

About Us

Hearts of Worship

In the spring of the year 2000, Centreville United Methodist Church decided to introduce a new kind of worship opportunity to its members and the surrounding communities, a contemporary praise and worship service. Guitars, keyboards, drums, and vocalists provided and led the music. Eight years later this 8:45 a.m. CUMC service remains a popular choice of young and older members alike.

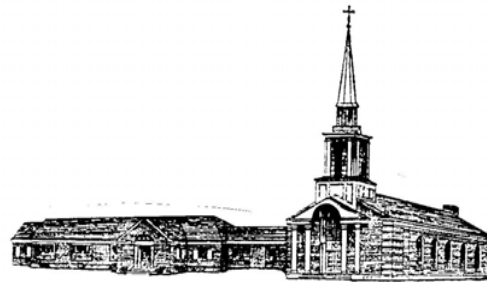
This group remained nameless until three years ago. One evening they were invited to share their ministry with another local church that wanted to begin their own contemporary service. The group had recently learned a new song that had words expressing the thought that the time of worship, its heart, belonged to the Lord, and it's all about Him. As they sang the words they realized that they didn't want to be thought of as performers, but rather leaders of worship who honored their Savior through music. Thus the name of the group evolved, Hearts of Worship.

Current members are as follows: Clint Connolly, Mike Connolly, Rachel Connolly, Debra Ebersole, Katie Laing, Casey Strotman, Greg Torchio, and Julia Morris. The group plays a mix of contemporary Christian, traditional gospel, and Christian classic rock music.

The Music

What Is Christian Contemporary Music?

Christian Contemporary Music (or CCM; also by its religious neutral term "inspirational music") is a genre of popular music which is lyrically focused on matters concerned with the Christian faith. The term is typically used to refer to the Nashville, Tennessee-based pop, rock, and worship Christian music industry, currently represented by artists such as Aaron Shust, Amy Grant, Avalon, Chris Tomlin, David Crowder Band, Jars of Clay, Jeremy Camp, MercyMe, Michael W. Smith, Natalie Grant, Petra, Rebecca St. James, Steven Curtis Chapman, Third Day, Casting Crowns and a host of others. The industry is represented in Billboard Magazine's "Top Christian Albums" and "Hot Christian Songs" charts, and by Radio & Records magazine's Christian AC (Adult Contemporary), Christian CHR (Contemporary Hit Radio), Christian Rock, and Inspirational (INSPO) airplay charts, as well as the iTunes Store's "Christian & Gospel" genre.



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CUMC Praise Bands

Bringing People To Christ Through Music



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Youth Praise Band

The Youth Praise Band plays at the 8:45 AM Contemporary Service one Sunday each month. The band is comprised of Youth from CUMC who enjoy Contemporary Music with a youthful twist. The Youth Band has performed at multiple Coffee House Nights in Fellowship



CUMC Youth Praise Band

(Left to Right) Back Row: Electric Guitar—Casey Strotman, Guitar/Vocals—Rachel Connolly, Piano—Curtis Hammer, Guitar—Caleb Hammer, Front Row: Vocals—Emily Smith, Guitar/Vocals—Lou Torchio, and Drums—Brady Parkerson

Hall, and were honored to perform at Queen Anne's High Schools 2008 Baccalaureate Service.

The Church is always looking for new opportunities for our youth, and music is one great way to get them involved.

The Youth Praise Band practices each Sunday at 4:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. All are encouraged to attend a practice and get involved in this high energy music ministry.

Celebrating Jesus Christ Through Contemporary Worship

Come Join Us....

It is our pleasure to invite you to worship with us at the Centreville United Methodist Church Contemporary Service. We strive to provide an opportunity for open worship of the Lord, strong fellowship among believers, and growth in the Spirit among individuals and the congregation.

Our Contemporary Service begins at 8:45 AM on Sunday mornings. Child care is provided for infants through 5 year olds. The nursery is located directly at the bottom of the steps leading to the Sunday School Wing. One of our greeters will be glad to assist you find the nursery.

Special Events Throughout The Year.....

Both Hearts of Worship and the Youth Praise Band perform at various venues during the course of the year. This past year has seen the Youth Band Perform at the Centreville Community Day, QAC High School's 2008 Baccalaureate Service, as well as multiple Coffee House performances at the CUMC Fellowship Hall. Hearts of Worship performed at Music in the Park in Chestertown, MD, as well as the Coffee House performances. Make sure you visit our website at <http://www.centreville-umc.com> regularly to get the latest dates, times, and places to catch these great performances.

Hearts of Worship

Hearts of Worship plays at the 8:45 AM Contemporary Service. The band was formed in the Spring of 2000, when CUMC added the Contemporary Worship Service. The band is comprised of Guitars, Keyboards, Drums, and Vocalists.



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(Left to Right) Vocals—Debbie Ebersole, Vocals—Katie Laing, Drums—Greg Torchio, Guitar—Casey Strotman, Guitar—Clint Connolly, Guitar/Vocals—Rachel Connolly, and Keyboard—Mike Connolly. (Not Pictured—Vocals—Julia Morris, Worship Leader & Vocals—Barbara Meeks)

Hearts of Worship not only performs each Sunday, but has also played at various Coffee Houses and in Chestertown in the summer of 2008, at Music in the Park.

Hearts of Worship practices each Wednesday at 7:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. All are encouraged to attend a practice and get involved with this dynamic group as it Praises the Lord through music.

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