

## *About the Music Ministry*

Thank you for your interest in the Music Ministry at Myers Park United Methodist Church. We are blessed here with many diverse musical backgrounds, united with a common goal of creating great music. We have many opportunities for service, and we would love to have you join us in one of our choirs. Should you have any questions, please contact Sue Bayne, Music Ministry Assistant, for more information.

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Our ensembles for children, youth and adults share the common vision to be a loving community of God that passionately and creatively pursues excellence in music and worship. Ensembles are available for all ages and abilities.



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## *Adult Music Ministry*



**"I will sing and make music  
with all my soul."**

**-Psalm 108**



## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

***Chancel Choir*** The Chancel Choir is the keystone of our church's music ministry. The 70+ voice adult choir sings weekly for the 9:45 and 11:00 AM worship services and participates in special concerts throughout the year. The requirements for membership are enthusiasm, energy, and effort; no audition is required. We work together to develop a collective sense of community — musically and spiritually — which enables us to share God's love through music with one another and with our congregation. We currently meet through Zoom and have done several virtual projects.

*Rehearsals:* Wednesdays 7:00pm

*Director:* Jimmy Jones, jimmy@mpumc.org

***Women's Choir*** The Women's Choir offers its members an opportunity to experience sacred music of varying styles while enjoying a group rich in fellowship and joy. Open to women of all ages, this choir provides monthly music leadership in worship services and performs concerts at various venues throughout our community and North Carolina, as well as our annual Christmas Concert with the Charlotte Symphony.

*Rehearsals:* Mondays 11:00am

*Director:* Jimmy Jones, jimmy@mpumc.org

***Church in the Round Leaders & Band*** The Church in the Round Leaders are an auditioned group of individuals that

perform in small vocal ensembles of two or three at our contemporary service. Leaders serve on a rotational basis and therefore may not be called to sing every Sunday.

The Church in the Round Band is also an auditioned group of instrumentalists that perform weekly at our 8:45 AM contemporary service. Selection for these groups is at the discretion of the Music Director for Church in the Round.

*Rehearsals:* Tuesdays, 7:00 to 8:30 PM, Sundays 7:30 AM

*Director:* Jenni Hough, jenni@mpumc.org

***Myers Park Bells*** This intermediate to advanced handbell ensemble is the premier handbell ensemble at our church. It rings regularly in worship and is challenged to make music at the highest level. Prior handbell experience and music reading are prerequisites for this group. Myers Park Bells participates in weekend retreats, mission trips and festivals.

*Rehearsals:* Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

*Director:* Brian Childers, bchilders@mpumc.org

***Bellissimo*** Designed for ringers seeking a handbell choir, musicians with a non-ringing background, and newer ringers looking to further their skills, this mid-level intermediate handbell group focuses on building skills and rings once each semester in worship. Participation in local retreats, mission trips, and festivals is an option for interested members.

*Rehearsals:* Sundays, 6:00 to 7:00 PM

*Director:* Brian Childers, bchilders@mpumc.org

***Southern Bells*** This non-performing handbell group for women exercises the heart and mind and focuses on skill-building and fellowship. Ringers in this group will be introduced to healthy ringing exercises, a variety of handbell techniques and basic music reading skills. Ringers who progress quickly and desire further challenges may consider joining one of our other handbell ensembles for adults.

*Rehearsals:* Mondays 10:00am

*Director:* Brian Childers, bchilders@mpumc.org

***Myers Park Strings*** The Myers Park Strings are comprised of string instrumentalists from the congregation and surrounding community. Moderate proficiency is expected. The ensemble's performances are scheduled numerous times within the church year to enhance the Sanctuary worship experience. The ensemble also performs with symphony members at our annual Christmas Concerts.

*Director:* Evan Currie, ecurrie@mpumc.org

