

November 13, 2022

Notes from the Music Department

Thank you, Amy Place, for your leadership today. Because of the continuing efforts of our song leaders, our congregational voice gets stronger and stronger.

A warm welcome goes to Drs. Jacob and Molly Roseman as they again share their music with us. In addition to their performing careers, Molly teaches in the Piano Department at UWSP while Jacob is a flute instructor at the Wausau Conservatory of Music. This year he has started a new career as an elementary music teacher in the Wausau School District. We are always happy to have the opportunity to listen to these talented performers!

Frenchmen Christoph Gluck (1714-1787) and Nicolas Chedeville (1705-1787) were both prominent composers during the Classical Era of music. "**Dance of the Blessed Spirits**" is from Gluck's opera, *Orfeo ed Euridice*.

"**Hamabe-no-uta**" (Song of the Beach) was written by Japanese composer Narita Tamezo (1893-1945). Special songs of remembrance and reflection such as this transcend borders and languages, touching people's hearts and eliciting powerful memories.

You heard the first three movements of "**Sonata in C Major**" by Chedeville before the start of today's service. Chedeville was famous for both playing and composing for the musette, a bagpipe-like instrument, similar to the modern oboe.

Music Making Opportunities Galore!

The **UU Choir** meets Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 in our well ventilated atrium. Join us as we prepare music to share with the congregation approximately once a month. Right now, we are beginning the preparations of music for our annual Christmas Sing, Sunday, Dec. 11 and for Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. No audition is required - just bring your good ears and a desire to be a part of our close knit singing community as we create joyous harmonies.

Our **Drum Club** meets Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Drum Haven located at 1005 Steuben St. Wausau. No previous percussion experience or musical background is necessary and all drums and other small percussion instruments are furnished. Join us as we prepare for sharing our talents at the annual celebration of the Winter Solstice, Dec. 21.

The **December Singers**, a volunteer group of vocalists from the Religious Education programs along with willing parents/adults, will share one or two pieces of seasonal music during the annual Christmas Pageant, Dec. 18. Practices will be held shortly after the church services of Nov. 27, Dec. 4th and 11th. Please let Jes and myself know if this is a possibility for you and yours.

