

# Choral Opportunities

The choral ministry at St. Michael's is much more than an opportunity to learn to sing and develop musical skills. While singing and musical skills are being developed the choirs are immersed in Christian education and spiritual formation through the wonderful hymn and anthem texts they learn. These texts are, of course, framed in musical settings that assist in emblazoning their message on the heart and mind. All of this education happens in the context of preparing for worship. This means that those involved in a choir are receiving an education in liturgy as well. The things learned through this ministry truly will be carried through and used for one's entire life. What a gift! Our choirs are affiliated with the *Royal School of Church Music in America (RSCM-A)*

## Opportunities for Adults:

**The Gallery Choir rehearses on Thursdays, beginning at 7:30 PM.** The Gallery Choir welcomes adult singers, high school age and up. **Schola Cantorum** is a smaller group of singers from the Gallery Choir and rehearses before the regularly scheduled time as needed.

## Opportunities for Children and Youth:

The **\*Angel Choir** is for First and Second Grade children. It serves as a training choir to St. Michael's Singers.

**This group rehearses on Tuesday afternoons, 4:30– 6:00.**

**\*St. Michael's Singers** is for Third through Fifth grade children. This group serves as a training choir to Senior Choristers. Because of this, inexperienced Middle School youth are welcome to begin in this choir. This group spends time learning basic vocal and musical skills, along side of being taught about worship and liturgy. Learning Christian principles about teamwork and community is also a big part of choral training.

**This group rehearses on Tuesday afternoons, 4:30 – 6:00.**

\*Music and Movement sessions in the tradition of *Dalcroze Eurythmics* are incorporated into rehearsals.

**Senior Choristers** welcomes Middle School and High School singers who have had experience singing in a choir.

**This group rehearses Monday afternoons, 4:30 - 6:00.**

## Music and Arts Series:

In addition to the choirs, we have an active arts series and an organ concert series that offer concerts and exhibits throughout the year. To register for any of the choirs, or to express an interest in serving on one of the committees that support the music and arts ministries, please contact Crystal Jonkman, Director of Music and Arts:

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## Do you play an instrument?

If you play an instrument and wish to use your musical skills in worship, please contact Crystal Jonkman at the above phone number or e-mail address.