



UPChancel Choir Newsletter

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UPC CHANCEL CHOIR MISSION STATEMENT

*As a Christian community led by the Holy Spirit,
the UPC Chancel Choir joyfully:*

- ☞ Celebrates God's gift of music,*
 - ☞ Leads the congregation in worship, and*
 - ☞ Serves God's people through song,*
- all to the glory of God.*

FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Dear UPC Choir family:

First, my thanks to you all for continuing as you can with our Summer Choir; I've missed a few so far, but the reports have been excellent and the one Sunday I've had a chance to serve was your usual top drawer offering to UPC's wonderful worship life. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers during this past week or so after having my foot worked on. It's doing terrifically well and I will be with you this coming Sunday for the

Andrew Lloyd Webber "Pie Jesu." Renee and Mary Ann are all set, and it'll be just great, I know.

I have two items of choir interest for us to be aware of. First, let me remind you that, after many of you asked for some more challenging musical experience for us to take on, we have agreed to join with the choir at St. David's Episcopal for two performances in November of the entire Duruflé "Requiem." This is very challenging indeed. We have already sung the "Sanctus" on Palm Sunday, and later this summer the women of the Summer Choir will sing the poignantly beautiful "Pie Jesu" movement.

As most of you know, UPC has four Wednesday evenings in late July and early August devoted to "Summer Supper and Substance" programs. We have added four sessions for the choir to have an opportunity to devote that time entirely to the Duruflé "Requiem" preparation. That series begins NEXT Wednesday evening, July 19th. Jean Fuller, St. David's organist who will accompany this performance, has agreed to accompany these four rehearsals. I am the conductor for the two performances and will direct the rehearsals.

Supper (catered and which requires reservations by Monday before) is \$5 and begins at 5:45. The rehearsals begin in the choir room at 6:30.

If you are looking for a good model recording of the Duruflé, look for the Robert Shaw Atlanta Symphony Chorus performance on a CD, which also has a beautiful performance of the Fauré "Requiem."

The other item of interest is that our choir retreat, which will focus more on our Sunday morning and Advent/Christmas music, is coming up fast. Look for details from Reta and Walter and sign up quickly for it.

See you Sunday for Summer Choir . . .

Grace, peace, joy

Ara

SUMMER CHOIR ANTHEM SCHEDULE

Jul 16 Pie Jesu / Webber
Jul 23 Credo / Marshall
Jul 30 The Apostles' Creed / Church Hymnary

Aug 6 Ave Verum / Elgar
Aug 13 Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart / Hymn-Anthem on
"Maarion"/Willan
Aug 20 The Lord Is a Mighty God / Mendelssohn
Aug 27 Big Chancel Choir Retreat weekend (worship
music by Ben & Judy)

Sep 3 Last Summer Choir Sunday = Labor Day
Weekend
The Heavens Are Telling / Beethoven

UPCOMING CHOIR EVENTS

Choir Retreat Planning

The retreat will be at the same location as last year.
Canyon Oaks Ranch. – See the website for more details
about the facilities. [http://www.swtx-
pcg.org/canyonoaks/](http://www.swtx-pcg.org/canyonoaks/)

The dates for the retreat are Saturday, August 26th
and Sunday, 27th (the weekend before Labor Day).
Car-pooling can be arranged if anyone wants to take
that option.

Your RSVP is essential in our planning efforts.

If you have any comments or requests to make, please
let Reta Hallonquist (at rhallonquist@austin.rr.com or
reta.Hallonquist@dads.state.tx.us) or Walter Stewart (at
Mr_Mac@yahoo.com) know.

P.S. As we did last year, this will also be the time when
our new choir officials are elected. –Oh, yeah! Keith
Wright has agreed to do our service for us again this
year.

New Choir Robes

We have received most of the new choir robes. The
one that was ordered for you should be on the same
number hanger as your previous robe was.
However, we are waiting until everyone has had a
chance to try them on before we mark the numbers
in them. We want to be sure that everyone is
satisfied with the fit. We are looking forward to

wearing our new robes for the first time on Rally
Day on September 10th.

Thanks - Reta

UPCOMING CHOIR BIRTHDAYS

Jul 4 Reta Hallonquist – rhallonquist@austin.rr.com
Jul 8 Chuck Carsner – ccarsner@austin.rr.com
Jul 28 David Chao – davechao@chaoweb.net
Aug 9 Phyllis Roberts – phylrob@flash.net
Aug 20 Joel Chapman – jwchapman@peoplepc.com
Aug 26 Pat Mayne – pmayne@austin.rr.com

*If anyone has been overlooked on this list, or the
information needs to be corrected, please let Reta know
at rhallonquist@austin.rr.com or call 450-0097.
Thanks!*

PRAYER CONCERNS

☞ *Any prayer concerns that you would like to have
included in this newsletter, please forward it to Reta at
rhallonquist@austin.rr.com*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

David Chao's Band

If you're into Jazz and are not on David's d-list let him
know at davidchao@chaosweb.net. He sends out
regular e-mails with details regarding when and where
his band will be performing.
Check out <http://www.centraltime.org/gigs.html> for the
latest. - David

Austin Farmer's Market Newsletter

To view the eNewsletter on the website, please visit
<http://www.austinfarmersmarket.org/newsletter>

☞ *Any announcements that you would like to share in
this newsletter, please forward it to Reta at
rhallonquist@austin.rr.com. Please also let her know
when it's time to remove the announcement.
THANKS*

MUSICAL NOTES

YOUR CHOIR OFFICIALS ARE:

Director Ara Carapetyan



Organist Scott McNulty



President Reta Hallonquist



President Elect Walter Stewart



Membership Chairperson Nancy Lewis



Treasurer Brad Turpin



Music Librarian Beverly Stimson



Robes, Folders & Attendance Diane Hutchins



Supplies Carolyn McFarland



HOW TO GIVE INPUT:

Do you have an event you want everyone to know about? (*A musical gig, a Tupperware party, an anniversary party, garage sale, etc.*)

Are you trying to help your kids with their fundraiser?

Do you know of someone in need of prayer that is not currently listed in that section of the newsletter?

Do you have any comments that you'd like shared with the choir? (*Maybe a comment you received from the congregation about a special anthem, etc.*)

Send input via e-mail to rhallonquist@austin.rr.com

Deadline for input is Sunday, 3:00 p.m.
