

## 2024 - The Choir

As we have moved away from the issues the pandemic brought us, the choir is back on a more familiar path. Summer supplies us with the upcoming bible readings in advance so I can select anthems that may fit the message for the day. Sometimes our messages support each other, other times not as much, but, in any case, the choir is able to begin rehearsing anthems two to 4 weeks in advance of the Sunday they will be presented. This allows the choir to be a little more prepared and confident with their presentation. We meet every Wednesday from early September to late June and twice in the summer and present anthems in 47 services plus Christmas every year.

We are all volunteers, so I extend my hearty thanks to each and every one of these singers who bring different abilities and voices, strengthening the group. This is a labor of love.

Beth Burdick	Judy Chrisley	Sheryl Crankshaw
Hope Edwards	Karen Fields	Judy Fiorentino
Hanna Kenney	Laurie Petersen	Patti Stephens
Jane Wilcox	Jim Wilson	

...and Eileen Edwards at the keyboard.

Dick Stephens  
Choir Director

## The Community Chorus

For the 7<sup>th</sup> time, the Community Chorus has held a Holiday Concert in our Sanctuary the second Saturday in December to help add a little Holiday Joy to the village Chamber's December event. Each year brings a different group of singers together for 5 weeks of rehearsal. Most of these singers come from our church choir and adding in some other voices allows us to present some different pieces of music. This year was a small but dedicated group, presenting 8 holiday songs, each with its own take on the holiday season, and we give the audience a chance to join in some carols! This year we presented: a variation on Silent Night, a version of the "Nutcracker", some "fa la las" and kazoos. The warmth of the decorated Sanctuary and an appreciative audience all made this concert one of Holiday Joy for us!

Dick Stephens  
Director