Monumental
United Methodist Church



Monday, October 26, 2026

Noon

PROGRAM

Gettin Older	Chris Cushna
Songbird And the Music Man	Cushna & Christiano
Amazing Peace	arr. Eric Homer
Alibi	Chris Cushna
?	Patty Christiano
Moose	Chris Cushna
Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow	Judy Collins
Home to Carolina	Cushna & Christiano

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Please join us for a $5 lunch in the fellowship hall

You are also welcome to join us for worship at 11am on Sundays

OUR PERFORMERS

Christopher Cushna joined the Boston Boy Choir in 1979. Upon graduating, he joined the St. Paul's Men's Schola. Christopher has taught music for 30 years. The last 10 as owner of The Olde Town Music Shop here in Portsmouth.

In 2017 he founded the Olde Towne Children's Choir. For 6 years he conducted the Southside Community Band at Monumental. He also was Organist at Holy Angels for 2 ½ years. Last year he released a CD "I never wanted to be a Cowboy." This is his 3rd time performing at Monday afternoon concert.

Patty Christiano has been singing and playing a 12-string acoustic guitar for 48 years! At age 12, she had a desire to join her Church's Folk Group. And that was all the motivation she needed to teach herself how to play guitar! All throughout her 4 years of high school Patty was in several music groups; B-Naturals, Mixed Chorus, Concert Choir, a small all-female group called "The Exceptionals."

By the age of 18, Patty was singing and playing for wedding ceremonies, which exposed her to many different denominations of Houses of Worship. At the age of 26, she had the pleasure of being on staff as a Liturgical Music Teacher at her former K-8 Catholic School. In that time, she formed the school's first all-girl Choir!

4 years ago, Patty started Songbird Worship, LLC., which opened doors for her to share her God given talents at local Coffee houses, Christian owned Restaurants, Care Facilities, Assisted Living facilities, and on Sundays, at Churches that need a guest musician.

Songbird and The Music Man began performing together in January of this year. One concert goer in Florida said, "their voices sounded like they have been singing together for 200 years!" They recently released a CD called "Road Work Ahead," while another CD titled "Faith and God's Love for US" is currently in the works.

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Fall 2026 - Upcoming Events

Breakfast with Santa
An annual fun event for the young at heart.
Saturday, November 21, 9-10:30am

Sandra Welfare, handbell soloist
One of Virginia's most accomplished handbell soloists visits, from Richmond, with a program of holiday music.
Monday, November 23, noon

Annual Lancaster Christmas Concert
Bells and professional instrumentalists join Monumental's excellent choir in a program of holiday music by American composers
Sunday, December 6, 4pm

Composer Weekend - Lloyd Larson
February 19-21, 2027

Free-will offering collected at each event
$5 luncheons available at all noonday concerts