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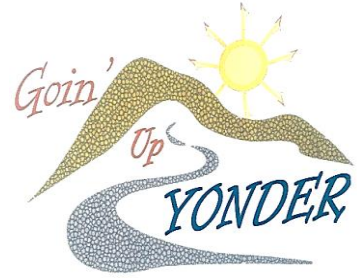
CHARLES WESLEY SINGERS

ON TOUR: WV, KY, TN

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"Your singing was beautiful. It touched my heart. It seemed like an angels' chorus in our midst.

Village on the Isle resident, Venice, FL (2018)

"We so appreciate your sharing your musical gifts with us...people are still talking about your awesome music!"

Bath, ME (2017)

"The talent that your young people have and the depth of difficulty of the music is unbelievable. The commitment of all the youth and the adults and the music presented show a deep reverence to God."

Midland, MI (2016)

"I want to tell you how much I enjoyed your program. It was a glorious presentation and you can bring back your organist anytime!"

Morehead City, NC (2015)

The Charles Wesley Singers youth choir of Damascus United Methodist Church, Damascus, MD, is touring West Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee from June 17 - 23, 2019, sharing *Goin' Up Yonder*, a sacred concert featuring Walter Hawkins' Gospel anthem *Goin' Up Yonder* and other music about heaven and the Promised Land including *The Kentucky Psalms* by Alice Parker and sacred anthems. The group is under the direction of Polly Baldrige, Damascus UMC's Minister of Music and Worship Arts, with organist Stephen Kalnoske.



Polly Baldrige has led the music program at Damascus UMC for more than 15 years. She also sings professionally and teaches voice privately. Stephen Kalnoske, Damascus UMC's organist, is in demand for recital and concert work and has won several organ improvisation competitions.



The Charles Wesley Singers is comprised of 50+ singers, ages 6th to 12th grade, that sing and lead in worship every Sunday morning at 8:15. Rehearsing once a week, they share all styles of music in four-part harmony, including works by master composers, contemporary Christian selections, Gospel and Spirituals, and traditional sacred favorites. The Charles Wesley Singers welcome back alumni for touring and have toured throughout the United States and abroad. Recent tours have included Florida, New England, Ohio and Michigan, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Canada, Texas, and

Colorado. Music featured over the last years includes Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*, Mendelssohn's *Hear My Prayer*, Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb*, Rutter's *Magnificat*, and Ray's *Gospel Mass*. While on tour, the Charles Wesley Singers bear witness to the love of God in music and outreach, sharing in churches, cathedrals, nursing homes, and other venues.



Charles Wesley Singers – Damascus United Methodist Church

Concert Schedule TBA