

Deer Creek Chorale Commitment to Members

Mission Statement

The Deer Creek Chorale was established in 2006 to provide an opportunity for choral artistry, community service, and personal enrichment. The Chorale seeks to develop the potential of singers at all levels of experience.

Objectives

To support our mission, the Deer Creek Chorale will:

- Invite interested mature singers (15 yr. or older) to join without audition.
- Meet weekly during the season for rehearsals to promote the techniques of choral singing.
- Sing repertoire from a wide variety of cultures, periods and styles.
- Provide opportunities to work with renowned/ accomplished guest clinicians as funds permit.
- Present two concerts per season, with additional optional performances.
- Contribute to the general welfare of our local and global community through annual charitable partner activities.
- Build camaraderie and community within the Chorale.
- Pursue excellence in all of the above.

Season

Each season of the Deer Creek Chorale consists of 2 semesters, with weekly rehearsals and a culminating public concert for each. Semesters generally run from late September through early December and late January through early May.

Deer Creek Chorale Commitment to Members:

- Provide a complete schedule of rehearsals and performances before each season.
- Begin and end weekly rehearsals on time as scheduled.
- Provide thoroughly prepared and professional choral direction and accompaniment, including guest conductors and professional instrumentalists.
- Program the very best of choral literature.
- Pursue additional opportunities to perform according to interest, ability and availability.
- Provide opportunities to participate in service projects that will benefit local and global communities.
- Provide full disclosure of Chorale income and expenses, as well as opportunities to be involved with decision-making in the organization.

Additional Information:

DCC Chamber Choir

The DCC Chamber Choir is a selection of 15-20 singers who serves as a community outreach arm of the larger choir. Membership is by audition and invitation only. The Chamber Choir performs throughout the year either alone or with the larger choir.

The Deer Creek Youth Choir (DCYC)

The DCYC was established in 2016 and includes students from grades 4 through 6. Students rehearse on Thursday evenings at Bethel church. DCC members are welcome to sit in on rehearsals. Youth members learn musicianship and vocal technique and experience guest clinician opportunities similar to the adult choir. Please spread the word about this wonderful opportunity for area youth.

DCC Ladies Six

Established in 2020, the Ladies Six was an outgrowth of the COVID-19 pandemic. In wanting to make music in-person, a small group of ladies formed to sing a variety of genres in A cappella style.

Deer Creek Chorale Governance

The Deer Creek Chorale is managed by a volunteer Board of Directors as laid out in the organization's constitution and by-laws (available on our website). The Board and Artistic Director govern all activities of the Chorale. Various committees (e.g. Membership, Concert, Marketing, Development, Social) welcome members interested in getting involved.

Deer Creek Chorale Office

The DCC office is in the brick house beside (to the west of) Bethel Presbyterian Church (weekly rehearsal location). **DCC Choir Administrator is Melissa Sweeney. The choir phone number is 410-575-3221.**