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## HISTORY

For nearly three decades, the Parish Arts Ministry of Fairlawn Lutheran Church has brought free, quality concerts to the Akron area, making it possible for everyone to attend.

Featured in our 27th season are the Chamber and Concert Choirs of the University of Akron; a Christmas Concert of Lessons and Carols with organ, choir, brass and congregation; the Walsh University Chorale and Chamber Singers directed by Dr. Britt Cooper; Matthew Wachtmann - organist at Baldwin-Wallace University's Conservatory of Performing Arts and first place winner in Organ Competitions in 2019 and 2020; and the choirs from Akron Firestone, Copley-Fairlawn and Revere high schools.

Attendance and support for these programs has increased through time. We hope you will join us for these concerts and continue to support the efforts of the Parish Arts Committee to bring quality sacred music to the Akron area.

These free concerts are made possible by sponsorships and free-will offerings.

**Fairlawn Lutheran Church  
3415 West Market Street  
Fairlawn, Ohio 44333**

If you have questions, please call the church office phone (330-836-7286) or Parish Arts coordinator, Gary Pinter (330-867-3082). You can also visit us on the internet: [www.fairlawnlutheran.org](http://www.fairlawnlutheran.org).



## Parish Arts Series 27th Season



## 2025-2026 Concert Schedule

**UNIVERSITY OF AKRON  
CHAMBER & CONCERT CHOIR  
*Without Fear***

**Directed by Dr. T. J. Harper**  
Sunday, October 19, 2025, 4 pm



The University of Akron Choirs are honored to participate in the Fairlawn Lutheran Church Parish Arts Concert Series.

This year marks a special occasion as the choir welcome Dr. Harper as the new Visiting Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities.

The 2025 concert, entitled *Without Fear*, highlights the human capacity to endure hardship and celebrates the indomitable strength within us all.

*Choral music has a unique ability to bring people together, offering comfort, courage, and hope. Without Fear is a celebration of that strength and a reminder of the resilience within us all.*

The program will feature works by Susan LaBarr, Ēriks Ešenvalds, Randall Thompson, Timothy Takach, Knut Nystedt, and others—each piece offering its own reflection on resilience, hope, and courage.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT  
*Festival of  
Lessons and Carols***

**Directed by Gary J. Pinter**  
Sunday, December 7, 2025, 4 pm



This year's Christmas concert will include Scripture Lessons and favorite Carols (sung by the choir, congregation, ensembles, and soloists), all accompanied by the organ and brass quartet.

The Brass Quartet consists of Trumpeters: Jim Fry and Richard Lindemeyer; Trombonists: Uriah Calhoun and Brendan Loeb. The organist will be Gary J. Pinter.

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**WALSH UNIVERSITY  
CHORALE & CHAMBER SINGERS  
*Light Beyond Shadow -  
A Message of Hope Through Music***

**Directed by Dr. Britt Cooper**  
Sunday, February 22, 2026, 4 pm



The Walsh University Chorale is the flagship music ensemble of the institution, comprised of students from every academic discipline.

**ORGAN RECITAL  
*Of Spirit, Strife,  
and Serenity***

**Matthew Wachtman**  
Sunday, April 12, 2026, 4 pm



Matthew is organist at the Baldwin-Wallace Conservatory of Performing Arts. He was the 1st place Winner in Organ Competitions in both 2019 & 2020.

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**CHORAL FESTIVAL  
*Let's Sing a  
New Song***

**Directors: Megan Meyer, Sierra Pabon  
and Scott Little**  
Sunday, May 3, 2026, 4 pm



Choirs from Akron Firestone, Revere and Copley-Fairlawn high schools will present a program of varied choral selections, performing individually and then together, concluding with a group selection that is sure to thrill the audience.