

February 12, 2023

Notes from the Music Department

Thank you to the singing duo, Deb and Mike Wasilczuk for leading us in song today. Yes, Mike and Rev. Suzanne are brother and sister - what fun it must have been to grow up in a very musical family!

Many thanks also to the flute playing Louis Pradt for sharing the music of Florida's Bob Moore, a modern composer, teacher, conductor, church musician and performer. Moore has over 200 published choral and instrumental works including today's "Air," "Chorale," and "Folk Dance" from his 1995 *Five Liturgical Meditations*. His instructions advise us to play "joyously", "thoughtfully" and "vigorously." Imagine the dust being kicked up by booted feet during our last piece!

The multi-faceted Bob Moore plays keyboard in the Jacksonville, FL area jazz group *De Profundis*. The trio includes Joe Yorio on saxophone and Tony Steve on percussion. You may want to visit YouTube to enjoy their performance of "Solstice."

Kudos also to New Yorker Deanna Witkowski and the Minneapolis based Justice Choir project for today's Prayer Hymn, "We Walk in Love." This life affirming hymn was written in response to a call for new music that would spur a grassroots movement to engage in the empathetic, collaborative and collective power of singing together to create positive transformation.

Music Making Opportunities

Our enthusiastic UU Adult Choir meets Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 in our well ventilated atrium. No audition is required - just bring your good ears and a desire to join us in joyous harmonies.

Basic percussion technique building, drum ensembles and songs, games and adventures in music happen each Monday evening, 7:00-8:00, 1005 Steuben St. Wausau. There is no need to bring an instrument - the Drum Haven is full of authentic African and Caribbean drums and small percussion.

Mark Your Calendars!

Jim Scott, composer, guitarist, singer and activist will present "*The Year to Save the Earth*" in our sanctuary on Sunday morning, March 19. Jim's lifework has been to create and perform music that celebrates peace, justice and the earth. From his work with the Paul Winter Consort where he co-wrote the celebrated *Missa Gaia-Earth Mass* and many other pieces, Jim has gone on to create an extensive body of work that includes seven albums of original music. He compiled and arranged *The Earth and Spirit Songbook*, an anthology of 110 songs of earth and peace written by himself and many contemporary songwriters. Several of his songs are included in our choir's repertory list.

Jim has been an activist for years with his songs, poetry and short stories that address issues of ecology, justice and peace, all with insight and gentle wit. In 2002, Jim helped create the Unitarian Universalist *Green Sanctuary* program with its accompanying handbook for building ecological/spiritual awareness in church congregations.

