

The 49th Season
Lapeer County Concert Choir
presents

**An
Appalachian
Family
Christmas**

Director
Dr. Edward Howell

Accompanist
Molly Ijames

Friday, Dec. 2, 2016 at 7:00 pm
Trinity United Methodist Church
1310 N. Main St. (M-24), Lapeer, MI

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OUR HISTORY

In 1968, a handful of church choirs in the Imlay City area, backed by local ministers, joined together and asked Jerry Pakkala to direct a new choir. Thus, the Imlay City Community Choir was born. Jerry graduated from Oakland University with a Master's in Choral Conducting. He continued to direct the choir for the next 29 years. The ensemble became known for its sacred performances including Bach's "Magnificat", Handel's "Messiah", Rutter's "Requiem", and Mozart's "Regina Coeli".

In 1997, the choir changed its name to the Lapeer County Concert Choir and began to work with several new directors. John Ayers led the ensemble in Randall Thompson's "Testament of Freedom." Louis Cantor directed "Christmas Oratorio" by Saint-Saens. Dr. David Pickett brought Joseph Haydn's "Spring" from "The Seasons", and Jennifer Davis directed the choir in Dubois' "The Seven Last Words of Christ."

Garth Starr became LCCC Director in 2010, and opened doors that took the group to the Flint Festival of Choirs hosted by the Carolyn Mawby Chorale. 2016 marked the fourth invitation for the choir to perform at the festival.

Dr. Edward Howell began his work with the choir in the fall of 2016. His interest in American folk music has increased the group's flexibility and repertoire.

Studying and performing music under the direction of highly trained individuals helps the choir continue to grow as musicians and performers, and allows for the presentation of quality concerts that appeal to audiences of all ages. As 2017 will mark the choir's 50th year, the goal remains to promote the advancement of choral music, and show the healing power of voices united.



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Our Director



Dr. Howell begins his first season as music director with the Lapeer County Concert Choir. A recent transplant to Michigan from Kentucky, he has had an extensive musical career as an adjunct music professor, music educator, church musician, professional musician, denominational choral and instrumental music consultant, U.S. Army band musician, and small business owner. He completed his B.M. in vocal music from Campbellsville University (KY); M.C.M. in instrumental conducting from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (KY); Diploma in trumpet from the United States Army School of Music (VA); D.M.M. in choral conducting from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (KY); and Rank 1 in music education from Western Kentucky University.

Dr. Howell is an adjunct music professor with Mott Community College and music director/worship coordinator for First Baptist Church, Davison. He and his wife, Jackie, moved to Davison to be closer to their grandchildren, Reagan (6) and Charlie (2).

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Our Accompanist



Molly James is a native of Flint, Michigan, and holds a B.S. in Music Education from Bob Jones University. Her heart for sacred music began in her teenage years, and now her accompanying ministry expands to churches, community choirs, Christian

camps, schools, and local groups and congregations. She spent seven years working for SoundForth Publishing and BJU in Greenville, South Carolina, as her compositions blossomed into mainstream publication. She is widely recognized for her sacred compositions and arrangements in various publishing catalogs with over 100 choral anthems, 4 cantatas, 6 piano solo and duet collections, multiple keyboard magazine solos, and instrumental solos and ensembles. She is frequently called upon to teach music at conferences and camps, play in local churches, perform in concert, plan corporate worship, or accompany congregational singing. Molly resides in Davison, Michigan, and continues her ministry as a commissioned composer and teacher. When she isn't writing or accompanying, you can find her drinking coffee, or walking with her little Parson Russell dog, Jack.

December 2016 Members

SOPRANO	ALTO	TENOR
Gloria Bublitz	Marilyn Burch	Danny Buchman
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Christie Exline	Tina House	Rose Mary Reiz
Bernita Fuller	Stefanie Huffaker	Bill Schnute *
Sharon Galbreath	Maxine Kilbourn*	Jim Theolet
Ariel Huffaker	Cheryl Laramore	
Dolores Jones	Teri Leong	BASS
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Andrea Leuck	Deb Locke	Paul Cote' *
Cassey Mieslik	Pam Painter	Dave Olney
JoAnn Morris	Kacie Shaw	Leonard Ruggles
Anne Roszczewski	Sheila Tabone	Don Smith
Jane Ruscoe	Doris Vrsek	Mike Vascotto
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The Anticipation

We Need a Little Christmas	Jerry Herman/arr. Mark Hayes
Do You Hear What I Hear	arr. Harry Simeone
The Little Drummer Boy	arr. Harry Simeone
'Twas the Night Before Christmas	Clement Clark Moore Ken Darby/arr. Harry Simeone

*Soloists: Gloria Bublitz, Danny Buchman, Paul Cote', Kacie Shaw,
Sheila Tabone, Mike Vascotto*

*Speakers: Michelle Currier, Wendy Downum, Christle Exline,
Stefanie Huffaker, Andrea Leuck, Jim Theolet*

Time of Reflection

Follow That Star	Brian Lewis <i>Soloist: Marilyn Buchman</i>
Ain't That-A Rockin'	arr. Stacey V. Gibbs

INTERMISSION

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STORYTELLER

Jackie Howell



The Proclamation

I Hear the Prophet Callin'	Pepper Choplin <i>Soloist: Tina House</i> <i>Hammered Dulcimer: Gloria Bublitz</i>
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Appalachian Winter

'Tis A Season for Singing	Joseph Martin SIMPLE GIFTS
Long Time Ago	<i>Early American Song</i>
Hope and Expectation	JEFFERSON, RESTORATION
Carol of the Winter Wind	ENDLESS SONG
Mountain Carol	BABE OF BETHLEHEM
Gentle Carols of Bethlehem	AFTON, ST. LOUIS, CRADLE SONG, CHRISTMAS, MUELLER
While Shepherds Watched	<i>from "One Day We'll Stand"</i> by Jon Paige
A Rustic Star Carol	<i>Traditional Appalachian Tune</i> <i>Soloists: Ariel Huffaker and Doris Vsrek</i>
Children, Go Tell It On the Mountain	<i>Traditional Spirituals</i> <i>Soloist: Marilyn Buchman</i>

Time for Celebration

A Christmas Festival	Leroy Anderson/arr. Russell Robinson
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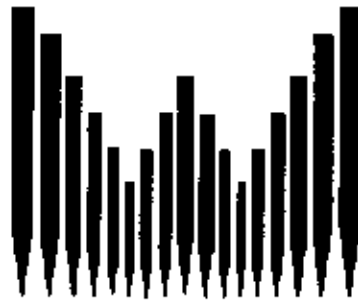
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