

## Annual Report from the Music Ministry

Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Handbell Ringers, Guest Artists, organ postludes, piano medleys, band lead hymns, MIDI keyboard preludes, piano, guitar, two intergenerational musicals...sounds like we had fun this past year.

Thanks to *Margie and the Board* for providing funding to purchase a **MIDI** (Musical Instrument Digital Interface) to enhance our hymn singing, music for gathering music and choir accompaniments. Thanks also to our volunteer guitarists *Fred Seidl* and *Fred Russell* for enlivening our hymns, and further thanks to *Dorothy Byrne* for sharing her love of the piano with us.

Our newest ensemble, the **Handbell Ringers** premiered this church year and made beautiful music during our service. The 7 Handbell pieces included more hymn accompaniments, Buddhist music from Tibet, and a piece for Scottish bagpipes. Any adult who wishes to join in this opportunity to give something special to our community on Sunday mornings, just let me know. Our children have also started playing handbells during their children's choir time on Sundays!

The 65 **Adult Choir** anthems and songs presented this season included music by composers such as Bernstein, Handel, Mendelssohn, Gershwin, Sondheim and Rodgers & Hammerstein. Our talented musicians sang Broadway, Classical, Folk, and some original pieces written just for UUSP. Equally important, they shared a love of community outside of the church's walls...especially at the Tavern after rehearsal!

The 7 **Children's Choir** songs and skits included intergenerational experiences with the Adult Choir and a Halloween song performed in costume. Our children and youth have been Mary, Joseph, a flock of sheep, Santa's reindeer, Dorothy & Scarecrow & Tin Woman & the cowardly Lion & mUUnckins from the Wizard of UUz.

This **Christmas Eve** we launched a new holiday tradition by coming together in another **intergenerational musical** featuring more kids and more families. The musical play "Twas," written just for our church, portrayed UU interpretations of the birth of the baby Jesus scrambled with "Twas The Night Before Christmas" and Dicken's "A Christmas Carol." Of course this brief musical featured Mary, Joseph, Santa, Scrooge, Vixen, Marley's Ghost, 8 Reindeer, a flock of sheep, the Three Wise Women, yet that Sunday before Christmas was all about our wonderful community coming together in this special place to experience another magical moment.

We'll once again present an **intergenerational musical** this Spring on May 2 as well. This year's concept...an old time radio show entitled "**WYUU**," showcases the many acting and singing talents of our multi talented church members.

Music at UUSP is all about community, sharing the love we feel in this special place. As we savor last September through April's fond memories of 65 Adult Choir anthems and songs, 7 Handbell Ringer pieces, 7 Children's Choir songs, 42 organ works,

piano and MIDI accompaniments and our two intergenerational musicals, let's thank those dedicated members who poured their love into the musical life of this special place. My deepest and heartfelt gratitude goes to those who were involved in the music ministry in 2009-2010 season. Thank you *Alex, Amali, Anne, Caitlin, Caleb, Colette, Dallan, Dave, Dave, David, Dean, Don, Evie, Fred, Fred, Gail, Gaylen, Geneva, Ginny, Griffen, Harvey, Helga, Ian, Jack, Jill, Jim, Joe, Julie, Juniper, Kahler, Karen, Kathy, Laurie, Liz, Liz, Malcolm, Margie, Marissa, McKell, Mia, Mike, Mike, Michael, Miriam, Nancy, Nathaniel, Odin, Paul, Peter, Quintan, Raven, Rebecca, Sally, Sabrina, Sakima, Summer, Tina, and Violet.*

Waves of love,

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