

December 2, 2009

Dear Children and Parents,

We are very pleased to announce that Donna Fisher has been hired to replace Wally Kleucker as the UUCC Children's Choir Director!

Many of you may know Donna, either from her years teaching at the Open Door School or from her current gig volunteering in our SpiritPlay classes two Sundays a month. We want to share what she wrote in her letter of application for the position:

"If I had to pick two things that bring me the most happiness, it would be music and children. Both elicit the best in all of us, emphasizing commonalities rather than differences and can evoke tears and smiles in people who might otherwise feel they share nothing in common. The earlier children are exposed to music, the better. It accesses and expresses our deepest feelings like nothing else and stimulates intellectual and spiritual growth in a world badly in need of both."

Donna looks forward to meeting the children who are currently in the choir - and welcoming anyone new who wishes to join. The choir is open to all children registered in the CYRE program in grades 1st - 5th. In a move to begin anew, we are asking that all parents with children interested in participating in the Choir complete a registration form (at bottom of page) - even if they already completed one earlier this fall.

On Sunday, December 13, we will resume Children's Choir rehearsals in the Priestley Room (CYRE Wing, 2nd floor) from 10:30 a.m. to 10:55 a.m. Donna will spend the 13th and the 20th rehearsals teaching the children a song or songs for the 6pm Family Christmas Eve Service.

Note: Safety policies require two adults with the children at all times. As such, we will assign parents to Sunday rehearsals beginning in mid-January. Until that time, we ask that you sign up on the Volunteer Sign Up Sheet available at rehearsal on the 13th and 20th.

Important Dates for the 2009-2010 Season:

- December 13 and 20 - Sundays - Rehearse for the Family Christmas Eve Service
- December 24 - Thursday - Family Christmas Eve Service, 6 p.m. (rehearsal 5:15 p.m., Sanctuary)
- December 27 and January 3 - Sunday - NO REHEARSAL
- February 7 - Sunday - Children's Choir will sing in the 11:15 service (rehearsal at 10:30 a.m.)
- April 4 - Sunday - NO REHEARSAL
- May 9 - Sunday - Children's Choir will sing in the 11:15 service (rehearsal at 10:30 a.m.)
- May 23 - Sunday - Final Children's Choir Rehearsal (Happy Summer!)

Warmly,

John Herrick
Director of Music

Kathleen Carpenter
Director of RE for Children and Youth



UUC Children's Choir Registration Form

Child's Name (first **and** last)

Parent's name (first **and** last)

Address

City

Zip

Cell Phone # _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

Child's current age & grade: _____

■ I understand another adult must be in the room during rehearsals assisting the Director to be in compliance with CYRE safety policies. As such, I agree to either sign up for the role of Parent Assistant on the Volunteer Sign Up Sheet (available at December rehearsals) or I will be assigned a date(s).

■ 9:15 parents only: I understand I am responsible for delivering my child from his/her CYRE class to Children's Choir rehearsal at 10:30am.

■ I understand I am responsible for picking my child up after rehearsal. Safety policies require children under 6th grade to be under the supervision of a responsible adult while in the building or on the church grounds.

■ I understand rehearsal is important to my child's comfort level and ability to perform well and will try to bring him/her to as many rehearsals as possible.

Return completed forms by mail, email (john@uuccharlotte.org)
or bring it with you to practice.