

## CURRENT REPERTOIRE

*News of Great Joy*—SUSSEX CAROL/Sherman  
*Psalm of Peace*—Payn  
*Sleigh Ride*—Anderson/Poreda  
*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*—Sears/Sherman  
*Réunir*—Payn  
*In Peace and Joy*—Allured  
*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*—VENI EMMANUEL/  
Lohr  
*A New Gloria*—Moklebust  
*O Little Town of Bethlehem*—Redner/Phillips  
*Carol of the Wise Men*—Puerto Rican carol/  
Gramann  
*God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*—arr. Stitt  
*Greensleeves*—English melody/Moklebust  
*I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*—Calkin/  
Dobrinski  
*Let There Be Peace on Earth*—Miller and  
Jackson/Dobrinski  
*Christmas Eve (Sarajevo 12/24)*—O'Neill and  
Kinkel/Morris

## CAPITAL CITY RINGERS

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# Ring Tones

Newsletter of  
*The Capital City Ringers*

Fall

2013

## UPCOMING CONCERT SCHEDULE

CCR's 30th Annual Holiday Concert, "30 Years of Peace. . . but Not Quiet!," features songs of the season, carols, and other handbell compositions and arrangements; many are old favorites of ours--and yours! In addition to handbells and handchimes, the concert features keyboard accompaniment, bass guitar, drum set, a variety of percussion instruments, and a whinnying horse(!). The intermission features an arrangement of *Carol of the Bells* performed by *Le Petit Ensembell*, a sextet of CCR members. Join us at:

- **Our Savior Lutheran Church**, 7910 St. Joseph Hwy. (at Broadbent Rd.), Lansing; Friday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m.
- **Faith Lutheran Church**, 4515 Dobie Rd. (south of Hamilton Rd.), Okemos; Sunday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m.

We will also perform a shorter concert at the "Christmas in the Village" event at the Meridian Historical Village on Sunday, Dec. 8, in the Chapel from 2:00 to 2:45 p.m. Bring the family and stop by!

A freewill offering will be taken at Lansing-area concerts. For directions, maps, and complete concert information, go to the Concerts tab on our website, [www.capitalcityringers.com](http://www.capitalcityringers.com).

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### **BECOME A FRIEND OF CCR**

We have enjoyed incorporating our latest additions of very low (D2, E2, and F2) and very high (G#8 to B8) handbells into our repertoire. We received them just before our holiday concerts last fall. They were largely donated by Friends of CCR and a generous grant from the Capital Region Community Foundation.

We just ordered the D#2 handbell, which leaves only the C#2 (\$4300) and F#2 (\$3500) to complete our seven octave set. We also plan to purchase the lower 7th octave handchimes (C2 to F#2) after that, at a cost of about \$6300.

We always appreciate the donations of our many Friends of CCR to help us make these purchases. Please consider becoming a Friend of CCR. We have enclosed a contribution form for your use. Contributions are tax-deductible, and your name(s) will be listed on our website, in the **Ring Tones**, and in our Lansing-area concert programs for one year.

### **"A CCR Christmas Letter"**

Last fall, CCR opened its concert season at First United Methodist in Eaton Rapids, followed by a double-header the next day: in the afternoon the group performed at VanAtta's Greenhouse Christmas open house before traveling to St. Paul's Lutheran in Flint for an evening concert. These were followed by a gig at Independence Village in E. Lansing and a rare morning concert for a Women's Breakfast at Mt. Hope United Methodist. We finished the season with local concerts at St. Luke Lutheran in Haslett and Our Savior Lutheran in Delta Twp., sandwiched around a performance at Sharon United Methodist in Manchester, where we helped raise funds for a church mission project.

During the concerts a mix of both holiday and non-holiday musical selections were interspersed with excerpts from the fictional CCR Christmas Newsletter. The performance opened with *Anthornis* by Michael Glasgow, and ended with a series of Christmas classics, including *A Christmas Festival*, a medley by Leroy Anderson. During the concert, the audience heard about Nancy's genius award, Stu's vote-rigging schemes, Marcia's struggles as a starting pitcher for the Detroit Tigers, Tabitha's rise to Coffee Czardom, and Gary and Dave's touching brotherhood ceremony. The crowds were entertained by the music and awed by the eccentricity revealed in the CCR Christmas Newsletter!

### **"RECORDS IN MOTION"**

In the spring of 2013 CCR set "records in motion" while staying relatively close to home. We opened our concert season at Delta Presbyterian in Delta Twp., followed by a second local concert at Faith Lutheran in Okemos. Our spring tour never took us more than an hour away from Lansing. We started at First United Methodist in Jackson, moved on to Hastings First United Methodist, and wrapped up the tour at Faith Lutheran in Grand Blanc. For the final performance of the season, we squeezed into the Prestige Way Assisted Living Center in Holt, leaving our lowest bells and percussion instruments in the trailer in order to have room for an audience!

The concert theme, "Records in Motion," evolved from a repertoire of songs that evoked movement--ranging from galloping (*Comedians Gallop*) to wading (*Wade in the Water*) to clapping (*And All Shall Clap Their Hands*). Ringer Scott Beck made his debut as a handbell conductor, leading *Colonel Bogey March* and *Wade in the Water*. The repertoire included *Danse Macabre*, a favorite of the group, and closed with a rousing *Hungarian Dance No. 5*. Along the way, the audience was treated to a variety of interesting and bizarre world records, including the largest sponge cake (two and a half tons), the biggest funeral (15 million attendees), and the fastest mile while hopping on a pogo stick and juggling three balls (23 minutes, 28 seconds). Though the audiences failed to break the record for the most people whistling simultaneously in a single venue (750), they still had a great time!

### **MEET CCR'S NEWEST RINGERS**

- **Marty Herman** (a.k.a. *SMarty Bell*) joined CCR last January as a battery (middle bell) ringer. She has been ringing since 1994 and currently rings in and co-directs the handbell choirs at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran and First Presbyterian churches in Brighton. She rang with Classical Bells of Detroit from 2003 to 2009. Marty has worked at StayDry Basement Waterproofing in Lansing for the past five years. Her family includes husband Marvin, to whom she has been married 33 years, grown son Andy and daughter Lauren, and teenage daughter Taylor. In her spare time, she loves gardening.
- **Shannon Spasova** (a.k.a. *Swingin' Ringer*) Shannon started playing bells at age 8. She learned 4-in-hand and weaving in high school at Monroe St. United Methodist Church in Toledo. At Oberlin College she participated in a term project that allowed her to practice five hours a day, five days a week for a month. That resulted in the creation of the bell quartet, "Krazy Dave and the Swingin' Ringers." During graduate school she played in the Madison Area Concert Handbells in Madison, WI, and then played with St. John's United Church of Canada while living in Nova Scotia for several years. This fall she was honored to join CCR! Shannon is an Assistant Professor of Russian at Michigan State University and works for the Center for Language Teaching Advancement. She also enjoys folk music, especially Russian folk music, and has a collection of Russian folk instruments that includes a Russian-style accordion and three balalaikas!

### **CCR TRANSITIONS**

- Two members of CCR have moved on since last spring: **Scott Beck** is moving to Florida in January and **Tabitha Langfeldt** has moved to Commerce Twp. and will be married on January 18 to Alex Esbrook! We wish them well and miss both of them!
- We also miss **Dave Hafey** and **Chrisann Lowe**, and this fall we welcome back our Associate Director, **Rob Meyer**, and **Eileen Ellis** on keyboard and percussion.

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