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## Notes from the Music Department

Congratulations, graduating seniors! It has been an honor to see you grow into the emerging adults you are today.

Our thanks go out to this Sunday's song leaders, Danika and Ben Monarski. Danika just finished her freshman year at the University of St. Thomas and Ben is soon to be senior at Wausau East High School. When their busy schedules allow, they and their mom, Karen, are all members of the UU Adult Choir.

Floridian composer, Bob Moore, has a multi-faceted resume that includes over 150 choral and instrumental works. He also works with jazz and experimental music and has developed a series of innovative live silent film scores. "Air" is his modern take on an older classical music form.

"**Dulcimer Sweet**" was one of several hymn tunes collected by William Walker and included in 1854's *Southern Harmony*. Walker's hymnal utilized shape-note singing - a method in which the sounds were notated using four shapes - triangles, circles, squares and diamonds. Shape-note singing is one of the oldest methods of music making in the United States and is still used in parts of Appalachia. Kansas composer, John Leavitt, has gifted the world with today's arrangement of this sweet song.

## Music Making Opportunities

The Adult Choir and our Drum Club will soon begin their summer hiatus. Both groups will meet again in the fall with practices for the choir happening in the atrium, 6:30-8:00, Wednesdays. Drum Club meets in the Drum Haven (my basement) on Mondays, 7:00-8:00 at 1005 Steuben St. All instruments are furnished.