

*The Cumberland Singers present*  
**Merry Little Christmas**

*traditional choral music and holiday pop favorites*



**Friday, December 11, 2015, 8 PM**

Enola Emmanuel United Methodist Church  
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**Saturday, December 12, 2015, 7 PM**

Community United Methodist Church  
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**Sunday, December 13, 2015, 3 PM**

Shepherdstown United Methodist Church  
1934 South York Street, Mechanicsburg

*Directed by Alissa Plant*  
*Accompanied by Harold Plant*

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# About the Cumberland Singers

The Cumberland Singers are a non-auditioned community choir, performing each December and spring in various musical styles, including classical, popular, Broadway, jazz, folk, multi-cultural and holiday. We have been enjoying and celebrating music for over thirty years—our original 25 singers first performed on June 19, 1976.

We welcome all singers of any range and ability. The only requirements for joining us are a love of singing, ability to match pitch/carry a tune, willingness to practice and learn parts, and a time commitment to weekly rehearsals and seasonal concerts. The ability to read music is desirable but not required.

The choir rehearses for the holiday concerts from September to December and for the spring concerts from January to April. Rehearsals are on Tuesday nights from 7:00 to 9:15 PM at the Mechanicsburg Middle School.

To help cover our music, staffing and other expenses, singers pay dues at the beginning of each season and are also asked to participate in fundraising activities throughout the season.

We welcome your participation in the Cumberland Singers as a singer or volunteer. Speak with one of us today for more information, or contact us any time at [cumberlandsingers@gmail.com](mailto:cumberlandsingers@gmail.com).

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Nathan Crowther

Dave Feath

Daniel Fisher

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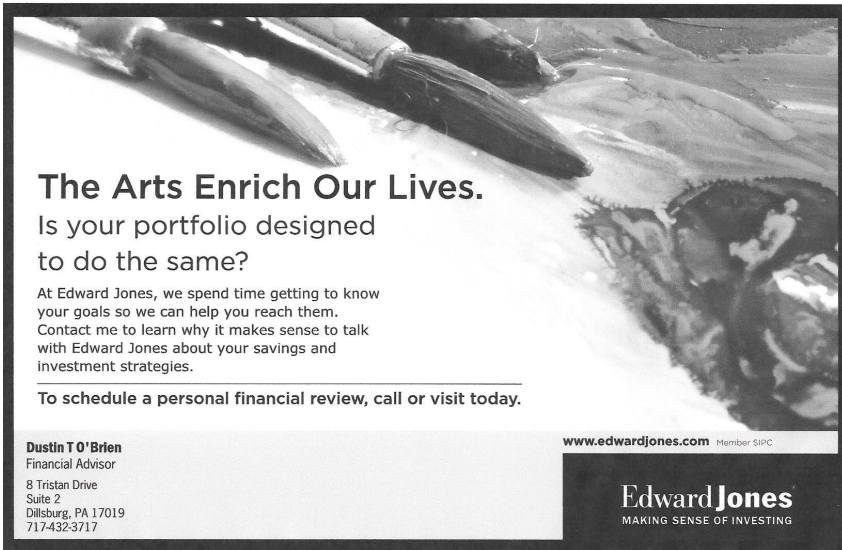
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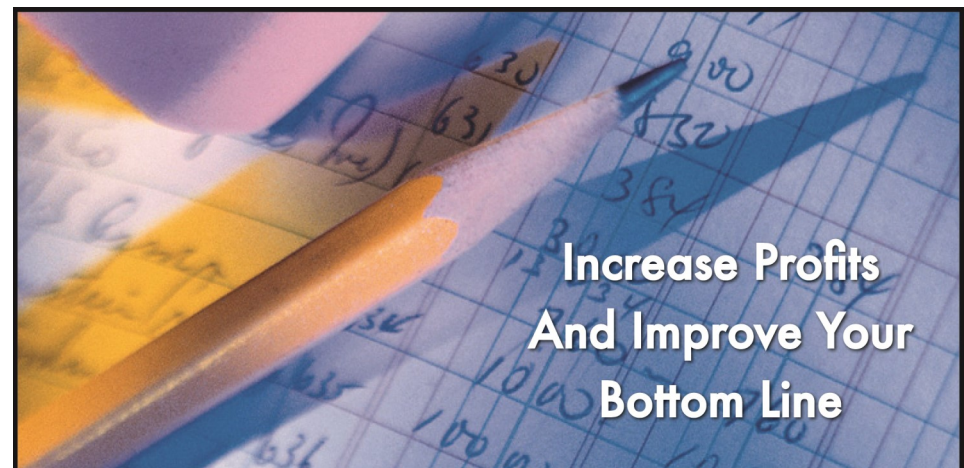
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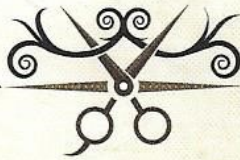
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*Here we are as in olden days, happy golden days of yore;  
Faithful friends who are dear to us gather near to us once more.*

*Through the years we all will be together, if the fates allow;  
Hang a shining star upon the highest bough...*

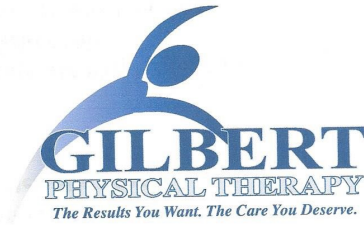
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CHRISTMAS**

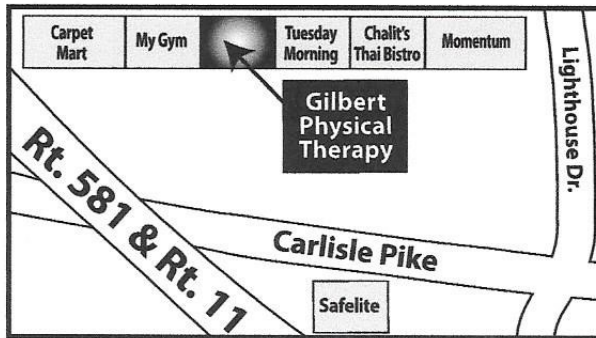
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## Director

Alissa Plant has been performing and teaching music in the Central PA area for over 18 years. She has her degree in elementary education from Messiah College, and she teaches private voice and piano lessons at her home studio in Elizabethtown. She has taught and directed singers of all ages, from young children to senior citizens.



## Accompanist

Harold (Skip) Plant has played piano, pipe organ and electronic keyboards professionally for more than forty years. He studied choral composition and vocal music at Utah State University, then pursued a career as a television producer/director with many nationally-distributed performance specials, documentaries, and series on PBS. He is a composer, arranger and performer, and his work experience includes many years as a recording studio chief engineer.



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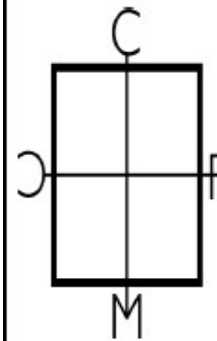
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- Join us when we sing the national anthem at the Hershey Bears hockey game on Saturday, March 26, 2016, at 7 PM. Please order your tickets through the Cumberland Singers to help us raise money for choir expenses. Thank you for your support!
- Interested in singing with us? Join us on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, at 7 PM, at the Mechanicsburg Middle School for our first spring season rehearsal.
- Hope to see you in our audience for our spring concerts, entitled *What's in a Name?* Concert dates are April 5<sup>o</sup> , 5<sup>1</sup>, and you can find times and locations at our website, [cumberlandsingers.org](http://cumberlandsingers.org).



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The advertisement features a large, detailed sculpture of a dove in flight, holding an olive branch. The dove is made of cut metal and is set against a light, textured background. The text is arranged to the right of the dove, with the word 'Gifts' in a large, elegant script font. Below the dove, there is a small pile of leaves. The overall tone is peaceful and meaningful.



# Program

*The second half of our program consists of traditional and fun holiday music. Enjoy!*

**White Christmas**.....Irving Berlin  
Arranged by Hector MacCarthy

**Carol of the Bells**.....Traditional  
Words and Arrangement by Kirby Shaw  
Ensemble: Amy Braun, LaDonna Tarpley, Roxann Todt, Sharon Heiner, Tina Moyer, Patrice Thompson, Bob Fake, Tom Longenecker, Ron Flory, Don Coldren, Nate Crowther, Steve Keefer, James Thompson

**Jolly Old Saint Nicholas**.....Traditional  
Arranged by Michael Wolniakowski

**Jazzy Jingle Bells**.....J. Pierpont  
Arranged by Teena Chinn

**Home on the Range**.....Traditional  
Arr. Mark Hayes

*This piece is dedicated to our dear friend Terry Shope. He always loved this piece, and singers and audience alike always enjoyed his solo in the middle, which is sung today by the whole men's section. We will always have fond memories of Terry!*

**A Musicological Journey Through the Twelve Days of Christmas**  
Craig Courtney

**Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas**  
Arranged by Mark Hayes                      Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane  
Solo: Ron Flory

***Thank you for attending our concert. Please join us afterwards for a reception. And please support our generous sponsors!***



The Cumberland Singers fondly dedicate this holiday concert, especially *Home on the Range*, to Terry Shope, who passed away recently. He was a beloved bass singer and friend. We will miss his joyful personality and beautiful singing voice!



## Program

***Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light***.....Johann Sebastian Bach

Edited by Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

*This hymn for the Epiphany season is made so beautiful by its interesting harmonies—listen for the inner parts.*

***Ave Maria***.....Franz Biebl

Trio: Amber Shearer, Kim Hollich, Steve Keefer

Solos: Steve Keefer

*This piece was originally written for men's voices; its most well-known version is sung by the men's ensemble Chanticleer. Biebl later arranged the Ave Maria for women's and mixed voices, making it accessible to choirs of all voicings. Listen for the interaction between the two choirs of voices.*

Translation:

Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariae—The angel of The Lord visited Maria  
et concepit de Spiritu sancto—and she conceived of the Holy Spirit  
Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum—Hail Mary, Full of grace, the Lord is with  
you  
Benedicta tu in mulieribus—Blessed are you among women  
Et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus, Jesus—and blessed is the fruit of your womb,  
Jesus, Jesus  
Maria dixit: Ecce ancilla Domini—Maria said: See the servant of the Lord  
Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum—May it happen to me according to your word  
Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum—Hail Mary, Full of grace, the Lord is with  
you  
Benedicta tu in mulieribus—Blessed are you among women  
Et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus, Jesus—and blessed is the fruit of your womb,  
Jesus, Jesus  
Et Verbum caro factum est—And the Word became flesh  
et habitavit in nobis—and lived among us  
Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum—Hail Mary, Full of grace, the Lord is with  
you  
Benedicta tu in mulieribus—Blessed are you among women  
Et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus, Jesus—and blessed is the fruit of your womb,  
Jesus, Jesus  
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus—Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners  
Sancta Maria, ora pro nobis, nunc et in hora mortis nostrae—Holy Mary, pray for us  
now and in the hour of our death  
Amen. Amen. Amen.

## Program

***So Blest a Sight***.....Traditional English Carol

Arranged by Alice Parker

Solo: Amber Shearer

*Alice Parker, renowned American composer, was born in Boston, MA, in 1925. She began composing as a child and wrote her first orchestral score while she was still in high school!*

***Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow***.....Traditional

Arranged by Jeff Funk

*Enjoy this traditional gospel-style piece sung by the men of the choir.*

***Huron Carol***.....Traditional

Arranged by Edward Henderson

*Here is a different rendering of the traditional Christmas story; listen carefully to the words.*

***The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy***.....Traditional Trinidad Carol

Arranged by Stephen Hatfield

Angels: Amy Braun, Roxann Todt, LaDonna Tarpley, Tina Moyer,  
Sharon Heiner, Patrice Thompson

Solos: Anmarie Jezorski, Trevaesa Fisher, Kim Hollich, Jenna  
Raniowski, Janée Robinson, Amber Shearer, Laura Huggins, Steph  
Hoot

*Another gospel-style Christmas story, this one with Trinidadian roots.*

***I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day***.....Johnny Marks

Words by Hendry Wadsworth Longfellow

Arranged by Lloyd Larson

*While injustice and violence seem to plague our world, this gorgeous piece calls for hope. Notice the text painting—consonance versus dissonance according to the words.*

***Intermission***