

**Our Mission: To unleash the musical gifts of our congregation and facilitate the offering of these gifts in worship in order to communicate the faith through music.**

## Festival Bells play at Duffield and Gaines UMCs



Duffield UMC

On Sunday, April 9th, our Festival Bell Choir left PFUMC at 7:15 AM to travel to Duffield United Methodist Church near Flint to play for morning worship at 9:30. Lugging all the bells, tables and other equipment, we set up quickly, had a quick rehearsal, and were ready in plenty of time for worship. Pastor Dave Wichert, our former Associate Pastor, is now at Duffield, and his wife, Jan, who was part our bell choir here, enjoyed ringing with us again. Pastor Dave, donning a camouflage glove, even rang a bass bell for us. With worship at the Gaines UMC starting at 11:00 AM, we managed a very efficient packing up, driving over to Gaines, and re-setting up of our equipment with three minutes to spare before worship. Both congregations were very appreciative of our music, and we were treated to a delicious lunch after worship at Gaines. We also had some “groupies” join us for worship at Gaines—members of the PFUMC Movie and a Message Sunday School class.



Festival Bells at Duffield UMC



## Composer Mark Hayes to visit PFUMC

The Chancel Choir has been rehearsing music by composer Mark Hayes in preparation for his leadership in worship on Sunday, May 15. Our choir women have recently sung his beautiful setting of “Amazing Grace” for worship. Mark Hayes is a renowned composer and pianist, and in addition to conducting our choir, will play some of his piano compositions for us. We are privileged to host Mark Hayes thanks to the generosity of the BeckRidge Chorale, who has engaged Mr. Hayes to conduct their spring concerts, on May 14 and 15 which will feature his music.



## Fine Arts Academy Summer Session starts July 11

Contact Academy Coordinator Jon Hord to sign up for Kindermusik, private lessons in voice, guitar, piano or violin.

## Invitation

### HELPERS NEEDED

for set-up, serving and clean-up for the concert reception on Sunday, May 1st  
Contact Marcia Van Oyen

**Not ready to sing, ring bells or blow your horn? You can still support the music ministry!**

**Usher** for a NOTEworthy concert

**Bake cookies** for a Fine Arts academy recital reception or choir bake sale

**Be on the music committee**, supporting the music staff and assisting with special projects

**Design** a poster or flyer for a music event

**Sponsor** a NOTEworthy concert or scholarship for a Fine Arts Academy student

## Music and Mission

The mission statement for the music ministry at PFUMC appears on the front page of this newsletter, but we also have an additional **emphasis on mission outside our doors**.

The slogan for our NOTEworthy—concerts with a cause series is “hear great music, reach out to others.” In order to make these concerts accessible to all, we provide complimentary admission for ticketed events for those who aren’t able to purchase a ticket. In addition, we donate funds to charities through free-will offerings and special events partnered with our concerts. This season, **we have donated over \$2300** to the Salvation Army, the B-1 Fast, and the United Methodist Children’s Home. We are pleased to have our community music groups such as the Plymouth Community Band and Plymouth Symphony not only present concerts in our church, but also partner with us in our mission emphasis.

Another way we reach out to the greater community is by sharing our music resources with other churches, arranging trips for our choirs to share our ministry. We are privileged to have a large number of talented people in our music ensembles, and we are able to provide those ensembles with the music and equipment they need. **Many churches are much smaller than ours and simply don’t have the people or financial resources to have choirs like ours.** Trips such as the Festival Bells’ recent visit to the Duffield and Gaines United Methodist Churches allow congregations to be enriched by our musical offerings, and connect our musicians with the larger worshipping community. The blessings definitely flow both ways, as the congregations we visit inspire and welcome us as we share our music with them.

— Marcia

*Musings from the Bench*

## Plymouth Oratorio Society Concert Sunday, May 1st, 4:00 pm



## Summer Music

Would you like to sing or play your instrument for worship this summer? You’re invited to share your musical gifts in July or August. Contact Marcia Van Oyen to schedule a date—[marcia@pfumc.org](mailto:marcia@pfumc.org) or 734-453-5280, ext. 15.