

QUARTER NOTES

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ONE VOICE

By Jeffrey Faux, President Florida FUMMWA



Jeff Faux

It was a week that brought together people with countless differences. There were Methodists, Presbyterians, Lutherans, Episcopalians, singers, instrumentalists, bell ringers, choir members, choir directors, organists, teachers, people who have attended Workshop for decades, and those for whom it was their first time. Beyond these differences, we all had diverse musical experiences, varied life stories and opinions, and vastly different ways of worshipping. There were students barely in their teens and adults over 80 – yet when we sang together; when we worshiped together, we were as one voice in glorious praise to our God!

In a culture where our differences seem to define us, it is our union in the knowledge that Christ died to save us that rejuvenates and motivates us as we come together each year. What a glorious witness to the truth of the Gospel; Christ died for us all. Let us worship and rejoice! If you are not sure that people can unify under a common belief, then you need to experience what we experienced at the 2017 Florida Fellowship Workshop!

The Spirit of God was clearly present in worship, and in our daily work. Classes were thought-

provoking and exciting, rehearsals were stimulating and challenging. We had the opportunity to work with gifted and spirit filled teachers, and the chance to learn from each other. No one could have left our week together without being uplifted and renewed. It was truly a thrilling week and the consummate definition of fellowship.

The week does not happen by itself. Incredible commitment by our Workshop Design Team led by Cindy Huffman made for a week that ran like a well-oiled machine! There are so many people who work together to bring this Workshop to you. To all of you who had some part in it, I say, “THANK-YOU!” The kingdom of Christ is growing stronger because of your work. Thank you for your effort, your humility, and the spirit-filled way in which you worked.

As I look back at the great success of Workshop 2017, plans are already taking shape for June, 2018! I encourage you to be a part of it. Not only should you plan now to attend, but you should prayerfully consider how you can be a part of the process. It is exciting work to watch all of the pieces come together. To be a part of the Workshop Design Team is thrilling work! And worth it when you know you are part of something that bears such fruit for the kingdom. If you are interested in helping with next year’s workshop week, or have questions about attending, let me know. I would love to share with you how important your contribution can be. Be careful – my JOY about the Florida FUMMWA Fellowship is contagious!

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Our FAVORITE Parts of the Week

(extracted from the evaluations)

- ◆ Instrumental ensemble because it was inter-generational and fun
- ◆ Fellowship and renewal of spirit.
- ◆ Worship was excellent – layout, variety, theme
- ◆ Organ seminars were very good.
- ◆ Rick Holdsworth relates well to ringers of all levels.
- ◆ I learned something from ALL the classes.
- ◆ Heather Sorenson was amazing. What a great way to start the week!
- ◆ Tech classes—very informative and helpful.
- ◆ Evening fellowship (games) – chance to get to know others.

- ◆ Use of the Isaiah scripture throughout the week.

- ◆ Jeff Faux was informative, helpful, spiritual and accessible.

- ◆ The wonderful bulletin covers and banners – wonderful and unique.



- ◆ I enjoyed the challenging music!

- ◆ Beth Gibbs brought out musical moments that I didn't even know were there.

- ◆ Having "Voices of Praise" again.

- ◆ Conducting Seminars provided best info and ideas on how to improve in the areas I felt weakest

- ◆ I appreciated the unity around the theme

- ◆ It was good to have a musician as the preacher.

- ◆ It didn't matter what seminar or class – I always learned something new.

- ◆ Food was great, and an excellent time to socialize with new people.

- ◆ Great roundtable discussion!

- ◆ The closing program that showed how much everyone had learned during the week.

- ◆ EVERYTHING!





Dr. Beth Gibbs
Adult Choral



Dr. Andrew Minear
Youth Choral



Rick Holdsworth
Handbells



Rev. Dr. Jack Alwood
Workshop Pastor



**Final
Concert
Joint
Choirs**



**Youth
Group**

That's a Wrap!



Cindy Huffman
Workshop Chair

Another Music Workshop and another opportunity to learn and be inspired as we lead in music and worship in our home churches is complete. There were several who attended for the first time. It is the hope of the Design Team that you found that you could go home “in JOY”, ready to prepare for another year leading worship and

music at your home church.

The week started with the opening concert at Morrison United Methodist Church featuring Heather Sorenson, composer, singer, worship leader. Heather shared inspirations for her writings and her growth as a leader in music and worship.

Dr Beth Gibbs lead the adults with energy and exuberance, showing us ways to make the music come alive. In only four days of rehearsal, she helped us perfect the music selections, even the ones that at the beginning of the week seemed impossible.

The youth worked with Dr Andrew Minear, and we were so impressed with their sound at the closing Concert on Friday! The music lessons he taught them will stay with them for years to

come. The combined piece with youth and adults, “Hope for Resolution” by Caldwell/Ivory, was inspiring as we sang an ancient chant combined with a Zulu song, sung in Zulu! It was a fitting way to end our week together, singing of God’s love for all His children.

Rick Holdsworth, directing both the Advanced and the Intermediate Handbell groups, shared two of his own compositions that have not yet been published. As a member of the Florida Chapter, he is always an asset to the Workshop. This year he had a class for beginners who had never rung before. By the end of the week, he had them ringing full works and sending them home to share their new skills with their home churches!

The Rev. Jack Alwood (Rev. Dr. Robert Jackson Alwood) served as worship pastor for the week. Pastor Jack is a retired Presbyterian pastor and sings in the Northwood Presbyterian Church choir. We enjoyed his messages and we enjoyed having him singing and learning musically right along with us.

Bryant Manning was the Youth Pastor for the week, providing spiritual leadership for the youth.

Workshop 2017 Team

Workshop Chair – Cindy Huffman

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Joshua Klatt

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Christian Faux

Carissa Johnston

Nathaniel Lambert

Logan Moorhead

Taylor Strickland

Robert Wood

Seminar Leaders (other than Clinicians)

All Youth Team

Russ and Tracey Birch

Jeff Faux

Tom Huffman

Joshua Klatt

Instrumental Ensemble Conductor – Bryan Browning

Evening Fellowship– Tracey Birch

From A Youthful Perspective



Without a doubt, some of my best days have been had, best memories have been created, and best friends in my life have been made at The Florida FUMMWA Church Music Summer Workshop, commonly referred to by we youth as Music Camp. Music Camp has helped me to significantly develop my musical abilities, friendships, and my faith. Music Camp is all about creating new friendships, reconnecting with friends from previous years, and growing closer to God with these friends.

The best part about Music Camp is how comfortable everyone becomes with each other, which creates a fun and relaxed atmosphere throughout the whole week. That type of atmosphere allows everyone to get outside of their comfort zone and try new things without having to worry about what everyone else might think.

I can safely say that one of everyone's favorite parts of camp is seeing fresh faces every year, and this year was no exception. The numerous friends that I have made throughout my years attending Music Camp have really and truly become my second family, so I am always excited to see new campers come to be a part of this amazing group of youth.

Logan Moorhead

7-years of Music Camp attendance

2017 Youth Team Member

Attending: The University of North Georgia.

It's always difficult to describe this camp to anyone who hasn't been there. It's just as difficult to remember the entire acronym of FUMMWA, so most campers and Youth Team just refer to this incredible week as Music Camp.

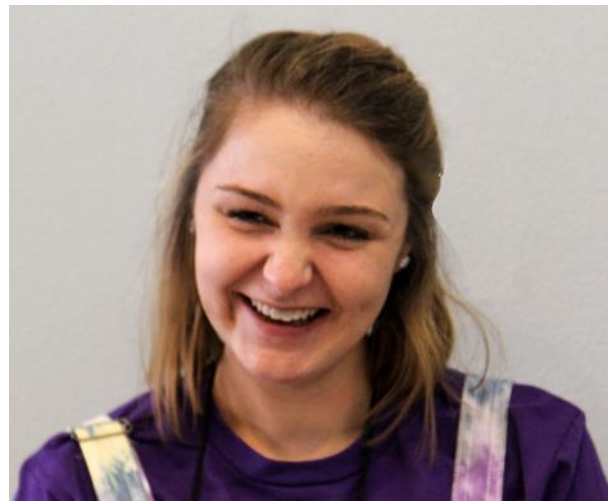
To fully understand the impact this camp has on the campers and counselors, you can't just read about it, you need to see the way in which the youth talk about this one week throughout the year. You need to see the "Days Until Music Camp" countdowns they post on their social media, then to see the long-awaited reunions of friendships when we actually arrive. But most importantly, you need to see the transformations these campers go through as the week goes by. I think that is by far my favorite aspect of this camp.

I love watching the campers grow and learn through music, the arts, and worshipping God. What's so special about this time of growth and learning? The campers grow together. They form lifelong friendships that can stand the test of time as well as distance. I believe these kids get so much more out of this one week of camp than they ever bargain for when they unload from the church van – but on that same note, so do the members of Youth Team.

As a returning member of the Youth Team, each year I am astounded at the amount I actually learn from the campers. There's just something eye-opening and profound about the simpler observations the youth have of the Word and teachings of Jesus. It reminds me to be open to learning at any age, and that you can be a leader and teacher at any age as well. For these reasons, and many more, Music Camp will always be a week I look forward to, and something I pray continues for years to come!

Taylor Strickland

2017 Youth Team Member



"Make New Friends..."



Karen Forrester
Membership Chair

As I write this article, I keep thinking about the great memories from Workshop 2017. The round we used to sing in Girl Scouts comes to mind:

"Make New Friends,
but Keep the Old,
One is Silver
and the other Gold."

As our church van got closer and closer to the Life Enrichment Center in Fruitland Park, I was SO excited about getting to see friends that I had connected with through the years at Workshop. Throughout the week, it was so awesome to catch up with my "old" friends, but meet "new" people from different churches, and hear how they are part of their church music ministry. Each new person brought a different talent and fresh perspective to the group.

When I got back on the van to go home, I was blessed to bring back the memory of new friends that I didn't have on Sunday when I got there, as well as the hugs and laughter generated when catching up with my old friends.

Being part of the Florida FUMMWA Fellowship is a great experience where you can find lifelong friends, learn new things at Workshop, or get new ideas from colleagues. If you would like to join the Florida Chapter, email me at floridafummwa@gmail.com and I will help you! Looking forward to hearing from you!

JOIN *The Fellowship of United Methodists in Music & Worship Arts* and become a member of The Florida Chapter

<https://umfellowship.org/membership/benefits-of-membership>

National Membership Benefits

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- *Quarter Notes* newsletter delivered four times per year
- A substantial DISCOUNT on the yearly Florida Summer Workshop
- FREE Online AND Newsletter advertising for events sponsored by or directed by any member

Stepping W-A-Y Out Of The Box!

By Karen Forrester

This year, when attending Workshop 2017, I was challenged by my music director, Gaye Herndon, to sign up for Beginning Handbells. There was an opening in the Handbell Choir at our church and she said she wanted me to fill it.

I went to the class thinking she wants me to do this, but fat chance I will be in the Handbell Choir when I get back to church. No way I will enjoy this or know what to do!

As I walked into the beginning Handbell Class, our teacher, Rick Holdsworth, made everyone feel at ease. It was also special because one of the youth from our church was taking it with me. Of course, he was cool as a cucumber so he balanced me out, the nervous one!

As the week progressed, I became more at ease with the bells and was beginning to like the class, UNTIL, Rick told us we would be playing in the service on Thursday. My stomach turned into knots and my hands got a little clammy. I was thinking, "I didn't sign up to play in the service, I'm just here to learn about the bells and tell Miss Gaye it just isn't going to work out for me to be in the Handbell Choir."

Thursday came and like magic, the love of playing the Handbells came upon me during the service!

I can't wait to see what unfolds this year in Handbell Choir, but I want to first thank Gaye for challenging me in this new adventure, and second, thank Rick Holdsworth for being patient and being an awesome instructor! I will update you next issue on how my journey in the Handbell Choir is progressing!

LIVE
WEBINAR
From National FUMMWA

AUGUST 24, 2017

2:00 PM
Eastern Time

"Let the Children Come"
Helping children deal with fear.



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to Florida FUMMWA Website

The BLOG

<http://floridafummwa.org>

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COMING EVENTS

(As one of your membership benefits, *Quarter Notes* will happily advertise any FUMMWA members' coming events, for FREE. Just send us the information by the deadline, with a picture if you have one, and we will put it in the issue(s) of the *Quarter Notes* just prior to the event(s). If you would like, we will also be happy to share it on our website...just let us know.)

Pine Shores Presbyterian Church Concert Series

Pine Shores Presbyterian Church
6116 Crestwood Ave.
Sarasota, Florida

**All Concerts are FREE and
Open to the Public**

"Wayne & Friends"

October 1, 2017

5:00 PM

"Bethune Cookman University Concert Chorale"

November 1, 2017

5:00 PM



"Swingset"

January 29, 2018

5:00 PM



Rebecca Zapen (vocals/violin)

Jeremy Douglass (keyboard)

Dave Hamar (drums)

Joel Raney, Pianist

March 11, 2018

5:00 PM



RING SARASOTA

Directed by Rick Holdsworth



Sunday

February 18, 2018

3:00 p.m.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church,
455 Missouri Avenue—Largo, FL 33770

Thursday

March 1, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Artist Series Concerts Sarasota
Michaels on East—1212 S. East Avenue—Sarasota, FL.

Sunday

March 18, 2018

4:00 p.m.

St. James United Methodist Church
2049 Honore Avenue—Sarasota, FL 34235

Saturday

March 24, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Lake Placid First Presbyterian Church
118 N. Oak Avenue—Lake Placid, FL 33852

CLASSIFIEDS

ORGAN MUSIC

Contact: Mark in Orlando, Florida, at [321-287-7622](tel:321-287-7622) or gatorartguy@yahoo.com

Mark Wollard has boxes filled with organ music that used to belong to Bryan Fitzgerald. Bryan was a past-president of the Florida Chapter and Director of Music at St. Luke's UMC in Orlando. Bryan passed away in 2016.

DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP TEAM

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Satellite Beach United Methodist Church

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Satellite Beach, Florida

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ORGANIST

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Orange Park, FL 32073

The position will cater to the strengths of our applicants, but is centered around being Church Organist. It would also include some of the following areas: handbells; ladies ensemble; children choirs; youth choirs; and orchestra. Salary range will depend upon how much one is involved in the above groups.

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