

Music Notes

for December 2016

Beverly Caldon, Music Director

December Music Calendar

- Fri., Dec. 2 Keene Chamber Singers concert in our sanctuary at 7 PM -- tickets at the door; coincides with Church Christmas Fair
- Sun., Dec. 4 Jubilation Bells and Senior Choir; brief rehearsal after church for PAGEANT actors
3 PM Ringers-on-the-Square in guest performance at Keene Pops Christmas Concert at the Colonial Theatre, Main Street
- Tues., Dec. 6 Ringers-on-the-Square play Christmas Concert for Retired Teachers' Association
- Sun., Dec. 11 **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** during worship; Ringers-on-the-Square and Senior Choir
2 PM Memorial Service in sanctuary for Jane Harris
- Sun., Dec. 18 Christmas Sunday with Senior Choir; Family Choir rehearsal after church for Chr. Eve 5 PM
7 PM **MESSIAH SING** with soloists and chamber orchestra. You are the Chorus! Christmas section. Scores available to borrow. Reception following. \$10 suggested donation.
- Sat. Dec. 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT** 5 PM Service: Jubilation Bells and Family Choir
8:40 PM Prelude music for 9 PM Service: Ringers-on-the-Square and Senior Choir
- Sun., Dec. 25 **MERRY CHRISTMAS!** no choir commitment today or next week
- Sun., Jan. 1, 2017 **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** no choir commitment

Christmas Pageant

Tableau of the Manger Scene during worship on Sunday, December 11

with Christopher Cornell as the Narrator. So far we've signed on Mary and Joseph, some Angels, the Three Kings, and Pastor Cindy as a Shepherd.

Are there children who would like to be animals, angels or shepherds??

Adorable animal costumes sized for kids - cow, chicken, sheep, and donkey - are in the church closets.

Marlene Baldwin, the Costume Lady, will help you choose.

THE ONLY REHEARSAL is Sunday, Dec. 4 after church for the actors to get a costume and placement.





MESSIAH SING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2016 7 PM

**Christmas Section and "Hallelujah Chorus" !
Beverly Caldron, Music Director, with chamber orchestra**

Rick Farrar, tenor

Matthew Leese, bass

Pamela Stevens, mezzo

JoAnne Mead, soprano

**YOU ARE THE CHORUS! \$10 suggested donation. Reception.
Handicapped accessible. Scores available to borrow.**

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Christmas Eve Services

The two CHRISTMAS EVE services will feature beautiful musical selections from our choirs. The 5 PM Service will include the Family Choir, directed by Matt Burke, and Jubilation Handbells with Diantha Dorman.

The Candlelight Service will begin with a musical Prelude at 8:40 PM. The Ringers-on-the-Square will offer a sparkling arrangement of "Carol of the Bells" by McChesney and a medley of four French carols by Stephenson. The Senior Choir is learning the lively carol "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" by Epstein, as well as a sweet version of "Away in a Manger."

Steeple Pictures



Ask and ye shall receive! We have received on loan a wonderful blast of pictures of the Steeple as we focus on its restoration. You'll see our church and steeple in photographs, paintings, folk art, and sketches from olden days. There are close-up photos of the steeple with peeling paint and wood rot..... and magical ones featuring last month's Super Moon! The display will remain throughout the church and on the Art Panels on the second floor until possibly February.

A big THANK YOU goes to Jennifer Adams for her photography and design skills, and to Carol Landry for help in framing, arranging and rearranging.

KUDOS also to our GODSPELL cast and Production team!! Yeah!!



Here are Diantha Dorman and Bev Caldon resting fingers from all that hard and fast rock-n-roll!

