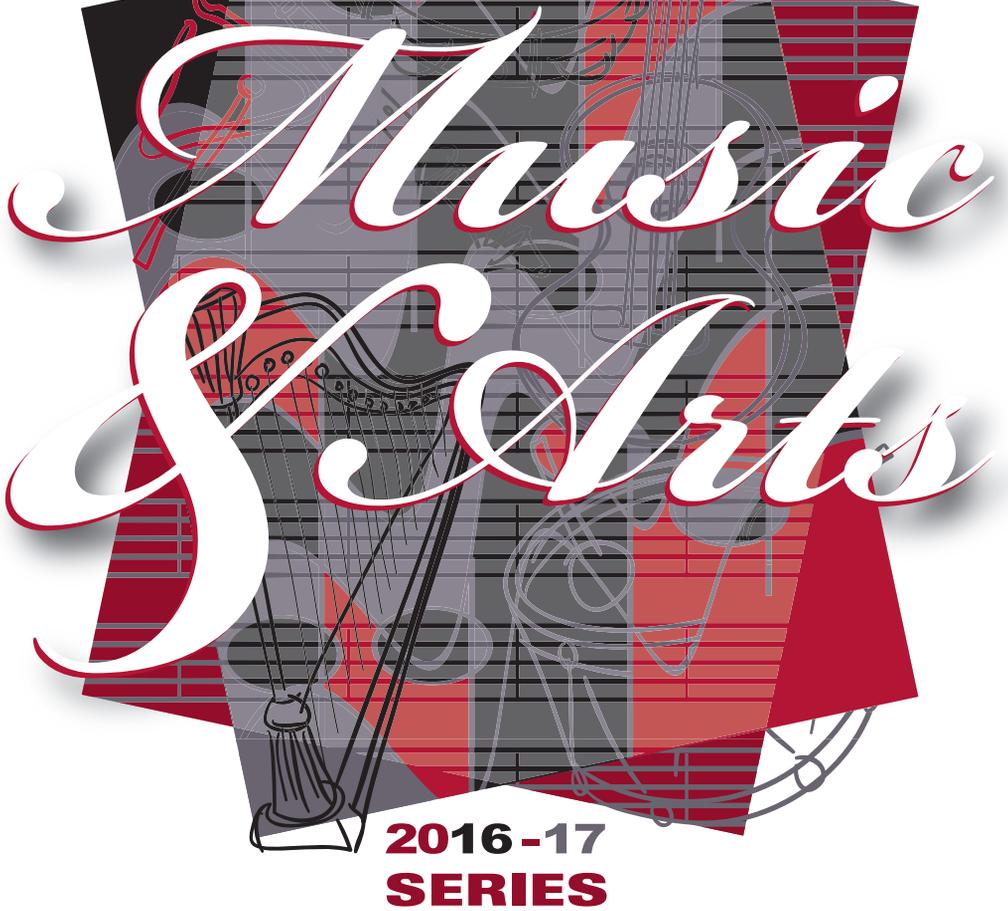


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# Welcome...

to the Ann Arbor First Music and Arts Series at First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor!

We are pleased to once again present a rich array of Music and Arts offerings for the 2016-2017 season. Continuing with our central goal – there is something to appeal to audiences of all ages, backgrounds and musical tastes: classic choral offerings, dazzling organ repertoire, chamber music, global music, Broadway show tunes, holiday favorites and contemporary, folk, gospel, and jazz music.

**We look forward to seeing you in the months ahead!**

**Ann Marie Koukios**

Minister of Music

**Ted Brokaw**

Music and Liturgical Arts Forum Chair



## Ann Arbor First Music and Arts Downtown Series

120 South State Street  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

**SEPTEMBER  
25, 2016  
SUNDAY**  
3:00pm

**A Hymnfest – “Singing the Year of God”**  
**Distinguished Local AGO Organists**  
**Combined Festival Chorus**  
*Ann Marie Koukios, conductor*



We are pleased to open our 2016-2017 Music Series with an event co-sponsored by the Ann Arbor Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and our FUMC Music Ministries. Our 2016 fall Hymnfest will celebrate the rich heritage of our hymnody. Popular selected hymns representing the entire liturgical cycle will be presented by a number of excellent local organists: Timothy Huth, Gale Kramer, Megan Meloy-Ness, Benjamin Dahl, Joshua Boyd, Carey Dumas, and Sarah Simko. In addition, a festival chorus, comprised of singers from church choirs throughout the greater Ann Arbor area will come together to perform favorite anthems based on popular hymn tunes. The choir will be conducted by Dr. Ann Marie Koukios and accompanied by organist Dr. Gale Kramer. Congregational hymn singing is also featured. Don't miss this afternoon of joyous community music-making!

**OCTOBER  
8, 2016  
SATURDAY**

3:15 pm  
Hors D'Oeuvres  
4:00 pm  
Time and Space Concert



**OCTOBER  
23, 2016  
SUNDAY**

3:00 pm

ANN ARBOR  
CAMERATA



## "TIME AND SPACE" Annual Music Fundraiser Cabaret Show



Our Music and Liturgical Arts team presents the first of two music ministry fundraisers during the 2016-2017 church season. This first event is a delightful afternoon of entertainment, celebration and praise through the music of our various music ministries – our Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells, FUMC Vocal Staff, Youth Chorale and Children's Choirs. This year we musically focus on the beauty of our collective faith, as well as the joy and pride we find in our love of church community and the spirit which binds us as one. Through the theme, "Time and Space", we will explore music reflecting the "Here and Now", "Blasts from the Past" and "The World and Beyond". Featured music includes selections from "West Side Story", "Jekyll & Hyde", "Hair", "Wicked" and more as well as classic favorites such as "Old Time Rock and Roll", "As Time Goes By", "Dancing in the Street" and still more! We offer this glorious concert to thank all who donate to our ministry to help us in meeting our financial goals as well as for all who simply wish to attend. Stay tuned for more information on Ministry Projects and Needs you may wish to support. The program is preceded by sumptuous hors d'oeuvres..

## Ann Arbor Camerata Orchestra I

*Victor Minke Huls, conductor*

The Ann Arbor Camerata is a new chamber orchestra dedicated to bringing music to all audiences. Performing old works and new, collaborating with artists at the University of Michigan, and advocating for Arts Education, the Camerata works to inspire culture and unity throughout Washtenaw County. Under the baton of Victor Minke Huls, the Camerata will present two poetic and heroic masterpieces: *Serenade for Tenor, Horn and Strings* by Benjamin Britten and Beethoven's *Symphony No. 7*. Soli Carrie Rexroat on French horn and tenor Josh Lovell are featured.

**OCTOBER  
28, 2016**

**FRIDAY**

7:30 pm



## **ÆPEX Chamber Orchestra**

*Kevin Fitzgerald, conductor*



ÆPEX Contemporary Performance is an exciting performance presenter dedicated to delivering innovatively programmed, world-class musical experiences to audiences across Southeast Michigan and throughout the midwest region. ÆPEX is committed to highlighting the music of today's leading American and European composers as well as reprising cornerstones repertoire of the last one hundred years while

additionally uncovering tomorrow's masterpieces from up and coming composers from around the world. ÆPEX brings these works to life in thoughtfully crafted performances designed to immerse concertgoers in the unique and powerful resonance of contemporary music. This exciting concert features Pierre Boulez's *12 Notation* for solo piano performed by Justin Snyder; *Strings* by Dani Howard for trumpet and percussion; and *At First Light*, a work for chamber orchestra by George Benjamin.

**NOVEMBER  
18, 2016**

**FRIDAY**

7:30 pm



## **Jenny Lind – The Swedish Nightingale in America**

**by Kelly Hale**

*Jenny Lind – The Swedish Nightingale in America* is a new play by author-actor Kelly Hale starring the highly-acclaimed New York soprano Risa Renée Harman as Jenny Lind, the most famous singer in the world. It is the story of her American Tour of 1850-52. Hale accompanies and portrays several characters in her life, while the soprano Harman sings a rich collection of some of the most popular and exquisite soprano operatic arias during the course of her adventure on this American tour. With lighting, staging and dazzling musical mastery, it is a unique performance you should not miss!

Ticket price: \$15 Adult, \$ 10 Students.

**DECEMBER  
11, 2016**

**SUNDAY**

9:30 & 11:15 am

**Sunday morning  
worship services**

## **J. S. Bach - Christmas Oratorio, BWV 248**

**FUMC Chancel Choir & Vocal Staff**

**Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra**

*Ann Marie Koukios, conductor*



The First United Methodist Church Chancel Choir, Vocal Staff, and Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra unite in a special Advent Sunday music offering featuring music from Bach's inspiring *Christmas Oratorio*. Composed in 1734, the work comprises a succession of movements for chorus, soli and orchestra collectively forming a continuous musical account of the Christmas story. The whole is organized in six consecutive cantatas, a favored form used by Bach throughout his life. The unique instrumentations include music for strings, continuo, winds, and earlier instruments oboe d'amore and oboe da caccia. Selections from this magnificent work will include exuberant choruses, inspiring solo arias, and short recitatives all enhanced by imaginative and varied instrumental textures.



**JANUARY  
22, 2017  
SUNDAY**

3:00 pm



## Ann Arbor Camerata Orchestra II

In a second appearance on this year's Downtown Series, the Ann Arbor Camerata Orchestra will present another inspired concert with stunning repertoire for Chamber Orchestra. Under the baton of conductor Victor Minke Huls, this concert will feature performances of Franz Schubert's popular *Symphony No. 5* and Igor Stravinsky's ballet music *Pulcinella Suite* as well as a *World Premiere* of a new composition by contemporary composer Eric Heumann.



**FEBRUARY  
11-12, 2017  
WEEKEND**



*Saturday*

5:00-7:00 pm

**International Boutique products from "Ten Thousand Villages" & the Korean community**

6:00 pm

**Authentic Korean Dinner**

\$15/adults, \$8/students,

\$40/family, children

under 5 yrs/free.

7:30 pm

**Program of Korean Sacred & Secular Music**

*Sunday*

9:30 & 11:15 am

**Worship with special offerings from Korean sacred repertoire**

## Global Celebration A Korean Sori Festival Featuring Music by Hyowon Woo

**Korean Presbyterian Church Choir of Metro Detroit**

*Yongmin Kim, conductor*

**FUMC Chancel Choir – Ann Marie Koukios, conductor**

**FUMC Youth Chorale & Epworth Children's Choir**

*Carole DeHart, conductor*

**Naki Sung Kripfgans, organ**

**Mi-Eun Kim, piano**

From the amazing, magical traditions of peace and harmony found in the Korean culture, we are pleased to uplift the music of Korea through a weekend of meaningful events. Beginning with a sumptuous Korean meal and sale of beautiful boutique products, Saturday evening

will continue with a delightful concert in "A Korean Sori (Sound) Festival". Our Chancel Choir, FUMC Vocal Staff, Youth Chorale and Epworth Children's Choir will be joined

by the First Presbyterian Korean Choir of Detroit, and local Korean artists organist Naki Sung Kripfgans and pianist Mi-Eun Kim in presentations of Korean sacred and secular works. Highlighting the entire weekend is the music of visiting Korean scholar and choral composer Hyowon Woo, whose works will be performed on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Don't miss this family evening of fun!



**Hyowon Woo,  
composer**



**MARCH  
3, 2017  
SATURDAY**

7:30 pm

## Beaumaris Ensemble

Kaycee Thomas, oboe

Daniel Thomas, cello

Naki Sung Kripfgans, piano

We are pleased to welcome a new trio to our series this year, the *Beaumaris Ensemble*. Though new as an ensemble, the personnel of this exciting trio comprises local artists well known to most - oboist Kaycee Thomas, cellist Daniel Thomas and pianist Naki Sung Kripfgans. The group enjoys presenting repertoire of unique combinations, typically featuring new works by composers including Kalevi Aho, Nikola Resanovic, Friedrich Cerha and others, along with lesser known works by composer such as Robert Schumann. Don't miss this downtown chamber event!



**MAY  
6, 2017  
SUNDAY**

6:00 pm

## FUMC Music Ministry Dinner Show Fundraiser

**FUMC Vocal Staff & Chancel Choir  
Featuring music from Classic Musicals and  
popular Operatic Arias**



This is the second of two music ministry fundraisers planned by our Music and Liturgical Arts team during the 2016-2017 season. Unlike our fall Cabaret, this event is an actual Dinner-Show! Under the culinary skills of Zingerman's Head Chef, Alex Young, a sumptuous meal will be prepared and served in our elegantly decorated Social Hall. Enjoy the show, which takes place as you dine. A musical theme of "Showboat", features our FUMC Vocal Staff offering repertoire from "Classic Musicals" and "Popular Operatic" moments.

Selections include such favorites as *Old Man River*, *Loving that Man of Mine*, *Make Believe*, *La Boheme's Quando m'en vo*, *Carmen's Habenera*, *Turandot's Nessun Dorma*, *Rigoletto's La donna è mobile* and more! Our



Chancel Choir will join our soli for a rousing finale at the end of this rich dining experience. Contact our Music Office at 734-662-4536, ext. 25, or check our website at [www.fumc-a2.org](http://www.fumc-a2.org) for ticket prices, donor levels and additional information.

**MAY 21, 2017**  
**SUNDAY**

9:30 & 11:15 am

## Mozart – Mass in C minor, K. 427

FUMC Chancel Choir

Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra

*Ann Marie Koukios, conductor*



Jessica Dold, soprano



Kelly Bixby, soprano

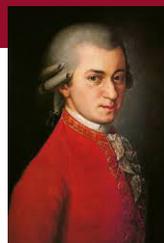


Thomas Gilluffo, tenor



Luke Randall, bass

The Mass in C Minor is considered by many to be one of Mozart's most profound and majestic compositions. The "Great Mass in C Minor", also a common name attributed to this work, was written between 1782-83 while Mozart was living in Vienna. Written during a time the composer was immersed in studying the music of Bach and Handel, the result is a setting cast in large-scale *missa solemnis* approach, scored for two sopranos, tenor and bass soloists, a variety of choral settings, and large orchestra – all displaying his mastery of Baroque fugal and contrapuntal techniques. A premiere of portions of the work took place in Salzburg in 1783, with Mozart's wife Constanza singing as soprano soloist. The grandeur of Mozart's setting can be seen in the pomp and solemnity associated with Salzburg traditions of the time, quintessential Mozartean vocal solos, magnificent choruses, sonorous orchestral writing and elegant instrumental solo passages. The whole conveys a musical offering of inmost beauty, devotion and praise. Don't miss this exciting worship offering presented by the FUMC Chancel Choir, Vocal Staff and the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra.



## GREEN WOOD CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES

**1001 GREEN ROAD, ANN ARBOR**

We are pleased to once again present a diverse array of chamber music concerts at our second worship location, nestled in the ambient serene wooded area of our Green Wood Sanctuary.

All concerts are at 3:00 p.m.

Admission to each concert is free with a goodwill offering provided to support these local musicians. A reception will follow each of these performances.

## Katie Geddes & David Vaughn “In Concert”

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2016 • 3:00 PM**



We are pleased to open our 2016-2017 Green Wood Chamber Series with two favorite artists: popular local folk singer Katie Geddes and gospel singer/keyboardist David Vaughn. Two consummate artists, both Katie and David are known for their inspiring musical performances - through Katie Geddes’ “musical story telling” and compelling vocal sound and David Vaughn’s spirit-filled gospel praise. Don’t miss this uplifting musical offering!

## Henson Family String Quartet

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2016 • 3:00 PM**

The Henson Family String Quartet is equally at home with music of Bach and the Beatles. This family quartet is comprised of Julie (violin), son Beau (violin or viola), Alan (cello or viola transcribed for cello) and son Fox (cello).



Julie Henson (Assistant Concertmaster of the Des Moines Symphony) and husband Alan Henson (Principle cellist of the Central Iowa Symphony) join forces with their two sons in a unique and dynamic ensemble. The quartet has performed on several chamber series in Iowa and Colorado as well as for special social engagements. While residing in Iowa, their family ties to Ann Arbor and FUMC as former members make this performance an especially memorable opportunity for the performers.

## Telluric Ensemble

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017 • 3:00 PM**

We are pleased to welcome this marvelous new string chamber orchestra, joined by players from the Ann Arbor Camerata, also appearing on our 2016-2017 Ann Arbor First Downtown Series. Made up of 15 players, the Telluric Ensemble will present two distinguished repertoire selections: Antonio Vivaldi’s popular *Four Seasons* and Igor Stravinsky’s enchanting ballet musical setting *Apollon Musagète*, all under the leadership of Rita Wang. Be sure to join us on this captivating musical journey as we begin the second half of our Green Wood Series.



## Ypsilanti “Town Band” Concert

*Jerry Robbins, conductor*

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017 • 3:00 PM**

Under the leadership of conductor Jerry Robbins (former conductor of the Washtenaw Community Concert Band), this twenty-piece wind ensemble will perform popular music from 1880-1920 in period costume. Returning once again to our Chamber Series, this ensemble will entertain you with a variety of styles, genres and informative insights into this era. Also joining the “Town Band” this year is pianist Michael Mishler performing classic rags from the period.



## New Verse Chamber Ensemble – Chapter Two

*Joseph Deller, violin*

*Sarah Cleveland, cello*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017 • 3:00 PM**



The *New Verse Chamber Ensemble* is a collective of musicians from various musical backgrounds, coming together to share their enthusiasm for collaborative performance of an extensive range of chamber music repertoire. Last season they shared their talents on our FUMC Green Wood Chamber Music Series as a String Trio. More recently they

have performed as a Piano Quartet and a String Quintet on the *Concert 4 a Cause* series. Future projects include collaboration between strings and woodwind instruments, and repertoire for piano and strings. This season we are delighted to have the string duo “Chapter Two” with two extraordinary musicians - Joseph Deller and Sarah Cleveland.

## Euterpe Woodwind Quintet

*Ernie Brandon, director*

**SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017 • 3:00 PM**

Enjoy the colorful palette of woodwind instruments with this performance by the Euterpe Woodwind Quintet. Members include: Beth Wondolowski (flute), Pat McLain (oboe), Ernest Brandon (clarinet), Ashley Burtnew (horn), and Kathy Fredette (bassoon). Under the leadership of founder Ernie Brandon, this ensemble has already dazzled audiences with their sensitive interpretation of classic and new woodwind quintet literature. We are pleased to welcome them back to our Green Wood Series!





*Join us!*

## Find Your Special Worship Opportunities at FUMC

We invite you to join us in worship at First United Methodist Church throughout the year. Please check our website for information on special seasonal and varied worship arts opportunities, examples of which may include Global Worship Sundays, Celtic Worship Services, Jazz Services, Guest Worship Musicians, Instrumental Ensemble Sundays, and more. See below for a list of some of these offerings. Our regular worship services include Saturday, 5 p.m. contemporary worship at our Green Wood location, as well as Sunday 9:30 a.m. traditional and 11:15 blended worship services at our Downtown location. *All are welcome!*



<b>Sundays:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Featured event</b>
Oct. 2	9:30 & 11:15 am	World Communion Sunday with Global Music
Nov. 6	9:30 am	All Saints Sunday –featuring music by Jonathan Dove
Nov. 20	9:30 & 11:15 am	Premiere of commissioned work conducted by composer Kelly Hale
Nov. 27	9:30 & 11:15 am	Henson Family String Quartet in worship services
Dec. 11	9:30 & 11:15 am	Advent Music Sunday – Bach: Christmas Oratorio, BWV 248
Dec. 18	9:30 am	Children’s Music in Worship
Dec. 24	7, 9 & 11:00 pm	Christmas Eve Worship Services (see website for details)
Feb. 12	9:30 & 11:15 am	Global Worship featuring Korean music selections
Mar. 1	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service with Taizé Worship Selections
Apr. 16	9:30 & 11:15 am	Easter Worship with Chancel Choir & Brass
May 21	9:30 & 11:15 am	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Mass in C Minor, K. 427
June 4	9:30 am	Music Instrumental Sunday

## Special Children's Music Ministries

On Sunday, December 18, 2016, during our 9:30 a.m. Downtown Sunday Worship Service, our Children's Music Ministries will present the Christmas musical *Miracle at Midnight* with music by Ruth Elaine Schram and drama by Mark Cabaniss, based on a classic Christmas Story. Under the direction of Carole DeHart, Director of FUMC Children's Choirs, all of our FUMC Children's Choirs will participate including the Epworth Choir, Children's Handchimes Choir, Carol Choir & Cherub Choir. On Sunday, May 14, 2017, at 9:30 a.m., during our Sunday Morning Worship Service, our Children's Ensembles will also present a Spring Musical. Be sure to mark you calendars for these special offerings by our youngest musicians and future Christian Arts leaders. For more information regarding Children's Music at FUMC, contact Carole DeHart at [carole@fumc-a2.org](mailto:carole@fumc-a2.org).



For more information about our Music and Arts Ministries, contact our Minister of Music, Dr. Ann Marie Koukios at [annmarie@fumc-a2.org](mailto:annmarie@fumc-a2.org).

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