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## President's Message

### "There Is Always More of God"

"Listen deeply to each other.  
Stay open to mystery.  
We need breathing space,  
but we need each other, too.  
Practice blessing each other,  
rather than cursing each other.  
There is always more of love.  
There is always more of God."

*Written by Rev. Meredith Vanderminden, Retired UMC Pastor  
for the 2012 General Conference of the United Methodist Church*

As I was contemplating what to write for my President's Message for this Quarter Notes, this quote showed up on my Facebook memories. The 2012 General Conference was in Tampa and, as a member of the National Fellowship Council, I was asked to be a host to some of the church music ministry groups that were participating. Because of this task, I was also able to observe General Conference including several worship services. The quote above was used as a benediction for one of the worship services. A friend of mine, a previous pastor, remarked to me when I posted this quote that he hoped that General Conference would understand the meaning of this quote, not knowing that this was a benediction said by all at one of the General Conference worship services.

We recently sponsored a pre-workshop online event hosted by Brian Hehn, our upcoming workshop's Worship Leader. Brian told us that his favorite definition of worship is "who we think we are and who we think God is and how we think those two things interact." It is important for us as the Florida Chapter to know who we are. As we present ourselves to God in confession and acts of praise that we call worship, if we're not truthful and have not done the soul searching to know who we are, those that join us, perhaps for the first time, may feel we are coming across as disingenuous or hypocritical. If we know who we are, it creates a genuine presentation of who we are, a place of authenticity.

It is important as we go into the 2022 Annual Church Music Workshop to understand who the Florida Chapter of The Fellowship is. We exist to assist worship leaders in creating meaningful worship experiences that bring people into deeper relationships with God and each other. We are Christians embracing God's artistic gifts to create world-transforming worship. And we value worship arts that lead to spiritual growth and faith formation and relationships that lead to hospitality, fellowship, and nurture.

As we seek to "Draw the Circle Wide" this summer, I invite you to "listen deeply to each other" and "practice blessing each other." And as we greet new people into our workshop gathering, be mindful of who we are, what are calling is, and what we value as the Florida Chapter of The Fellowship. "There is always more of love. There is always more of God," when we draw the circle wide.

*Joan FitzGerald, Chapter President*

# Youth Workshop

I have been attending Music Camp for so long that I actually get confused when counting up the years. The camp has had a profound impact on my personal and spiritual development over the years. The influence of Music Camp has been so profound that even though I now work and live in Pennsylvania I still make the effort to take the train down to Florida every year to sweat to death running around and singing with the kids for a week each year. It's an odd thing that one week out of the year would leave such a distinct mark on anyone but that seems to be the case with many of the campers who come to camp each year.

I think we can answer this oddity with two things. First, effort. Second, the Holy Spirit. It is undeniable every year that a lot of effort goes into planning the details of camp, putting the schedules together, selecting the music to sing, organizing the morning worship, putting the binders together, and traveling to camp; but a lot of that tends to fade into the background for the average camper. The effort that the campers see is the effort put into the classes, into the music lessons, into the conversations at meals. Things like clinicians putting an effort into memorizing the names of all the campers makes the kids feel special but also, more importantly, remembered. That effort put in by staff and youth team and everyone else ultimately makes the youth feel remembered, unforgotten. It's an ever increasingly large world out there and as social media makes the world feel small, it can also make the average person feel smaller. Taking time to come to a place where all those stresses are forgotten in favor of genuine connections made through genuine effort really makes this camp special, and more so than other camps I attended as a kid, which lacked this special sort of connection.

Second, and undeniably important lest my seminary revoke my degree, is the presence of the Holy Spirit. Every year that I have attended I have, on one night or another, felt the unyielding presence of the Holy Spirit working through the camp and through the attendees. Sometimes it's as simple and subtle as keeping everything together and sane for a week of madness, sometimes it's as meaningful as watching kids pray together as one of them leaves an unspoken burden at the metaphorical altar. However it manifests the presence of the Holy Spirit is undeniable every year, and the spiritual growth we see in the campers is a testament to that.

*Christian Faux, Youth Co-Dean*



**Sunday, June 12 to Friday, June 17, 2022**  
**Florida Fellowship Annual Church Music Workshop**  
**Warren Willis UM Conference Center, Fruitland Park**



In less than a month, a truly wonderful event will take place. Two years ago, it appeared that this version of Workshop would never have a chance to take place. As we entered into a new normal in the spring of 2020, more than a year of planning was frozen in place and we were forced to stay home. Then in 2021 we carefully traversed an ever-changing world full of safety precautions in order to engage in a hybrid workshop. This allowed for distanced in-person gatherings and included a virtual component for those who needed to remain at home. Finally, in 2022, those exciting 2020 plans are being resurrected. When we gather in Fruitland Park, June 12<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup>, for the Annual Church Music Workshop presented by the Florida Chapter of The Fellowship, we will engage in something truly special that has been a very long time in the making.

The Workshop planning committee has gathered a gifted group of leaders and clinicians to facilitate this year's event. Their many talents will help us "Draw the Circle Wide" as we worship, learn, and make music together. Each day during Workshop, all youth and adult participants will be led in worship by the incredibly inspiring Brian Hehn. Youth and adults alike can join together as members of the Intermediate Handbell group led by the multi-talented and energetic Claudia Dew. All youth in attendance will sing under the engaging leadership of Mark Burrows. The adults will have the privilege of working under the choral direction of Dr. Andrew Minear. The committee is also thrilled to welcome back our Youth Workshop Worship Leader, Bryant Manning, who has served in many capacities at Workshop in previous years. This year we look forward to having Bryant lead evening worship.

In addition to daily worship and choral rehearsals, there are many other facets to Workshop. Attendees can participate in sessions on drumming, faith sharing, sign language, and guitar. Our clinicians will be presenting and leading discussions on a variety of topics including sessions entitled "Weaving: Handbell Choreography" and "Breaking the Traditional/Contemporary Divide". There will be reading sessions to experience new choral and handbell music. Evening activities include a camp fire and Talent Show for youth and adults!

Workshop is always a truly special week and this year the planning committee has felt the presence of God leading the preparation. If it has been some time since you attended our Florida Fellowship Workshop, I hope that this will be the year that you make the decision to return. If you have never attended this event, I want you to know that we sincerely desire to have you with us. Please come and help us "Draw OUR Circle Wide."

*Kristin Dow, Workshop Co-Chairperson*



Kristin & Brian Dow  
Workshop Co-Chairpersons

### **This Year's Workshop Planning Committee**

Kristin & Brian Dow, Workshop Co-Chairpersons & Registrars  
Tom Huffman, Worship Planning Committee Chairperson  
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# Tentative Daily Schedule

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7:15am	Adult Morning Devotionals
7:30am	Breakfast
8:20am	Seminar 1
9:20am	Youth & Adult Choral Rehearsal
10:25am	Youth Choral Rehearsal (cont.)/Worship Team Prep/Adult Free Time
11am	Worship
Noon	Lunch
1:00pm	Seminar 2
2:00pm	Youth Afternoon Seminar/Adult Choral Rehearsal
3:00pm	Adult Choral Rehearsal (cont.)/Youth Choral Rehearsal
3:30pm	Adult Afternoon Seminar/Youth Choral Rehearsal (cont.)
4:30pm	Youth Free Time/Adult Choral Reading Session
5:30pm	Dinner
After Dinner	Advanced Handbells (Adults)/Evening Activities for All

*\*\*Schedule Subject to Change*

## Seminar & Break-Out Class Offerings

Some of the Seminar & Break-Out Classes that will be offered for both adults & youth during this summer's workshop are:

Hand Drumming	Guitar
Instrumental Ensemble	Art for All (Plus 1)
Sacred Pathways	Sign Language
Intermediate Handbells	Voice of Praise
Fearlessly and Spiritually Creative	Conducting

Some of the break-out classes our youth will be able to select from are:

Vespers Planning-Worship Band	What's Behind Worship? - Worship Technology
Faith Sharing	Drama
Sacred Dance	Photography 101
Christian Artisans	REC Class

Some of the break-out classes our adults will be able to select from are:

Advanced Handbells	Handbell Techniques with Claudia Dew
Worship Topics with Brian Hehn	Choral Techniques with Andrew Minear

## When Should I Arrive?

Registration Check-In will start at 3:00pm on Sunday, June 12th, in the Warren Willis Conference Center Auditorium. Our first event will be dinner together in the dining hall at 5:30pm followed by our Opening Worship Service for everyone in the Auditorium.

**Watch your e-mail for  
"What To Bring" information in early June.**



# Scholarships

The Florida Chapter of the Fellowship is proud to sponsor annual scholarships for college students majoring in music, and for first-time Adult and Youth attendees to our Annual Church Music Workshop and Youth Music Camp. At our recent Fall Chapter Council Meeting, the Council discussed the continued need to support and advertise our scholarship programs — especially the scholarships for our first time Adult & Youth attendees. A motion was approved to offer additional first time attendee scholarships for our 2022 Workshop. For the Memorial Scholarship, which covers full registration and room & board for a first time youth attendee, we will be offering up to three scholarships. For the Rosie-Jean Scholarship, we will be offering one full scholarship (registration and double room & board) to a first time adult attendee and up to three (3) scholarships that will cover a first time adult attendees registration fee, with room & board being the attendees responsibility. For both the Memorial & Rosie-Jean Scholarships, there are application requirements — letter of recommendation from church music director and a statement of desire to attend. Preference for the full (registration and room & board) Rosie-Jean scholarship will be given to part-time church music directors that have a financial need. If you know of any youth or adult that would like to attend but may be hindered because of financial need, please let them know about this opportunity.

## **Scholarship Applications are now closed for the 2022 Workshop.**

### [Grant K. Pulen Music Scholarship](#)

Named for a founding member of the *Florida Chapter of the Fellowship*, it provides an annual award of \$2,000 to a full-time student majoring in music at an accredited college or university. The 2022 deadline for the submission of an application and the supporting materials is May 15, 2022. The Grant Pulen Scholarship will be awarded on Friday, June 17, 2022, at our Closing Workshop Concert.

### [Rosie-Jean Scholarship](#)

Named in honor of Roselyn Langdale and Jean Bennett, two well-known members and mentors of the Florida Chapter, this year's scholarship will provide the Registration Fee for up to three (3) first-time attendee at the Adult Church Music Workshop and Full Registration (registration fee and double room & board) for one first-time attendee, with preference being given to a part-time church music director. The 2022 deadline for the submission of your application and the supporting recommendation is May 15, 2022.

### [Memorial Scholarship](#)

Established in memory of illustrious Florida Chapter members who lived their lives in distinguished service to God in worship, and to others in fellowship, this year's scholarship will provide Registration and Room & Board fees for up to three (3) first-time youth attendees at the Youth Workshop. The 2022 deadline for the submission of your application and the supporting recommendation is May 15, 2022.

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## What is the Fellowship of United Methodists in Music & Worship Arts?

*The Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts* exists to assist worship leaders in creating meaningful worship experiences that bring people into deeper relationships with God and each other. Founded in 1955 as the National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians, The Fellowship has grown to include worship artists, clergy, and laity involved in all aspects of worship from a variety of denominations and experiences.

### Our Calling

We are Christians embracing God's artistic gifts to create world-transforming worship.

### Our Values

- Worship Arts that lead to spiritual growth and faith formation.
- Relationships that lead to hospitality, fellowship and nurture.

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