

Jefferson Area Children's Choir

**Jefferson Elementary
School
All 3rd – 6th Graders
Welcome**

**Wednesdays
4:15 – 5:15 p.m.**

**September 20, 2017
Through May 16, 2018**



**Sponsored by Jefferson United
Methodist Church**

For questions and/or additional information
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MISSION

The Jefferson Area Children's Choir (JACC) is a ministry of Jefferson United Methodist Church that seeks to bless our community with the diversity and beauty of the arts through music. The JACC seeks to enrich the lives of Jefferson area children through the experiences of group singing and performing in public venues. Children will be taught the skills of group singing, sight-singing and the values of connection in a shared experience of musical community. The director will be alert to teachable moments in the music literature as a means of modeling core Christian values and connecting children with God - the master musician and artist.

SCHEDULE

The choir will commence on Wednesday, September 20 and continue weekly through May 16 allowing for cessation for the major holidays that outline the school calendar and church year. The choir will meet for one hour each week, 4:15 - 5:15 p.m. at the Jefferson United Methodist Church. Parents should pick up their Children no later than 5:30pm.



ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance will be expected and required. It is assumed that medical and other appointments will be scheduled at other hours. Respect for leadership and respect for one another will be expected and assumed.

MEMBERSHIP

All area children going into 3rd - 6th grade are welcome to join the choir. NO auditions. All are welcome.

FEES

There will be an annual fee of \$20.00 per child to cover the cost of print music, choir folders as well as other general supplies.

NOTE: The JACC is already scheduled to appear and perform on the main stage of the Covered Bridge Festival on Saturday morning Oct. 14. So, we will work hard and hustle to prepare for this venue as well as others.

APPAREL

There is no plan to obtain "uniform" apparel at this point. In our initial stages, we will use clothing that the children already have to create a sense of identity and uniformity.

ARTISTIC VISION

While many, if not most, organized American children's choirs will learn and perform great classical literature re-voiced for children, the JACC will pursue a more diverse musical agenda. We will learn and perform a wide variety of materials that will sample the spectrum of American and global music. The

children will develop a palate for a wide variety of styles.

PARENTAL SUPPORT

Just as school bands and choral groups have "booster" groups, the JACC will need a lot of parental support in several ways. This could include transportation, snacks, clerical work, communications, and more.



TRANSPORTATION-JUMC will provide van transportation with insurance-approved drivers from Jefferson Elementary School each Wednesday directly following school dismissal. Parents will need to sign an authorization form for their child to be transported by JUMC. Parents who can, are encouraged to transport their child(ren) to JUMC.



ABOUT THE DIRECTOR-Dr. Mick Gilliam is a seasoned choral director with a BA and MA in Music Education and Doctorate in Worship Arts. He has directed numerous choirs and currently serves as the Director of Music for the Jefferson United Methodist Church as well as volunteering with the Jefferson Area Junior and Senior High music programs.

The \$20.00 fee must be paid by Sept. 20. Checks can be made to Jefferson United Methodist Church or JUMC.