

Chancel Choir Directors

- 1911 - Miss Lena Emerson,
& Mrs. James Osburn
- 1924 - Harry Van Landingham
- 1935 - Everett Fetter
- 1952 - Donald Patrick
- 1954 - Hazen Richardson
- 1959 - Dean Zook
- 1964 - Loren Matthews
- 1974 - Dale Fox



Dale Fox and the Chancel Choir in 1993.



Above: Dale Fox, Choir Director since 1974

Right: The Chancel Choir in song.





Above: Loren Matthews, Choir Director from 1964 to 1974.



The Chancel Choir in the 1990s

Organists

- 1911 - Miss Eunice Bennett
- 1916 - Pearl Stannard
- 1916 - Miss Myra Adler
- 1924 - Miss Helen Osborn
- 1936 - Dorothy Rumbeck
- 1949 - Paul Stroud, Betty Klein assistant
- 1951 - Mary DeFries
- 1952 - Mrs. William Feucht
- 1954 - Dorothy Henning
- 1964 - Dorothy Matthews

With the sudden death of Dorothy Henning, other organists in the community substituted and Dorothy Matthews refreshed her organ skills with help from Ruth Kerr, organist at the Baptist Church.



*Dorothy Matthews
Organist since 1964*



Junior Choir Directors

- 1936 - Dorothy Rumbeck
- 1936 - Mrs. Freda Betts
- 1950 - Mrs. R.D. Nichols
- 1958 - Mrs. R.K. Walters
- 1964 - Dorothy Matthews
- 1978 - Bonnie Burkdall
- 1979 - Lavena Boyer
- 1983 - Darrell McCune

Men's Chorus

Darrell McCune has been the director of the Men's Chorus since 1996. Dale Fox was a past director.

Dorothy Matthews at the organ in 1984.



Youth Choir

Darrell McCune is director of the Youth Choir.

The Choir is made up of seventh grade thru high school youth.

Past directors have been Dorothy Matthews and Lavenna Boyer.

A practice session for the Youth Choir in 2002.



The Festival Ringers

The Festival Ringers are the adult handbell choir.

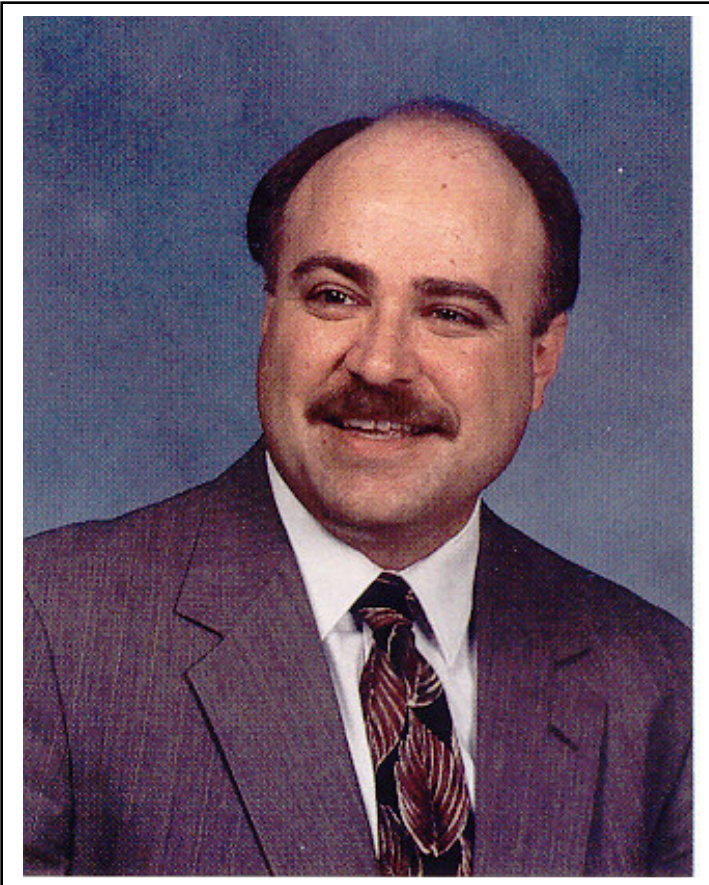
Dean Zook was the first director followed by Dorothy Matthews for ten years, then Marilyn Noah.

Dale Fox has been directing this group since 1978.

The Festival Ringers in 1989.



The Festival Ringers in 1993.



Darrell McCune has been the director of the Junior Choir since 1983.



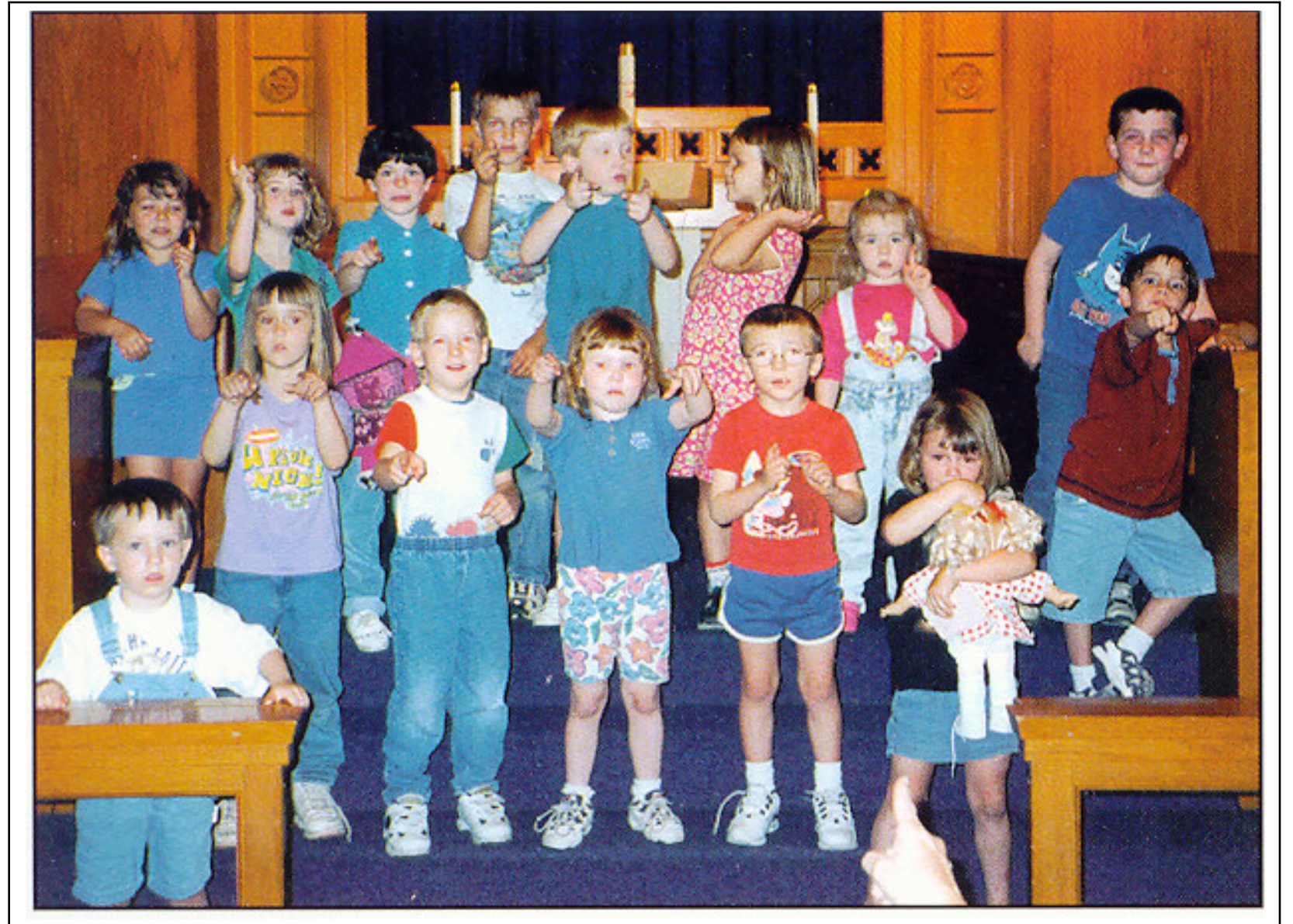
The Junior Choir a few years ago.

The Cherub Choir

This Choir is made up of children from one year to six years of age.

Georgia Whiteford organized the choir and was the first director in 1997.

Peggy Shear began directing in 2001 and Jenna Hirsh became the director in 2003.



The Cherub Choir, ages one thru six.

Junior Choir

The Junior Choir is for children in grades three thru six or seven.

Lavenna Boyer was a past director and Dorothy Matthews directed this choir for ten years.

Under Dorothy's direction the choir was known as the "Cokesbury Choir"



Present director, Darrell McCune, leading the Junior Choir in 1993.

Youth Handbell Choir



The Youth Handbell Choir with Director Lavenna Boyer in the center.



The Youth Handbell Choir was directed for 10 years by Dorothy Matthews. Lavenna Boyer has directed the choir since 1995.

“Hands of Glory”

This is a group that brings Christian Music alive in sign language.

Carolyn Elder has been signing to music since 1995. In 2002, she approached Pastor Kent Melcher about forming and training a group of men, women and youth to do signing to music. The beginning group that started with eleven people has now grown to twenty-three.

Their dramatic and moving performances are in demand, especially at churches.



Carolyn Elder, founding Director



“Hands of Glory” performing in the Chancel for a Sunday Service

The Nusbaum Hymn

Perhaps it was the joy of a new church.
Perhaps the talent was always with him.
In any event, while Reverend Nusbaum was pastor here, he wrote the words and music for a hymn "Would You Live for Jesus?".

In the Free Methodist hymnal it is now named "His Way with Thee"

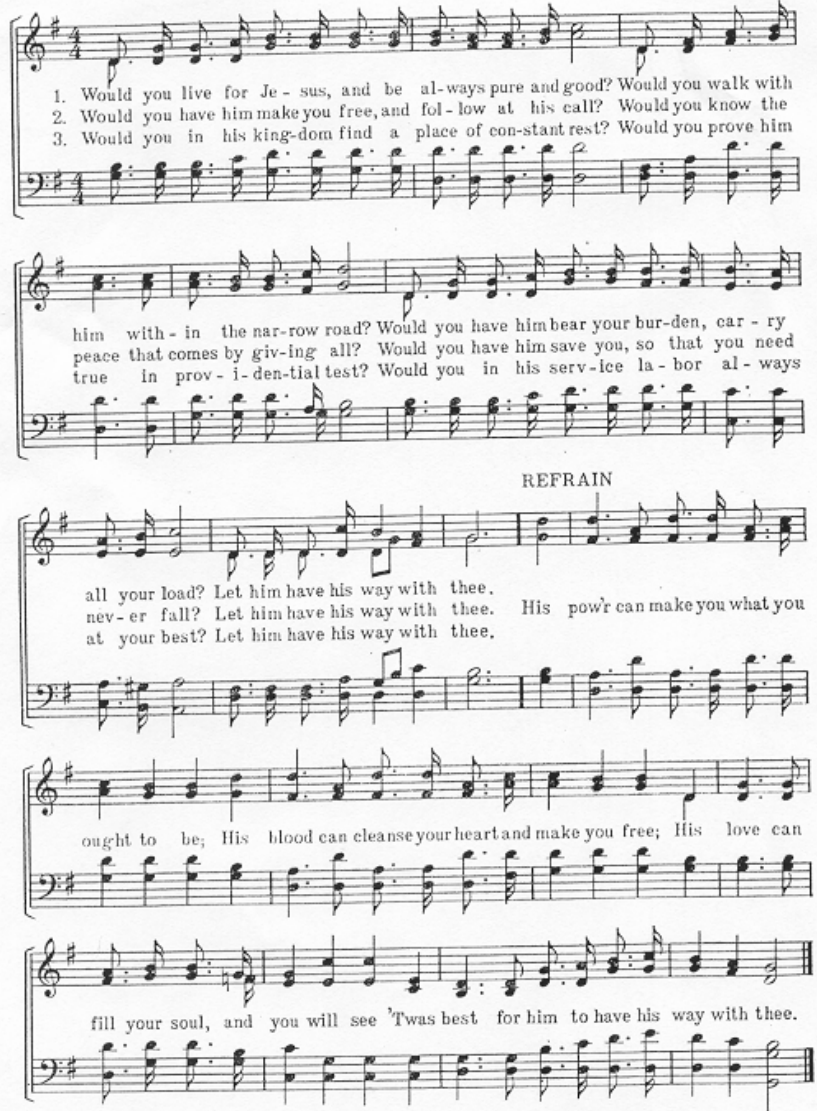
*"Would you live for Jesus, and be always pure and good?
Would you walk with him within the narrow road?
Would you have him bear your burden, carry all your load?
Let him have his way with thee."*

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His Way with Thee

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1. Would you live for Je - sus, and be al-ways pure and good? Would you walk with
2. Would you have him make you free, and fol - low at his call? Would you know the
3. Would you in his king-dom find a place of con-stant rest? Would you prove him
him with - in the nar-row road? Would you have him bear your bur-den, car - ry
peace that comes by giv-ing all? Would you have him save you, so that you need
true in prov - i - den-tial test? Would you in his serv-ice la - bor al-ways
REFRAIN
all your load? Let him have his way with thee.
nev - er fall? Let him have his way with thee. His powr can make you what you
at your best? Let him have his way with thee.
ought to be; His blood can cleanse your heart and make you free; His love can
fill your soul, and you will see 'Twas best for him to have his way with thee.

Historic photo right: The Nusbaum family, Reverend Cyrus N., his wife, daughter and son.

