



One Choir ♪ One Sound

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# Notetations

## Life, Love and Music

*by Lee Irwin Culbreth*

The single most popular song topic of all time is Love. For this concert a collection of songs have been selected that focus on Life, Love and Music but mostly Love. There will be a variety of selections both old and new that most people will be familiar with and will sure to be delighted by. Music lovers of all ages are invited to come attend the concerts to be held the first weekend in June. If you would like to become a member of the choir and participate in this concert, rehearsals will begin Monday, January 29 at 7:30 PM (registration begins at 7:00 PM) and continue weekly up until the concert dates. The concert will be directed by the Resident Musical Director Lee Irwin Culbreth and the Assistant Musical Director George Boyd. The primary keyboard accompanist will be Meredyth Stirling. Hopefully there will be other instrumental accompaniment yet to be determined. There are opportunities for synthesizer and an assortment of brass, woodwind, string and percussion instruments. Contact the director if you would be interested in one of the instrumental parts.

Here is a listing of the selection titles: This is It!, 4 Chords (a Choral Medley), Evergreen, Sweet Dreams (Are Made of This), Once Upon a Time, Imagine, Make Me Smile, Forever Country, Who Are You, Stand By Me (with Lean on Me), You're the Inspiration, Never My Love, Love Will Keep Us Together, Fly Like and Eagle, Who Could Ask For Anything More? Sample recordings of these songs are available on the Woodbridge Community Choir website: <http://www.woodbridgecommunitychoir.org/>

Mark Your Calendar



**Board Meetings**

after rehearsal on Feb. 19,  
March 19, April 16, May 21  
Open to all choir members

**January 29**

Rehearsals begin at Lutheran Church  
of the Covenant. (LCOC)

Registration: 7 PM  
Rehearsal: 7:30 to 9:30 PM

**March 26**

Choir Party/Social after Rehearsal

**April 21**

Saturday  
Adopt A Highway Clean-up

**April 23**

Feature & Line solo auditions  
following a shortened rehearsal

~~May 27~~ **June 1**

On Site Rehearsal 7:00 PM

Dr. A. J. Ferlazzo Building  
15941 Donald Curtis Drive  
Woodbridge

**CONCERTS**

**June 2, 2018  
8 PM**

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**June 3, 2018  
3 PM**

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**August 27**

2018 Christmas  
Rehearsals Begin

*Christmas 2017*

*By Michelle Wheeler*

We all want to be “Home for Christmas”, the theme of our Christmas concert. From sacred Christmas carols to popular, holiday songs, the 2017 Woodbridge Community Choir Christmas concert musical selections allowed the audience and performers to reflect on what it means to be “Home for Christmas”. The concert began with the beloved carol, Silent Night, followed by a hauntingly beautiful arrangement of “O little Town of Bethlehem”. Then it was time to get those toes tapping with a little Christmas – gospel style. The audience had plenty of opportunities to hum along as the choir sang arrangements of much loved Christmas classics. The choir really hammed it up with “Holiday Road”, from the ‘Vacation’ movies, and most recently, the Honda commercial. After enjoying a variety of music, including three outstanding features, the choir ended the concert reminding the audience of the real meaning of Christmas with, “It Will Always Be Christmas to Me”.

We do not perform a concert without the effort of many outstanding musicians who volunteer their time and talent to provide free concerts for the community. Special thanks to Irwin Culbreth, director of the 2017 Christmas concert and George Boyd, our assistant director. Meredyth Stirling, who is able to play fourhanded with only two hands, is always appreciated. Thank you, Melody Cox, who volunteered to play different parts during sectional rehearsals. Thanks to Pynne Floresca on the flute and Marie Juliano on the drums, our musical numbers had an added depth. Our deepest appreciation goes out to all the singers who, week in and week out, come rehearse and, hopefully, find their holiday much enriched through their efforts.

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

**From the North on Minnieville Road**

Take Minnieville Road South toward 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 the South on Minnieville Road**

Take Minnieville Road North towards Dale City. Take a right 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**

Take Interstate 95 to the Dale City exit. Follow the exit for Dale Boulevard. Stay straight on Dale Boulevard until you reach Cloverdale Road. Take a left 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.



## Registration Discount

The Woodbridge Community Choir 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 Spring 2018 Concert Season your registration fee will be reduced by \$10 per person up to \$35. 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.



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

- **Can you play the piano?** *Directors 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.**

## NOTETATIONS

### Concert Attire

As in the past, the Spring season is more relaxed and not as formal as our Christmas season. There are no long skirts/dresses for the ladies or black vests and white tuxedo shirts for the gentlemen.

Instead, men and women will wear black slacks/trousers that reach the top of your shoes. No leggings.

Women will wear blouses with sleeves and men will wear business dress shirts. No polo shirts or T-shirts.

Tops for both men and women will be solid color jewel tones (preferred color examples as shown on the Woodbridge Community Choir web page.) No embroidery, embossing, patterns or pastels.

And, as usual, wear comfortable black shoes and black socks or stockings.



Did you know that the WCC has a Facebook page? Well, we do!!!

Please visit our Facebook page and like us.



Can you or someone you know play the piano? The WCC is looking for anyone who can assist with playing parts for sectionals, accompany small

groups or even selections within the concert. Please let Lee Irwin Culbreth or any Board member know and remember that such a contribution adds to our overall performance.

## 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, 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

**Mark Cohen**  
Research, prepare, and submit grant applications.

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

**WCC is proud to be a true community choir by adopting all of Benita Fitzgerald Drive and also adopting Dale Boulevard between Benita Fitzgerald Drive and Cloverdale Road.**

**The next road clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday April 21, 2018. Details on meeting place and time to be determined.**



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## 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 the County website at [www.pwcgov.org](http://www.pwcgov.org); on local media; via Facebook—[www.facebook.com/pwcgov](http://www.facebook.com/pwcgov); and via Twitter—[www.twitter.com/pwcgov](http://www.twitter.com/pwcgov).



## Spring Break 2018!

May 18-20

Mark your calendars! We are once again heading to Rehoboth Beach Delaware for our Woodbridge Community Choir Spring Break. This getaway provides each of us time to unwind, get to know each other better, shop the sidewalk sales and of course enjoy all the wonderful food and activities that Rehoboth Beach has to offer.

Abby Hayes will be providing more information later in the season on the particulars as well as the actual cost and sign-up sheets. So again, mark your calendars and save up your pennies for a great social event for everyone!



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