



**Epworth Forest
Choir School
1955-2016**



**2016
Worship Theme:
*To Believe
What We Sing***

Daily meditations on the music we will learn at EFCS 2016, incorporating the prayer "For True Singing" from the United Methodist Hymnal.



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*Changing hearts and minds through song
and prayer for
sixty-two years.*



Epworth Forest Choir School is a spiritually uplifting music experience that has touched the lives of people and families for over three generations.

Varner and Anna Chance had an idea of a religious, musical retreat for church choir members 62 years ago. Their dream has become an experience that has brought thousands closer to God through song and prayer. Families have shared and passed on the Epworth Forest Choir School experience from generation to generation.

Founded on the hallowed grounds of Epworth Forest, next to Lake Webster in North Webster, Indiana, Epworth Forest Choir School developed deeply-rooted traditions, many of which survive today.

In 2005, the camp moved to Anderson University (AU) in Anderson, Indiana. Professional-quality rehearsal and performance space, comfortable housing, scenic grounds and Christian principles made AU the ideal location to grow the Choir School spirit for future generations.

**Filled with singing,
worship, fellowship
and fun, catch the
spirit of Choir School
and renew your soul.**

**Come join us
July 17-23, 2016!**

2015 Faculty



Craig Courtney, Conductor in Residence for the Adult Choir, is an internationally known composer and conductor. Courtney serves as the staff composer and editor for Beckenhorst Press in Columbus, Ohio as well as conductor of the Capital University Chordsmen.



Tyler Secor, is a Doctor of Arts student at Ball State University in the area of music theory/composition. He has studied vocal pedagogy, piano accompanying, and choral rehearsal techniques. Tyler started his involvement with EFCS in 2001.

and continues to serve as accompanist for her local church in Muncie along with area events and competitions.



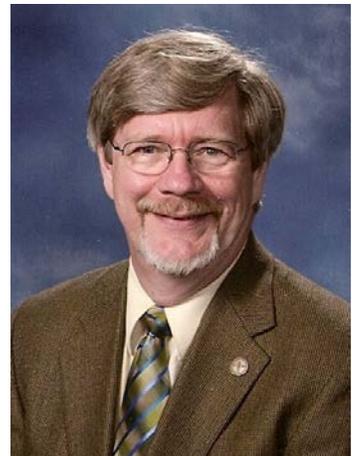
Chuck Scott, Instrumental Ensemble Director, is Worship and Music Pastor at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne. He has been part of EFCS since 1965 and holds degrees in music education, administration, and conducting.



Dr. Randall Frieling, Adult Mixed Choir Accompanist, has performed throughout the United States and Europe as a soloist and accompanist. Frieling is a Professor of Music and the University Organist at Anderson University.



Crystal Harris, Youth Mixed Choir Accompanist, studied Music Business at Anderson University. She has served as accompanist for groups and events such as Anderson University's Women's Chorus, Indianapolis Young Musician Contest, Anderson Symphony Orchestra, and National Teachers of Singing Competition. Crystal currently teaches piano privately



Rev. Dr. Stephen Holdzkom, Chaplain in Residence, has been a United Methodist pastor in Indiana for more than 40 years, and a part of Epworth Forest Choir School longer than that. Dr. Holdzkom has served several churches in Indiana and is recently retired.

Adult and Youth Performances

At Epworth Forest Choir School, music is central in all we do. For seven straight days we sing and play in celebration to God and to renew our souls. We spend a week learning an average of ten new choral pieces all in preparation for formal performances at the end of the week.

Sound like a lot of work? It can be, but this isn't your typical choir camp. Our choir directors take you inside the music—beyond the notes, chords and text—to sing from the heart of a piece. When you sing an anthem from its soul, yours becomes filled with pure love.

We also believe every voice lifted in praise to God is a beautiful sound. Epworth Forest Choir School is a blend of amateur church choir members and professional musicians. While our skills and experiences may differ, when we sing as one our beautiful music can move people to tears.

Recital Night

*Wednesday, July 20, 2015
8 p.m., Park Place Church of God
Event is free and open to the public*

A highlight of the Choir School experience is Recital Night, a formal presentation of the finest performances representing a wide array of instruments and experience levels. Recital Night is an excellent opportunity to present your highest quality performance pieces in a formal concert environment. Auditions are open to the Choir School family. Appropriate material for Recital Night includes vocal, instrumental, small ensemble, dance, poetry, etc. Recital material should be considered "classical" in nature. The auditions committee will select recitalists based on performance quality, appropriateness, poise, and balance of program.

In keeping with the formality of the occasion, performers dress in their best concert attire and the entire Choir School family dresses in our most elegant attire.



Thursday Night Live

*Thursday, July 21, 2015
8 p.m., Park Place Church of God*

Thursday Night Live is an evening where we can just have some comfortable fun and be ourselves. Acts with singing, dancing, comedy, etc. are needed. Come with ideas for a fun 3-5 minute act. You may want to work with other Choir School people during the week and work up a group act. Bring your music, props, costuming, and ideas and we will have fun!

*Friday, July 22, 2015
7 p.m., Park Place Church of God
Event is free and open to the public*

Epworth Forest Choir School culminates in the joining of two choirs (adult and youth) and the instrumental ensemble in a sacred music celebration. Delight in the musical expression of worship and be amazed by the finale, the singing of Handel's Hallelujah Chorus, an Epworth Forest Choir School tradition. (Adult Mixed Choir directed by Craig Courtney, Youth Mixed Choir directed by Tyler Secor, and Instrumental Ensemble directed by Chuck Scott.)

Adult and Youth Classes

The Composer's Heart (Craig Courtney)

Craig will present several of his anthems and share how his faith and life experiences have shaped his writing.

Contemporary Worship (Chuck Scott)

Focusing mainly on providing the music leadership for the Thursday evening worship service, this class will include rehearsal, as well as discussion of some of the important elements in constructing a contemporary worship service for the audience of One.

Forgiveness (Kim LaRue)

This is one of the hardest tasks we have as Christians, we are taught to forgive. But sometimes it's not possible, or we don't want to give the impression that what happened was okay and they can do it again, or we just don't know how to forgive. Using the Old Testament story of Joseph, we will discover the possibilities and freedom in being able to forgive as Joseph did. Bring your favorite Bible.

Pop A Capella Class (John McClain)

This class will learn pop music in the "A Capella" style—think the movie "Pitch Perfect"! We will perform what we learn at Thursday Night Live. If you have an interest in pop music and possibly forming your own A Capella group at home, this class is for you.

Water Fitness (Cathy Scott)

Come join the fun at the pool and get some exercise at the same time. This class will use the buoyancy and resistance of the water, combined with simple movements to get your heart rate up and burn calories. This class will be done in the shallow end (approximately four feet deep) and exercises are adaptable for all fitness levels.

Deep Water Fitness (Barbara Hunt)

People who sign up for this class should feel comfortable in deep water and be fit enough to use the ladders to enter and exit the pool. The advantage of working out in deep water is that it is a low impact exercise which can be modified to meet almost anyone's level of fitness. The goal of the class will be to stretch and strengthen our core muscles using basic movements like jumping jacks, cross country skiing, and jogging. Class limit: 10 participants.

Zumba (Holly Cross)

If you find it hard to stand still when a great song comes on, then come join us for Zumba, a fun and invigorating way to work out for everyone (guys and girls)! Previous dance experience is not required.

Children's Program *(Must have four children registered by April 1 to offer this program.)*

With the addition of the Children's Choir seven years ago, Epworth Forest Choir School is now a truly family-friendly experience. While parents are rehearsing with the adult mixed choir, children between the ages of 6 and 12 can have their own unique camp experience. Children experience interesting camp activities such as singing, pool time and playing choir chimes. They also experience the family camp atmosphere with worship, meals, lodging

free-time with their parents. All "children's only" activities are carefully monitored by paid staff and a camp nurse is always on-call.

The typical daily schedule is:

9 a.m. - Vocal Music

10 a.m. - Bible/Games

11 a.m. - Outdoor Play

Noon - Lunch with parents

1 p.m. - Recreation

2:30 p.m. - Art

3:30 p.m. - Choir Chimes

Facilities

On the campus of beautiful Anderson University, Epworth Forest Choir School offers campers a comfortable and scenic setting to sing and worship God. Lodging is in an air-conditioned, apartment-style resident hall. Each apartment suite is equipped with four single bedrooms, two full baths, full kitchen and a common living room.

Transportation, via passenger golf carts, is provided for those who need extra assistance going to and from activities.

Tuition and Scholarships

The following prices include camp fee, overnight lodging for six full days, three meals a day, use of Anderson University facilities, music and fun!

Any requests for exceptions to the payment deadlines should be arranged with the registrar as soon as possible after online registration is completed. Registration closes on June 15, 2016.

Adult & Youth (ages 13-18)

\$350 per person with completed application and paid fees by May 15, 2016

\$400 per person with completed application and paid fees by June 15, 2016

Children (ages 6-12) This program will be offered if a minimum of four children are registered by April 1, 2016.

\$225 per child, if sleeping on an air mattress in parent's room (application received by May 15, 2016)

\$350 per child, if sleeping in their own bedroom (application received by May 15, 2016)

\$400 per child, if sleeping in their own bedroom (application received by June 15, 2016)

Family-Friendly Discounts

Attendance of three or more immediate family members in the same household are eligible for a tuition credit.

Commuters (Adult & Youth Only)

Live close enough to drive in every day? Commuters to Epworth Forest Choir School can enjoy all the benefits of participating without the extra cost of overnight lodging and daily meals. The fee for youth and adult commuters is \$120 per person. Commuter fee with meals is \$250 per person. Application must be received by June 15, 2016.

Registering & Deposit

To reserve your place at Epworth Forest Choir School, register online or complete an application and mail it with a \$175 deposit to: EFCS Admissions P.O. Box 759, La Porte, IN 46352-0759. To receive the 2016 discount, your full tuition must be paid by May 15, 2016.

Scholarship Assistance

Scholarship assistance is available to for those in need to help off-set some of the costs to attend. Scholarship applications are available on the website under the 2016 Camp "Register Online Now" tab or from Claudia Weiler (219-362-5877 / claudiaweiler@comcast.net) or Steven Mast (574-276-5649 / masto3968@gmail.com).

EFCS Application - July 17-23, 2016

(Registration closes June 15, 2016)

Name _____ Gender M / F Birth Date ____ - ____ - ____ Age _____

Telephone _____ E-mail Address _____

Address _____ Zip code _____

Adult/Youth Voice (circle) *Soprano Alto Tenor Bass* Do you require large print music? _____

Do you play an instrument? (please list) _____ Will you play in the Instrumental Ensemble? _____

First Time at EFCS? _____ Are you a: Choir Director? ____ Accompanist? ____

Traditional (Youth/Adult) (includes meals/lodging): (\$350) (if paid in full before May 15, 2016) _____

Commuter Only: Commuter with no meals (\$120) _____

Commuter with meals: (\$250) _____

Children's Housing options:

_____ My child/children will sleep on an air mattress in *my bedroom*: \$225

_____ My child/children will sleep in *their own bed*: *\$350

**This bedroom will be in the parent's/family member's suite (application received on or before April 1, 2016)*

Any housing/meal changes made after the child's registration is received must be made in writing or accompany parent's/family member's registration

Choice of Class (Youth and Adults): 1. _____ 2. _____

List Roommate Choices (up to 3)

Note: No changes can be made upon arrival! We attempt to honor roommate choices. Should your roommate need first floor accommodations and you are of able body, adjustments may need to be made.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

I need a first floor room due to physical limitations ____ (check if applicable)

There are no elevators in the dorm.

Optional Items:

Concert CD @ \$10.00 _____ Picture CD @ \$15.00 _____ Linens @ \$12.00 _____ Golf cart donation \$ _____

You must be paid in full before May 15, 2016 in order to receive the discounted rate.

Make checks payable to Epworth Forest Choir School, P.O. Box 759, La Porte, IN 46352

After May 15, 2016, please submit \$400 with the registration form.

I will attend all sessions during the week and will abide by the rules of Epworth Forest Choir School.

Registrant's signature or signature of family member attending child (in Children's Program)

EFCS Emergency Care Permission

Physician's Name: _____ Physician's Phone: (_____) _____

**I will assume financial responsibility for expenses not covered by insurance.
(For minors only: Please provide a copy of front & back of registrant's insurance card)**

Registrant's signature _____ Printed name _____

Food/Medicine Allergies _____

Significant Medical History/Diagnoses _____

Medications (Please carry a list of your maintenance medications while in attendance)

Emergency Contact (please complete for both adults and youth):

Name of Parent/Guardian/Emergency Contact:

Home telephone: (____) _____ Cell phone: (____) _____

Work phone: (____) _____

In case of emergency, every effort will be made to contact the parent or guardian of a participating child or young adult. In addition, we will attempt to contact the emergency off campus contact for participating adults. In the event Epworth Forest Choir School cannot reach or locate the emergency contact, I understand that this completed registration serves as permission for emergency care and treatment for the person named on this registration form. I acknowledge that the participant, parent or guardian assumes financial responsibility for care. A contact name and at least one contact number is required for your application to be accepted.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Mail or electronically this completed form before June 15, 2016 to:

Epworth Forest Choir School—Admissions, P.O. Box 759, La Porte, IN 46352

or

Admissions Administration claudiaweiler@comcast.net