



# First United Methodist Church

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Good afternoon FUMC Family;

Please remember that following worship this Sunday we are having a meeting to present information and start planning for the African Children's Choir Concert taking place September 22, 2024. Starting at around 11 AM, we will go over the nuts and bolts of hosting a concert of this type and what we will need to do as far as Housing the choir and staff, helping with loading and unloading the bus, setting up and taking down the room for the concert, and many other smaller details.

Kristen Hearn (past Head-Chorister at FUMC) will be on hand to answer many questions for newer families to FUMC. Besides being a host family years ago, she has now served as a tour manager and "Auntie" for 2 tours here in America and is passionate about the mission of the African Children's Choir to support their wider mission back home in Uganda.

There is a way that all ages can be involved in this tour event and to help promote the mission of our church. If you can't be at the meeting due to summer plans simply watch your emails and social media for updates and ways you can participate. See you Sunday!

*(Please read this note from Kristen Hearn as other means of support you can offer as a church family.)*

As we begin to anticipate the upcoming African Children's Concert in September, we would like to highlight an additional way we can contribute to their ministry.

The choir children need casual clothes for their school and off days, and they also need a set of dress clothes for Sundays. Therefore, we would like to ask families to consider donating any outgrown children's clothing that is still in good condition to the African Children's Choir! (New clothing is also appreciated).

Specifically, we could use any of the following items in these sizes for the current and future traveling choirs:

Shirts (t-shirts and long sleeve shirts) children's sizes 6-16

Sweatshirts sizes youth M-L or Adult XS/S

Lightweight jackets youth M-L or Adult XS/S

Jeans children's sizes 6-16 or juniors 0-5

Khakis children's sizes 6-16 or juniors 0-5

Joggers/sweatpants children's sizes 6-16

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Girls leggings sizes 6-16  
Girls dresses (both casual and dressy) sizes 6-16  
Boys dress shirts sizes 6-16  
Boys dress pants (preferably black, grey, or navy) sizes 6-16  
Boys ties  
Children's belts  
Children's pajamas sizes 6-16  
Children's shoes (dressy and casual, especially sneakers) Children's sizes 13-6  
**\*\*No camouflage or ripped items please!\*\***

It is a huge blessing when these items are donated so the organization's resources can be directed to education in Africa. We would like to have the donations organized ahead of the choir's arrival, so please drop them off at church no later than the morning of September 15th.

If you have any questions please contact Kristen Hearn at (603) 343-7647 or [kristen.hearn22@gmail.com](mailto:kristen.hearn22@gmail.com).

Thank you!

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