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8:00 PM

Enola Emmanuel United Methodist Church

Saturday, December 14, 2013

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Sunday, December 15, 2013

3:00 PM

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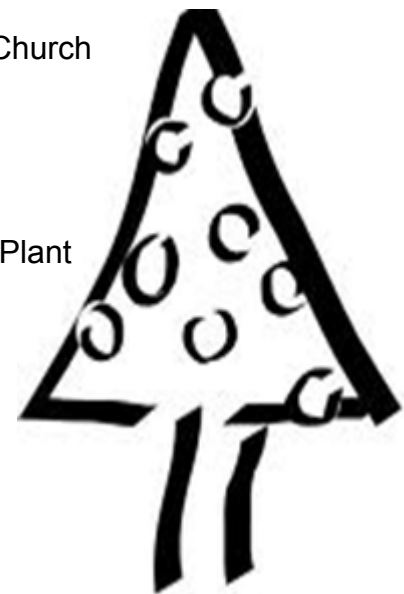
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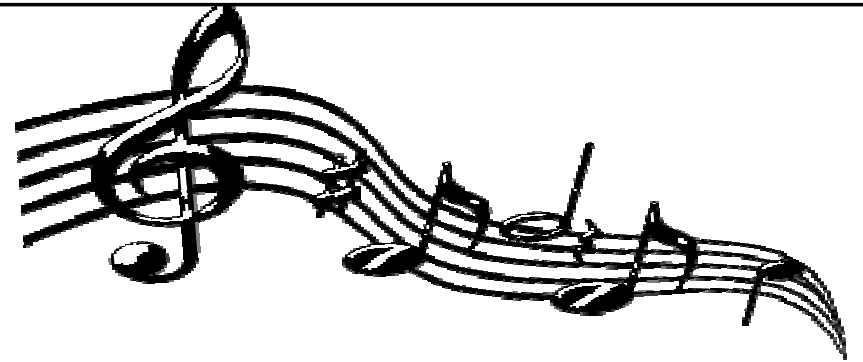
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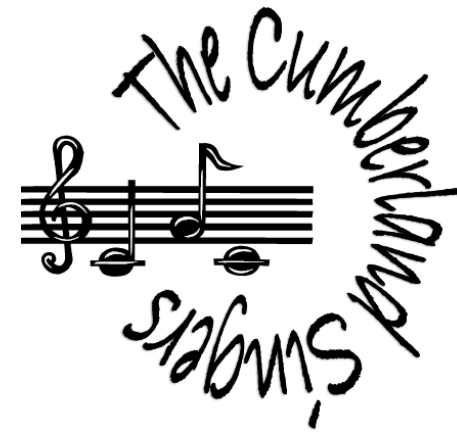
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Director

Alissa Plant has been performing and teaching music in the Central PA area for over 16 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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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.

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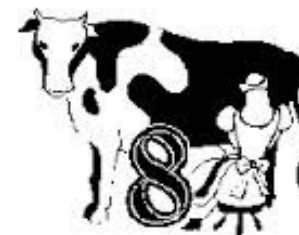
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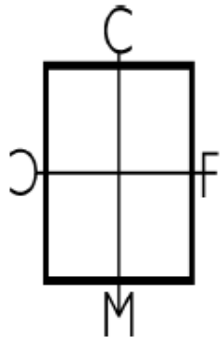
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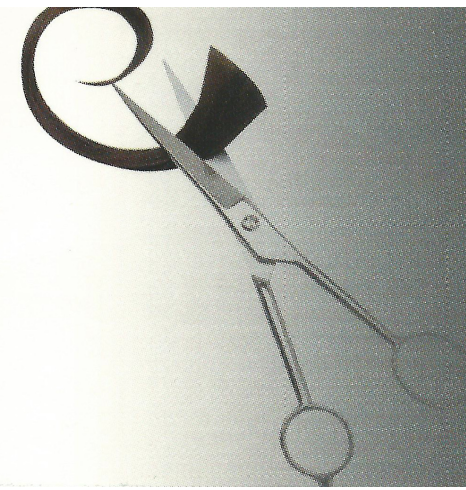
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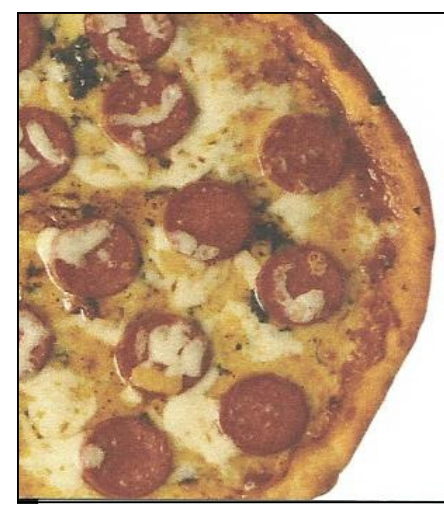
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Come in from the Firefly Darkness.....Amy F. Bernon
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Welcome friends! Welcome fun! Welcome singing!

1 Partridge in a Pear Tree

Forget the partridge and the pears, but we'll sing about the tree in this sweet song inspired by an by e. e. cummings poem.

Little Tree.....Sally Albrecht and Jay Althouse

2 Turtle Doves

A lovely folk song with words of true love.

The Turtle Dove.....arr. John Purifoy

3 French Hens

We're going with the *French* part of this one, and singing a traditional French carol with words by William Morris.

Masters in This Hall.....arr. Mark Hayes

4 Calling Birds

Originally, the calling birds were actually colly birds, or blackbirds, thus the choice of this popular song.

Blackbird.....John Lennon and Paul McCartney, arr. Audrey Snyder
Ensemble: Amy Braun, Steph Hoot, Amber Shearer

5 Gold Rings

We can't afford expensive jewelry, but we can do five—a song using the 5/4 time signature, that is.

We Three Kings.....John Hopkins, arr. Russell Robinson

~Intermission~

6 Geese a-Laying

What a gorgeous poem by Rachel Field, describing the onset of winter weather and migration of the geese.

Something Told the Wild Geese.....Sherri Porterfield

Program

7 Swans a-Swimming

A somber message about wisdom and lack thereof in a poem by Orlando Gibbons.

The Silver Swan.....Greg Gilpin

8 Maids a-Milking

We'll sing about the maids, actually just one maid, in this English folk song.

Early One Morning.....arr. Edward Higginbottom

Solos: Jonathan Evans, LaDonna Tarpley

Ensemble: Laura Huggins, LaDonna Tarpley, Roxann Todt

9 Ladies Dancing

Did someone say dance?

Let's Face the Music and Dance.....Irving Berlin, arr. Kirby Shaw

10 Ships a-Sailing

As it turns out, the song *The Twelve Days of Christmas* has several sets of alternate lyrics. So, instead of Lords a-Leaping, we're singing about ships. Only three, but who's counting?

I Saw Three Ships.....arr. Russell Robinson

11 Pipers Piping

Using poetry by William Blake, the composer uses musical styles to represent three themes—childhood energy, the piper, and the flute.

The Joyful Piper.....Nicholas McKaig

12 Drummers Drumming

Another French carol sung in English.

Tu-re-lu-re-lu, pat-a-pat-a-pan!

Pat-A-Pan.....arr. Earlene Rentz

The Lord Bless You and Keep You.....John Rutter

Thank you for attending our concert. Please join us after the performance for a reception.

