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Choral Scholar Fund

2021 - 2022

We need your support of

The Choral Scholar Fund!

The music program needs your support! You may be unaware that the Choral Scholar Program is not funded by the general operating budget of the church. This vital program is funded only by generous donations. The Choral Scholar Program has been an important mission of this church for the past five school years. The students who have participated have grown in extraordinary ways that would not have been possible without this program. The church has also benefitted enormously from this program. We have been able to create a choral music program of high standards which has enriched the worship taking place at Grace. Music has been central to Christian worship and liturgy since the beginning of the Christian church. The Bible contains over 400 references to worshipping God with music and over 50 direct commands to use music in worship of God.

We must find a way to continue funding this program through the generosity of designated giving. The Choral Scholar Restricted Fund has been established and money that is donated with the designation of "Choral Scholars" will go into that fund solely for this purpose. At the time this letter is written our account balance is extremely low compared to one year ago. The Choral Scholar Program has room for 9 students. Each student receives \$1,800 per school year. The total potential cost of the program for the school year is \$16,200 if every spot is filled and they meet attendance requirements for the full year. We have come in under the full budget amount each year due to not filling all spots for the full year and attendance requirements not being met. This sounds like a lot of money, however, if 30 people were to give \$10 per week the program would be funded.

Your generosity in helping to fund this program has a major impact on the lives of young people, both musically and spiritually. This program also has a major impact on those worshipping in our church. Please consider supporting this program for the upcoming school year.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Leonard, Director of Music