

# **11th Annual Spring Handbell Festival**

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Bethlehem, PA**

514 3rd Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18018, 610.865.2684

**April 19, 2009.**

(always on the Sunday following Easter)

Participating Handbell Choirs:

- Holy Trinity Handbell Choir, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Bethlehem, PA
- Heidelberg Concert Handbells, Heidelberg Union Church, Slatington, PA
- Adult Handbell Choir, First Presbyterian Church, Allentown, PA
- Celebration Ringers, Wesley United Methodist, Bethlehem PA

The concert is structured to feature 5 massed pieces directed by Lawrence Bauer, and two solos by each participating handbell choir directed by each choir's respective choir director.

Also featured will be:

- Mainstreet Brass Quintet, Easton, PA with timpanist,
- The Festival Singers [8 members of the Bach Choir of Bethlehem]
- Mark Suter, Director of Music at Holy Trinity, organist

There are two concerts on Sunday, April 19 at 4:00PM and 7:00PM. Last year just under 600 people attended the concerts; some stood for the entire concert and others sat in another room to hear the concert over the sound system. The Festival has become a major handbell event in the Lehigh Valley.

This year we will be performing a new commissioned handbell composition by Karen Buckwalter. The piece was written to honor our Handbell Choir and Festival and is entitled "Search With all your Heart".

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