

Let's Make Music Together!

With a belief that music transforms us on physical, emotional and spiritual levels, all of our music ensembles strive to enrich our worship services and create powerful community for both participants and our extended church family. Music for all of our ensembles is selected from a diversity of traditions, theologies and geographies as a pathway to embracing and celebrating our Unitarian Universalist values.

CHOIRS

Sanctuary Singers

Sanctuary Singers welcomes any and all high school and adult singers who love choral singing and the unique musical community of a choir. The choir's eclectic repertoire includes choral classics, jazz, gospel, folk songs and world music. There are no auditions for this group. The ability to read music is not required, though it is helpful. Sanctuary Singers rehearse weekly on Thursdays from 7:15 - 9:15 in the Center. Contact: Mimi Bornstein (MimiB@uucava.org)



*Mimi Bornstein
Director of Music Ministries*

Multi-Generational Choir

Our Multi-Generational Choir (formerly Pop-Up Choir) is open to all ages and abilities and offers fun, community-building singing opportunities for any and all without the commitment of attending regular rehearsals. This group rehearses in the Sanctuary between 1st and 2nd service and sings on that same day for 2nd service on selected Sundays throughout the church year. Contact: Mimi Bornstein (MimiB@uucava.org)

Chalice Singers (K thru 4th)

Members of Chalice Choir are empowered to assert their voices and take fun risks as they begin to learn about their integral role within worship leadership. Song selections reflect the wide diversity of cultural and religious traditions welcomed and celebrated in our UU faith. Chalice Choir meets in the Chapel between services from 10:30-11:00 a.m. and sings in worship 4-6 times per year. All children are welcome. Contact: Mimi Bornstein (MimiB@uucava.org)

TrUUbadoours (5th thru 8th)

TrUUbadoours Choir gathers in the safety of a song circle where they are encouraged to discover the inherent beauty of their voices through shared song. Song selections reflect the wide diversity of cultural and religious traditions welcomed and celebrated in our UU faith. This group meets Sundays from 12:30 p.m. 1:00 p.m. and sings in worship 4-6 times per year. Contact: Mimi Bornstein (MimiB@uucava.org)

Youth Choir and Songwriting Program (9th thru 12th)

Youth Choir is open to any and all high school age folks. Together with UUCA Artist in Residence Maya Rogers this group will explore group singing and the craft of songwriting as a means of creative expression and to foster a sense of belonging and community.



Maya Rogers

There will be opportunities to perform original music during worship services throughout the year. No singing or songwriting experience is necessary to participate. Instrumentalists are encouraged to join this group, as we hope to start a UUCA Youth Band! This group meets in the Chapel from 12:45 - 2:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Contact: Mimi Bornstein (MimiB@uucava.org)

SHINE Choir

(Singing to Heal, Inspire, Nurture & Energize)

SHINE offers members and friends of all ages the opportunity to explore the healing power of music through singing to comfort and support those in need. This group meets the fourth Monday of the month at Goodwin House. No auditions, no choral experience, and no long-term commitment needed. Contact: Alan Krause (albakrause1@gmail.com)



Alan Krause

HANDBELLS

Three performing bell groups perform at the church and in the Washington metro area. Ages begin first grade through adult. Contact: Ken Bissell (ken.bissell@uucava.org)

Bellissimo is open to everyone Grade 3 through adult. No previous handbell experience is required. Rehearsals are on Sunday mornings from 10:30 to 11:05 a.m. in the music room.

Crescendo is an intermediate ensemble open to everyone with handbell experience. Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the music room.

Polymnia is a more advanced group of handbell ringers who ring for our services and concerts,. Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the music room.



Ken Bissell, Director of Bell Choirs
and members of Bellissimo



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