

CAPITAL CITY RINGERS
NEWSLETTER/PRESS RELEASE INFO
Fall 2009

The Capital City Ringers, Inc., under the direction of Jane C. Wright, will be in concert at [insert your church's name, address, date and time]. The Capital City Ringers (CCR) is a community handbell ensemble from the Lansing and mid-Michigan area. Their Fall 2009 program is entitled "Christmas Without Borders," and features a variety of music selections from around the world, including *Calypso Christmas*, *The Skater's Waltz*, *Orinoco Flow (Sail Away)*, and other familiar music of the season, classical pieces and original works for handbells. The program is bound to include something for all musical tastes. In addition to more than 145 Malmark handbells and handchimes, the concert features a variety of electronic, wind, and percussion instruments.

What makes this group distinctive is their exquisite, musical performance of any style imaginable, topping it off with good humor and fun. From fast and furious to melodic and beautiful, you will appreciate seeing and experiencing this group live in performance. With handbells ranging from the size of small tower bells to the size of a tiny dinner bell, this group offers a unique experience of sight and sound. The comment most often heard by those who hear CCR is: "I never knew bells could do that!"

Jane C. Wright is the conductor and artistic director of CCR, and also serves as the director of Worship and Fine Arts Ministries at Westwood United Methodist Church in Kalamazoo. She holds a Bachelor of Music degree in instrumental and choral music from Central Michigan University and a Masters degree in conducting from Michigan State University. She has served on the board for AGEHR Area V and is presently on the West Michigan board for the Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts. She founded CCR in 1984 with the intention of challenging handbell ringers to perform music that incorporates the finest repertoire written or arranged for handbells. The result has been one that touches lives and makes a difference, both for the ringers and their audiences.

The fourteen volunteer ringers and their director are committed to top quality concert performances. They have toured extensively in Michigan and surrounding states, as well as in the eastern United States and at Disney World, Florida. CCR has been invited to perform multiple times with the Lansing Symphony Orchestra, Mason Orchestral Society, and many other instrumental and choral ensembles from the mid-Michigan area. Their concerts include two tours a year, taking them frequently to other states. A demand for recordings has inspired CCR to produce four CDs – available at their concerts and through their website. For additional information, recordings, membership, photos, concert dates, and full repertoire list, be sure to visit their award-winning website at www.capitalcityringers.com

A freewill donation will be taken. For more concert information, call [insert your church's telephone number].

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