

## Friends of First

First United Methodist Church, Conway was organized in 1828 and has a rich history in mission and music. Today, we are the benefactors of God's people with a vision who have moved from this life to life eternal.

As a Friend of First, you will help us continue this rich heritage of music, receive advance notification of upcoming concert series, have your name listed as a sponsor in event programs and receive an invitation to our Annual Friends of First Appreciation Dinner and Concert.

Use the form below to become a Friend of First, and help us continue to provide these rich musical experiences free of charge to the public.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_.

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\_\_\_ \$100 The Fanny Crosby Society

\_\_\_ \$250 The Charles Albert Tindley Society

\_\_\_ \$500 The Charles Wesley Society



## 2008 – 2009 Concert Series

### Maryland State Boychoir

Thursday, August 7, 2008, at 8:00 p.m.

### Carillon Choir Handbell Concert

Saturday, October 4, 2008, at 4:00 p.m.

### Gloria by Antonio Vivaldi

Sunday, December 7, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.

### Two Pianos/Eight Hands

Sunday, February 22, 2009, at 5:00 p.m.

### Vespers for the Passion of Our Lord

Sunday, April 5, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

## 2009 Lenten Organ Meditations

March 4 at Noon  
Billy Fallaw

March 11 at Noon  
Rodney Ward

March 18 at Noon  
Mark Chaney

March 25 at Noon  
Mark Bernazzoli

April 1 at Noon  
Andrew Fowler

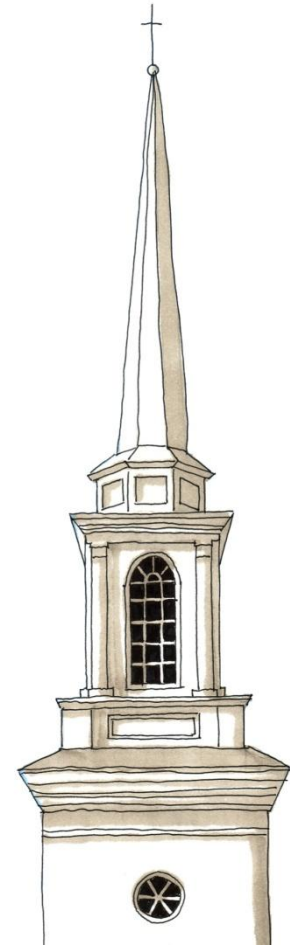
## Additional Concert

### Methodist University Chorale Concert

Thursday, March 5, 2009, 8:00 p.m.

Join

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## First United Methodist Church

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The heritage of fine music at FUMC has been evident over many, many years of faithful service by Irene Askins, Inez Booth, Carter Breeze, Daisy Collins, Carolyn Edwards, Sara Finlayson, Maribel Goldfinch, Nancy Hendrick, Mary McCown, Adelyn McCutcheon, Virginia Marshall, Frances Rogers, Cuba Rutledge, Annette Scarborough, Essie Spivey, Harriette Spivey, Thelma Truett, and Elizabeth Wellons as Organists and/or Directors of Music.



FUMC uniquely has 2 former sanctuaries on site that are functional and used today. The Hut with Gothic arches at the corner of Main and Fifth, the current Fellowship Hall, which is a mission style architecture and housed the church's first pipe organ, and the current sanctuary, a Georgian style architecture which houses the current Schantz Pipe Organ. In addition, the church has a Grand Piano in the sanctuary given in 1978 by Carolyn Edwards and Sara Finlayson in memory of Frank A. Thompson and a Van Bergen Flemish Tower Carillon given in 1979 by



the Spivey Family in memory of Essie Collins Spivey and in honor of Alleene Spivey Hehl.

It is our desire to capitalize on the gifts and resources unique to FUMC, Conway as we seek to establish funds to ensure that the church continue to be a driving force in this community and beyond in offering music that lifts and inspires the souls of all who hear to glorify Almighty God.

In 2008, the church spent close to \$6,000.00 to provide orchestral accompaniment for the Chancel Choir for festival services and concerts. Additionally, we provided Lenten Organ Meditations on Wednesdays during Lent and Advent Concerts with Longbay Symphony members performing in the Hut on Wednesdays in Advent. All of our concerts have been well received by the church and community with over 580 people attending our 3 concerts during the Advent season alone.

These concerts were gifts to the community from FUMC and 4 local

sponsors as an outreach and evangelizing effort. As we expand and seek opportunities for spiritual growth through music and worship arts, we look to utilize all of our facilities when planning events. The intimate space of the Hut is great for chamber and solo music and the sanctuary is a fine space for large choral concerts and organ performances. The Fellowship Hall and the Family Life Center are inviting places to gather for receptions and dramatic presentations.

Currently there are plans to bring the Brass Roots Trio to Conway in September and efforts are being made to host a performance of the full Longbay Symphony at FUMC. While these plans may be ambitious, they are not out of reach.

Please consider making a gift to FUMC to help establish an endowment for music and worship arts that will glorify God and help ensure that the fine heritage of music at FUMC continues to be a driving force in this community and beyond for years to come.

