



One Choir ♪ One Sound

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Notetations



WCC celebrates its 50th Anniversary Christmas concert season this year having formed and performed the first concert in 1966. Some of us have been around long enough to remember when LBJ was President and in the music world: Simon & Garfunkel's "Sounds of Silence" reaches #1 and later "I Am A Rock" reaches #3 on the Billboard Hot 100. The Beatles were scoring hit after hit including "Everywhere it's Christmas" and perform their last concert in Britton then later land in Tokyo for a concert tour. That was followed by their last tour in the USA and final public concert in Candlestick Park, SF. Who & the Kinks performed the last "Shindig" TV show on ABC. The

Neil Simons, Coleman & Fields' musical "Sweet Charity" premiers. Dmitri Shostakovitch completes his 11th string quartet and 2nd cello concerto. Rock group Buffalo Springfield is formed. Love's 1st album released "Love". Barbra Streisand stars on "Color Me Barbra" special on CBS. Frank Sinatra records "Strangers in the Night". Rolling Stones release "Aftermath" and "Paint it Black". Mamas & Papas score a #1 hit with their song "Monday, Monday". A Lover's Concerto and "Downtown" by Mrs. Miller hits the top 100. "Time for Singing" opens on Broadway. The Kingsmen song "Louie Louie" returns again to the top100. "Mame" begins the first of 1508 performances. The "Ballad Of Living" by Frank Gallop rises to #34. Janis Joplin performs first live concert and later performs her 1st gig at San Francisco. Jr Walker & The All-Stars peak at #20 with their song "(I'm A) Road Runner". "On a Clear Day You..." closes after 280 performances at Mark Hellinger NYC. The "Sloop John B" by the Beach Boys hits #1 in UK. Dave Clark Five sets record as they appear their 12th time on Ed Sullivan. La Mancha wins Tony Award. Eric Clapton records the guitar tracks for Harrison's "While My Guitar...". Supremes release "You Can't Hurry Love", Neal Diamond enters the charts with "Cherry Cherry". "Monkees" premier on NBC and their hit "I'm a Believer" comes out just before the end of the year. Metropolitan Opera House opens in Lincoln Center, NY. "Cabaret" opens for a 1166 performance run. Jimi Hendrix Experience debuts in London. "I Do! I Do!" opens for 561 performances. "Joyful Noise" opens for 12 performances.

WCC reached out to all former directors to participate in the celebration but not all could make it and some sadly have passed on including our founding Director Lillian Gaskill. The original response came from five former directors but two withdrew as it became apparent that the commitment of time and energy would have been overcome by events in their respective lives. The three directors that will be participating are Ann Witty, Judy Humphrey, and myself. It will be a very diverse program as each director will in effect provide a mini-concert segment in which they select, prepare, and direct personal selections for a segment of the program. We will also have Meredyth Stirling and Vicki Bayer serving as accompanist. Plans for bells or chimes are in the making and a flute will also be on the program. Other instruments may be included but they have not yet committed. Samples of all of the music selections have already been posted on the WCC website. An Early Registration deal was designed to help estimate the turnout for membership and as a reward provided a discount on the registration fee. This will help us in estimating how many copies of the music are needed. Even though the Early Registration discount has ended there is still time to register early which has other benefits primarily reserving a set of music for you upon your arrival at the first rehearsal. Those not registering early receive a set of music on a first come first served basis. Everyone will eventually have a set of music but it may be a week or two getting it if the music on hand runs out.

Lee Irwin Culbreth
Musical Director

Mark Your Calendars!!!

Board Meetings

Held after Rehearsal
Open to All Members

- September 19
- October 17
- November 21

August 22—7:30 p.m.

Arts Alive Rehearsal. Singing Spring music. Rehearsal at LCOC—Lutheran Church of the Covenant

August 29 — 7:00 p.m.

Rehearsals begin at Lutheran Church of the Covenant—LCOC

Registration: 7:00 p.m.

Rehearsal: 7:30-9:45 p.m.

September 17—9 a.m.

Arts Alive Rehearsal at LCOC for performance at 3:25 p.m. at the Hylton Performing Arts Center

September 26 -

Choir Social after Rehearsal

October 10 -

Feature & Line solo auditions following Rehearsal

ON-SITE REHEARSAL

November 28 -

**Dr. A. J. Ferlazzo
Auditorium — 7:00 pm**

CONCERTS & PERFORMANCES

**Saturday, December 3
8:00 pm**

**Dr. A. J. Ferlazzo
Auditorium**

**Sunday, December 4
3:00 pm**

**Dr. A. J. Ferlazzo
Auditorium**



Pop Tunes Time Machine Review

By Lee Irwin Culbreth

Jules Verne has nothing on the Woodbridge Community Choir. With our own version of his time machine we were able to travel back in time in ten year increments to revisit some of the more popular songs of the last 50 years. The choir did a fantastic job of pulling together some very challenging selections and the soloists were outstanding. There were a lot of very positive comments from audience members and the members of the choir have good reason to hold their heads high for a job well done. Now we have an opportunity to perform some of the selections from the program at the upcoming Arts Alive Festival.

If you missed the opportunity to attend the spring concert or you would simply like to hear the choir perform again come on over to the Hylton Performing Arts Center on Saturday, September 17th ([visit Arts Alive! 2016](#) for information) and enjoy the music!

Our Rehearsal Site: Lutheran Church of the Covenant
15008 Cloverdale Road

From the North on Minnieville Road

Take Minnieville Road South towards Dale City. Take a left onto Dale Boulevard. Follow Dale Boulevard to Cloverdale Road (4 lights). Take a right at the light for Cloverdale Road. Follow Cloverdale down the hill and back up again. LCOC is located just past the 7-11 on the right side of the road.

From Interstate 95

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WCC NEEDS YOU!

For every concert season, a lot of work goes on behind the scenes where **we need your help**.



- **Can you play the piano?** *The Director can use your talent to help with rehearsals.*
- **Like to work on fundraisers?** *Karen McReynolds needs you.*
- **Can you move risers? Or help with stage setup?** *George Boyd is looking for you!*
- **Can you contact people to take out ads in our programs?** *Let Karen McReynolds know.*
- **Do you have photos we could use in our scrapbook and website?** *Contact Michelle Wheeler.*
- **Do you know of someone who can serve as ushers or help with the sales tables?** *Let Karen McReynolds know.*

There are so many ways for you to get involved. Please consider volunteering to help make our concerts special.



Concert Attire

Women: Attire to be ordered from WCC Board approved catalog choices. All black dress with long sleeves, black shoes and black stockings/socks. The sleeves are to be straight and the hem should come to the top of the shoes. The black dress shoes should be comfortable and the stocking/socks should be opaque. Darker undergarments that will not reflect light should be worn since the stage lights are strong. Christmas 2016 will include **red** corsages (provided by the choir).

Men: Black vest with white tuxedo shirt, black trousers, black socks, black dress shoes and, for Christmas 2016, a **red** bow tie (provided by the choir). The black vest can be ordered for you or you may buy your own as long as it is not completely satin material--a satin cowl collar is acceptable.

All attire to be ordered by the WCC by a date certain and paid for in advance, including any shipping/handling fees, or members may order on their own. All items to be approved by the Board.

Contact Vicki Bayer, Membership Management Chair, with any questions.

Registration Discount

The WCC Board of Directors wants to offer a way to reduce or even eliminate your registration fee and increase our membership.

When you register and bring a new member for the Christmas 2016 Concert Season your registration fee will be reduced by \$10 per person up to \$30. If you bring a new member after you register you can still receive a discount but it will be applied to the next concert season. A new member is anyone who has not sung for the past two concert seasons. So, bring your friends and neighbors to join.

If you are not able to pay we offer a scholarship fund to help. Let any Board Member know because we do not want to prevent anyone from participating.

WCC Committees

Fund Raising Committee

Karen McReynolds
Planning and manning fundraising events.

Production Committee

George Boyd
Transport and set-up risers, lights, sound equipment, and staging.

Marketing/Publicity Committee

Larissa Miller
Press releases, distributing flyers, mailings, and soliciting advertising.

Social Committee

Abby Hayes
Coordination & Set-up of choir social.

Nominating Committee

Lee Irwin Culbreth
Prepares slate of officers for June BOD elections, recruits new musical directors, accompanists, and Advisory Board Members.

Grants Committee

Faith Boruta
Research, prepare, submit grant applications.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these committees - please contact the committee chair.



For the past 50 years the Woodbridge Community Choir has been providing free entertainment in our area.



In 1966, Lillian Gaskill, then choir director at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Woodbridge, Virginia, contacted other churches in Eastern Prince William County and suggested that a community choir be assembled to provide a Christmas concert free to the public. The first concert was presented that year. Lillian did not realize then that her idea would grow as it has and 50 years later the Woodbridge Community Choir would still be singing.

The Woodbridge Community Choir is an entirely volunteer organization with members from all walks of life. There are no auditions to join. The only requirement is that you love to sing.

The Woodbridge Community Choir presented only Christmas concerts until 1985; when it expanded its season to include a spring program which continues today.

On Saturday, December 3 and Sunday, December 4, 2016, the Woodbridge Community Choir will be continuing its 50 year tradition with its Christmas concert series. The members are proud to be part of the largest all volunteer choir in the Northern Virginia area.

Come sing with us and continue the tradition!

MUSIC NEEDED: We'll be singing the HALLELUJAH CHORUS as part of our program for the 50th Anniversary Concert. We don't want to buy unnecessary copies of this piece as we expect there are more than enough copies already available within the choir. Please bring any copies you have to rehearsal. **THANK YOU !!** **THANK YOU !!**

Snow Policy

As a reminder, no rehearsal will be held if Prince William County (PWC) **government** is closed due to inclement weather.

PWC closings are announced on:

Facebook – www.facebook.com/pwcgov

Twitter – www.twitter.com/pwcgov

County's website – www.pwcgov.org

Local media outlets



Ways to Support the Choir



We are preparing to celebrate 50 years of making music! As we have many fun things planned, we ask you to please consider these easy options to make a donation on behalf of the choir. You can also invite your friends and family to join you in supporting our choir.

Just Give

On our web page, www.woodbridgecommunitychoir.org you will find a button labeled "Just Give." It's an easy way to make an online donation on behalf of the choir. There are options for either a one-time gift or a monthly donation.

Amazon Smile

Whenever you make an online purchase, please consider doing it through **Amazon Smile** so the choir can receive a donation of 0.5% of your total purchase. On our web page, www.woodbridgecommunitychoir.org there is a link/button to "Amazon Smile" or you may go there directly <http://smile.amazon.com>

Once there choose the **Woodbridge Community Choir, Inc.** as your charity.

Remember, always start at smile.amazon.com to support the Woodbridge Community Choir Inc.