

Florida's 175th Birthday!

177th

Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 7:00 pm
New Covenant United Methodist Church
Bonnie Fisher, Director



We dedicate tonight's performance to Carol Bonebrake – an original Village Ringer who has demonstrated the commitment and joyful team spirit it takes to be a great team player. We will miss you.

Welcome to this concert of the **Village Ringers**. Our inaugural concert was held on December 7, 2018. Tonight, we're going to

celebrate a birthday! Florida is 177 years old!

Village Ringers is a handbell organization dedicated to attracting and challenging intermediate to advanced handbell ringers through the rehearsal and performance of quality music. It is our desire to expand the public appreciation of, and interest in, handbell music through engaging performances.

Processional – B. Fisher
Kathy Batman – Flag Bearer

The Star-Spangled Banner – Smith, arr. Behnke
Pledge of Allegiance

My Country 'tis of Thee – arr. Tucker

The Huron Carol – arr. Wiltse
Thomas Eggleston – Handdrum; Kathy Wolf - Rainstick

Dorian Dance – arr. Joy

The Best of John Williams – arr. Wagner
NOTE: Please hold applause until end of entire piece.
- Close Encounters of the Third Kind

- Olympic Fanfare and Theme
- The Imperial March (Star Wars)
- Cantina Band (Star Wars)
- Star Wars Theme

Listen to the Mockingbird - arr. B. Fisher
Marcia Barber – Bell Tree Soloist

This Land Is Your Land – Guthrie, arr. McKlveen
Kathy Batman - Tambourine

Old Folks at Home (Swanee River) – Foster, arr. Fisher

Cowboy Medley & Stephen Foster Medley
– from “Twelve Bells Americana” – arr. Cota **

Bell Parade – arr. Payn

NOTE: Please hold applause until end of entire piece.

- Mickey Mouse March
- Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah
- Whistle While You Work
- When You Wish Upon a Star – *Nina Stafford, ASL*
- Winnie the Pooh
- It's a Small World

Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace – McChesney
Carol Makus - Piano

Happy Birthday! – arr. McChesney

Village Ringers *Bonnie Fisher, Director*

Marcia Barber	Diane Jones	Amy Cornwall-Robinson
Kathy Batman	Donna Kagan	Cary Robinson
Cathy Bullock	Deb Krase	Dan Southworth
Thomas Eggleston	Margaret Lacy	Emily Spann **
Lisa French **	Lana McKinzie **	Nina Stafford **
Jean Hood **		Kathy Wolf

** *Small Ensemble Members, Lana McKinzie, Director*

EAT CAKE!!



THANK YOU for attending this evening's program. May you discover handbell music as a "different" and refreshing form of art and entertainment. *Following this evening's performance, the ringers will be at the tables. You are invited to meet them, look at the music, and even hold and ring a bell! Please enjoy a piece of birthday cake in honor of Florida's 177th birthday!*

A bit about handbells: Handbells have been traced back as far as 5th Century BC in China, although bells of various kinds and shapes have been found all over the world. Handbells were established in England as a way for bell tower ringers to practice and not disturb the entire community. Eventually this type of ringing became an art in itself. English handbells were thought to be introduced to America by the Peake Family Ringers in the 1830's, and in the 1840's by P.T. Barnum. By the 1950's and 60's, hundreds of groups were springing up across the US in churches, schools, and other organizations.

English handbells come in various sizes. The bells are made of 80% copper and 20% tin (bronze!). Our Schulmerich handbells are produced, one at a time, in a factory in Hatfield, PA. The handles were once made of hard leather, but are now made of vinyl. The clappers will only move up and down, and employ special springs to prevent the clapper from resting on the bell. Each bell handle is marked with the musical note it plays.

Village Ringers Board of Directors - Bonnie Fisher, President; Ron Drozd, Vice President; Amy Cornwall-Robinson, Treasurer; Emily Spann, Secretary; John Higbee, Member-at-Large

Special thanks to New Covenant United Methodist Church for hosting our rehearsals and concert this evening.

Thanks to Dave Fisher for sharing his emcee skills!

Thanks to Marcia Barber for sharing her bell tree skills! Also, for serving as a substitute for Carol Bonebrake. It's wonderful to have you with us again!

Thanks to Carole Makus for playing the piano for "Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace".



**Next Appearance –
Christmas/Holiday Concert**

**Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 7:00
New Covenant UMC
Angie Rose, Guest Soloist**

As a 501c3 Organization, all gifts to "Village Ringers" are welcome and are tax deductible.

For the latest goings-on of the Village Ringers, check out our website - www.VillageRingers.com.

You can also follow us on Facebook – "Village Ringers".

20% of tonight's proceeds are being donated to **Voices for Children**. VFC was established in 1992 to support the physical and psychological needs of children in Citrus, Lake, Marion, Hernando and Sumter counties through a Guardian ad Litem volunteer who advocates for them. www.voices4childrenfl.org.

