



Notable News



Newsletter of the
**Mennonite
Children's Choir
of Lancaster**



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Choral Fest at Rosedale Bible College

Chamber Choir spent a weekend in April at Rosedale Bible College in Plain City, Ohio with highschool choirs from Delaware, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Alabama, and Iowa. Conrad Weber, guest conductor from Atmore, Alabama directed the festival. Reflections from several MCCL singers help capture the weekend:

Choral Fest provided opportunity for growth spiritually and musically. I noticed God in the people, the atmosphere, and the music we sang. Being around peers who were taking time out of their lives to come together and praise God was inspiring. Musically, I became more confident singing my part. Choral Fest is something I will remember.

- Micah Wenger

Going to Rosedale Bible College was an experience unlike any other choir festival in which I have participated. I had the privilege of meeting singers from different parts of the country with varied musical backgrounds. I grew in musical leadership through helping lead my section in mass chorus. I appreciate the privilege that I have to be in such a high caliber choir as MCCL. I had an amazing experience and I hope others are able to do the same in future years.

- Sarah Nolt

Choral Fest gave space for reflection, new realization, and refocusing. I appreciated the way Mr. Weber connected song lyrics to daily living and our faith journey. Musically, the growth from our first practice to our concert was huge. We realized that although we each had different levels of experience and professionalism, when we combined our voices, we were stronger together than as separate choirs. The choir festival was also a good time to get to know other MCCL members. Our reflection time on the bus brought it all together as we were able to hear what each other learned from the festival. The weekend inspired me to grow both musically and spiritually.

- Abby King

Choral Fest is held every other year and is hosted by Rosedale Bible College. The mass choir this year consisted of approximately 130 singers from six states.



Chamber Choir with mass choir at Choral Fest

Looking Back

Local Tour Days

Carol Choir shared in song at:

- Hinkletown Mennonite School
- Fairmount Homes Retirement Communities
- 10,000 Villages

Concert and Chamber Choirs shared in song at:

- Water Street Mission
- Calvary Homes
- Faith Mennonite High School

Local tour days provide opportunity for serving the local community, increasing confidence in singing, and broadening awareness about MCCL.



Meredith Shoff and Vincent Pagano at 10,000 Villages

Prelude Music and Choristers

Singers presented an end-of-semester sharing time for parents in the fall and spring as well as sang one song with the performing choirs at the spring concert at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Prelude Music and Choristers are non-auditioned classes.



Prelude Music during their Sharing Time

Mountville Lawn Concert Series

Carol, Concert, and Chamber choirs sang at an outdoor lawn concert at Mountville Church of the Brethren.



Guest Artist in Fall 2018: Philadelphia Bronze

Philadelphia Bronze, an advanced auditioned handbell ensemble, participated in joint rehearsals and shared in concerts with MCCL. Director Hyosang Park introduced MCCL singers to professional bell ringing through an engaging hands-on presentation.



Philadelphia Bronze in concert with MCCL

Looking Ahead

Sherrie Strange Pratt, New York soprano, will be guest artist for Christmas Concert Series 2019.



Sherrie Strange Pratt

MCCL staff will develop newly acquired office space at Blossom Hill Mennonite Church.

Carol, Concert, and Chamber choirs will sing in two different concert series: Lancaster Church of the Brethren Starlight Tea Concert Series and Derry Presbyterian Arts Alive! Concert Series.

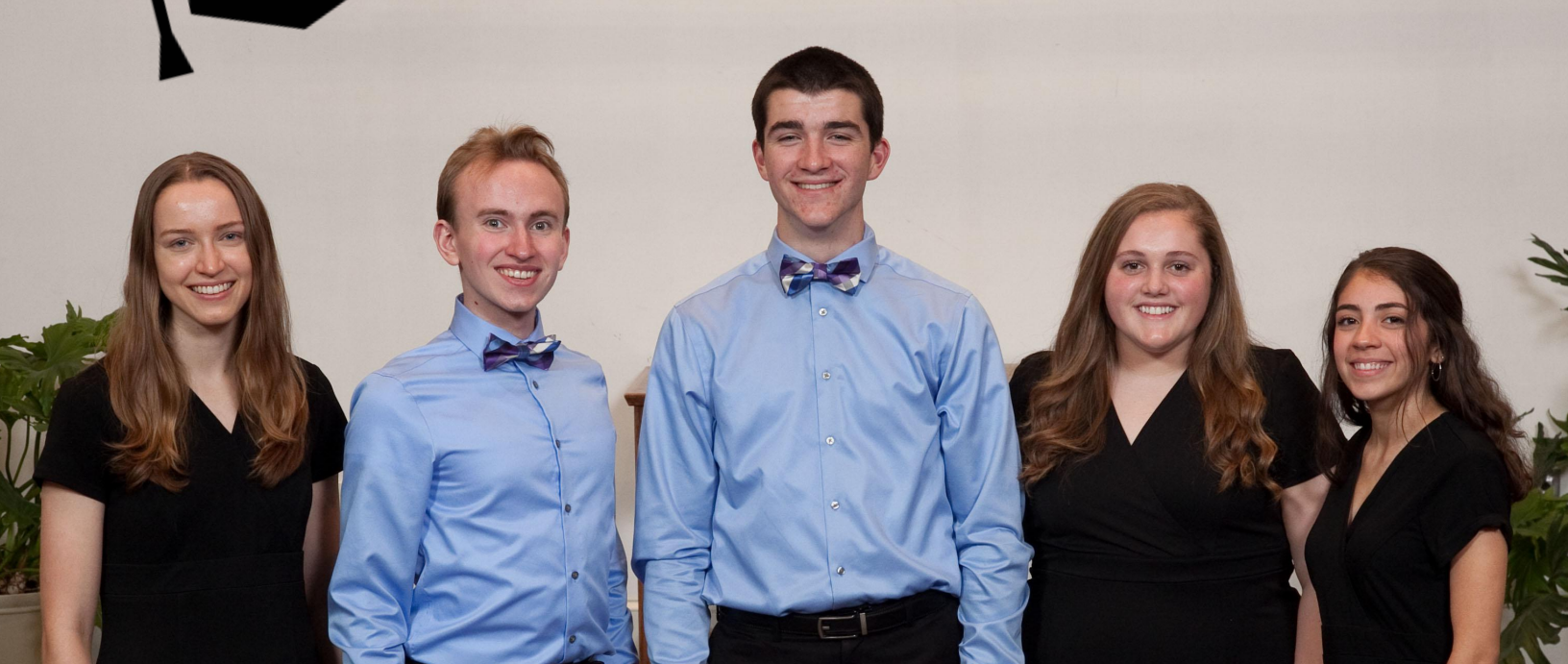
Men's Ensemble will sing at a county-wide men's chorus festival.

Concert Choir will perform at Festival of Voices, a component of Music for Everyone.

Concert and Chamber choirs will tour southern states.



Celebrating Graduates



Kayley Eshleman, Dawson Freeman, Josiah Heisey, Madeline Kachel, Camelié Vazquez

MCCL graduates were recognized at the final concert of the spring season. Graduates received copies of *Sing the Journey* and *Sing the Story* songbooks. Together, the graduates represent 42 years of musical growth through the MCCL program!

Kayley Eshelman

Years in choir: Two and one-half
Church: Groffdale Mennonite
School: Ephrata
Future plans: Vida220 Discipleship School in Costa Rica

MCCL memory: Tour to Michigan and building relationships with MCCL singers

Dawson Freeman

Years in choir: Ten
Church: Manheim Brethren in Christ
School: Homeschool
Future plans: Major in mathematics at Millersville University

MCCL memory: Singing with Casting Crowns at the Giant Center in Hershey, PA; favorite song is *Hope for Resolution*

Josiah Heisey

Years in choir: Eleven
Church: Chiques Church of the Brethren
School: Manheim Central
Future plans: Work at Messicks Farm Equipment in the parts department

MCCL memory: Coach buses broke down on tour and half the singers came rushing into the church just when we were about to begin the concert

Madeline Kachel

Years in choir: Eight
Church: Witmer Heights Mennonite Church
School: Conestoga Valley
Future plans: Major in Occupational Therapy at Elizabethtown College where I will also play field hockey

MCCL memory: Singing at Mennonite World conference in Harrisburg, PA

Camelié Vazquez

Years in choir: Ten and one-half
Church: Blossom Hill Mennonite
School: Lancaster Mennonite
Future plans: Major in sociology at Millersville University

MCCL memory: Indonesia 2018 tour



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Upcoming Events

Christmas Concert Series

Thursday, December 5 at 7 p.m.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Lancaster

Saturday, December 7 at 4 p.m.

Forest Hills Mennonite Church, Leola

Sunday, December 8 at 4 p.m.

Highland Presbyterian Church, Lancaster

MCCL singers represent ...

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congregations

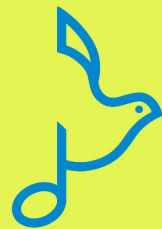
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schools

homeschool counted
as one entity

13

denominations



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