

The Ministry of Music

Worshiping God through music is a vital part of the life of the church. Here at Manchester First United Methodist Church, we offer opportunities for music witness and expression beginning with our children right on up to adults for influence that lasts a lifetime! We believe God is pleased to hear the singing and playing of music by the people of God no matter what age! As you look, our prayer is that the information in this brochure will peak your interest and stir a desire in your heart to express your personal witness of God's grace in your life through music. Join a choir today!



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“PARABLE PLACE” meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Our Children’s Ministry Team provides leadership for food, music, and creative Christian Education. “Parable Place” meets on the top floor in “Parable Place,” the children’s rooms (down the hall from the elevator!)

The choir season runs from September through May. The children’s choirs present a seasonal musical every year at Christmas. We also have gone Christmas Caroling in December and sung in area nursing homes. For more information please contact Ms. Julie, juliejudkinsgiffin@gmail.com or visit our website, www.manchesterfirst.org.

Sanctuary Choir

“To whom much is given, much is required.” Matthew 12:48 The Sanctuary Choir is one of the hardest working choral groups here at Manchester First! The choir provides anthems for the 10:55 AM service every Sunday eleven months out of the year, only recessing in the month of July. The choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 PM in the Choir room. There is no audition necessary to sing in the choir. In addition to weekly anthems the choir performs seasonal works such as the Christmas Cantata in December and the Easter cantata in the spring.

Praise Band

The Manchester First UMC Praise Band provides a contemporary flavor to early (8:25 AM) worship on second and third Sundays. The group rehearses on first Sundays at 5:00 PM in the Sanctuary (or in room 103).

If you are interested in being a part of the praise band by singing or playing and instrument (or both!) please see Pastor Dana.

Men’s Chorus

One of the newest music ministry groups at Manchester First, the Men’ Chorus meets on Sunday afternoons at 6:00 PM in the Choir Room (Room B19). No audition necessary, just a willing heart and your availability! We’re looking for “a few good men”- TO SING! Men, come and join us!



Handbells

We LOVE to ring praises to God through the Handbell Choir! The Sanctuary Handbell choir, made up of primarily adults, meets for practice on Monday evenings (September-May)



from 6:00-7:00 PM in the choir room, (room B19). The handbell choir plays regularly in worship and also is featured seasonally

during Advent, at the annual Christmas Eve Communion service and at Easter time. Music reading is not a prerequisite to playing handbells. But you need to be able to count to four! (Ok, there is a *little* more to it than that!) See Pastor Dana for details!