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Hymns**

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A Celebration
Of Hymns

Sunday, May 6, 2018
3:00 PM

**First United Methodist
Church**

**629 Kansas City St.
Rapid City, SD 57701**

A Celebration of Hymns

This concert will celebrate hymns by incorporating audience singing, brass ensemble, string ensemble, choirs, and several well-known organists in the area. Come and join in the fun as we sing with delight some of the wonderful beloved hymns with a rich assembly of singers and instrumentalists.

We will also take up a collection for the needs of
Cornerstone Rescue Mission.

A farewell reception with refreshments for long time Rapid City musician, Dr. James Feiszli, will follow. There will also be an opportunity to bid on items for the NPM Silent Auction.

Questions? Call Jackie Schnittgrund 390-7748

Directors Letter

Dear NPM Members,

We are excited about our upcoming NPM event on May 6. Our chapter is joining forces **with First United Methodist Church** in sponsoring "A Celebration of Hymns" to be held **at First United Methodist Church, 629 Kansas City St.** in Rapid City on Sunday, May 6 at 3PM. During the concert, you will have an opportunity to sing along with local singers in harmony as we present several hymns. A number of organists from the area's churches will be accompanying these hymns and at times will be joined by brass and strings. There will also be an opportunity to give a free will offering to the Cornerstone Rescue Mission. The NPM Choir will lead the singing on a couple of concertatos. **If you would like to be a part of that choir, come to Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church on Thursday, May 3 at 7PM to rehearse. We will have folders of music available for you at that time; however, if you can't be a part of the NPM choir, please don't let that deter you from attending the concert on Sunday.** The audience will be given many opportunities to join in the fun of singing great hymns. In addition, items for the NPM Silent Auction to be held in October will be available for bids. If this effort to celebrate hymns proves successful, we are hoping to make it a regular event. Should be fun! No need to pre-register. Just come! **A farewell reception for Dr. James Feiszli will follow.**

Please reserve the following date on your calendars: Fall NPM meeting and Awards Luncheon: Oct. 6. At that time, we will be hosting Dr. Tom Porter from Bismarck, ND at our St. Cecilia meeting and luncheon at Blessed Sacrament Church in Rapid City. Tom has presented several times to our NPM chapter and has always been well received. In addition, he conducted our Choir Festival in 2006. His focus will be related to working with music ministry in rural areas as well as parishes with limited resources. Tom has composed some marvelous songs. During one of his sessions, he will present a reading session of his and others compositions that you'll be able to take home with you. FREE MUSIC. There will be more information on that at a future date.

Carman Timmerman
Jackie Schnittgrund
Co-Directors, Rapid City NPM Chapter

National Pastoral Musicians Spring Meeting — “Like a Mini-Retreat in the Midst of Lent”

For its Spring Meeting, the Rapid City Chapter of NPM met on March 3, 2018 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

To start the day off, Fr. Mark McCormick guided us through a “Prayer Encounter of Hearing and Seeing the Word of God” in an activity known as Visio Divina. Visio Divina involves observing and experiencing an image (in this case, three art images) in order to come closer to God as we consider these artistic examples.

Through the generosity of GIA, we were able to distribute packets of free anthems that members were given to take back to their parishes. Jeanine Gerlach (Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help) led us in a reading session of these anthems.

Midway through the day, Deacon Greg Palmer (Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help) and his wife Denise prepared a delectable lunch for us. We sampled a tasty soup, a colorful vegetable tray and a sweet chocolate mousse.

After lunch, we listened to Julie Gray, our Sage on Stage, relate how she became involved in liturgical music. She told us about her experience as a musical “guide” for St. Rose of Lima Parish in Hill City, referring to their parish musicians as “leaders of musical prayer.”

Our last segment of the day gave us another opportunity to sing as Lorraine Ptacek (Our Lady of the Black Hills) demonstrated “Conducting from the Keyboard.” She showed us assorted techniques for leading varied group sizes and instruments.

The next Rapid City Chapter NPM gathering will be at 3:00 PM on Sunday, May 6, **2018 First United Methodist Church in Rapid City**. This event will be a “Celebration of Hymns” presented jointly by **First United Methodist Church in Rapid City** and the Rapid City Chapter of National Pastoral Musicians. This program, open to the public, will feature organ solos, instrumental quartets, as well as choir and communal singing followed by refreshments. During the program, a free will offering will be collected to benefit the Cornerstone Rescue Mission. Additionally, our NPM Chapter will display silent auction items that may be bid on starting May 6th with bidding concluding at the October 6, 2018 Fall NPM Meeting.

The NPM Fall Meeting and Awards Luncheon will be on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at Blessed Sacrament Church in Rapid City. Dr. Tom Porter, Professor of Music and Chair of the Department of Music at the University of Mary, will be our featured presenter. In addition to his teaching, he directs the Bismarck-Mandan Civic Chorus and the Dakota Chamber Chorale. Dr. Porter is also a composer, among his compositions being "Let Us Be Bread," "We Remember, We Believe," and "By My Side."

We encourage all Rapid City Diocese music ministers and clergy to attend quarterly NPM meetings at which education, prayer and fellowship are the focal points. For more information about the Rapid City Chapter of National Pastoral Musicians, go to our website (www.npmrc.org) or Facebook page ([www.facebook.com /NPMRapidCityChapter](https://www.facebook.com/NPMRapidCityChapter)).

Social Media Update – April 2018
Carman Timmerman, Co-director Rapid City Chapter

Greetings! This is the third social media update to appear in our Rapid City Chapter Newsletter.

Chapter Website (www.npmrc.org) – Click on the PICTURES link in the Rapid City Chapter website for photos of our March 3, 2018 Spring Meeting at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Rapid City. You may also read past issues of our chapter newsletters in the NEWSLETTERS link.

Facebook (National Association of Pastoral Musicians Rapid City Chapter) – You may find photos from our most recent meeting on our chapter Facebook page.

Second Annual NPM Silent Auction – In the near future, you will start to see postings of our Second Annual NPM Silent Auction offerings on our Facebook page—watch this space!



2018 SPRING MEETING EVALUATION RESULTS
Saturday, March 3, 2018
Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Rapid City, SD

1. Opening Prayer: Average – 14%, Very Good – 43%, Excellent – 43%

2. “Prayer Encounter of Hearing and Seeing the Word of God: Visio Divina,”
Fr. Mark McCormick: Average – 14%, Excellent – 86%

3. “Reading Session with GIA Music Packets,” Jeanine Gerlach:
 Average – 29%, Very Good – 29%, Excellent – 42%

4. Lunch: Very Good – 14%, Excellent – 86%

5. “Sage on Stage,” Julie Gray: Very Good – 29%, Excellent – 71%

6. “Conducting from the Keyboard,” Lorraine Ptacek: Excellent – 100%

7. Closing Prayer: Very Good – 17%, Excellent – 83%

8. Overall Rating: Very Good – 43%, Excellent – 57%

Comments about today’s meeting:

- [Julie Gray] You did very well!
- Very good presentation!
- [Fr. Mark McCormick] Really got a lot from his presentation.
- Good presentations. Good to have our priests teach us.
- Like a mini retreat in the midst of Lent.



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Accompanist Wanted

An accompanist is needed for the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church. This individual would accompany the choir at rehearsals Tuesdays at 5:30 PM and 11:00 AM Sunday masses plus Christmas and Easter. This would begin in August. If interested, call Terry Schroeder for more information at 341-1143.



ATTENTION ALL:
SPECIAL OFFER ON SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS

A challenge has been extended to all parishes for the NPM Silent Auction. Each parish is encouraged to submit an item for the auction that will culminate at our Oct. 6 St. Cecilia luncheon and awards ceremony featuring Dr. Tom Porter as our guest speaker. We are encouraging each parish to submit a photo of their item(s) for the auction BEFORE May 6 if at all possible. On May 6, we're having The Celebration of Hymns at **First United Methodist Church** in Rapid City. That means there will be several people in attendance from many different faiths. What a great opportunity to get more bids. If you submit your donations prior to May 6, we can either have them displayed or a photo of the donation for all to bid on. Now here's the deal. My choir, Chorus Angelorum, is submitting canned goods...jellies, pickles, etc. in baskets. Our singers are known as great cooks. We REALLY think our donations will rake in the dough! Our challenge to all of the other parishes in the diocese is to try and beat the money that we raise for our contributions. The highest money received from a choir, person, or parish in the case of smaller communities, will receive a \$20 gift certificate to Minerva's restaurant in Rapid City. The parish **priest** who contributes the largest donation will receive a \$20 gift certificate as well. Please encourage all to donate. The challenge is on!!! Please submit all contributions and photos to Marlene Biegler (napa_212@yahoo.com) and Margaret Lindskov (gmalindskov@yahoo.com).

