



DERRY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Derry Church Welcomes the Mennonite Children's Choir

March 2025 -- At 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 6, the Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster will present their spring concert in the Sanctuary at Derry Presbyterian Church, 248 East Derry Road, Hershey.

The concert is part of the church's 2024-25 Arts Alive cultural series. A free-will offering will be received. Handicapped parking and an elevator are available.

Under the leadership of artistic director Rosemary Siegrist Blessing, the Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster (MCCL) serves approximately 150 children and youth in kindergarten through grade 12. Representing nearly 55 congregations, 45 schools, and 12 denominations, singers develop a rich musical repertoire from around the world and across time while being equipped for a lifetime of service to the church and community. The mission of MCCL is training children and youth to glorify Jesus Christ through excellent choral singing.



Founded in 1998, the Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster began as a choir of 31 singers under the direction of artistic director Patricia Strong Myers. Since then, the program has grown to include auditioned and non-auditioned choral opportunities for children and youth across Lancaster, Lebanon, and Chester counties. Singers gather on Tuesday evenings from August through May to participate in rigorous classes and rehearsals to prepare for sharing times and a Christmas and spring concert series. In addition to the bi-annual concert series, the choirs collaborate with other arts organizations, participate in benefit concerts, and share music with schools and other community organizations.

The Arts Alive season will continue at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, September 28 with a concert by Ukrainian organist Dariia Lytvishko.

Derry Presbyterian Church is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA). Worship services are held on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. For more information, call the church office at 717-533-9667 or visit derrypres.org.

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