

August 2009

Dear families with 3rd – 5th Grade children,

This letter is to invite you to Sunshine Singers Children's Choir 2009 – 2010 year at Los Altos United Methodist Church.

We are a children's choir comprised of 3rd through 5th Grade kids who meet on Sundays in the Music Room, parallel to/across from the Sanctuary. We generally meet from 11:15 until 12:15, with added "extended rehearsal time" as we approach upcoming shows. We sing an Introit in the Sanctuary once a month beginning in October, with the exception of January. We will perform a Christmas Musical in December and a Spring Musical in May.

Rainbow Choir (for K through 2nd Grade) and Sunshine Singers sing the Introit once a month for the 9:30 and 11:15 services. In October, both choirs sing the Introit for both the 9:30 and 11:15 services. Following that, we alternate singing the Introit at 11:15 one month, and then at 9:30 the next month, through May.

The Children's Choirs perform a Christmas Show and a Spring Show for which extra rehearsal time is required. I schedule two weeks for auditions, so that if a singer is unable to attend one week, they still have an opportunity to audition. Kids interested in auditioning for the show, need audition one week only. Kids do not need to prepare anything in advance for their audition. We rehearse music for our show, and kids are able to read from the show itself and sing songs from it for their audition. Every child who auditions will have a part in the show and I make every effort to assign parts that kids will enjoy.

Auditions will be in early October and extended rehearsals will begin at the end of October. Extended rehearsal time lasts until 1:30PM, and includes a short break for kids to enjoy a bag lunch from home. Rainbow Choir and Sunshine Singers split rehearsal time in Creekside during the weeks leading up to our performance. Anyone who auditions for a part in the show is expected to attend the extended rehearsal time. Even those who choose not to audition are strongly encouraged to attend all extended rehearsals. The reason for this is that we only meet once a week and it is during the extended rehearsal time that kids get comfortable with on stage movements, sound, etc.

The date of our Christmas Concert is Sunday, December 13th with Rainbow Choir performing at 2:00 and Sunshine Singers' performance immediately after it.

I am very excited about this upcoming year and hope your family will join us. If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact me at sunshinesingers@laumc.org or 408-942-5530.

Jennie Hare, Director

SUNSHINE SINGERS FALL SCHEDULE

9/13/09	11:15 – 12:15	First Rehearsal - meet in the Music Room
9/20/09	11:15 – 12:15	Regular Rehearsal in Music Room
9/27/09	11:15 – 12:15	Regular Rehearsal in Music Room Parent mtg. immediately following in Rm. 9
10/4/09	11:15 – 12:15 12:15 – 1:30(?)	Regular Rehearsal in Music Room Auditions in Music Room, week 1
10/11/09	11:15 – 12:15 12:15 – 1:30(?)	Regular Rehearsal in Music Room Auditions in Music Room, week 2
10/18/09	9:15 9:30 9:35 11:00 11:15	Warm up for Introit in Live Oak Room Sing Introit in Sanctuary Kids to Faith Quest Stations, parents pick up after service Warm up for Introit in Live Oak Room Sing Introit in Sanctuary, then to Regular Rehearsal
10/25/09	11:15 – 12:15 12:15 – 1:30	Regular Rehearsal in Music Room First extended/drama rehearsal, dismiss from Creekside
11/1/09	11:15 – 12:15 12:15 - 1:30	Regular Rehearsal in Creekside Extended/drama Rehearsal, dismiss from Music Room
11/8/09	11:15 – 12:15 12:15 - 1:30	Regular Rehearsal in Music Room Extended/drama Rehearsal, dismiss from Creekside
11/15/09	11:00 – 11:15 11:15 11:20 – 12:15 12:15 – 1:30	Warm up in the Live Oak Room Introit in Sanctuary Regular Rehearsal in Music Room Extended/sound Rehearsal, dismiss from Creekside
11/22/09	11:15 – 12:15 12:15 - 1:30	Regular Rehearsal in Creekside Extended/drama Rehearsal, dismiss from Music Room
11/29/09	11:15 – 12:15 12:15 - 1:30	Regular Rehearsal in Music Room Extended/drama Rehearsal, dismiss from Creekside
12/6/09	9:15 – 9:30 9:30 9:20 11:15 – 12:15 12:15 – 1:30	Warm up for Introit in Live Oak Room Introit in Sanctuary Kids to Faith Quest Stations, parents pick up there Regular Rehearsal in Music Room Extended Rehearsal
12/13/09	11:15 – 12:15 1:45 2:00	Regular Rehearsal in Music Room Be back in Creekside for Christmas Concert Christmas Concert begins with Rainbow Choir, then us!
12/20/09	11:15 – 12:15	Regular Rehearsal in Music Room
12/24/09	4:30 5:00	Meet in Music Room to warm up for service Family friendly Christmas Eve service – We sing two songs.
12/27/09		No rehearsal – Happy New Year! Rehearsals will resume in January 2010.