

Music Ministries
November 2018 Report to the Governance Board
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Chancel Choir began their fall season with their 10th Annual Fall Choir Retreat. We met in the Music Room from 8:30am-1:30pm singing through all of the music we would be singing from September through December. It's a great way to begin the season and catch up with one another after summer break. We also spend time learning about the meaning of the anthems, relation to scriptures, and/or other background information on composers, or the story behind the song.

MorningStar members were delighted to get back together to sing and reconnect after the summer. We welcome Joy Atkinson to our group. MorningStar changed their noon rehearsal time to 3:45pm to accommodate a schedule change of our accompanist.

Aldersgate Handbell Choir and Youth Bell Choir members are ringing and are thrilled that our bells were recently worked on by The Bellman. The Bellman is a traveling handbell repair specialist and stops at our church about once every three years to adjust, repair, clean, and voice our 5 octaves of Schulmerich handbells.

Sonshine Kids and Celebration Chimes are off to another good season of singing and ringing. The Children's Christmas program is scheduled for Sunday December 9th at 9:45am in the CLC.

We are thankful for all of those musicians who shared their gifts this summer through their offerings of the Message in Music and for those who regularly share in this offering for the 8:30 worship services.

We continue to look for ways to include instrumentalists in worship. Currently, we have used several to accompany the Chancel Choir, and the Wind Quintet continues to rehearse and play on occasion.

His In Song continues its outreach ministry to local retirement and senior living centers including, Westminster, University Place, Aster Place, Rosewalk Village. We also provided entertainment to a local Kiwanis Club in which many of our church members are active.

Recently, we realized there were sets of risers in the basement and we decided to try these out for Sonshine Kids to use in the CLC when they sing on Sunday mornings. The risers were a great success and help the sound and mic'ing of the kids. We then decided to use these risers for MorningStar as well.

Steinway piano update: Recently our piano technician advised we purchase a new humidifier system for the piano to replace the aged system already in place. This system keeps the humidity of the piano stable which helps the piano stay in tune, as well as keeping the piano in top condition. Trustees agreed this should be tended to and our technician installed it for us.

Organ update: We noticed a significant change in the tuning of the organ and called in an organ technician from Indianapolis to perform maintenance tasks including tuning the organ to the piano.