

Fall 2019

Join the new era of the Follen Children's Choir! Get registered or just try it out first!

I'm really looking forward to seeing and singing with lots of Follen's young people in the coming year, in a new and beautiful music space!

Below you'll find the practical nuts and bolts for choir – the main thing to know is that we're going to be exploring many different types of music and activities, celebrating many musical cultures, doing treasured familiar songs, and experiencing the full joy of singing together. We want you to be part of it!

Of special note is an incredible opportunity to work with Vocal Activist extraordinaire Melanie DeMore, alongside singing colleagues from Roxbury's Hamilton-Garrett Music & Arts Academy and Charles Street AME Church, Dorchester's Boston Arts Academy, and the First Parish Concord Youth and Gospel Choirs.

This residency and collaboration is a pivotal and inspiring happening that will bring the people (especially the youth) of Follen so much closer to living our anti-racist and inclusive intentions. It requires some time and energy on your part, but the rewards will be great - big, bold, collective music-making driven by powerful rhythms, deep history, and growing friendship. Mark your calendars and get ready!

Children's Choir Orientation

All members need to attend if at all possible, along with one parent:

**Sunday, September 15, 12-12:45pm,
Marshman Conference Room**

Monday Rehearsal Schedule

4:00-4:45 Children's Choir (Grades 1-5)

4:45-5:15 Limbo (for both Children's and Youth Choir members, a time for casual musical activity)

5:15-6:15 Youth Choir (grades 6-12)

We start Monday, September 16, and will meet every week except on school holidays and during vacations. Due to ongoing construction (we're almost done!), our September rehearsals will take place in Sacred Heart.

The choir sings in worship service about once a month (calendar will be available at orientation or by sending me an email). But then there's just being together in friendship, song, fun, and spirit! Please invite your friends to join the choirs – they can reach out to me to talk about joining, or just show up for orientation!

Love to you all, hope to see you in September,

Vivian Montgomery, Director of Music