

THANK YOU

St. Andrew's United Church-Council, Members and Staff;

The individuals and businesses who donated items for the silent auction and refreshments, bake and flower sale. Your generous donations helps us raise even more monies for the programs which assist our brothers and sisters in Africa;

Mountainview United Church for allowing us the use of the portable Santa Rosa Labyrinth to provide an opportunity for reflection and meditation;

Cindy Werner, the administrative assistant of St. Andrew's for graciously taking on the task of being our ever-helpful contact person and recruiter for the event;

Scott Rosts of Niagara This Week, and Karena Walter of The Standard for providing us with the much needed publicity to highlight the cause and event;

WomEnchant Chorus for not only being our Star but also being our partners in the planning and execution;

AND

The committee and volunteers for joyfully dedicating time and skills to create a jubilant and glorious evening.

May each of you be bestowed with a blessing reflective of your grace.

Namaste

-the divine in us rejoices in the light of the divine in you-

ONE WITH SPIRIT

"Hope Rising"

World AIDS Day Observance and Benefit Concert

PROGRAMME

Monday, December 3, 2012

St. Andrew's United Church
92 Main Street, Port Dalhousie

Proceeds donated to:



the
Stephen Lewis
FOUNDATION

Greetings from St. Andrew's

As Chair of Church Council, I am pleased and proud to open our doors to help with the World AIDS Day commitment. At St. Andrew's, we are committed to our Mission Statement, from which we "support the goal of a world community with peace, justice, equity and compassion for all".

"Hope Rising" as the theme of this years campaign is still an indication of work that is yet to be done.

Thanks to all in attendance this year. Please make sure you help spread the word about how important this fight against AIDS is, not only for the people in Africa, but for all the world including right here in Niagara.

*Victoria England
Chair, St. Andrew's Church Council*

WomEnchant Chorus

Laura Thomas, Music Director; Tannis Becamer, Accompanist

WomEnchant is a choir of women from a wide variety of backgrounds and musical experience. Our common thread is the desire to sing music that celebrates our lives, calls for peace and justice, and demonstrates the power of sisterhood and song. We welcome all women who want to learn and sing music that gives voice to our experiences and our commitment to making positive changes in the world. Since its beginning in 1994, WomEnchant has performed at many events centred around women's equality, including benefits for shelters, International Women's Day concerts, Take Back the Night rallies, and performances for women's centres and social service agencies. We have presented concerts featuring leading women performers including Lucie Blue Trembley, Faith Nolan, Betsy Tauro and sister Lune. In 2008, WomEnchant performed at the Seneca Falls celebrations for the 160th Anniversary of the first Women's Rights Convention. Our appearances also include services and events celebrating and supporting Earth Day and environmental concerns, as well as peace, anti-violence and global justice issues.

We often sing at fundraisers for a variety of important causes and are pleased to be a part of this year's World AIDS Awareness Day – Stephen Lewis Foundation fundraising evening.

In 2007, the WomEnchant drumming group was formed to give women the opportunity to learn about and perform on hand drums. Some of the drummers come from within the choir, while others belong only to the drummer's circle. The WomEnchant Drummers perform with the choir and on their own.

To accommodate women from both the Hamilton and Niagara areas, we rehearse in Grimsby on Monday nights from September to May. For information about performances and membership please email us at: womenchant@yahoo.ca

"Hope Rising"

Programme

- 6:30 Labyrinth
Silent Auction, Flower & Bake Sale
- 7:20 Silent Auction Closes
- 7:30 Performance by WomEnchant Chorus
- 8:30 Refreshments & Auction Results

Upper Level Gym
Lower Hall

Sanctuary

Lower Hall

The Labyrinth

History

The labyrinth is an ancient symbol for the spiritual journey, which has been used by many cultures. The first one was found in Chartres Cathedral in France which had been constructed between 1194 – 1200 AD and was used for making spiritual pilgrimage or seeking guidance from God.

Meaning

The circular shape represents unity and wholeness. The single pathway into the centre and out again represents the path of life or the spiritual journey. The winding path represents times when we feel close to God, at peace with our life, and also times when we feel distance from God and our purpose seems unclear. The 3 stages of the walk are like the 3 stages of spiritual growth. The path in represents Purgation, letting go of old patterns that prevent growth. The centre represents Illumination, insight into our connection with the Divine and our life situation. The path out represents Union, integration of our insight into our life in the world.