



One Choir ♪ One Sound

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Notetations



Hope of Christmas Celebrating the Child

Get ready for winter. Find your snow suits and boots. Get ready to put up your Christmas decorations inside and outside your home. Hey wait a minute it's still summer. However, Woodbridge Community Choir will begin preparation for the Christmas 2018 season in August (the 27th to be exact) so for us the winter season starts in August. The concert dates will be December 1st & 2nd at the Dr. A.J. Ferlazzo Auditorium location in Woodbridge, VA and our rehearsals will be at the Lutheran

Church of the Covenant 15008 Cloverdale Road, Dale City every Monday at 7:30 PM until the date of the concert.

There is an exciting Christmas program already planned that will include many traditional Christmas songs like *Angels We Have Heard on High*, *Silent Night*, *Amen/Tell it on the Mountain*, *Someday at Christmas* and *Jingle Bells* just to name a few. Additionally there will be some very stirring new selections that foretell the birth of the Christ and others to celebrate the birth. The second half will focus on the warm fuzziness of the season, the hope of Christmas, sharing a little love, a winter sleigh ride and the anticipation of the Christmas Day celebration.

As has become a custom, a sample of the music that is on the program is available on the WCC website. There will be plenty of opportunities for line solos and of course features will be considered. Come and join us. Former and new members alike are all welcome and for the first time in the history of the Woodbridge Community Choir there is no age restriction. Membership in the choir does not require an audition. Registration can be done at the door on the first three rehearsal dates. Come at 7:00 PM to register. Reminder returning WCC members must also register. Your musical leadership staff will remain the same as this past spring season.

*Lee Irwin Culbreth
Musical Director*

Mark Your Calendars!!!

Board Meetings

Held after Rehearsal
Open to All Members

- September 17
- October 15
- November 19

August 27 — 7:00 p.m.

Rehearsals begin at Lutheran Church of the Covenant—
LCOC

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

September 16—Sunday

Arts Alive Performance
Hylton Performing Arts Center - Manassas

October 1 -

Choir Social after Rehearsal

October 22 -

Feature/ line solo auditions following Rehearsal

October 29 -

Picture Day

ON-SITE REHEARSAL

November 26 -

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

CONCERTS & PERFORMANCES

Saturday, December 1

8:00 pm

Dr. A. J. Ferlazzo
Auditorium

Sunday, December 2

3:00 pm

Dr. A. J. Ferlazzo
Auditorium



Love, Life and Music WCC Spring 2018 Concert

Lee Irwin Culbreth
Musical Director

WCC continued the journey beyond the 50th Anniversary celebration in 2016 with a concert program that focused on Life, Love and Music. On the program we performed a diverse selection of songs perfect for the spring season of love that did without question delight members of the choir and audience alike. The choir although small in number was made up of some incredibly talented singers and instrumentalists. Songs with soloist included: 4 Chords that had speaking parts done by Amy Feinberg and George Boyd; Imagine with soloist Cathleen MacKay; Make Me Smile with soloist Amy Feinberg; Who Are You with soloist Larry Moyer; Stand by Me with soloist Nichole Unger; Who Could Ask for Anything More with soloists Amy Feinberg and Nichole Unger. Also on the program were some fantastic features done without the choir that included: Your Song performed by Larissa Miller; I Can't Say No performed by Leslie Lewis; Take It Easy performed by Larry Moyer; My Endless Love performed as a duet made up of Winiford Gilmore & Alton Tucker. The concert was directed by the Resident Musical Director Lee Irwin Culbreth and the Assistant Musical Director George Boyd. The principle accompanist was Meredyth Stirling. Percussion was provided by Marie Juliano and electric bass by Alan Bonsal. It doesn't stop here come and join us for the WCC Christmas 2018 season.

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

From the North on Minnieville Road

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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 of the dress 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 we have strong lighting. We order dresses from an outlet that has performance attire and we also have a supply of seldom-worn dresses at reduced prices. The price for items includes shipping and handling. The starting price begins at about \$70.00.

Men: Black vest with white Tuxedo shirt, black trousers, black socks, green bow tie and black dress shoes. We can order the black vest for any man who needs one at a price of about \$40.00 or you may buy your own as long as it is not completely satin material--a satin cowl collar is acceptable. Ties will be ordered and sold at cost.

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 2018 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

Amy Feinberg & Debbie Avis
Press releases, distributing flyers, mailings, and soliciting advertising.

Social Committee

Larissa Miller & Larry Moyer
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

Mark Cohen
Research, prepare, submit grant applications.

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

Fun at Locust Shade

Larissa Miller
Special Events Chair



On Saturday, June 9, WCC performed an encore performance at the Jean C. Smith Amphitheater at Locust Shade Park. We had a great representation of our group performing on the covered stage while our audience enjoyed shaded seating and children played on the grassy slopes. Once the concert was finished and the gear safely packed away, choir

members, family and friends all gathered at the picnic pavilion behind the amphitheater. Hamburgers and hot dogs were grilled on site and members brought a delicious array of pot-luck sides and desserts. It was wonderful spending social time getting to know each other better and enjoying the lush green scenery and fresh air of the park. The saddest part was that it was the last time choir member and WCC Special Events Chair - Abby Hayes, would spend with the choir before her move to Michigan. We wish her the best of luck in her new endeavors, "Happy Trails" Abby!



OPPORTUNITY CALLING

The all volunteer Woodbridge Community Choir has provided free concerts to residents in and around Woodbridge, Virginia for over 50 years. There is now an opportunity for an experienced keyboard accompanist to join our organization and provide backup to the principal accompanist and assistance for sectional rehearsals. There may also be an opportunity to serve as the principal accompanist for some seasons as the need arises.

Snow Policy

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

PWC closings are announced on local television/radio and can be verified by calling PWC Info at 703-792-4636 or by calling 703-590-0249 to hear a recorded message.

Arts Alive!

The Woodbridge Community Choir is registered for Arts Alive 2018 on Sunday, September 16th from 1-5 pm.

There will be 4 stages – 2 indoor and 2 outdoor as well as vendors and hands on activities. This event is in and around the Hylton Performing Arts Center in Manassas.

We will perform 25 minutes of music selected from the WCC Spring 2018 program.

