

CURRENT REPERTOIRE

Allegro con moto – Krug
Shades of 'Forest Green' – arr. Waugh
Here We Come A-Wassailing – arr. Krug
Angels' Carol – Rutter/Tucker
While By My Sheep – arr. Dobrinski
Sing We Now of Christmas – arr. McChesney
Change Ring Prelude on 'Divinum Mysterium'
– arr. Gramann
Night of Silence – Kantor/Ward
Pat-a-pan – arr. Gramann
Greensleeves – arr. Moklebust
Blue Christmas – Hayes & Johnson/Morris
God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen – arr.
Stephenson
Sleigh Ride – Anderson/Thompson
Adeste Fideles – Wade/Dobrinski

CAPITAL CITY RINGERS

Director: Nicole Leppala

Ringers: *Corlie Eldred, Eileen Ellis, Kim Finison, Lindsay Finison, *Lorraine Finison, David Hafey, Marty Herman, *Rick Hobrla, Marcia Hollopeter, Gary Masters, Michelle Ridley, Laura Sparks, Shannon Spasova, Aggie Steiner, and Stuart Talsma

Narrator: Rich Weingartner

*section leaders



Ring Tones

Newsletter of
The Capital City Ringers

Fall

2015

UPCOMING CONCERT SCHEDULE

CCR's 32nd Annual Holiday Concert, "The Sound of the Season," features songs of the season and arrangements of favorite carols, and more! See the repertoire list on the back page of this newsletter. In addition to handbells and handchimes, the concert features keyboard, bass guitar, a variety of percussion instruments, and iPad(!). Come and join us for some holiday music and entertainment at these venues:

- **Joint concert with the DeWitt Community Concert Band,** DeWitt High School Auditorium, 13601 Panther Dr., DeWitt; Friday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m.
- **Our Savior Lutheran Church,** 7910 St. Joseph Hwy. (at Broadbent Rd.), Lansing; Saturday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m.
- **Faith Lutheran Church,** 4515 Dobie Rd. (south of Hamilton Rd.), Okemos; Sunday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m.

A freewill offering will be taken at our "solo" Lansing-area concerts. For directions, maps, and complete concert information, go to the Concerts tab on our website, www.capitalcityringers.com.

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BECOME A FRIEND OF CCR

We have been enjoying the latest addition to our bass bells, the C#2, which we purchased last March and received just in time for our spring concerts. Unbeknownst to her until our Lansing concerts, this bell was dedicated to Jane Wright in honor of her founding of CCR and directing for 31 years. She doesn't get to keep it, though, but she can "visit" it at our future concerts!

The acquisition of the C#2 allowed us to complete 7 octaves of handbells! We plan to buy the lower 7th octave handchimes (C2 to F#2) at a cost of about \$6800. That will complete our purchase of bells and chimes, but there's always more things we need, like a much larger trailer to haul everything!

We appreciate the donations of our many Friends. Please consider becoming a Friend of CCR, if you aren't already. We have enclosed a form for your tax-deductible contribution. Your name(s) will be listed on our website, in the *Ring Tones*, and in our Lansing-area concert programs.

SEARCH FOR REHEARSAL SPACE

CCR has been so fortunate to have a "home" at Mt. Hope UMC for 31 years, but they need the space now, so we are looking for new rehearsal space. If you have any ideas, send them to info@capitalcityringers.com or call 321-3221. Details of our needs are available at www.capitalcityringers.com. Thank you so much, Mt. Hope UMC, for hosting us so very graciously for over three decades!

Letters to Santa

Fall 2014 included a challenging mix of musical numbers, including *The Sunken Cathedral*, the first piece to demand the use of all six of the large aluminum bells we owned at the time – C2 through F#2. Table space was at a premium! The diverse repertoire also included *Ragtime*, *West Indies Carol* (popularly known as *Mary's Little Boy Child*) and Bach's *Little Fugue*. We welcomed guest artists--violinist Isoa Chapman, flutist Lisa Moore, and CCR's Shannon Spasova on viola.

The season opened with an early local concert at Our Savior Lutheran, which was supposed to be followed the next evening by a retirement center performance, but treacherous weather required a postponement to the spring. We next traveled to Kalamazoo to play at Jane Wright's church, Westwood UMC. We also performed at ringer Lorraine Finison's childhood church, Coopersville Reformed. Perhaps the highlight of the season was a joint performance with the Lakewood Area Choral Society in Lake Odessa in front of a very large and highly enthusiastic crowd. The season ended with a final concert at Faith Lutheran in Okemos.

During the concerts, the audience was entertained between pieces by Rich Weingartner, the Voice of CCR, as he shared a series of letters to Santa from various ringers. Items on the Christmas wish lists ranged from world peace to fuzzy pink bunny slippers. In the end, CCR was blessed with the appreciative and enthusiastic audiences that were at the top of all of our lists.

Here's to You, Jane!

CCR's spring term was a tribute to our founder and artistic director, Jane Wright. After 31 years of directing CCR, a group she created in 1984, Jane decided to spend more time with her three grandkids and less time commuting from Kalamazoo to Lansing for rehearsals and concerts. During the program, audiences were regaled with stories of Jane's history and some of her favorite CCR stories, like the time she had to recruit audience members to sightread music at a concert after a car full of CCR members got lost on the way!

Jane wasn't easy on the group in her final term. The repertoire, a collection of Jane's personal favorites, included some of the most challenging pieces CCR has ever played, including *Tempest* and *Staccato on 'Alice Ralston'*. The audience was treated to Kim Finison's beautiful ukulele accompaniment to *Ashokan Farewell*, and Jane provided accompaniment of her own on the final song, playing clarinet on *When the Saints Go Marching In*, after passing the baton to her successor, Nicole Leppala, so she could direct. Several guest artists participated in the Lansing concerts, including violinist Isoa Chapman, trombonist Dick Brown, clarinetist/saxophonist Doug Gluckin, and tuba player Ed Mallett.

The season opened with performances at Lyons-Muir Church in Muir, St. Peter Lutheran in Macomb, and First Presbyterian in Fenton. The Macomb performance was a joint concert with *Bellissima!*, another handbell ensemble directed by Jane's long-time friend, Hazel Lawrence. Among the collaborations during this concert was a performance of all three pieces from former *Bellissima!* ringer Judy Phillips' *Triptych*. Following the tour, CCR entertained seniors with a concert at Burcham Hills Retirement Center in East Lansing.

CCR's local concerts were at Plymouth Congregational and Delta Presbyterian. The season ended with a special concert at Mt. Hope United Methodist, CCR's rehearsal home for the last 31 years. In her final remarks to the audience, Jane noted that it was fitting that she was ending her career with CCR in the very church where she first began directing handbells so very long ago. All our best to you, Jane! We love you!

WELCOME TO CCR, NICOLE!

As we gave a fond farewell to Jane Wright last spring, we welcomed our new music director, Nicole Leppala! Nicole has been the music director at Hope Lutheran in DeWitt, Michigan, since 2000. Nicole received certification in Lutheran Musician Enrichment through the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in 2004. Her accomplishments as a musician, clinician and conductor are directly related to advanced music study through the Lutheran Church. Nicole has served twice as President of the Lansing Area Ministry of Bells, and strives to encourage and teach congregations how to promote music in the church through handbell ringing. An avid musician since childhood, Nicole plays French horn, trumpet, piano, and organ. She has been the Asst. Director of the DeWitt Community Concert Band since 2014 and a player in the French horn section since 1994.

CCR TRANSITIONS

- After last fall's concerts, **Christi Harris** "retired" (hopefully not for long!) to await the birth of Eloise Elizabeth on March 17, 2015. Congrats to Christi and husband Robin!
- We happily welcomed back **Eileen Ellis** to take Christi's position last spring and this fall.

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