



**THE MIDDLEPORT  
COMMUNITY CHOIRS**

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**SPRING 2026 HANDBOOK**



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**Spring 2026 Performance Date:**

- May 3 @ 4pm – Middleport United Methodist Church

**Theme for Spring 2026**

“Legacy”

A program that celebrates the history, heart, and enduring spirit of our choir. “Legacy” honors the voices that have shaped this ensemble over the years, the shared dedication to serving through music, and the community built through countless rehearsals and performances.

**Program: (in order)**

And There Is Music	Joseph Martin
Sing Gently	Eric Whitacre
And the Night Shall Be filled With Music	Michael John Trotta
Omnia Sol	Z. Randall Stroope
This Is My Song	Robert Emerson
O Divine Redeemer	Charles Gunoud
Robert's Song	Ric Jones
Through the Legacy of Years	Stanley G. Beard
We Remember Them	Susan LaBarr
I Sing Because I'm Happy	arr. Kenneth Paden & Rollo Dilworth

**Website:**

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- Check out the MEMBERS page to find rehearsal recordings
- Announcements, rehearsal recordings and member contact information will be available on the member page.

**Rehearsal Etiquette:**

- Rehearsals occur every Thursday and will begin promptly at 6:15 PM and end at 7:45 PM
- Please bring a pencil to every rehearsal. It is beneficial to keep it in your folder at all times. Please use pencils, not pens or highlighters. The music will be used again and the emphasis and directions may change. Please, no pen marks.
- During rehearsal time, please stay focused on what we are doing
- Please save business matters until after the rehearsal is completed
- Please do not rehearse (sing or hum) your part when I am working with another section. It is distracting to me and the other members.
- Please be aware that many people are sensitive or allergic to strong scents. The deep breathing that accompanies singing worsens when exposed to strong perfumes and other personal products.

**Band App:**

We will continue to incorporate a new service to send out reminders, and to share messages, files, etc. The app is called “band.” It is very important that every member joins this list as this will be our main tool for communication. If you joined last season, you DO NOT need to sign up again.

You can join by accessing this link: <https://band.us/n/aaa1bclcd0Tb6>

Or, even easier, scan this QR code:



### **Music & Dues**

- Semester dues are \$25. Checks are payable to **MIDDLEPORT COMMUNITY CHOIRS**
- Everyone should have a **black binder or music folder**.
  - We recently had some beautiful black binders donated to the choir. If you did not receive one, and would like one, please let us know.
  - If you need to purchase a quality choral folder, we recommend MusicFolder.com. Many of our members use their DELUXE BLACK FOLDER with the removeable 3-ring adapter.

### **CDs & Flash Drives**

If you would prefer to have a CD or flash drive to listen and rehearse with, please sign-up and Ric will make a copy for you. Cds are \$2 each and flash drives are \$5 each. Or you can provide Ric with a flash drive and he will add the files at no cost.

### **Proper Dress for our May performance:**

The Middleport Community Choir maintains a professional image. Part of that is uniformity in attire. Please plan accordingly now. Every member is expected to wear the dress below:

**Women** - all black; Blouse, pants or long skirt, or dress.

**Men** – all black; button up shirt, pants (no tie or jacket)

### **Important Dates**

March 12 – no rehearsal

April 2 – no rehearsal

### **Music Library:**

Darrel Oakes handles the Librarian duties for the Middleport Community Choir. Please see him regarding any music needs.

### **Contact:**

Please feel free to contact me anytime with questions or problems. I am available by phone, text, or email. Text messages or via the band App are the best for a quick response.