



Handbells at St. Marks

St. Marks Handbells moved to the balcony a couple of years ago. There were several reasons for the change - Equipment doesn't have to be moved back and forth from a practice room to the sanctuary, we can play on a more regular basis because we don't have to concern ourselves with the problem of bell tables impeding worship activities going on in the front of the church, and the bells sound better in the balcony because of the low ceilings.

Because the Handbells play from the balcony, some of you may be unaware of dedicated and talented musicians that participate in this Music Ministry. They are:

- Anita Ellis
- Marge Vidal
- Rachel McConnell (UC Student)
- Cora Fortner-Fisher
- Terry Davis
- Becky Britton
- Sandy McCullough
- Joe Janisch
- Darrell Seabolt

We also have 5 excellent substitutes that play on a regular basis:

- Linda Bodie
- Brenda Morris
- Angela Jones
- Georgeann Lilly-Barker
- Megan McCullough

Unlike the Chancel Choir, who can sing with some of the vocalists missing, the Handbells have 11 positions that must be filled every time we play. Since we only have 9 regular players we depend on our substitutes. **The two positions that are open at this time would be good for beginners. If you've ever thought about playing Handbells now would be a good time to give it a try!**

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