7:00 pm at Wesley Gardens. Please make plans to attend. You may sign-up on the piano and pay Dick Prior. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Extra information cards are available on the piano in the choir room.

Upcoming Anthems

October 27th: (Reformation Sunday)
"My Hope is Built" (CD # 3)
with Four-Hand Piano

November 3rd: (All Saints Sunday)
"Croft Burial Sentences"
Chamber Choir
"The Lord is My Shepherd" (CD # 4)
Chancel Choir with Violin
"Evening Prayer" (CD # 12)
Ladies Ensemble

November 10th: (Stewardship Day)
"Offertory" (CD # 5)

November 17th:
"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" (CD # 6)

November 24th: (Thanksgiving)
"Thanksgiving Medley" (CD # N/A)
with Flute

** Always Subject to Change!*

NEW Cokesbury Choir

The Cokesbury Choir will sing this Sunday! This new ensemble rehearses at 8:00 am in the choir room on the third Sunday of each month and prepares an "old favorite" out of the Cokesbury Hymnal to sing at that morning's 8:30 am service. There is no commitment required, and you don't even have to wear a robe! Any members of the Chancel Choir who would like to help this group get started are welcome to join us!

Important Information

- The **Chamber Choir** that is scheduled to sing on All Saints Sunday rehearses at 6:15 pm on Wednesdays in the loft.
- Ladies, please keep your copy of "**Evening Prayer**" from our recent concert. We will sing it again on All Saints Sunday.
- Next week Evan Goetz's theatre company will present a program at the Wednesday Night Dinner. Don't miss it!
- This week the **Music Ministry Sunday School Class** will be discussing church music of the late Middle Ages and early Renaissance. Join us!
- The registration deadline for our trip to **New York City** has passed. If you have any interest in going, please speak to Justin TONIGHT!
- This Sunday evening the Savannah Philharmonic Chorus and Orchestra will present **Faure's "Requiem."** Please go and support our choir members who sing in this group.
- Choir members are asked **NOT** to enter the choir room during **children's rehearsals**. It is very distracting.

