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November/December 2011 Newsletter

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Something to Sing About

- **Hannah Engle** (Concert Choir) was selected for the 9th grade mixed Opus Honor Choir to be held on November 17 at Stephens Auditorium.

We are proud of our singers who work hard in school and choir. If your singer has been selected for something special, please let us know! Send your items for "Something to Sing About" to: ameschoir@aol.com or call Shon @ 290-1422.

Thank You

Thank you to our ACC board members, Wendy Pixler, Diane Janvrin, Michael Ching and Cinian Zheng-Durbin for serving ice cream, and to Yeonsoo Kim for photographing our three choirs before the ice cream social. You can view the choir photos on the ACC website. Click the "about us" tab.



Chorale Tour to Omaha



The Chorale had a successful, fun tour to Omaha on Sunday, October 23. They explored the Pioneer Courage Park and the Spirit of Nebraska's Wilderness. The Chorale took part in Sing Omaha's fall concert, performing alone and together with the Sing Omaha Choir. Our thanks to the parents who helped chaperone the tour.

Prep Choir & Chorale Mini-Concerts

The Prep Choir and Chorale presented mini-concerts for their parents on October 24. Thanks for the great parent turn-out! In addition, the Prep Choir sang for the residents at The Waterford in Ames. Thank you to those parents who transported singers. These concerts help to prepare the singers for the Holiday Concert and give us the chance to enjoy hearing their progress to date.

Concert Choir ~ Good Neighbor Benefit Concert ~ Sunday, November 6

What: Concert Choir singers perform in the Good Neighbor Benefit Concert
When: Sunday, November 6
Attire: Informal Attire (ACC navy pants, red polo, navy shoes)
Girls, please pull hair back into ponytail.
Meet: 1:50 for a mass choir rehearsal at Collegiate Presbyterian Church
Concert: 3:00-5:00 pm
Where: Collegiate Presbyterian Church, 159 Sheldon Ave., Ames

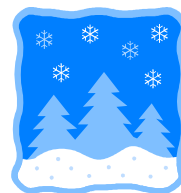


Fall Fundraiser

The Younkers Community Day Sale is November 11 & 12. **Money and unsold coupons are due at rehearsal by November 7 for the Prep Choir and Chorale, and November 8 for the Concert Choir.** Checks received should be made payable to individual singers; the singer can then write one check to ACC. Please write "Younkers" on the memo line of the check – this helps with the accounting.

Do We Have Rehearsal?

If the Ames schools are cancelled due to inclement weather, choir is cancelled. Since the ACC program includes singers from school districts all over central Iowa, there will be varying weather conditions. If you are unable to come to rehearsal due to weather conditions in your area, please report the absence to Shon Stephenson (290-1422).



ALL CHOIRS ~ Holiday Concert Rehearsal ~ Thursday, December 1

What: Rehearsal for Holiday Concert
When: Thursday, December 1
Prep Choir: 4-6:00 p.m.
(All Choirs: 5-6:00 p.m.)
Chorale: 5-7:00 p.m.
Concert Choir: 5-6:00 and 7:00-8:00 p.m. (You may want to bring a sack supper)
Where: First Evangelical Free Church (2008 24th Street, Ames)
Attire: regular clothes

ALL CHOIRS ~ ACC Holiday Concert ~ Saturday, December 3

What: Holiday Concert (featuring the Sostrini Quartet and Robert Thomas Dancenter)
When: Saturday, December 3
Meet: 12:00 p.m. in Room #330 (for hair braiding)
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Meet: 1:20 p.m. in sanctuary dressed in formal attire with hair braided. We will walk- through concert and begin taking choir photos at 1:30!
Perform: 3:00 p.m.
Reception: Multi Purpose Room (near sanctuary) after concert
Where: First Evangelical Free Church (2008 24th Street, Ames)
Attire: Formal attire

Holiday Concert Opportunities!

Two Holiday Concert tickets will be mailed to each singer as part of his/her tuition. Additional tickets will be available at the door and at Rieman Music in downtown Ames. We encourage you to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to the concert as the singers share the spirit of the holidays through music.

Hair braiders - All girls with hair long enough to braid must have their hair braided before the choir photos are taken at 1:30 p.m. for the Holiday Concert on December 4. We will meet in Room #330 in the First Evangelical Free Church. **Please contact Shon if you can help braid hair or tie bows anytime from 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm.** We would like the girls to provide their own brush/comb for the hair braiding. Please label these items with your singer's name.

Photos – All singers will receive one group choir photo. You will have the option of purchasing individual singer photos (or photos with friends/siblings). The individual photos will begin at 12:30 pm. Photo information will be sent home in advance.

Volunteers – Please contact Shon if you would like to assist with the Holiday Concert in the following ways: **video taping** (we provide camera), **informal digital photos, ushering, and reception.** Shon will be contacting those of you who may have already volunteered to help.



A reception will follow the Holiday Concert in the Multi Purpose Room in the First Evangelical Free Church. **Please send one dozen cookies/bars in a disposable container** with your singer when they arrive at the church on December 3.

Final Rehearsals for the 2011 Semester

Prep & Chorale – December 5 (return music & review concert)

Concert Choir – December 6

New Singer Auditions January 2012

Auditions will be held for **NEW** Prep & Chorale singers in January 2012. Please let your friends know and encourage them to join us for the spring season! **If you recruit a new singer who joins ACC, you will receive a \$25 credit/singer toward your tuition!** Invite friends to come to our concert on December 3. They can call Shon @ 290-1422 for more information about the program and/or to arrange for a specific audition time.

Upcoming Concerts/Events

All Choirs

- Younkers Fundraising Coupons/Check due– November 7/8
- Holiday Concert Rehearsal – Thursday, December 1
- ACC Holiday Concert – Saturday, December 3

Prep Choir

- **Rehearsal from 4:00-5:15 pm – Monday, November 21**
- Last Prep Choir Rehearsal for semester – Monday, December 5
- Rehearsals Resume – Monday, January 9

Chorale

- **Rehearsal from 4:45-6:00 pm – Monday, November 21**
- Last Chorale Rehearsal for semester – Monday, December 5
- Rehearsals Resume – Monday, January 9

Concert Choir

- Good Neighbor Concert – Sun., Nov. 6
- Last Concert Choir Rehearsal for semester – Tuesday, December 6
- Rehearsals Resume – Tuesday, January 3
- Rehearsal/Retreat – Saturday, January 14 (9-4:30)