

BURKE UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN'S MUSIC – 2010/2011

Christian Education: Being a member of the children's choir shapes a child's entire spiritual life. Our choirs are extensions of our Christian Education. Weekly rehearsals include a time for creative extension of a theme, verse, or song. We learn the meaning of worship elements and study hymns and anthems, symbols and seasons, scriptures, and the art of creating good music.

Being Part of the Team: Consistent attendance and parental support is needed to ensure the success of our music team, and we're confident we can count on you. Please check the list on the registration sheet and let us know where you can help.

Monday Rehearsal Schedule and Descriptions of our Choirs:

3:30 – 4:00 (Upstairs Choir Room), ***Cherub Choir*** (*Age 4 – kindergarten*) - Explores music and worship through song, movement, props (scarves, parachute...), and small percussion instruments.

4:00 – 4:45 (Sanctuary), ***Good News Ringers*** (*4th – 6th graders*) – Youngest of our handbell choirs.

4:00 – 4:45 (Upstairs Choir Room), ***Good News Players*** (*1st – 3rd graders*) - Weaves creative ideas into music using movement, speech, and instruments including xylophones, glockenspiels, boomwhackers, and small percussion. Orff Schulwerk approach.

4:45 – 6:00 (Upstairs Choir Room or Sanctuary) ***Good News Singers*** (*1st – 3rd graders and 4th – 6th graders*) – Rehearses as two separate choirs and as one collective choir. Singers will be provided with time for a light snack, fellowship, as well as reflection and connection to our music. **Families are asked to provide one adult (or older teen) to help supervise our snack and fellowship time (one 45 minute commitment each quarter).** A sign up sheet will be located in the narthex and at our rehearsals.

Drop Off and Pick Up: Our Child and Youth Protection Policy requires that all children and youth are to be supervised on church property. Staff members will not be available to supervise choir members before rehearsal time. Please stay with your child (or make arrangements) until time for rehearsal to start. At dismissal please come inside the building to pick up your child. If you have an emergency on your way to pick up, please call the church office at **703-250-6100**.

Responsibilities of our Members: Please use the restroom and wash hands prior to rehearsal. Chewing gum, eating, and drinking (other than a closed container of water) are not allowed in rehearsals. Please treat instruments and facilities with great care. When in rehearsals please give your full attention to the director. Let your director know if you need a performance t-shirt.

Holidays and Inclement Weather: We follow the schedule of Fairfax County Schools. If schools are closed, we do not have rehearsal.

Questions:

Cherub Choir, GNPlayers, GNSingers - Contact **Tammy Zerbo** , tzerbo@aol.com, 703-440-9929

Good News Ringers – Contact **Kelly Hood**, kellysings@verizon.net, 703-239-1258

REGISTRATION FOR BUMC CHILDREN'S CHOIRS 2010/2011

PLEASE BE SURE TO READ and SIGN THE 2nd PAGE OF THIS FORM.

A GOOD NEWS PLAYERS (1st – 3rd graders) **B GOOD NEWS RINGERS** (4th – 6th graders)

C CHERUB CHOIR (Age 4 - Kindergarten) **D1 GOOD NEWS SINGERS** (1st – 3rd graders)

D2 GOOD NEWS SINGERS (4th – 6th graders)

1st CHILD'S NAME _____

GRADE IN SCHOOL _____ BIRTHDAY _____

CHOIR(S) FOR WHICH YOU ARE REGISTERING _____
(Use the letters or choir titles above to register your child.)

ALLERGIES/OTHER INFORMATION TO NEED US TO KNOW _____

2nd CHILD'S NAME _____

GRADE IN SCHOOL _____ BIRTHDAY _____

CHOIR(S) FOR WHICH YOU ARE REGISTERING _____
(Use the letters or choir titles above to register your child.)

ALLERGIES/OTHER INFORMATION TO NEED US TO KNOW _____

PARENTS' NAMES _____

EMAIL (our primary communication) _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

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Parents, please check as applicable and sign below.

_____ **I have read and understand this letter and can offer support in the following ways:**

_____ Sewing _____ Costumes (organizing, distributing, designing)

_____ Set building _____ Props (creating, borrowing, etc)

_____ Sunday morning warm-up supervision (on days of performances)

_____ Rehearsal supervision (on as needed basis)

_____ Photography (for our bulletin boards, etc)

_____ Accompanying (list instrument you play) _____

_____ Prayer _____ Other _____

_____ *Good News Singers* Quarterly supervision during snack/fellowship/reflection time – a total of 45 minutes. (Please sign up in the narthex or at rehearsals for your preferred date. An email reminder will be sent to you prior to your volunteer date.)

_____ **I give permission for my child to participate in the children's choirs of Burke United Methodist. I agree to support my child and the music program by having my child consistently attend scheduled rehearsals, practice singing with CDs that are sent home, and rehearse lines at home if given a role requiring memorization of lines.**

_____ **I understand photographs of my child may be used in church sponsored community bulletin boards, website, and video productions unless I have inform the director in writing.**

(Parent Signature)