

Annual Report from the Music Department

The biggest accomplishment this year was the procuring the donation of the 7' Yamaha that now sits in the sanctuary from the Colton Family. This took place this summer, with many phone calls, and quite a few meetings between the family and me. Our pianos are tuned and maintained by Denis Ikeler Piano Tuning.

The organ is being tuned and maintained by Ed Arter, and there are more repairs that need to be made within the coming year to keep the organ in tip top shape. Mr. Arter also accepted the job as organist, since our previous organist, Matthew Benkert, chose to continue his education at Indiana University and the commute was a little too far on a weekly basis. I continue as your music director to provide leadership and direction to keep our instruments in good repair to pass on to the next generation of St. Paul's.

All choirs were very busy this last year. Chancel Choir provided music for 44 services last year and practice every Tuesday from 4:00-5:30 except for the months of July & August. We also sang a Lessons & Carols service with Saginaw St. John's Episcopal Church in December and participated in the Good Friday service at United Methodist Church.

Bell Choir has continued to thrive and played for 15 services this year as well as at Cross Roads Village during the Christmas Season, in the Coldwater Church.

Gospel Choir under the direction of Rafeal McDaniel-Walker and they practice Tuesday Evenings from 7-8:30. They provided music for 15 services throughout the year.

All of us who participate in the music for Sunday worship are dedicated to the idea of singing to enhance the worship service and to give glory to God who encourages all to sing and "give a joyful noise unto the Lord."

The Concert program last spring ended with a cleanup of artist that were contracted during the pandemic. This year the program featured Tyler Kivel as our resident artist. Many have enjoyed the first half of the season and our looking forward to the second half of the season. I am starting to plan next year's season in the upcoming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support of our programming.

God's Blessing,

Holly Richardson, Director of Music